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THE WAR.

On Thursday of last week the German armies began the greatest battle in all the history of wars, on the western front of Europe, in that part of the line held by the British army. For a week now the battle has raged, night and day, between such large forces of men and over such wide areas, that it is hard to estimate what has been done and what has been gained or lost. To talk about what a million men can do or oppose is a big task, and it is estimated that as many as a million German soldiers have been engaged in this battle.

In this issue of The News we try to give the readers some idea of how the battle has progressed, but by the time this is read it may be that the Victory will be won and the destinies of people yet unborn will be settled. It is the general opinion that the Germans are losing the fight, and yet it is admitted that they are putting up the greatest fight in all history. As we write, Wednesday, there is nothing definite in the results, further than the fact that the English are not panic stricken and are holding their lines and falling back in good order giving ground daily in a way that shows they are hard pressed. The reports have it that the losses inflicted on the Germans are so fearful that it is hard to believe that men would stand such punishment. The German soldiers have advanced right into the face of rapid fire machine guns in such numbers as to take the line even at a loss of men that staggers one to contemplate it.

In this way they are gaining ground. But an English officer would answer that the gains by the Germans are so costly that he is none the better by the gains.

All this winter and spring the Germans have been saying that unless they were offered a satisfactory peace they were going to hammer it into the Allies. And now they are trying to do it. They made such boasts about what they were going to do for us that not one took them seriously. Now it appears that they camouflaged by bragging.

Just when this contest will end or how is a question that occupies the thoughts of men everywhere. Here in Mount Airy it is the only subject that is discussed from early morning until late at night. The interest is tense, and the indications are that the whole nation is in the same tense spirit. The patriotism of the nation is showing itself everywhere, and the feeling appears to be to now get busy and fight the Germans in dead earnest. This battle has aroused the nation as nothing before since the Civil War.

ARE YOU LOYAL?

If you want to know whether or not you are loyal these trying hours of our nation examine your inner thought and see if you are rebelling against, or trying to follow, the suggestions of the men who are leading in this effort to win a great war for human freedom. If you are rebelling against the men who lead you will discover in your thought and conversation, possibly, a disposition to criticize and find fault. If you are loyal you will find that you think much about how you can aid, rather than how you can find something with which you do not agree.

This is one week that the citizens of this town have not found time to listen to the reports from the local fishermen.

A man who knows remarked one day this week that here are as many as 100 idle men in this town. If this is not an overestimate it is high time the police force is getting busy.

A TEST OF LOYALTY.

You are now called upon to use not more than one and one half pounds of wheat flour to the person in your home a week. This is a test of loyalty. It will evidently be hard for many families to get along with this amount and have the usual amount of biscuits, pies, cakes and other items of food that are common in this section. The mother who uses more than 1½ pounds of flour to the individual in her family each week from now on is playing the part of a slacker, whether or not she so intends it.

At two o'clock Sunday morning all the clocks of the country will be set forward one hour. It is purely a war measure, one which has been adopted by France and England, and is intended to make all the people go to bed earlier and arise that all daylight may be utilized. As a nation we have gotten in the habit of sleeping till the sun is a long way up in the sky and then staying up till after night to finish the day's work. Thus we lose the best part of the day and use up much artificial light besides. Now everything, trains, factories, schools and churches will run an hour earlier. In this way clerks, office men and industrial workers will have an opportunity to make gardens and help with the food supply. Every one should adopt the plan at once and within a week's time no one will notice it.

We suggest that the churches go by the clock in all their services except in the evening, and then it seems to us, that if they would go back to the old custom of having them at "early candle light" it would meet the situation in a satisfactory way.

The man who is not loyal in these times needs information. The world has not passed through such a crisis before and possibly will never again.

All clocks and watches must be turned forward one hour at 2 A. M., March 31st. This is an act of Congress. It means that you must get up an hour sooner to catch the train or to be at church on time. Let the Sunday Morning sleepers take notice! —If you are lazy, your children will be an hour late at Sunday School next Sunday morning.

Geo. D. Herman.

School Notice.

The Board of Education met on Tuesday and ordered that the schools of Mount Airy observe the time conservation law and will hold all sessions at the same hours by the clock after this week as are being observed now.

W. F. CARTER, Chm.
E. H. KOCHITZKY, Sec.

Central Methodist Church's Contribution to World-War.

Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy has made a rich contribution to the world-war. This church is represented in the Army, Navy, Aviation, Red Cross, and Medical Corps. We have at least thirty five persons in all branches of the National Service, and some of these are now in France. Next Sunday morning at Central Methodist, in honor of this worthy company, will be unfurled our large and beautiful Service Flag. The names of those in the Service will be read, there will be extra good music, and a suitable address or sermon.

The families and friends of those in the service are invited to occupy the front pews, and the public generally is invited to be with us at this interesting hour. Come and bring your friends. Let slackers stay at home—lest they get a black eye!

The Pastor.

Trading the Bunker Lands.

The heirs of the Bunker estate have recently been trading and now Mr. A. L. Bunker owns the home place and four shares, all of which adjoins, thus giving him a farm of about 250 acres including the home place of the late Chang Bunker. Last week he bought the share of Mrs. Emma Bunker consisting of 65 acres for which he paid \$6,250.00.

Mr. Ed Patterson since selling his share in the estate has bought the farm on Stewarts creek owned for years by Mrs. Emma Bunker, paying for it the sum of \$8,250.00

OUR EASTER SERMON.

Text: He is risen.

By Rev. Tom P. Jimison.

The murder of Jesus was the greatest crime of history. The rape of Belgium, the devastation of France, the sinking of the Lusitania, over which nations become indignant and pour out blood and treasure to avenge, are small crimes compared with the crucifixion. The former are the result of a demon-possessed man and his hellish hench-men who would exalt him above the thunderous Thor, whom their fathers worshiped, while the latter was the result of cold calculation by learned priests whose transcendent selfishness the Son of Man had exposed.

The priests envied the popularity of Jesus. He punctured religious bubbles, ridiculed cant and caste, overturned homiletic conventions, and put to confusion the "most principalist" people of the land. Of course "the common people heard him gladly" and followed him cheerfully. He was one of their number. He had a lowly birth and showed no disposition to hobnob with highbrows or be numbered with swifdom. His daily life proclaimed the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, and in his sermons he heaps scorn and condemnation on those who would deny it.

To be sure the people whose pious pretensions were exposed by him got mad, as indeed they always do, and they took up the only weapons with which fools and knaves are acquainted—criticism and slander. After Envy had begotten Hatred, the two made an alliance with Avarice and Cowardice, and the result was murder. The priests delivered him because of envy, the record declares; Judas betrayed him because he wanted the money, and poor Pilate turned him over to the rabble because he wanted to please them. Then the senseless, howling mob killed him.

Whatever fears may have existed in the minds of the murderers were quickly dispelled when they beheld the limp form of him who claimed that death could not have dominion over him. They allowed his friends to claim the body, and with anger somewhat appeased, they went their ways. They doubtless congratulated themselves that this dangerous fellow would no longer be able to stir up the common herd. They rejoiced that he was dead, while grinning imps carried lighted torches up and down hell's dark corridors and shouted in fiendish glee because incarnate Truth was in the icy arms of Death. No wonder the graves gaped and the sun refused to shine. The powers of darkness had apparently won, and the unclean hierarchy of hell could now rule unmolested while Truth lay limp in the tomb.

But Truth cannot be shut up in sepulchres, nor Righteousness held at bay by Roman legions. About the time that men had settled down to their accustomed pursuits, the Son of Man slipped down into the confines of perdition and served notice that the report of his death had been somewhat exaggerated. After every demon had scampered away to hide in some dark cavern, the One from God pulled the napkin from off the face of the body in the grave, reached out and throttled death, stepped forth and announced to the world that he was alive forevermore.

In this is the Christian's hope. Christ conquered death and it has no terrors for his followers. They may dread the shock of putting off the mortal, but they rejoice in the confidence that they will be clothed with immortality. Christ arose, and his people rejoice that it will ever be so with Truth and Righteousness. They cannot be locked in tombs nor defeated by all the allies of Satan. They may be nailed to a cross but ultimately they will triumph. It must be so, or Jesus is risen in vain. After the Devil and demons, the Kaiser and the Turks, and all the shameless spawns of hell have done their worst, Truth will come forth, panoplied in the armor of the Almighty, and hold in derision all the sons of Belial.

Let this Easter time, therefore, be a time of rejoicing among the people of God. Let it not be the light and frivolous mirth of the world that unlooses and unbridles unholy desire, as it dances over the dead body of the

Son of God, but the joy of a lost soul that has been found and redeemed. Such joy will be manifested by songs and prayers and separation from worldliness and silliness.

Revival Closes.

The exangelistic campaign which has been in progress at the First Presbyterian church for more than a week, came to a close Tuesday night of this week, and the evangelist left for his home at Chatham, Va., Wednesday morning. The meeting was a most successful one. Quite a few made a public confession, but perhaps the greatest good accomplished was the tuning up of the church, and the infusion of new life into professed Christians. Mr. McLees, the blind evangelist, and his wife endeared themselves to all who came in contact with them. The preaching was of a high order. Simple, direct, eloquent, incisive were the messages delivered. The preacher proved himself a master of simple and poetic language. All who heard him are agreed that he is one of the strongest preachers ever heard in a local pulpit. The whole town has been blessed by his coming, and scores of people can never be the same again after having been touched by his great sermons.

The Death of a Young Woman.

The death of Mrs. Myrtle Bolt Poore, wife of Mr. Roy Poore of this city which occurred at Martin hospital Monday morning has profoundly touched the sympathies of our people. Mrs. Poore was stricken on Wednesday with an attack of acute Bright's disease with complications; when a physician was called he rushed her to the hospital where a daughter was born by the Cesarean method and a brave fight was made to save the life of the young mother.

Mrs. Poore, who was only twenty two years of age was a consistent member of the First Baptist church in this city the funeral was held at the church Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock by her pastor Rev. T. H. King assisted by Revs. Herman and McKinley. Rev. King paid a glowing tribute to the chaste and beautiful christian life of the deceased, and the remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery. The large number attending the funeral and the beautiful floral offerings bore eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which Mrs. Poore was held.

She is survived by her young husband and infant daughter, her mother and sister and several half sisters and a half brother.

War May Benefit Young Men From Rural Districts.

By Mrs. J. L. Harrison.

While on my trip north I was impressed by seeing so many soldiers and sailors that Uncle Sam had called together to defend our country, they had come from colleges, from homes of wealth and influence, from humble homes and from all parts of the United States, and my thoughts ran in this channel, what this war will mean to our young men from the rural districts, those whose opportunities for education had been limited and who know little of this big world beyond their immediate neighborhood and country towns, and I thought how this military training would help to develop their minds and bodies and by bringing them into such close and constant touch with our college bred young men they will incorporate into their own lives the culture and aspirations of those who have been more highly favored, and in this cosmopolitan association they will learn to know what a great country is ours, and of the lands beyond the seas to which they are bound.

These great experiences will transform their lives and when they return to their homes after this awful war is over, seeing life from its many sides, they will have caught a new vision, their lives enriched and purified by heroic sacrifice and patriotism then they can give our country a better citizenship and the influence of all this will be felt for ages to come.

All honor and success to our soldier boys.

FOR SALE—One good horse also buggy and harness. B. E. Edwards Mount Airy, N. C. Route 11, 17p.

Things of Interest to Farmers.

By the County Agent.

Are you preparing to have a good crop of fruit this year? Remember the old saying "A hard winter makes a good fruit year," and put on the lime-sulphur spray before it is too late. This must be done within the next few days or it will be too late.

I have had a few calls to do some terracing since my notice of last week, but I am sure that there are many others that should have this work done before the crop is planted. Why not get it done right and free of cost? Call me over the phone or drop me a card. I am at your service any time.

Now is the time to prepare your seed bed. Remember that you have your crop half made when you get it in the ground if you have your seed bed properly prepared. After the land is broken it should be thoroughly harrowed and pulverized. Now is the time to begin to conserve the moisture in the ground, and you can do this by keeping the land harrowed after each rain and not let the land become baked.

A lot of the corn was soft last fall, and it is going to be hard to get good seed corn this year. If you have saved your seed corn, I would advise you to run a germination test on it to see if it is fertile. A little trouble now will be nothing compared to getting a bad stand later on.

How many farmers want to help the boys who are going over the top win the War? Let me offer you this plan. Every farmer who is interested in helping to win the war loan the Government an acre of land this year.

Grow an acre of corn, tobacco or potatoes and buy War Saving Stamps with the proceeds. We are going to offer some nice premiums to the farmers

who make the most corn, tobacco or potatoes on their war acre. Let every farmer who is interested in joining this club send his name. It costs you nothing, and it gives you a chance to help win the war and show your neighbor that you can beat him farming.

We have not made up our ten per cent of hogs yet, and the State is looking to us to do our part. I have located several brood sows and gilts and would be glad to hear from anyone that is interested in buying anything of this kind. I will also be glad to help any boy who is interested in joining the pig club to locate a pig. If you have not got the money to buy the pig I have made arrangements with the banks to loan you the money. I hope that there will be a large number of boys in the club this year as we need the meat and prices will continue high.

Don't forget the Seed Corn Show and Farmers Union Rally at Dobson, the 29th of this month. Everybody come and bring some corn with you.

Ewing S. Millsaps, County Agent.

Oak Grove School Closes.

The commencement of the Oak Grove school was enjoyed by a large crowd on last Saturday night, March 16.

After the exercises by the children which were of the best, Mr. B. A. Freeman made a short talk on the war, urging the people to support the government in every way possible. The school has been a prosperous one in every way, under the supervision of Miss Nora Taylor.

The school had a box supper two weeks ago and made twenty five dollars which was invested in W. S. S. A Friend.

AUCTION SALE

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This farm containing 120 acres on the Lowgap road, within 2½ miles of the good road and is in a high state of cultivation. On it is a nice new house and a splendid feed barn. There is running water in the house which comes through a pipe from a spring on a hill. The place contains 15 acres of good bottom land and several acres in grass. The upland is in good state of cultivation, and is smooth and has no wash outs on it, and is all fresh land. There is also plenty of timber and woodland on the farm. The buildings are all new and in first class condition.

It only takes about 40 minutes to go to this farm in a Ford from Mount Airy. The terms are so easy that it is possible for any body to buy them a good farm and pay for it with the products of the place.

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