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#### THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

For the past three months great efforts have been made to get the people to understand and invest in War Savings Stamps. This War Savings campaign is to be kept up through the year. But for the next four weeks, beginning to-morrow, the emphasis is to be laid on the subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan.

Nearly two millions of American men are now in training—in the camps and cantonments, in the Navy, in the Marines, in the Army—for service in the World War. Some are already "over there." Some have already made the supreme sacrifice. To stand by these men who have laid their lives on their country's altar is The Duty of the Hour to those left at home.

Within these next four weeks our Government wants to raise the enormous sum of three billion dollars through the Third Liberty Loan. The Government is going to the men who have money and telling them its needs and is asking for a loan from them. It is a great honor to lend to such a great Government. Not only is it an honor, but it is also a fine investment. Government bonds are the finest kind of securities. They are non-taxable and are absolutely safe—as safe as the ten dollar bills now in circulation in this country.

The Literary Digest, writing on this subject says:

"Refusal, neglect, insufficient effort to subscribe now for the Third Liberty Loan will be an invitation to the Hun to ravish and loot American homes and cities. President Wilson spoke straight to each of us when he said: "The supreme test of the nation has come."

The journal just mentioned says that it has no message so serious to give its readers at this time "as this call of the nation's supreme need for patriotism and unselfish service in the purchase of Liberty Bonds. Now is the time to feel the red blood of manhood and womanhood beating hot in our veins with a single compelling purpose, a single mastering love, a spirit of sacrifice, that gives all to America. Heroes at home must stand behind heroes in France to win this war."

#### THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Johnston County is just now beginning a campaign for better schools. There is no doubt of the result if the people can be made to understand the situation as it applies to our public school system. It is for this very reason that we invite short letters for publication on this vital subject. Those of our school folks who understand the situation are the ones to make those who have not given the subject any special study acquainted with the needs of the schools. If the educational leaders in Johnston County are really in earnest about this matter now is the time to show it. The time for the campaign is short. What is to be done must be done quickly. Our columns are open for short letters, pithy and to the point. This is not the time for the long-winded to exploit their learning. A letter well written and to the point containing three hundred words is worth much more at this particular time than a letter with twelve hundred words.

#### McAdoo to Speak in Raleigh.

William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, will speak in the Raleigh Auditorium next Tuesday night on the Third Liberty Loan.

#### THE PRESSING NEED OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

One of Clayton township's good farmers was in town yesterday. We asked him about the attitude of the people in his section in regard to the school tax election. To our surprise, he said that the people in his community were talking of voting it down, that they were paying too much taxes already. It happens that this man is living in a school district that has a special tax for schools and they have all the school money they need at present. Now, these people should remember that if the special school tax carries that they can ask the County Commissioners to levy only a part of their district special tax, or leave it all off if it is not needed. When they understand this, and also get a vision of their larger duty to their county and State they will surely see the matter in a different light.

They are raising the question that it is costing more to run the schools than it did 15 years ago. Surely, it costs more. We asked our farmer friend about the extra cost in running his farm. He said that not so many years ago he could get a farm hand for fifty cents a day without any trouble. But now he could not get one for two dollars a day, for he offered a man that price on Wednesday and he refused to accept.

Our farmer friend further told us that he knew of a teacher in the rural districts who was teaching for forty dollars a month and had to pay twenty dollars of that for board and room. This one fact is sufficient to convince any reasonable person that we ought to have more money to run our schools. Our duty is before us, and that is to vote for the special tax on Tuesday, April 30th.

#### PRAYER AND THE GREAT WAR.

Coming up the street Monday morning last, we met one of Smithfield's most prominent business men who has been greatly moved by the recent events on the Western Front. We asked him about the news in the morning papers. "Oh, it looks so much better," was his reply. "The British are holding the Germans back in their great rush. I tell you, "said he, "there was too much praying in the world yesterday, (Sunday) for the Kaiser's army to succeed."

This gentleman realized and expressed one of the most potent facts in all the world—the Power of Prayer. Few souls fully realize the power of prayer and for that reason there is not as much praying done as would be done otherwise. Joanna Bailey once wrote:

"A good man's prayers  
Will from the deepest lungeon climb  
Heaven's height  
And bring a blessing down."

The Poet Tennyson wrote in "Morte d'Arthur," these well known lines:

"More things are wrought by prayer  
Than this world dreams of. Whereof  
let thy voice  
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

For what are men better than sheep  
or goats  
That nourish a blind life within the  
brain  
If, knowing God, they lift not hands  
of prayer  
Both for themselves and those  
who call them friends!"

The devout Christian souls who believe in the power of prayer with confidence keep up their petitions for a cessation of hostilities. In God's own time their prayers will be answered.

#### PLANT CORN NOW.

Although a few of our farmers plant corn in March we have never advocated it because there is some risk about it. But after April comes in we see no need of waiting if the ground is ready and the weather suitable. There are several advantages in the early corn. It can be worked at least one time before cotton and some other crops demand cultivation. It is laid by earlier than late corn and gives more time for other summer work. It matures earlier and does not make fodder pulling run into cotton picking time. Early corn sometimes misses droughts which greatly damage late corn. Of course almost every farmer will have some late corn on bottom land and in other places where corn follows other crops, but the main part of the corn crop should be planted early.

Show your patriotism by contributing to the American Red Cross.

#### PORTRAIT GALLERY OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS



CHESTER L. STEPHENSON.

Corporal Chester L. Stephenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stephenson, of Smithfield, enlisted in the Selma Company, National Guard, January 13, 1915. When his country made a call in 1916 he answered the call and went to Camp Glenn June 19, that year. He went from Camp Glenn to the Mexican Border September 1916, and served there until March 22, 1917. He is now serving his second enlistment. He went to Camp Sevier last Summer when his Regiment was ordered there, and is now a member of Company C, 119th Regiment of Infantry. He is 19 years of age.



EDGAR BARBOUR

Edgar Barbour, of Banner township, went to Camp Jackson, October 8, 1917, and two weeks later transferred to Camp Sevier and assigned to Machine Gun Company, 120th Infantry. He is 22 years old and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlando Barbour. He is a farmer and unmarried.



CHARLES FULTON STEPHENSON

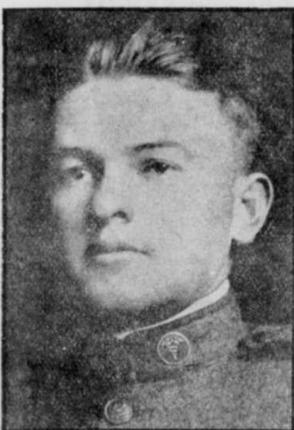
Charles Fulton Stephenson, age 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. H. Stephenson, is a member of Company D, 105th Engineers at Camp Sevier. He first went to Camp Jackson last Fall. His parents, formerly of Johnston County, are now living at Jonesboro. At the time he was called into service he was with the Atlantic Coast Line at Rocky Mount. At that time he weighed 180 pounds. On February 1st he weighed 201, showing that Camp life agrees with him.

Get up by the clock and go to work by the clock and you will get something done. Also go home by the clock, else there will be something doing.—Wilmington Star.



DR GROVER B. WOODARD.

First Lieutenant Grover B. Woodard is a son of the late Barna Woodard. He enlisted in June, 1917, and went to Fort Oglethorpe in August where he spent some months in training. After he received his commission as First Lieutenant he was assigned to the 28th Engineers, Medical Corps, and went to Camp Meade, Maryland. He was later sent to France reaching there about February 15th. He was a practicing physician at Kenly when he volunteered his services to Uncle Sam last Summer, having graduated from the Richmond Medical College years previously. Lieut. Woodard was married to Miss Blanche Perry about two years ago. Mrs. Woodard is now in Washington City where she is employed in one of the Government departments.



RUDOLPH KIRBY.

Corporal Rudolph J. Kirby is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirby, of Kenly. He is only twenty years of age. He enlisted November 1, 1917, and went to Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, where he is a member of Company H, Hospital Field service. He is a graduate of the Kenly State High School.



MARION BUTLER OLIVE.

Marion Butler Olive, of Smithfield, went to Camp Jackson October 23, 1917 and was assigned to Machine Gun Company, 324th Infantry. He was on February first sent to Washington Barracks where he was given a place in the 56th U. S. Engineers. He is a son of Mrs. D. A. Olive, of Smithfield township, and is 24 years of age. He was living at Benson when he was called into the military service.

#### The Argentine Corn Crop.

Last year and the year before, the Argentine corn crop was rather small. This year's corn crop, however, which is just maturing, gives promise of being unusually good. Rains which have been falling in Argentina during the past month have been especially favorable to late-planted corn. It is estimated that Argentina can spare about 120,000,000 bushels of corn from the new crop. This means that Argentina will be able to contribute to the world trade about twice as much corn as the United States contributed during the past twelve months, assuming that ships can be had to move it.—Wallaces' Farmer.

In 1914 Japan exported 9,000,000 pencils and in 1916 the number had been increased to 168,000,000.

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