

Spring Goods Coming in Every Day

Mr. Chas. Davis, of the Davis Department Stores, has returned from the Northern markets and the Spring goods are arriving daily. All the newest creations in Young Men's Clothing. Buy your Easter Suit early and avoid the rush. We have the best line ever shown in Smithfield.

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The Davis Department Stores SMITHFIELD, N. C.

The Firing Line and Our Duty at Home.

(By David Jennings Rose.)

Last week I received a letter from my college mate who is now in France. He said: "Please send me the Tar Heel, a weekly report of our Sunday School, and good long letters about home." He continued by adding: "I shall do my part to the Kaiser."

Now we know that the Imperial Government of Germany has, in a very dogmatic style, taken the privilege of trespassing soil not their own, Germany has invaded Belgium, ransacked the nation's burned homes, murdered women and children in the most brutal way, and left that nation to mourn under the dust of the spoils of war for five generations. In a word, Germany has absolutely ignored every principle of humanitarian living and welcomed barbarism in its most unreasonable and most brutal fashion.

America could not maintain her neutrality and do justice to other nations and justice to herself.

We must win the war. Can man conceive of the results if Germany should win? Just stop and think! What would be the results? No one tongue can tell. But how are we to win the war? Can it be won by the soldiers at the front? Our soldiers are giving everything they have to the cause. They are sacrificing the very best within them to defend the principle which our forefathers died to establish—Liberty. They will gladly die to make the principle of freedom as safe and pure as the Founder of peace. I repeat that every one of our soldiers will do everything in power to win the war.

At present they have the efficiency, but how long will the efficiency hold? The very moment that we fail to realize our supreme duty at home, the progress of the firing line will be checked.

What is our duty? Our duty is unlimited. I shall mention only a few of the little things that constitute our duty. The greatest need is food. Bad weather has cut the wheat crop short. In five weeks planting will begin. Raise plenty of food and don't try to plant enough tobacco or cotton to buy a wornout Ford. Write to the soldier boys frequently, but write in the right way. Encourage them in every possible manner, but don't tell them to leave the camps and hide in some creek. Don't produce slackers, for if you do you are not an ideal American. Tell the boys you are willing to work for them, and tell the married men that their wives and children will be cared for in the proper way. Take care of their baggage. Write them good, interesting and newsy letters, keep them in touch with their Sunday Schools and churches. In a word, everything we do helps on the firing line. It is that thing we leave undone that blocks the progress of the war. Let us put all our energy in action and aid in equalizing the nation's unbearable burden. The source of the strength of war is at home. Can't we send it abroad to win the war? Can't we make a sacrifice to make the world safe for Democracy, and establish a just and lasting peace?

David P. Barbour Dead.

Mr. David P. Barbour, a son of Mr. T. D. Barbour, died at his home at Four Oaks last Saturday. He was about forty years and had been living with Mr. James B. Creech for a number of years. He was buried Saturday evening at 4 o'clock, the funeral being preached by Rev. Yancy Moore. He held his church membership at Barbour's Chapel Advent church. He leaves his wife and two daughters.

In Memoriam—Robert I. Ogburn.

Robert I. Ogburn, who died at his home in Pleasant Grove township, on Saturday, March 2, 1918, was the son of Stephenson Ogburn and Mary A. Ogburn, both dead. He was born in Pleasant Grove township in July, 1864, and was at the time of his death, in his fifty-fourth year. He was twice married, the first time to Miss Loubella Grimes, sister of Sheriff W. F. Grimes. She died about twenty years ago. He was later married to Mrs. Thomas Hayes, who survives him. The deceased leaves seven children, five by his first wife—Carl Ogburn, Chester Ogburn and J. Victor Ogburn, of Pleasant Grove; Hubert I. Ogburn, of Smithfield, and Mrs. Heccon Creech, of Benson—and two by his second wife—Herman Ogburn and Bessie Ogburn, who live with their mother. He also leaves one brother, Mr. J. S. Ogburn, of Smithfield, and one sister, Mrs. Zach Stephenson, of Buena Vista, Va.

Mr. Ogburn was one of the leading farmers of his section. He raised large quantities of grain and pork and other farm produce and sold much pork and bacon every year. He was a hard-working, thrifty man, and left an estate estimated at around fifty thousand dollars.

He was greatly interested in education and had been a school committeeman in his district for a great many years. He was a leader in his community and the people all around him went to him for suggestions and advice. He was for many years a Justice of the Peace and also served his county one term as County Commissioner. He declined a second term on account of declining health. The deceased was a quiet, reserved, unassuming Christian gentleman who passed along life's highway, speaking a friendly word here, giving counsel and advice there, and lending a helping hand wherever and whenever needed. Though a splendid man with a high and noble character, and with a firm faith in God, he never united with the church. He was a strong believer of the faith held by the Primitive Baptists.

For the past several years Mr. Ogburn had been in declining health. Last August he went to a hospital and had an X-Ray examination made. The physicians found that he had an internal cancer which would soon take him away. They decided not to perform an operation, and from this Mr. Ogburn knew that his days were numbered, and quietly and patiently awaited the end. His sufferings were intense, but he bore them with Christian fortitude, feeling that when it was over all would be well.

He was buried at the home graveyard Sunday afternoon in the presence of a great crowd of relatives and friends who gathered to pay the last tribute of respect. The funeral services were conducted by Elder W. A. Simpkins, of Raleigh. The pall-bearers were: Eli S. Turlington, John A. Stephenson, Leonard Johnson, S. H. Broadwell, Jeff Fisher and Everett Gardner.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the good people and friends and physicians for their help and kindness shown us in the sickness and death of our companion and mother. May God's richest blessing be their share in this life is our prayer.

W. A. Powell and Children,
Bentonville, N. C.

The people of Johnston County are invited to hear Governor Bickett and Mr. E. C. Duncan at the Center Brick Warehouse next Saturday morning at eleven o'clock. Let's make it a great patriotic rally day.

Death of a Little Child

It is with a sad heart we attempt to write the death of little Mae Bell Johnson, the little one-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Johnson. Her death occurred February 28th, after an illness of about two weeks. She had pneumonia and meningitis. All was done for her that loving parents kind friends and physicians could do, but none could stay the icy hand of death. God who doeth all things well saw fit to take her home with Him. She is not dead but asleep in Jesus. Her remains were taken to Hood's Grove Cemetery and tenderly laid to rest until the Resurrection morn. Calm is thy rest and deep, No more to wake and weep; God doth His loved ones keep; Sleep on, dearest, sleep.

—L. B.

One On the Editor.

An editor dropped into church for the first time in many years. The minister was in the very heart of the sermon. The editor listened for a while, and then rushed to his office. "What are you fellows doing? How about the news from the seat of war?" "What news?" "Why, all this about the Egyptian Army being drowned in the Red Sea. The minister up at the church knows all about it, and you have not a word of it in our latest. Bustle round, you fellows, and get out an extra special edition."—Pick-Ups.

General March.

Gen. Peyton Conway March had been selected some months ago as Acting Chief of the General Army Staff, but before he should assume active duties it was thought best that he should be sent to France for a personal study of warfare as it is conducted in this day and time, and coming back reinforced with modern military knowledge, he takes up direction at Washington of war affairs in this country. General Biddle is released for duty in France and there will be reorganization of the staff under the direction of General March. These changes have been in anticipation at Washington for some weeks and with the induction into office of General March there is expectation of the beginning of the long-expected speeding-up process. General March is a Pennsylvanian and is a man of long military service, having been conspicuous in Cuba and Philippine operations, entering service in Cuba as captain and coming out of the Philippine campaign as major of a battalion of the thirty-third Infantry, having meantime been in command of the famous Astor Battery. He is fifty-three years old, and a brigadier is quoted in The New York Times as saying that "General March always had the making of a Chief of General Staff in him, because he could see the Army as a whole." He was and is a great artilleryman, but while that has been his specialty he has always "had interest and love to spare for the infantry and cavalry and engineering vessels is a result of the list and an all-round officer." His chief characteristics seem to be "aggressiveness, initiative, organizing power and a passion for getting a thing done. He knows the practical necessities of equipment—what should be pushed and what can wait." Washington opinion seems to be that under General March there is going to be general bracing up of Army affairs in this country.—Charlotte Observer.

A SODA FOUNTAIN FOR SALE.—It has been used only three months. I want to sell it for cash. W. A. Strickland, Selma, N. C.

Sale of Land for Taxes.

I, W. M. Ives, Town Tax Collector do hereby offer for sale the following lots for delinquent taxes for the year 1916 to be sold at 12 o'clock m., at the Court House door in Smithfield, N. C., on Monday, April 8th, 1918:

White.

Town Taxes for Year 1916.
J. D. Bizzell, 1 lot\$ 1.20
J. C. Ennis, 1 lot 14.80
Mrs. J. C. Ennis, 1 lot 11.20
C. V. Ferrell, 4 town lots.... 2.70
Rand and Lawrence, 1 lot108.20
A. G. Stephenson, 1 lot 6.90

Colored.

James Allen, 1 lot110.77
John Allen, 1 lot 10.20
Bettie Alford heirs, 1 lot 16.45
Lucy Atkins, 5 lots 42.10
John W. Byrd, 1 lot 22.05
Rogers Dublin, 1 lot 6.30
C. H. Fort, 1 lot 8.41
J. A. Holden, 1 lot 9.10
Harvey Hodges, 1 lot 9.48
C. H. Hodges, 1 lot 12.86
J. H. Jones, 3 lots 22.95
Mellain Kennedy, 1 lot 8.25
John Kennedy, 1 lot 9.05
John Lassiter, 1 lot 7.90
Oscar Merritt, 1 lot 6.03
Rozetta Raeford, 1 lot 2.30
Lizzie Rogers, 1 lot 3.35
Will H. Smith, 1 lot 20.45
Major Smith, (deceased) 1 lot.. 13.25
Haywood Smith, (deceased) 1 lot 13.25
Ed Smith, 1 lot 7.35
Jake Smith, 1 lot 3.30
Easter Sanders, 1 lot 9.10
Braswell Thomas, 1 lot 22.84
John W. Woodard, 1 lot 5.65
W. M. IVES, Tax Collector,
Town of Smithfield, N. C.

"ROOT LICE IN COTTON."

Any farmer having trouble with "Root Lice in Cotton" can send me a sample of the soil where the trouble exists, one cup full taken 6 inches deep, and I will make a soil test and write a prescription that will destroy the "Root Lice." For this service, I make a charge of \$25.00. You need not send sample of soil if you can not secure lime, cedar bows and Nitrate of Soda.

If the soil test and prescription should prove a failure, I will refund your money. The soil test should be made and the prescription written before the seed are sown. Send all samples of soil to Dunn, N. C., with statement of your trouble.

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G. I. SMITH.

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MULES

A Full Car Load of Fine Young Kentucky and Tennessee Mules at D. H. McCullers' Stables Saturday, March 16th.

We will have twenty-five head of extra good Kentucky and Tennessee Mules for sale or exchange at D. H. McCullers' stable, Clayton, N. C., next Saturday, March 16. These are all fresh mules, young, good weight, well broke and ready for any kind of work, and if you are in a need of a mule or pair of mules this is your opportunity to buy. Everyone guaranteed to be as represented or money refunded. Be on hand early and get the mule you want.

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