

Sensational Charges Against Superintendent J. O. Alderman School Board Investigates

Entire Proceedings Given Below

One of the most interesting meetings held in Edenton in years was that held at the court house Monday, afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. The house was filled with men and women, many of whom sat throughout the entire proceeding.

Ever since war was declared, many charges of disloyalty or pro-Germanism have been charged to our County Superintendent Rev. J. O. Alderman. It was a well known fact that before war was declared he was openly and decidedly pro-German and having these charges of continuing a rather pro-German influence, the school board was called together to have these charges investigated. The school board had a stenographer to take down the entire proceeding and in order that we may be entirely fair in reporting it, this paper has gone to considerable expense to publish the entire proceeding as taken by the stenographer. As it was so late when the investigation was concluded, the school board adjourned without taking any action until a future meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 3 o'clock by the chairman of the board, Mr. W. J. Berryman, and the following took place: (continued on page 2)

CHRISTMAS BOX FOR OUR SOLDIERS

OUR SOLDIERS of CHOWAN, our sons and kindred are in camp training to be sent with the GREAT AMERICAN ARMY TO FRANCE, there to do battle with the hungry and ravenous WAR DOGS OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE, the devourers and despoilers of the DEMOCRACY OF THE WORLD!

We have the privilege of sending to each man a CHRISTMAS PACKAGE filled with good things and fuller still of LOVE from some one at HOME, SWEET HOME, where his thoughts and heart will turn for glad tidings and great joy.

THE BELL BATTERY CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY, with the co-operation of the public will fill these boxes and dispatch them in time to be received by OUR SOLDIERS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

THE DAUGHTERS CONFEDERACY will offer to the public a GABARET on the evening of November 23rd at Bell's Opera House, Edenton, and solicit the patronage of the citizens of the town and county.

It is their aim to make this entertainment charming and beautiful, and they will appreciate any assistance tendered them by those who are interested in the pleasure of the MEN who are offering their lives in the defence of our HOMES AND HONOR, that we may live to see the day of PEACE.

ON CHRISTMAS was born the GREAT PRINCE OF

PEACE!
Mrs. Patrick Matthew, Pres.
Mrs. James Woodard, V.P.
Mrs. Julien Wood,
Mrs. Eugene Marriner,
Committee on Arrangement.

RED CROSS NOTES



National Notes
The American Red Cross War Council has appropriated one and a quarter million dollars for emergency relief work in Roumania. One million of this will be used for the purchase of food-stuffs. Another large item in the appropriation will supply forty thousand pairs of shoes. Medical supplies will be sent in large quantities.

Auxiliary Formed
At Macedonia
Another Auxiliary was formed at Macedonia school house last Thursday afternoon. Eleven members were enrolled and the officers elected were Mrs. Sam Morris, chairman; Miss Miller, secretary; and Miss Lina Foxwell, treasurer. A rally has been planned for next Friday night and we hope every one who can will attend and help to make the rally a great success.

Auxiliary Among The Colored People.
The colored women of Edenton are becoming interested in the Red Cross work. Friday afternoon Mrs. J. N. Pruden met with several of them and after fully explaining the Red Cross work an Auxiliary was formed. It was named "The Edenton Auxiliary." Fannie Badham was appointed chairman, Ella McDonald treasurer, and M. C. Garrett secretary. Mrs. Pruden invited the members to visit the meetings of our surgical dressing department for instruction in the making of supplies. We hope all the colored people will feel the importance of this movement and do all they can for its advancement.

The Surgical Dressing Dep't.
The surgical dressing department meets twice a week—Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. The chairman, Miss Margaret Pruden, earnestly requests that all will give their help in this work. A box of articles has been sent to the Division Supply Depot in Atlanta, the contents of which was:
200 Gauze Compresses 9 x 9
100 " " 4 x 4
88 Absorbent Pads 8 x 12
80 Folded Gauze Strips
80 Gauze Rolls
200 Gauze Sponges
40 " Laminotomy Pads
51 Oakum Pads
166 Gauze Sponges 2 x 2
13 " Drain, 3 inch
13 " " 1/2 inch

Red Cross Rally At
Macedonia School House
There will be a Red Cross rally

ly at Macedonia School House on Friday night Nov. 23rd under the auspices of the Macedonia Auxiliary A. R. C. Speech by Rev. W. A. Oade. Patriotic songs. Refreshments.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The members of the Woman's Club are concerned over the fate of the Rest Room. The amount contributed by the business men has never been sufficient to pay for the upkeep of the room, and it takes all the available funds of the Woman's Club to meet the expenses. There is an impression that the Rest Room is not used by the people of the County. This is a mistake. Many of the visitors express great appreciation for the comforts afforded them, especially the mothers who bring their children. The room is also used for Red Cross work and as a place of meeting for the Board of Trade.

As it serves so many worthy purposes it is surprising that it has not met with a more generous support. A committee was appointed by the Board of Trade and the Woman's Club to make a new canvass of the business men of the town and the result has been far from satisfactory. The following list subscribed: Albemarle Grocery Co., Badham Bros., Bank of Edenton, John O. Bond Co., M. F. Bond, Byram Bros. Edw. Co., C. B. Byram & Bro., Dr. H. M. S. Oson, Branning Mfg. Co., Citizens Bank, Everett-Woodard Co., Edenton Ice Co., J. H. Holmes Co., J. A. Woodard-Holmes Co., N. J. Hollowell & Son, J. Habit, C. E. Kramer, Griffin & Ralph, W. A. Leggett, D. B. Liles, E. B. Leary, Dr. J. J. H. McMullan, J. H. McMullan, Jr., M. Madrin, J. S. Northcott, E. B. Norman, A. Nejam, Willis Owens, Pruden & Pruden, C. S. Vann, W. B. White, E. I. Warren, T. B. White, L. F. Ziegler & Son.

If every business man in Edenton would contribute even a small sum there would be no trouble in raising the necessary amount.

The contrast is a striking and a sad one. It is due in part that England and France saw the mighty shadow of impending horrors hovering over them, while we have not yet come close enough to be shadowed by the awful realities of war. But at the coming Thanksgiving Day the President might well again appeal to the Nation to recognize its dependence for victory upon Divine help, and we might as well set apart that day as a day to be devoted not to sports, not to the pleasures of life as in the past, but to the serious recognition of all the horrors which we are now facing.

Every church in the land should be open. No church, it matters not how small may be the expected attendance, should be closed, and in every church the message of the hour should be delivered with the utmost power of the preacher and received with the deepest realization of its import by the people who are gathered there to worship.—Manufacturers Record.

FREE ADVERTISING

The North Carolina Experiment Station in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture issues monthly a farmers Market Bulletin.

There are 2500 copies of this bulletin mailed monthly to merchants, farmers and county agents.

Farmers may list any kind of farm products or live stock that they have for sale without charge.

If you have anything for sale see me or drop me a card as early as possible so that I can get you listed in the December issue. State what you have for sale, quantity, when you can ship, variety or breed, your postoffice and name.

J. S. McBER,
County Agent.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving this year should be celebrated with fasting and with prayer rather than with feasting and jollity. It would ill become the people of this nation at the present time to make their Thanksgiving Day a season of feasting as in the past. Far better would it be to make that day a day of conservation of food to the utmost extent; and give the difference between the cost of a simple dinner and the cost of the elaborate dinners of the past to religious or Red Cross work.

The Nation needs to be called to the seriousness of this hour, and Thanksgiving Day should be made the occasion. At the beginning of the European war the churches of England and of France were crowded to their capacity with worshippers who sought forgiveness of sins—individual and national—and sought the help of Almighty God in the hour of their need. St. Paul's Cathedral was crowded with thousands who filled to the utmost its vast spaces and tens of thousands filled the streets awaiting their turn to enter for worship.

Paris, gay and full of the lighter things of life as we had all thought, in that hour which opened the world tragedy suddenly turned to things of eternal value, and the great cathedrals of the city were crowded, and in front of each of them men and women were kneeling for five days and nights awaiting their turn to enter the sacred portals of the great religious crowds.

This is a striking contrast with the almost utter lack of interest on the part of American people in failing to give special attention to the day of prayer recently set apart by President Wilson. The Nation was called to prayer, but the churches, so far as we can learn, had no larger attendance than on usual occasions, and instead of being crowded, as in London and in Paris at the beginning of their war, our churches had a scanty attendance.

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Shadow Party

There will be a "Shadow Party" at River View school house on November 23rd at half-past seven o'clock, after which will follow a "Trinket Sale." The public invited. Refreshments served.

GROW WHEAT AND HELP WIN THE WAR

Every farmer in the State should raise enough wheat to make his own flour. Of course I do not advocate the raising of wheat for a commercial product, nor do I mean to compete with the great western and northern wheat growers. That would be as senseless as advocating the western wheat growers to compete with the south in growing cotton. We have not got the facilities for handling wheat as they have, but we should grow enough for our consumption, especially so long as the war lasts. Some will say I have no where I can grow wheat and my land will not suit it. Did you know that the sweet potato patch makes an ideal place for a patch of wheat? That is where I raise mine. After I dig the potatoes I sow the wheat broadcast over the ground and take a turn plow and cover the vines still deeper that had been turned under by siding off the potato and then sweep out the middles with a plow and the trick is finished until next July when it is ready to cut and bind. The potato vines seem to be a sure measure for the wheat and it grows very nicely after potatoes. Along in the spring after the cold weather is over a top dressing of ultra soda is very beneficial. So you see by following potatoes with wheat you not only will be getting a crop of wheat but will be growing a crop of potatoes.

One of the best things a farmer can do for his land's sake. We should grow a little wheat just the same as we grow a garden not from a money standpoint but for a saving in the family. We do not grow gardens for the profit there is in them but for the convenience. We could take the garden spot and put it in cotton at the present price of cotton and buy more cabbage, cukes, cymbblings and such things as we grow in the garden in two years, but we are in the habit of growing a garden and it is a mighty good habit. My crop of wheat cost less than 50c per bushel but of course I did not count my labor which was not much. If, for no longer, we should grow our own flour until the war is over. We can do our bit in this way. Every barrel of flour we raise makes that many more to spare to help feed the Allies. Right now is a fine time to sow wheat. Any time after the first big white frost in November, and they say we have

had several. Yes, any time this month is all right to sow wheat in this section of the State. Some will say oh how am I going to get it thrashed? You can thrash it with a peanut thrasher. The Little Giant thrasher does the work very well, but a regular wheat thrasher is much better and would be a good idea for several farmers to club together and buy one. Mr. Z. W. Evans has one and it does fine work. I think they cost something like \$400 and one in a neighborhood could do the thrashing for several farmers and I believe if the farmers once got to growing their own wheat they will never want to give it up. The straw stock for stock and poultry is a big thing. It gives the chickens something to do to scratch for their grain they will find in it, the calves and colts will find an ideal place to frolic, the straw makes the best of bedding for stock and it is an all round good crop. And as for the flour it makes there is no comparison, if you get your wheat clean and it is ground right and the cook does her duty, well it is the best bread I have had since I was a boy. My father was a miller and in those days there was a lot of wheat made and home made flour was all we had. It is more healthful and nutritious so my advice is to grow wheat, eat good wholesome bread, help to win the war.

Very truly,
J. R. GIBBS.

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OYSTER SUPPER

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To Patrons of The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Connecting Lines

To enable us to comply with the requirements of our Government it is absolutely necessary that we have all telephone rents and tolls in our office, King street, not later than the 6th of the month.

We therefore ask the co-operation of the subscribers of the Telephone Company and connecting lines to help us carry out these instructions of the Government, and avoid the heavy penalty imposed upon our failing to get a the War Tax in on time.

J. S. TUCKER, Local Manager.