



SOME REQUIREMENTS OF THE WAR STAMP TAX.

It Is Well for the Public to Take Notice of the Same.

Postmaster Ben K. Lassiter has gotten down to real hard study, and is now as diligent as any graded school pupil ever dared to be. He is posting himself on the laws regarding the war postage, and the war tax. And it takes some study to get its intricacies into your head.

Here is just a sample of the many instructions the Oxford postmaster is receiving by law to be used for stamp taxes as follows:

Bonds of indebtedness—Bonds, debentures or certificates of indebtedness, each \$1 or fraction, 5 cents; bond, indemnity or surety, 50 cents; capital stock, each \$100, 5 cents; sale or transfer, each \$100 or fraction, 2 cents; conveyances, deeds, etc., exceeding \$100 to \$500, 50 cents; each additional \$500 or fraction, 50 cents; drafts or checks payable, otherwise than on sight, promissory notes, and for each renewal, \$100 or fraction, 2 cents; passage tickets, not exceeding \$30, \$1; more than \$30 to \$60, \$3; more than \$60, \$5. Parcel post, 25 cents or more postage, on each \$25 cents or fraction thereof, 1 cent. Power of attorney, 25 cents. Produce—sales or exchange, on each \$100 or fraction thereof, 2 cents. Proxy for voting at an election, 10 cents.

War stamps shall be cancelled by the user, when affixed, by writing his initial and date of cancellation, with pen and ink, or stamping the same.

EIGHTY PER CENT OF TOBACCO CROP SOLD.

Sales Include a Majority of the Best Grades.

Local tobacco warehousemen declare that never before in the history of the Oxford market has such a large amount of a crop been sold this early in the season. They firmly believe that already 80 per cent of the 1917 crop has been marketed, that sales including a great majority of the best grades of the weed. From the opening of the market the prices paid were far in excess of any paid during any previous season and despite the fact that most of the best grades have already been sold there is no material decline in prices.

FIVE MORE SOLDIERS DIE AT CAMP SEVIER.

Quarantine Regulations Adopted to Stamp Out Measles.

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 26.—Although improvement in the health conditions at Camp Sevier continues, five deaths have occurred since Saturday, according to the report at divisional headquarters today, death in each case having been caused by bronchial pneumonia, following measles. The only North Carolinian in the list of dead is John H. Allen, machine gun company, 120th infantry, home, Marshall.

Times of Amazing Prosperity

Everything that can be produced from the soil is selling at fancy prices which so far overcome the difference in the increased price for the things the farmer has to buy, that he is left with a surplus on hand which enables him to clear up his debts, buy more land or deposit in the bank. The truth of this statement is best shown in the deposits of banks, which has increased more than 100 per cent over last year. Many farmers are lifting deeds of trust which have stood against their land for a generation. Banks, merchants, supply houses, fertilizer and stock dealers report collections the easiest ever known. The bank statements in this issue of the Public Ledger reflect credit upon the farmers and our business institutions.

Red Cross Work.

The packing and shipping of one hundred and fifty-seven Christmas packages for the American Soldiers and Sailors serving at the front in France and at the Camps was completed Thursday. Of the above amount the ladies of the Orphanage contributed twelve complete boxes.

The Chapter acknowledges a donation of \$1.50 from Mrs. Annie H. Landis for the Christmas boxes.

The Tobacco Market
The Oxford tobacco market will open up good and strong next Monday morning.

—Time to think about Christmas shopping.

FOR SALE—TWO HOUSES JUST beyond the corporate limits, one a two story six-room house, the other a new five-room cottage—both now rented. Good reason for selling. Advantages of both town and county. For further particulars apply to No. 59 Asylum street, Oxford. Dec 17

MR. W. D. KIMBALL DIED WEDNESDAY IN GREENSBORO

Was Prominent Granville County Farmer and Civil War Veteran.

Mr. William D. Kimball, founder of the large Kimball Farm at Providence, this county, died Wednesday morning at the residence of his son, Hon. A. B. Kimball, Greensboro, where he had been visiting for the past few weeks, his death being the result of several week's illness.

Mr. Kimball, who was 78 years old, was a prominent farmer of Granville county and was widely known throughout the State. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving as sergeant in company E, 46th North Carolina regiment.

He is survived by two sons, A. B. Kimball, of Greensboro, and W. R. Kimball, of Oxford Route 6, and four daughters, Mrs. J. J. Renn, of Henderson; Miss Minnie Kimball of Oxford; Miss Alice Kimball, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Maud Kimball, of Raleigh. The remains were brought to Providence and services were held from the old home Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. L. Whitaker, a firm friend of the deceased, assisted by Rev. G. B. Thompson, and the interment at Providence, despite the inclement weather, was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. Charles Renn, Rome Averett, L. L. Crews, Frank Hogwood, Al Renn, Booch Royster and Willie Lee Curran.

AN OLD OFFENDER

The Officers Catch Him But He Always Takes an Appeal.

Robert Richardson, an old offender who has been before the court three times was again this week implicated in the blind tiger business. Mayor Mitchell heard the charges and sentenced him to the county road, but Richardson took an appeal to the Superior Court. Three times before Richardson took an appeal. The last time he was in court his bond for good behavior which now hangs over him, was placed at \$500.

Strange things may happen and Richardson may come clear, but things look bad for him this time, sure.

Mayor Mitchell and the entire police force were hot on Richardson's trail for several days before they were able to implicate him. The manner in which they trailed the old offender is easily explained. The first step in the direction of the "fountain from which all blessings flow" was the arrest of a drunken negro, and on through a number of other negroes back to Richardson.

A COUNTY BOARDER.

His Name or Where He Came From Is a Mystery.

Ten days ago Officer Hutchins found an old colored man in a back lot, ragged and nearly frozen to death. The poor old man was locked up for safekeeping until it could be learned who he is and where he came from. He is demented and seldom speaks and is unable to tell his name or where he came from. He sometimes points his finger in the direction of the heavens and says: "De cotton fields in Robinson."

He looks to be close on to eighty years of age. His hair and beard are tinged with white. The authorities are anxious to find some one who knows something about the old man. It would be interesting to know how he found his way to Oxford.

REMAINS OF DR. FEREBEE—IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

The remains of Dr. Nelson M. Ferebee, who died at his home on High street early last Sunday morning and taken to Baltimore for cremation, were returned in an urn and the dust sprinkled over the grave of his wife in Elmwood Cemetery Thursday, only the immediate family connections being present. It is understood that the ceremony was in accordance with the wishes of the deceased, as stipulated in his last will and testament.

and testified to the high esteem in which Dr. Ferebee was held in this community.

Gets a Commission.

Among the 2,800 young men qualifying at the Fort Oglethorpe officers training camp last Monday, Garland F. Mays, of Stem, was commissioned first lieutenant in class A.

—The subscriber who does not read the advertisements as carefully as he does the news columns is not getting his money's worth.

—The fair maid who eats a dish of bon-bons while knitting a wrist-let for a Sammie is scarcely helping the general cause.

ALL POSTMEN TO SELL WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

Carriers Will Be Urged to Solicit Purchases of Securities on Their Routes.

Plans for the sale for the government's war savings certificates in North Carolina have been worked out in detail.

The certificates will be placed on sale next Monday, December 3, and will remain available until July 4, 1918, it is understood. The government hopes to raise \$2,000,000,000 through this campaign, and North Carolina has been apportioned a total of \$48,000,000.—The allotment in this scheme is based on the population of the State, and not on the resources of the State, as was the case in the Liberty Loan campaign, in which the State was asked for only \$27,000,000.

The Little Fellow.

The aim of the war saving certificates plan is to reach the little fellow, even the man who stood back on the \$50 Liberty Bond. Stamps in denominations as low as twenty-cent will be put on sale. As soon as the owner gets sixteen stamps he may take them, add twelve cents to them, making a total valuation of \$4.12, and get a certificate worth \$5.00. No interest is paid on the certificates, the plan worked being on the same basis as the discounting of checks. On January 11, 1923, the certificates may be redeemed for \$5.00. Certificates for larger amounts are handled on the same basis. No one person may own more than \$1,000 worth of the papers. The owner of the certificates may redeem them at any time for what he paid for them, but may not realize more than that amount until they fall due five years later.

The Salemen.

Every city and rural mail carrier in the United States will be a salesman for war savings stamps in the campaign which opens next Monday, under orders issued by the Post Office Department.

Carriers will be supplied with savings stamps and urged to solicit along their routes. Favorable notations will be made on the records of carriers who make sales.

The State Manager.

Cot. F. H. Fries, of Winston-Salem has been designated to manage the campaign, and on Friday and Saturday of the past week he held meeting of volunteer workers with the setting of machinery in operation.

MRS. E. H. CRENSHAW DEAD.

The Remains Will Be Laid to Rest in Elmwood Cemetery This Friday Afternoon.

Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw died in Richmond last Wednesday morning, where she had gone some weeks previous for medical treatment. The passing away of this noble and most pleasant woman cast a gloom over the entire community. She had been sick for some time, but she bore her affliction so cheerfully that none but the immediate family were aware that her ailments would not yield to the most skilled medical treatment.

Mrs. Crenshaw was the daughter of the late A. H. A. Williams. She is survived by her devoted husband and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. John, Baldy, Alex and Miss Mary B. Williams, all of Oxford, and Mrs. Dudley Bonitz, of Chicago.

Mrs. Crenshaw was in her 41st year. She was a member of the Oxford Presbyterian church since early childhood. She was always doing something for the Master, and was much beloved and highly esteemed by every one who knew her. She will be greatly missed in the church and the social circles of the community.

Rev. S. K. Phillips, former pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church, arrived from Greenville, N. C. Thursday and will conduct the funeral and burial service from the Presbyterian church this Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Fats and Sweets.

England may be suffering for the want of fats and sweets, but back in 1889, during Christmas week, in Fulham, they placed on exhibition a gigantic cake that weighed 4,000 pounds, as high as the bakers shop and into which went the following ingredients: 600 pounds flour; 400 pounds butter; 400 pounds sugar; 600 pounds of icing sugar; 900 pound of currant; 450 pounds of sultain raisins; 300 pounds of candied fruit peel; 200 pounds almonds and 5,000 eggs. The huge piece of pastry was made in the form of a fortress.

The Well-Dressed Man

If you want to dress up and feel good read the announcement of W. M. Cherkas, merchant tailor, on the second page of this paper. He can fit you like the paper on the wall.

INCREASE IN RATES IS GRANTED TO GAS COMPANY

The New Rate Effective on and After December 1, 1917.

Mr. J. S. M. Wharton, manager of the Southern Gas Company, was recently before the Town Commissioners seeking permission to increase the price of gas in Oxford. After explained to the satisfaction of the commissioners that the price of everything entering into the manufacture of gas the Board consented to the increase providing Henderson would do likewise.

Although the gas is piped over from Henderson, and there is a slight leakage, the commissioners were not willing to grant an increase unless the same rate prevailed in Henderson.

The increase in rates granted the Gas Company will approximate ten percent for all service, and is the second to be given the concern within a little more than six months, the first having been passed last May.

Henderson Grants New Rate.

The Henderson Daily Dispatch says: "Permission for another increase in the rate charged by the Southern Gas and Improvement Company for gas supplied to its consumers in this city was granted by the City Council Monday evening in response to a petition presented by the company."

"The Company pleaded constantly advancing costs of material necessary to produce gas, and stated that it was losing money monthly operating under the present scale of charges, and that it would continue to be a losing proposition even under the new grant, but that the extra increase would be of material assistance and would reduce the deficit considerably."

High Quality Guaranteed.

Under the new permit the city surrenders none of its rights under the original franchise granted the company, and will still require the same quality of gas guaranteed as before. The amount of the increase is shown in that 500 feet, heretofore costing the consumer \$0.85 will in the future cost \$1.00. The sliding scale goes up for larger amounts until \$10,000 feet, now sold for \$16, will cost \$16.50. The consumer who has paid \$3.40 heretofore will pay \$3.75 under the new scale of prices."

THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVED BY CHURCHES IN OXFORD

Many Hunters Go Afield in Afternoon in Quest of Game.

A genuine spirit of thankfulness was in evidence in all of the Oxford churches Thanksgiving Day. All of the business houses were closed the entire day and the town took on the appearance of Sunday. Services were held at the Methodist, St. Stephen's and the Baptist churches. Offerings, amounting to several hundred dollars, were taken for the various denominational orphanages.

Quite a number of Oxford people attended services at churches in the country and took dinner with old friends and relatives. Others went in quest of game and returned with a bountiful supply.

MISS ROMANOFF TO HAVE AMERICAN CHAPERON.

Mrs. Carver, of Denver, Will Guard the Grand Duchess.

The second daughter of Nicholas Romanoff, deposed Czar of Russia, has escaped exile by means of a fictitious marriage and is on her way to America to help her countrymen. Mrs. Margaret Barry Carver, wife of an American banker with Petrograd interests, was perturbed when it became known that she was to chaperon the former grand duchess.

Lt. B. S. Royster, Jr., Promoted

Among the list of promotions announced by division headquarters at Camp Sevier Wednesday, the list includes Beverly S. Royster, of Oxford, from the grade of second to first lieutenant in the 114th Field Artillery. Lieutenant Royster is the son of Gen. B. S. Royster and is one of the finest soldiers in the service.

S. R. WINTERS GOES TO WASHINGTON BUREAU.

Well-known Newspaper writer is a Native of Granville.

Mr. S. R. Winters, who for the past two years has been in charge of the News and Observer's Durham bureau, has been promoted to the Washington bureau and will succeed Mr. H. E. C. Bryant in charge of the latter bureau December 1.

Mr. Winters is a native of Granville county and first saw the light of day down around Stem. He is one of the most energetic and capable newspaper workers in the State. His work in Washington, his friends are confident, will be in line with the reputation he has already established.

ONE OF THE BEST SCHOOL PLANTS IN THE STATE.

Mr. Wiley Umstead Has Unique Way of Remembering Dates.

The pupils of the Knap of Reeds High School have entered their new building, and are making themselves at home in as handsome and well-equipped structure as can be found in the State. They are proud of it. This is rather a mild way of expressing their feelings. It is a school plant that not only is an object of pride to the district, but should be to every right-thinking citizen of the county.

Knap of Reeds is the pioneer district of the county in pushing forward into the larger and higher field of educational work. Fourteen years ago this district took the important step of voting a local school tax of thirty cents on the hundred dollars of valuation. Since that time until today the taxpayers of that district have paid this maximum rate. They believe that they have received ample returns for this investment in the education of their children. This year they took another step and voted a bond issue for the handsome building that looks down from the highest point of the 14 acre school site near the center of the village of Knap of Reeds on the National Highway.

This district was the only one in the county ready for the establishment of a State High School when the act authorizing these schools was passed in 1907. These keen-eyed educational pioneers saw an account of this act form the daily papers, and presented a petition for the establishment of a High School at Knap of Reeds even before the Board of Education had heard of such a law. You will have to wake up early to get ahead of such "lidless watchers of the public weal."

Mr. Wiley Umstead has a unique way of remembering the age of his son Raymond. If you meet him day or night and ask the age of Raymond he will tell you without hesitating that he was born in 1903. He avows that he knows this to be true because it was the same year that they voted local tax for schools in the Knap of Reeds district. The coincidence of two such important events made a profound impression on Mr. Umstead's mind. As to which he considers the most important it is hard to tell, but it is a well known fact that he always remembers his son's birthday from the local tax election, and he never has to determine the date of the election by Raymond's birthday.

SCHOOL NOTES

Oxford Defeats Henderson High School Team.

On the Armory floor last Friday night the supporters of the home team had the satisfaction of seeing the team representing Henderson go down in a very decisive defeat when the local tossers piled up the score of 34 to 8. At the end of the first half the visitors had been able to score only two points and those were from fouts. During that period there was some excellent playing done by the five home boys. Sidney Curran, recently elected captain for this year, was at left forward. Maurice Parham, last year's captain, held down the other forward. Earnest Hunt, the star guard of last year, was at his same old stand and doing the same old trick of keeping his man scoreless during the first half. James Powell played his first game at the other guard position and did it well. "Big Sam" Yancey, who played great ball at Buies Creek last year started at center due to the sickness of the two regular centers—Pitchford and Howell. He did it so well that the sick will be made to take notice. When the second half began the substitution of some new players began. Thornton Yancey took Hunt's place. Hall relieved Parham. Mitchell relieved Yancey and Dick Taylor at the last rushed into Thornton Yancey's place.

For the first game this was a very encouraging one. There was some fine team work throughout. The Henderson team had very few chances at a goal and then they lost them. There shots were at random. The fact that they fought to the last minute was very creditable. Many teams lose confidence and determination under the sting of defeat.

Big Sale Now Going On.

Note the inviting prices in Victor Kaplan's adv., on the third page of this paper.

—A Red Cross Seal on your Christmas package or letter means that you are doing your bit toward fighting the white plague.

—Twenty more shopping days before Christmas.