

Farmers are Planning For More Grain And Gardens For This Year. Mrs. Stephen Westbrook Quite Sick. Vocal Union at Mill Creek Fifth Sunday in March.

Bentonville, Feb. 19.—Rev. T. W. Siler filled his regular appointment at Ebenezer M. E. Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, of Poplar Spring School section attended services at Ebenezer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. G. E. Thornton, of Smithfield, Mr. Sam Thornton, of Oneals, and Charlie Thornton, of Meadow, all spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Stephen Westbrook, who is very sick.

Mill Creek School was closed Monday due to Prof. Carson Johnson's call to Goldsboro for military examination.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Massengill spent Sunday in Wayne with friends and relatives.

We are sorry to note that Robie Lee is sick with pneumonia.

Miss Smith, a trained nurse, of Goldsboro, arrived Sunday to assist the family of Mr. Stephen Westbrook during the illness of Mrs. Westbrook.

Miss Mary Dunn, the primary teacher at Mill Creek school, has resigned her position due to the feeble health of her father Mr. J. D. Dunn. Miss Lomie Massengill is filling the unexpired term.

The different church and Sunday school choirs of this part of Johnston are preparing for the next Vocal Union which convenes with Mill Creek Disciple church on the fifth Sunday in March.

The farmers of Bentonville are preparing to plant and cultivate the largest area of grain and gardens ever planted in this section before, and lots of our farmers are still preparing and planting who were hindered by the bad winter weather. Those heretofore planting small patches of potatoes and other garden vegetables are preparing to double them. We are also expecting and preparing to raise more hogs. Still Bentonville did her part in porking the past season. Give us a plenty of Hog and Hominy and we will win.

## FITZGERALD SCHOOL NOTES.

The following pupils made the highest average in attendance and conduct for the second month:

7th Grade—Rosa Fulghum, Gertrude Stencil, Henry Wellons and Hubert Crumpler.

6th Grade—Pearl Wiggs and John Harrison Parker.

5th Grade—Sadie Fulghum and Lottie Campbell.

4th Grade—Polly Campbell.

3rd Grade—Mildred Crumpler, Omega Watson, Rena Hinnant, Mary Woodard, Sadie Aldridge, Mary Evelyn Parker and Jasper Edwards.

2nd Grade—Ida Campbell, Hazel Lyttle and Ruth Bagley.

1st Grade—Velma Pittman, Mildred Outland, Edgar Woodard, Marvin Lyttle, Jesse Edwards, James Crumpler and Floyd Watson.

The game of basket ball played Wednesday by the girls of Fitzgerald school vs. Micro school resulted in a score of 10 to 4 in favor of Fitzgerald. Another game was played Friday with Pine Level, Fitzgerald again winning with a score of 12 to 3.—Teachers.

## Vernon Castle a Hero.

How petty in contrast to the sacrifice of his life by Cap. Vernon Castle is the action of those who strike against the government, on the one hand, and those who profiteer against the governments on the other. When the war's dark clouds shall have passed over and the bright scroll of hero spirits shall be seen, the claims of this man to the tributes of fame will stand forth. He died as have done others in the hazardous work of the aviator.

But Capt. Vernon Castle did much more than this. He died in order to save an aviation student whose inexperience caused a sudden interference of his plans, from serious injury or death. With quick decision and firm resolution this man gave his plane the sharp turn upward, but engine limitations prevented the maneuver having success, and he received his death stroke. Even more noble than death upon the battle line was a death of such lofty self-sacrifice by one whose record as a battleman of the air stands out with high honors of its own.

Capt. Vernon Castle not only died a hero. He lived one. For he and his wife, from their dancing premiership of America, their moving-picture and other sources of exceptional revenue, derived a growing fortune, estimated at a million dollars. He laid this aside in order that he might don the garb of aviator and do his bit in the British flying service. At the end he illustrated the adage of sacrifice, Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.—Baltimore American.

Work Progressing on Narron and Central Railroad From Kenly to Zebulon.

Mr. Ed. Narron and family, of Atlanta, Ga., are spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Narron. Mr. Narron has made his home in Atlanta for the past several years, but will make his future home in Wilson County.

Mr. J. W. O'Neal spent a few hours with his mother, Mrs. Nancy O'Neal, Sunday. Mr. O'Neal is now in training at Camp Jackson. He thinks he soon will sail for France.

Some of our farmers who had laid in their summer's supply of flour have been called on to return all but the law's allowance.

We are proud to see Antioch church with its new pews.

We learn that the stockholders are making rapid strides on their new Railroad. This line is to be known as the Narron and Central Road, and will extend from Kenly to Zebulon with four depots—one at Mr. N. Narron's store, one at J. V. Narron's store, one at Emit and one at Eaprsboro. They will have on a passenger car by April 1st. This line will be a great convenience to this section.

Mr. J. S. Talton is having a nice residence erected.

Reporter.

## CHEERFUL SACRIFICE.

(By W. C. Harper.)

The year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen is to be the greatest in history. Mighty events are imminent and colossal victories and disasters on land and sea will surely come. The citizens of the United States must be prepared equally to accept calmly the exaltation of victory, or to endure steadily the shock of defeat. It does not seem humanly possible that the Huns can win, but the battle will be stern. If there is any one left of those who thought that winning this was merely a summer's jaunt, he must by this time be awake to the fact that this country has taken on the biggest job of its life. When the realization comes, it is characteristic of the American people that they will buckle to the task and never rest until it is done.

The war is as good as won if every individual one of us will make a private and personal resolve, that in his or her place, wherever it may be, he will do his honest bit to help his country and her allies cage the wild beast that was Germany.

The news filters down to us common folks from the high-ups in the national administration, that the war is likely to be long. We read prophecies about the "big push" in 1919, and few indeed of us realize what that means to us who are likely to remain at home. The fact is that no one knows exactly what it means, but everybody knows that it means sacrifice—sacrifice in the homely, usual things of every day which have as yet been touched so lightly. For the housewife it means the planning of more meatless, wheatless and other-less days. It means keeping the family on short, or at least different, rations. It means using last spring's hat next spring, and making a hundred and one sacrifices little and great, which, while perhaps not actually painful, will be at least inconvenient. For the man of the house it means a pipe instead of cigars, no bowling, baseball or billiards, and a steady job at home helping the wife make the saving game attractive to the children. For both and for everybody it means much practice in the art of being cheerful. Smile at the big troubles, and laugh away the little one. The world can never be made safe for democracy by growling. Set aside the balance of 1918 for cheerful sacrifice.

A fellow sent us a poem for publication over his signature. The poem would do credit to Lord Byron if he were living, but if he were alive he would kick on the failure to punctuate it as it appears correctly punctuated in his works. When copying poems for publication as original, never fail to copy the punctuation, too. Otherwise it would spoil the poem.—Wilmington Star.

## BOX PARTIES.

Crech School.

There will be a box party at Crech School near Crech's Mill on Friday night, March the first. Everybody invited.—Teachers.

Corinth School.

There will be a box party at Corinth School House Friday night, Feb. 22nd (tonight). The girls will have plenty of boxes. Boys know what it takes to get a box.

(MISS) CECIL MOORE, Teacher.

Chairman of Charlotte School Board Says Salaries Should Be Raised. Teachers Should Have More Than a Living Wage.

Charlotte Observer.

"We must have conscientious teachers for our children, and good teachers. This is the most important function of any government, and they ought to be paid living wages and some surplus and this obligation rests on school boards even though they could get the same teachers at less salaries," declared Plummer Stewart, chairman of the city board of education, in a formal statement issued yesterday.

Text of the statement follows: "We lost this year some mighty good teachers on account of the salaries we are paying. They could command better salaries as bookkeepers and stenographers, and they left us. Of course, others equally as good have continued to teach, because they feel that it is a duty. I am satisfied that if we use proper economy, with the continually increasing value of property on the books from which to get taxes, we will be in a position to pay our teachers better salaries next year. The fellow who could drive a nail got better wages at Camp Greene last fall than the teachers in our city schools; yet, we paid all we could pay and live within our income, and that I am in favor of always doing. I do not favor increasing school taxes. If the city is in a position to pay for all permanent school improvements as the charter provides, we can run our schools out of the school taxes and by next year pay our teachers better salaries. But we will have no money to throw away. The school board has been very economical and wise in its expenditures.

"These problems can easily be solved by the teachers and the school boards without outside organizations, which know nothing about school problems, meddling too much in them.

"We must have conscientious teachers over our children, and good teachers. This is the most important function of any government. And they ought to be paid living wages and some surplus; and this obligation rests on school boards, even though they could get the same teachers at less salaries.

"My opinion is that there will be an increase in teachers' salaries next year all over North Carolina.

"If the people in this city would pay their taxes promptly when due, we would not have to borrow \$50,000 to anticipate the taxes and to pay interest on it, we would have something like \$2,500 in this one item to supplement teachers' salaries.

"I do not think it necessary to increase tax rate in the state in order to raise salaries of teachers. If the legislature would stop creating so many new offices in the educational system we would have more money for teachers. Entirely too much of our taxes is going to salaried officers instead of being paid to teachers and the children getting the benefit of it.

"Allow me to digress and get something out of my system. No one ought to be elected to the legislature this year unless he will agree to stand for the election of the county boards of education by the people. The people have a right to control this educational system."

## FOUR OAKS R. F. D. 3 NEWS.

We are glad to learn that Mr. J. S. Temple is recovering from pneumonia.

Mrs. A. Ryals, of Wilson's Mills, is a welcome visitor in our community.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. R. D. Dunn is sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Carl Phillips and Miss Cassie Wood surprised their many friends Sunday when they were happily married.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mr. John H. Phillips which occurred Saturday from pneumonia.

Mr. Hunter Parker was a visitor to Smithfield Saturday.—X. Y. Z.

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