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IT COSTS MONEY TO KILL MEN

THE WAY OUR MONEY WILL BE SHOT AWAY IN CASE OF WAR

A Single Broadside from the Dreadnaught Arizona Means the Income of the Average Workman for 25 Years.

A Washington correspondent in close touch with the Government states that every time Uncle Sam fires a torpedo, zip! zip—the cost of two houses and lots go up in smoke!

Eleven men must work a year at the average American wage to pay the price thereof.

A single broadside from the dreadnaught Arizona means the income of the average workman for twenty-five years!

That's the way our money will be shot away in case of war with Germany.

A 14-inch shell weighs 1,400 pounds and cost \$700.

12-inch shell, already considered one of our "smaller" shots, costs \$600.

The Arizona has 12 14-inch guns, all of which, together with some of her smaller cannon, can be fired at once—at a cost of \$15,000.

Ten 14-inch shells or one torpedo are counted on to sink a battleship. The cost is the same for ammunition—7,000.

But the torpedo is the cheaper way because of the lessened expense of firing; also the lesser risk.

A torpedo is really an electric launch; it leaves the torpedo-tube with the propellers working, and it will keep on going till the motor runs down—unless it hits its mark.

When it hits—bang! it is fitted with a gyroscope, to keep it steady in its course, and two propellers moving in opposite directions. The motive power is electricity or compressed air.

Torpedo parts are gauged to as near exact size as possible—two thousandths of an inch. It is as delicate a mechanism as the machines that record earth tremors.

Compared to a torpedo, a wrist watch is as delicate as a coal wagon. Copper and nitroglycerine are what make torpedoes costly.

There are cannon shells that cost more than torpedoes.

The German 42-centimeter shell costs \$9,000.

A rifle cartridge costs a nickel.

That shows the relative importance of the rifle in modern war.

Fourteen-inch guns throw projectiles 14 or 16 miles. They will pierce an 11-inch Krupp steel plate at seven miles.

Twelve-inch guns will shoot just as far, but will pierce the 11-inch plate only at five miles.

When big guns are fired every man on the battleship has to stuff his ears with cotton, and touch the deck with his toes and fingertips, keeping his mouth open. This is to prevent broken bones and lost teeth.

"THE LIEF OF OUR SAVIOR"

Dramatic Masterpiece in Natural Colors

Coming to the Orpheum theater Monday, March 5, is a superbly dramatic visualization of Jesus' journey on earth. The picture is the best of the Pathe Natural colored features, and it is an achievement worthy of the highest praise. There are seven reels based on historical facts. Matinee and night.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Meeting to be held at Courthouse Friday Night

There will be an important meeting at the Courthouse this Friday night for the discussion of compulsory sewer connection. All property owners are urgently requested to be present at this meeting.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES

Bishop Cheshire Will Come to St. Stephen's Sunday

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, D. D., Bishop of North Carolina, will visit St. Stephen's church next Sunday morning to administer the Holy Rite of Confirmation, or Laying on of Hands. The Bishop will also preach at that time. Every effort is being made to have the new organ in condition to use for that service. All are cordially invited to be present.

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE

If you wish to pay your State and County Taxes for 1916 at the office and without cost, you will please do so at once. The books must go out and collections forced within the next few days. If your property gets advertised don't blame me. I'm forced to collect now. Statements furnished upon request. S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

HELP THE POOR AND NEEDY

Several Colored People in the Community in Abject Poverty

The Public Ledger learns that a poor colored woman on the outskirts of town was compelled to burn her furniture during the recent cold spell to keep her little sick child from freezing to death. Even the cradle in which the child slept was burned, and it was tucked away in a bundle of rags and died. The mother was faithful to her child, but she, too was taken sick and lies at the point of death.

There are other cases in the community just as distressing. Doctor Hays is doing all he can for the unfortunates. Please see him and encourage him in a substantial way. Any money, provisions or clothing left with Mr. Luther Davis at the Union Bank will find its way to the homes of those who are suffering for the necessities of life. The call is very urgent.

APPEALS TO THE PRESIDENT

Urges America to Avenge Death of His Loved Ones

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Wilson has received the following cablegram from Austin Y. Hoy, whose mother and sister were lost when the Laconia was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine:

"I am an American citizen working for the Sullivan Machinery Company, of Chicago, living abroad for the promotion of American trade. I love the flag, believing in its significance. My beloved mother and sister passengers on the Laconia, have been foully murdered on the high seas.

"As an American citizen outraged, and as such fully within my rights, and as an American son and brother bereaved, I call upon my government to preserve its citizens' self-respect and save others of my countrymen from such deep grief as I now feel. I am military age and able to fight. If my country can use me against these brutal assassins, I am at its call. If it stultifies my manhood and my nation by remaining passive under outrage, I shall seek a man's chance under another flag."

Real Estate Transfers

Mrs. Mary L. Hargrove to Daniel Brooks, 112 3-4 acres of land. Consideration \$1,127.50.

Luther Burden to Cora E. Pittard, five acres of land. Consideration \$400.00

B. S. Royster and L. L. Tilley, commissioners to B. G. Rodgers, two tracts of land in Dutchville township; transaction \$1335.

T. Lanier, trustee to Union Bank of Oxford three town lots in Stem, consideration \$2330.

A. W. Graham, trustee, to Allen Parham, lot in Fishing Creek township, \$505.

M. V. Lawrence and wife to Carrie V. Lawrence, 60 3-10 acres of land, \$3000.

S. V. Morton to W. H. Hunt, 101 3-4 acres of land, \$2700.

J. T. Smith and wife to H. V. Harris and wife, 46 acres of land, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

Myrtle C. Peel to S. F. Bullock, 1 95-100 acres of land, \$800.

FIDELIC CLASS ENTERTAINED

On Friday evening, February 23, the Fidelic class of the Oxford Baptist Sunday school was most delightfully entertained by its president, Miss Lucile Ellington, and its secretary, Mrs. John Ellington. In spite of the rain and mud there was a goodly number present among which were Mrs. John Webb, teacher and Mr. J. D. Harte, our new pastor, and Mrs. Harte, his wife.

The class appreciates very much the fact that they are still in their youthful years so they can enjoy our pleasures and sympathize in our sorrows.

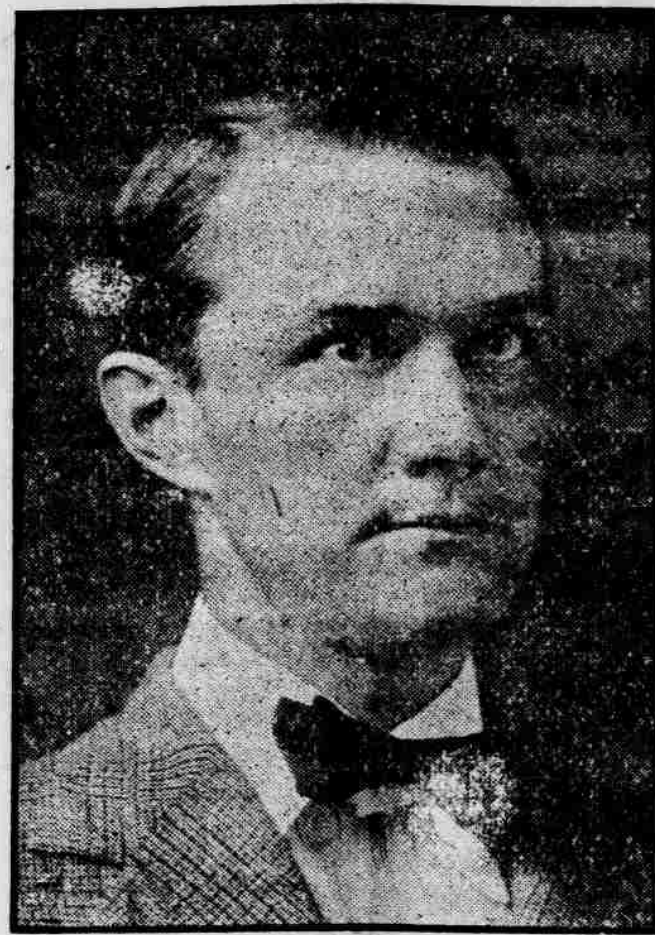
A very interesting program was rendered by different members of the class, consisting of I Corinthians, 13 chapter as a Scripture lesson, prayer by Mr. Harte, talk by Mrs. Webb, vocal and instrumental solos, and a vocal duet.

After the entertaining program all enjoyed in a George Washington contest the youngest member of our class, being winner of a toy hatchet to cut down the cherry tree. But the most artistic part of the program and that which had most taste was the beautifully served refreshments.

In honor of George Washington we ate the red and white cream and brought home with us the flag which waved over each block.

The party dismissed with many expressions of appreciation and enjoyment and kept their good feeling till Sunday and brought themselves and many others to Sunday school.—W.

Judge W. A. Devin will preside over Wake County Court at Raleigh next week.



(MR. B. K. LASSITER.)

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

MR. B. K. LASSITER IS CHOICE OF PEOPLE FOR POSTMASTER

Out of the Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Votes Polled, Mr. Lassiter Received Three Hundred and Eleven.

Hats off to Mr. Ben K. Lassiter.

In the preferential contest for the postmastership of Oxford held here Wednesday, Mr. B. K. Lassiter received a handsome majority over his opponents, and universal peace and harmony reigns supreme throughout Oxford. The following is the vote cast:

B. K. Lassiter	311
F. W. Hancock	118
W. Stark	34
J. J. Paris (withdrew)	2

Total 465
Surely Mr. Lassiter is proud of the handsome vote he received at the hands of the people, and as soon as his appointment is confirmed by the Senate he will thank them through the columns of the Public Ledger.

The election was very quiet and dignified throughout. On account of the prominence of the candidates and their worthiness, the voters cast their ballots and retired, no doubt wishing that they could vote for all of them. Mr. Paris withdrew from the contest early on the morning of the election and the two votes he received were purely complimentary. While standing around the polls we heard three or four voters remark that Mr. Hancock already held a very nice Federal position, and possibly this fact may have caused them to throw their support to some one of the other candidates.

During the contest we frequently heard the remark that the primary would engender hard feelings in the community, but such is not the case. If there was any such feeling on election day, none could be found on the following morning, and there is not a man or woman in Oxford that would not second the motion to make Mr. Lassiter's election unanimous. Mr. Lassiter goes to the postoffice with the best wishes of its patrons.

THE TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES

LAST PILE SOLD AT THE BANNER WAREHOUSE THURSDAY

The Season Was one That Will Long Be Remembered—Seven Million Pounds Sold at an Average of 19.80.

The first pile of tobacco sold on the Oxford market last fall was raised in South Granville and was bought by Col. Ballou, of the Imperial. If our memory serves us right it brought 14 cents the pound. The last sale of the season was at the Banner Warehouse Wednesday morning. The last pile sold was marketed by W. L. Hicks, of North Granville. It weighed an even 100 pounds, and it was a good clean lug and it was bid in by Mr. J. M. Parrish for Ligett-Myers for \$32.00.

This tobacco," remarked Mr. Parrish, "will be converted into the celebrated Sovereign and Piedmont cigarettes."

There were 7,000,000 pounds sold on the Oxford market this tobacco season at an average of \$19.80.

Tuesday March 6th.

Dr. S. Rapport will be at Oxford at the Exchange Hotel Tuesday, March 6th. Let me supply you with spectacles or eye glasses, the proper glasses will prevent future trouble and relieve the present strain of your eyes.

NEXT SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Hon. D. G. Brummitt, Granville's Able Representative

No less a personage than Judge Biggs, of Raleigh, is of the opinion that Hon. D. G. Brummitt will be the next speaker of the House of Representatives if the people of Granville re-elect him two years hence. Mr. Brummitt is a very able representative, says Judge Biggs, and the big men in the Legislature recognize his ability and are grooming him for the speakership.

Mr. Brummitt stands four-square in the Legislature and when his record in the House this session is known to the people of Granville they will do the right thing at the right time.

MRS. WIGGINS DEAD

Step Mother of Mrs. W. D. Bryan

Mrs. T. M. Wiggins, of Lielleton, fell upon sleep last Monday week and the burial took place from the Methodist church on the following day. She was the step mother of Mrs. W. D. Bryan, of Oxford. She was the daughter of Samuel and Mary E. Miles and was born in Northampton county the 11th of November, 1854.

One brother, Thomas J. Miles, survives, and one sister, the wife of Col. Wm. A. Johnston, died in 1895.

From early womanhood she had been a loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church—always interested in its welfare and faithful in attendance.

Her first school days from home were spent in Sanford, N. C., under the instruction of Mrs. W. T. Tucker. In 1873 when her father moved to Warren county she was attending Prof. Hobgood's school in Raleigh.

In these schools a love for the best literature and desire to be helpful to mankind, was kindled, these with a genial disposition, a sympathetic nature, and many other noble traits of character won for her many friends.

She was married in 1894 to Capt. Thomas M. Wiggins who left Chapel Hill to join the army. His loss and loneliness have touched a sympathetic chord in the hearts of many to whom he is very dear.

He comes to Oxford to make his home with the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bryan.

A love of the Southland and an ardent member of the Daughters of the Confederacy. She was made their president and as in all other phases of life she did what she attempted, well.

STOVALL NEWS ITEMS

(Correspondent Public Ledger)

Mrs. Bennie Hicks has been on an extended visit here.

Rev. Thompson preached here in the Methodist church Sunday. He preached a very able sermon.

Dr. W. L. Taylor took Mrs. Tom Cottrell to the hospital in Richmond Monday.

Plant beds are being burned around here and we think they are making good headway.

The Boy Scouts will take a part in the parade at the county commencement.

The highway can't get much worse. Mr. H. M. Gillis has returned from Baltimore where he purchased a bill of spring and summer goods.

Mrs. O. C. Tingen is quite sick. Her friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. L. H. Pollock has returned home to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Norwood in Keysville.

L. C. Wilkerson will take cotton census the first of March and will give the number of bales as soon as the government instructs him.

Mr. Burnard Bragg is putting in gas lights here this week. We expect to see the Presbyterian church lighted by Sunday.

Miss Linville Younger, who has been teaching at Bullocks has returned to Stovall, commencement being last Friday night.

Mrs. B. W. Buttler was a pleasant guest of Mrs. L. Perkins, of Oxford, Monday, Miss Lillie Wilkerson visited friends near Stem Saturday and Sunday, Mrs. A. Slaughter of near this place, we are glad to report, is on the road to recovery.

Society Changes Name

Owing to the fact that some other literary societies in the country have the name Pierian to prevent confusion, our society held a called meeting February 14 for the purpose of changing its name. As we are proud of North Carolina's literary gift to the world we named our society, "The O. Henry Literary Society of the Hester School."
Rena Crews, Secretary.

EYESTRAIN AND HEADACHE

Results from structural defects of the eyes, or from age, or both, and relief is obtained by timely use of the proper glasses fitted by Dr. Rapport at the Exchange Hotel, Tuesday, March 6th.

SINKING OF THE LINER LACONIA

VIOLATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH U. S. HAS STOOD

Official Information on Torpedoing of Laconia Laid Before President Wilson—The President Waits for Congress to Make Answer to Germany's Ruthless Campaign on the Seas.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 28.

Conclusive information at the State Department shows that two American women lost their lives by the sinking of the Cunarder Laconia by a German submarine.

Consul Frost's reports from the survivors landed at Queenstown and Bantry show that the vessel was struck by a first torpedo without warning at 10:30 o'clock Sunday night, 150 miles off Fastnet, when the steamer was traveling at 17 to 18 knots, on her voyage from New York to Liverpool.

The engines were stopped as the ship listed starboard, wireless calls were flashed broadcast, and six large rockets were sent up. Thirteen boats with passengers and crew got away and scattered over two or three miles to prevent collisions in a high sea rolling in 12-foot swells.

Two Shots Fired

About 20 minutes after the first torpedo, the reports add, and while some of the boats were still nearby, a second torpedo was driven into the vessel, which sank three-quarters of an hour after the original attack. The small boats with survivors pitched about during the long hours of the night until rescue came.

During this time, the two American women, Mrs. Mary E. Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, of Chicago, died of exposure and were buried at sea. There were several other deaths, not of Americans.

No further facts are needed by this government, it was stated officially, and no inquiry of any sort is necessary to establish the facts of the case.

Rests With Congress

Both White House and State Department officials seem to feel that the answer must come from Congress. The President, they point out, asked for authority to take steps to prevent just such an act at the very moment when the first news was coming over the cables.

Officers Are Puzzled

Naval officers are puzzled by the fact that the Laconia was torpedoed at night. It has been an accepted condition of submarine warfare heretofore that the U-boats were hampered by darkness and that ships in open waters were in little danger at night.

It is believed that the German U-boat happened to be directly in the liner's path, or so close to it that the big vessel was distinguishable even with her lights out.

RIGHT MAN IN RIGHT PLACE

Mr. C. H. Cheatham Appointed to the County Board of Education

Mr. C. H. Cheatham, of route 3, has been appointed on the County School Board for a term of six years. He relieves Mr. B. K. Lassiter, who has served the county well in that capacity for two years.

Mr. Cheatham is well qualified to serve. He is one of the very best men in the county and his appointment gives universal satisfaction. With the retirement of Mr. Lassiter from the County Board of Education, the entire Board is now composed of members who live outside of Oxford.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

R. A. Williams, of Durham, Opens up Business in Oxford

Workmen are busy getting the room in the Britt Building, formerly occupied by the Public Ledger, ready for Mr. R. A. Williams, who comes from Durham and will engage in the electrical supply business. His office, show room and shop will be ready for occupancy this week. Besides carrying a full line of electrical supplies and fixtures, Mr. Williams will do repair work.

Special Tax Notice

This is to advise you that all property upon which the taxes have not been paid by March 9th will be advertised. Better attend to this NOW and save costs.

R. B. HINES, Town Tax Collector Feb. 27-31.

Mr. F. P. Bland, who was called to the bedside of his mother at Atkinson several days, has returned and reports the condition of his mother as being somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henry, of Leamington, Canada, are spending a few days in Oxford. While in town Mr. and Mrs. Henry are guests at the Exchange Hotel.