

**SELMA SCHOOL NOTES.**

The pupils of the school are making remarkable progress in Palmer Writing. There are seven pupils of the First Grade who have shown that they are able to write as well as they can read and cipher. They have shown the school that they have the determination to master the three R's. They have the ball and are on first base and are eager for the second. The pupils who have sent in twenty-five drills in Palmer Writing and have received the Palmer buttons are as follows: John Fields, Mary Lee Howell, Vurla Woodard, Eva Blackman, Helen Byrd, Troy Hughes, Bettie Lee Ellis.

The entire first grade has shown its patriotism by buying \$172.25 worth of Thrift and War Saving's Stamps.

The Senior Class met yesterday and elected the following officers for commencement: Lelia Straughn, Writer, of the last will and testament; Lillian Snipes, Prophet; Esther Vinson, giver of tokens; Houston Reynolds, Historian; Linwood Richardson, Orator; Orman Bailey, Poet. The officers are in positions which requires a great deal of work and they are willing to fulfill these requirements.

Mr. Moser has been absent two days from school this week because of his child's illness.

Miss Helen Paris, a member of the High School faculty, has gone to Greensboro to attend the Home Economic's Convention at the State Normal College. She was accompanied by Emma Lucas Ward, a member of the ninth grade Domestic Science Class.

The Safety League had charge of the chapel exercises this morning. The programme was very interesting and was carried out successfully. The committees especially emphasized the carelessness of accidents and precaution of fires.—L. S.

The Courtis Tests have been given in the lower grades in school this week. The result of the spelling test in grades five and six showed an average of eighty and sixty three, which is far above the state average in spelling. Three children in the fifth grade made one hundred in speed, accuracy and efficiency, on the arithmetic test. These children are John Morgan, Hector Debnam, and Mabel Oliver.

In the recent report on these tests sent out by the University of North Carolina, we find that our school leads in the average made on several subjects, and has a creditable place in each test.—N. P.

**To Win The War.**

This is your war and mine, So let's fight hard in time. Buy Thrift Stamps with the quarters you get, And We'll surely make those German's fret, Save sugar for Uncle Sam, Eat vegetables instead of ham. Save wheat for our soldiers; Take some burdens on your shoulders. Watch our stars and stripes unfurled We'll make Democracy safe for the world! —E. L. W.

Preparation for commencement has already begun with much enthusiasm. One of the most attractive features of commencement will be the comic opera, "The Captain of Plymouth," presented under the direction of Miss Folger, the music teacher. This opera is a story of Longfellow's "Courtship of Miles Standish" written in modern style. Clayborne Massey will take the part of Miles Standish, captain of Plymouth, Linwood Richardson that of John Alden, the diligent scribe, Mr. Coy R. Williams that of Elder Brewster, Miss Warren that of Priscilla, Margie Benoy, an early American girl, Julia Ashworth, an Indian Princess. Soldiers, sailors, Indians, Puritan men and women will be represented in lively choruses and dances. —J. W. A.

Thursday, April 18th, in the Archer Literary Society each grade of the High School had charge of its own exercises. The eleventh grade acted their parts with more ease and gracious and possibly presented the most interesting programme. On account of the unusual length of the program part of it was postponed until the next meeting. We will be glad to have any company, as the tenth grade will star at the time. The programmes of the seventh and eighth grades were commendable, being interesting and highly entertaining. —R. W.

Song—Tune: There's a Long, Long Trail Awaiting.  
There's a long long, trail awaiting,  
In No Man's Land in France,  
Where the bombs and shells are bursting,  
And where we advance.  
There's a long, long, line of soldiers,  
Who are going to the trench,  
To fight for man and country,  
And for liberty's defense.  
C. L. R.

**CANNOT CARE FOR WOUNDED.**

**Many Germans Dying in Automobiles and Wagons.**

Washington, April 18.—The great flow of wounded now passing through Flanders is viewed with alarm by the Germans as related in an official despatch from Amsterdam today. The towns of Courtrai, Bruges, Ghent and other places have been transformed into military hospitals, the despatch said, adding that at the front arrangements are inadequate and the Red Cross service is not able to fulfill its task. Many wounded, it was said are dying in Red Cross automobiles and on sanitary trains.—Baltimore American.

**Sweat and Blood Will Win the War.**

The sweat of the farmer in the field and of the mechanic in the shop and the blood of the boys in the trenches are the price of victory. The fight for food—to grow it, to harvest it, to get it over to the hungry millions in Europe—is no longer a thrilling novelty. It is dull, serious business. It means long hours in the field, long hours under the hot sun of the harvest, and unceasing toil. The soldier's first experience in battle is thrilling and startling, but soon the thrills give away to fatigue and it becomes a dull, heavy task to fight on.

The farmer turns to his task without the stimulus of brass bands or glittering guns.

We are fighting a war against that kind of intolerance which is represented by gold-braided kings. The dusty overalls of the farmer, the greasy apron of the machinist and the dull khaki of the soldier are uniforms of equal importance in the struggle. The farmer will not shirk at the long hours. He is thinking of his boy who has gone thousands of miles away to fight because he believed the folks at home would back him up. He will do the best he can to overcome his handicaps, some of which might have been removed, but he can no longer hesitate. The time has come to work and stop talking.—The Country Gentleman.

**Cotton Ginning Will Be Higher.**

Speaking of cotton ginning Mr. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, states that it will probably cost five to six dollars per bale to gin cotton next fall. Fuel and labor and bagging and ties will cost about twice as much as formerly with repairs three to five times as expensive as usual. He says that expenses in repairs for a gin plant will run from two hundred to five hundred dollars per year. The Adams Company will spend about a thousand dollars in repairs on their ginners this spring and summer. Mr. Adams says that fifteen to twenty cent cotton which formerly would have seemed very high would now be disastrous to cotton farmers.

**Bugs on Irish Potatoes.**

A surprisingly large number of people still refuse to plant Irish potatoes because they say the bugs will eat up the plants. We are not impatient with those who have not yet availed themselves of the very simple methods for destroying these bugs, but again wishes to stress the importance of the use of a few of the poisons in destroying this bug.

The potato bug lives ever winter in the adult stage in places of trash, sedge patches or other places of protection. In the spring the beetles come out and begin feeding on the Irish potato plants. They start almost immediately to lay yellow eggs, in clusters on the surfaces of the leaves. The adult beetles are not such voracious feeders—it is the young bugs that soon strip the plant of all its foliage. We therefore should be very careful to apply a dose of poison just about the time the eggs hatch.

There are a number of poisons that will kill potato bugs. Almost any of those containing arsenic in its different forms, will do the work. I have used Paris Green, arsenate of lead, and arsenite of zinc with good and almost equal results. Probably the simplest method for one who does not care to purchase a spray pump, is to secure from any drug store a small package of Paris Green—say about 25 cents worth—mix it with about twenty or twenty-five times its own weight of dry, air-slaked lime, put the mixture in the corner of a porous fertilizer sack and dust it over the plants in the early morning while the dew is on. We still find a few folks who are afraid to use this poison on Irish potatoes for fear of injury to the members of the family. We might say that there is absolutely no danger of being poisoned in this way. All that is necessary in this connection is to be reasonably careful in keeping the poisons out of the reach of children or live stock when it is being prepared for use.

The powdered arsenate of lead and powdered arsenite of zinc may be mixed with dry, air-slaked lime and used just as mentioned for the Paris Green.

Where it is desired to spray the potatoes with Bordeaux mixtures to control the leaf blight one-quarter pound of Paris Green, or one pound of either the arsenate of lead powder or arsenite of zinc may be added to each fifty gallons of the Bordeaux mixture so as to control the bugs along with the leaf blight.—H. P. Stuckey.

**Virginia Congressman Dead.**

Representative William Atkinson Jones, of Virginia, died in Washington last Wednesday from the effects of a paralytic stroke. He had served in Congress continually for 26 years and was now serving his fourteenth term. He had served a longer continuous term than any other man in the House. He was 69 years old.



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**NOTICE.**

The undersigned having qualified as Adm'r. on the estate of John T. Futch, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 19 day of March, 1919, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.  
This 18 day of March, 1918.  
JESSE DAUGHRTY, Admr.  
F. H. BROOKS, Attorney.

**NOTICE.**

The undersigned having qualified as Executrix on the estate of Hafton Hudson, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 26 day of March, 1919 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.  
This 23 day of March, 1918.  
MATTIE E. HOLLEY, Ex.

**NOTICE.**

North Carolina, Johnston County. In the Superior Court. Term 1918.  
Mattie O. Boniger vs. E. C. Boniger. The defendant above named will take notice, that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County to annul the bonds of Matrimony existing between the plaintiff and the defendant, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Johnston County to be held on the 23 day of September 1918 at the Court House of said County in Smithfield, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court the relief demanded in said complaint.  
This March 30, 1918.  
W. S. STEVENS,  
Clerk of Superior Court.  
WELLONS & WELLONS,  
Attorneys for plaintiff.

SALE OF LAND FOR PARTITION.  
North Carolina, Johnston County. Martha Rebecca Parker and husband, W. T. Parker, et als. vs. Oscar Creech, Edgar Creech, et als.  
That under and by virtue of a judgment of Superior Court, entered on the 2nd day of April, 1918, same being No. . . . in special proceedings in the above entitled case. The undersigned having been authorized and directed to sell the premises hereinafter described, I will, on Monday, May the 6th, 1918, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. in Smithfield, N. C., in front of the court house door, offer for sale one certain tract of land lying and being in Oneal's Township, Johnston County, adjoining the lands of James Hawley on the North, Mrs. W. M. Hicks, on the South, W. C. Stancill on the east and Little River on the west, containing about 65 acres more or less. Terms of sale Cash. The above tract is sold in order to make partition among the interested parties.  
This April 2, 1918.  
R. L. RAY, Commissioner.

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