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## WE MUST PAY OUR TEACHERS BETTER SALARIES

The Salary Should Be Such as to Enable Them to Attend Professional Meetings and Conventions.

The Public Ledger is no alarmist, but we fear there is a new peril ahead for the public schools. We will thank our readers to ponder well what we have to say along this line.

The higher cost of living affects all of us. Among many, however, there is a mistaken assumption that teacher's salaries are a matter of importance only to teachers themselves. The fact is that the pay of teachers is one of the principal issues facing the country.

Teacher's salaries are a matter of vital importance, not only to the teachers, but to the children, to the parents, and to the community at large. The chief factor in the efficiency of any school system is the efficiency of its teaching staff.

A second erroneous assumption on the part of many people who ought to know better is that a living wage for teachers is enough. A teacher to be fully efficient must be able to do more on the salary than to secure food, clothing and shelter.

A "working salary" is one that provides books and magazines, tickets occasionally for theatre, opera and concert, opportunity for pleasant and satisfying social intercourse, funds for attendance at professional meetings and convntions, for vacations away from home and for a reasonable amount of instructive travel. There should be enough to enable the teacher to carry insurance and to build up a savings bank account. Both of these things should be done as preventives of the worry that interferes with good work.

A third popular assumption regarding teachers' salaries is that the menace of low pay consists in the feminization of the schools. Whatever the effects of the large and growing preponderance of the number of women teachers over the number of men teachers, a very real danger is found in the fact that better paid vocations are nowadays strongly competing with the schools for the services of women of energy and personality. The expansion of woman's field of occupational opportunity was markedly rapid before the war began, and would have continued at an accelerated rate if there had been no war. Teaching has ceased to be the only vocation open to trained and educated women, and if the problem of teachers' salaries is not faced frankly and rationally by educational authorities and by the general public, the consequence will be an incalculable loss to the schools and to the nation.

An able school man gives a clear picture of what happened in England when the war came. Put on your thinking cap while you read it:

"In the excitement of the moment their children were forgotten, schools abandoned and school buildings turned into hospitals; the children turned out upon the streets, and girls went into the munition plants. The result was that in two years juvenile delinquency increased 33 per cent.

"In France, where the same thing occurred, the police had to adopt the most stringent measures in order to suppress the depredations committed by the children.

"I have read that even in Germany where obedience is absolute, when the tension was lessened on the schools and the children turned loose, twice as many crimes were committed in 1916 as in 1915.

"I am not unmindful of the occasional and perhaps frequent cases where boys and girls might be better employed at useful labor under proper conditions than to be in school, but we must not allow our system to be demoralized, if we can help it, by any suspension of present laws."

War has put a great bonus upon knowledge, while the coming peace will demand more from the human race than in any past age. That copybook motto still rings true: "Knowledge is power."

—Buy a Liberty Bond and win the gratitude of the world you helped to save.

## WEST FRONT STRIFE FRAUGHT WITH THE GREATEST OF EXPECTANCY NOW.

*Military Men Look For Important Developments in the Train of French Reinforcements of the Frightful Flanders Battle Field—Tide Will Quite Likely In Next Few Days Turn Against Teutons—The Battle Situation Daily Hammers Home the Need of More American Troops on the Battle Line—Baker Has Given President Wilson a Comprehensive View of the Man Power Problem.*

The French apparently are concentrating the heaviest allied artillery fire since the German drive started on a 56 mile front extending from a point south of the Somme, east of Amiens, to the Oise in the vicinity of Noyon.

This bombardment reported in a United Press dispatch from Henry Woods, covers every inch of the German positions, and reaches for miles back of their lines. Prisoners say that the cannonading has caused heavy German casualties and has prevented the enemy from digging in.

The points of the farthest German penetration in Picardy are included in this bombardment. It also includes the greater part of the southern leg of the Hindenburg triangle in this region—believed by many military critics to represent the the most vulnerable part of the German advance. The next few hours are expected to reveal whether this cannonading is preparatory to a major counter offensive by the allies.

On the Flanders front, Haig claims to be holding his own. His official report Thursday said there "was no change on the British front last night."

### Battle Intensity Deepens.

The fight now progressing is the most spectacular of the war. From a hill top near Bailleul, it can be observed in pantomime as though from a balcony seat. Miles upon miles around the Passchendaele salient—from which the British were voluntarily withdrawn—to far southwestward of Bailleul, is visible to the naked eye. With field glasses, infantry can plainly be seen on the move. The thunder of the battle can be heard 40 of 50 miles away.

### Most Dramatic Panorama.

The battle of Cambrai, Verdun and Messines were all in a hill country, affording the scantiest glimpses. But from elevations about Bailleul, the war's most dramatic panorama stretches out with scarcely a tree clump obscuring the view.

### Seems End of World.

You move away, but something makes you walk on tiptoe. For these folks and those they symbolize, the end of the world seems to have come.

## REVIVAL AT THE OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH.

### Repentant Sinners Brought to the Mercy Seat.

Large crowds attend the series of meetings now under way at the Oxford Baptist church. Dr. Garland, of Virginia, who is assisting Dr. Harte, is a convincing preacher and there is much interest manifested in the meetings.

The meetngs will probably continue through the coming week.

## COLORED SOLDIERS HAPPY.

### Conditions Are Better Than They Expected at Camp Grant.

The Public Ledger is requested by some of the colored boys at Camp Grant, Ill., to state that "the colored selectmen of Granville county wish to express their thanks to the people of Oxford for their kindness toward them." Thanks are returned especially to the Red Cross. Conditions are even better than expected at Camp Grant. The men are getting "three meals a day and plenty of work." The camp is very clean and has all conveniences. It is doubtful if a single man of the 60 from here will be sent back because of physical unfitness.

## HAVE LOST TERRITORY BUT NOTHING VITAL.

(London Special)

Referring to the situation at the front in the house of commons, Premier Lloyd George said: "The fluctuation between hope and despondency must continue for some time yet. But I am still full of confidence. \* \* \*

General Plumer (in command at Messines ridge) is quite confident. We have lost territory, but we have lost nothing vital."

## TILLOTSON VS. CURRIN.

### Men Quit Farms and Shops and Stalk to the Court House.

The seduction case which was called in Granville County Superior Court Wednesday morning, and which is still on at this writing, will cost the county a lot of money through idle curiosity. Hundreds of men have quit the farms and the shops and flocked to the court room to catch every word of testimony bearing upon the case. The Public Ledger is surprised to see so much idle curiosity on display in the good old county of Granville in the hour of national peril when every hoe and wheel should be in motion.

This case was given to the jury Friday morning. The verdict will be announced in our next issue.

## SITUATION IN AUSTRIA MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER

### Economic Conditions Getting Worse —Lamentable Scenes Alternate With Tumultuous Ones. (Washington Special)

The economic situation in Austria is more critical than at any time since the war began, according to an official dispatch Wednesday from France. The Vienna Neue Freie Presse, says the dispatch, announced that lamentable scenes alternate each day with tumultuous ones in the different markets in Vienna, where meat is unprocurable. The burgomaster of Vienna declared to the municipal council that the sanitary service estimated at 65 per cent the food deficit of the capital. At Prague the situation is still worse. Disturbances have occurred and the governor has had to promise the relief demanded.

## RED CROSS NEWS.

—Mrs. J. C. Robards, Miss Bennette Gregory, Mr. W. H. Hunt and Mr. A. H. Powell spent last Thursday in Raleigh attending the conference of the Red Cross War Fund Managers. Mr. Hunt is chairman of the Second War Fund Drive and in a short time will name his committees for this important work.

—The Oxford College Auxiliary of the Granville county Chapter Red Cross has made a donation of \$25 to the Chapter. This amount being the proceeds of an entertainment given by the young ladies of the college for the benefit of the Red Cross.

—The class in special surgical dressings has finished its course under the direction of Mrs. J. K. Harris, of Durham. This class is now qualified to make both standard and special surgical dressings and will in the future work on allotment orders from division headquarters.

## Judge Cam Hunt Sick.

Judge Cam Hunt, clerk of the court, was taken with a chill in court Wednesday. He is confined at his home. Mr. John W. Hester has charge of the court work and Mr. Frank H. Gregory, of Stovall is in charge of the Clerk's office during the sickness of Judge Hunt.

## All-Wool Fabrics.

The all-wool fabrics and workmanship of Kirshbaum clothing for men is backed by a guarantee. The label tells the story! Sold exclusively in Granville by the Long Company. See eighth page.

## OUR STEM NEWS LETTER.

Mr. E. B. Hardee Tenders His Services—Musical Recital Saturday night—Mr. Hawk Newton Passes Away—Farm Work Impeded—Personal Mentions, etc.

(W. R. MANGUM)

Stem, N. C., April 18.

There will be a musical recital at Stem High school building this Saturday night, which will be the closing exercises of Stem High school this year. The class under the careful training of Miss Mary Cozart, music teacher of Stem High school this year, will render a most interesting program and the public should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear real music.

## Good Man Dead.

Mr. Hawks Newton, who lived at the York place on Oxford Route 6, died last Thursday night after seven days' illness with pneumonia. He was born and reared in the neighborhood of Berea, and we regarded as one of the county's best citizens and most progressive farmers, one who made himself useful in his community. The funeral services were held in Mt. Zion church Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. Upchurch, of Oxford, and the remains laid to rest in the Mount Zion cemetery. He leaves behind a wife, three small children, mother, three sisters and four brothers to whom we extend our sympathy.

## Young Lady Sick.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stem, of Route 3, in the serious illness of their daughter, Miss Jessie, who is in Watt's hospital, Durham, critically ill with pneumonia. She has made Durham her home for the past two years where she holds a responsible position.

## E. B. Hardee Volunteers.

Mr. E. B. Hardee, who has been in school this winter at Oak Ridge, spent the week end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Hardee. He has offered his services as a volunteer in the hospital corps of the army and left Monday for Greensboro to take examination for this position. Mr. Hardee is a brilliant student and is especially gifted in oratory and won the medal as best debater at his graduating term of Stem High school. His brother Dr. W. P. Hardee, is in the service of the English army in Borneo, and another brother, Mr. David Hardee is in the American military service.

## Services at Tally Ho.

Rev. H. G. Bryant preached a forcible sermon at Tally Ho Sunday afternoon. Sunday school will be held at this church at 11 o'clock and a meeting of the B. Y. P. U. society will be held next Sunday immediately after Sunday school.

## Farm Work Behind.

Very little farm work has been done in this community this month owing to the continued heavy rains but farmers have planted for a full crop of everything. The fruit has nearly all been killed in this section and apples and peaches will be rare this season.

—Mr. W. L. Umstead of Route 1, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

—We regret to note that Mrs. J. W. Stem, of Tally Ho, continues very ill.

—We regret to note that Mrs. W. M. Winters of Route 1, continues quite sick.

—Miss Ollie Lyon, of Lyons, is supplying as teacher in Creedmoor High school for a few weeks.

—Mrs. Mollie Lyon, of Lyons, is having repair work done on her residence near Lyons.

—Rev. Paul G. Hartsell and wife of Somora, are on a visit to Mrs. Hartsell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bragg, of Route three.

—Mr. O. F. Bullock, of our town, who has been in ill health for the past several years continues to grow worse, we regret to say.

—Dr. P. R. Hardee is attending the North Carolina State Medical Society at Pinehurst, this week, and is on the program to deliver an address.

## MR. GORDON IMPROVES.

### Venerable Citizen Recovering From His Wounds.

Mr. J. I. Gordon, who was knocked down by an automobile in the streets of Oxford last week, is resting nicely at his home near Corinth. His many friends will be glad to learn that he did not sustain internal injuries which was feared would develop.

## STRONG SPEAKER WILL BE IN OXFORD SATURDAY.

Former Congressman Robert N. Page Will Speak at the Noon Hour.

General Chairman W. T. Yancey, of the Liberty Bond Campaign, has perfected all arrangements for Hon. Robert N. Page to address the people of Granville county in the Court House this Saturday at the noon hour.

Former Congressman Page is a member of the distinguished Page family of the State and is one of the most fluent speakers in North Carolina. The people of the county will profit by listening to the former congressman.

## "VENGEANCE AND THE WOMAN"

At the Orpheum Saturday Matinee and Night, April 20.

"Vengeance—and the Woman," a story of a woman's peril and a man's loyal fight for her in the race of overwhelming odds, is another great production of the Vitagraph company, with William Duncan, the Sandow of the screen, and Carol Holloway, fearless and beautiful, in the leading roles. It starts here to-day, and with it you who see it begin a fifteen-week journey that will introduce you to one startling adventure after another.

The players in this great feature literally talk their lives in their hands scores of times and you will marvel that they could face the perils they did and survive.

Hold tight—because with each episode of this marvelous fight through mysterious land you will have cause to gasp at the thrilling events which the picture reveals to you.

"The fighting Trail" was hair-raising, but "Vengeance—and the Woman" is even more exciting.

## FOES 325 MILES IN THREE HOURS, 15 MINUTES.

Mincola, N. Y., April 17.—An airplane fitted with a Liberty motor and piloted by Maj. Roy Brown, of the United States signal corps, arrived at the aviation field here today, completing a test flight from Langley field, Virginia, a distance of 325 miles, in three hours and 15 minutes. Major Brown was accompanied by George Duzanze, a Liberty motor expert.

## LIST OF DEAD AND WOUNDED.

Tuesday's Casualty List Contains 65 Names.

Washington, April 17.—The casualty list Tuesday contained 65 names divided as follows:

Killed in action, two; died of wounds, four; died of accident, one; died of disease, 12; wounded severely, seven; wounded slightly, 37 missing in action, two.

## TURKEY AND BULGARIA DISPUTE OVER BOUNDARY

Germany Undertaking to Smooth Away Trouble to Prevent Rupture.

(Washington Special)

Spoils of war have given rise to serious boundary disputes between Turkey and Bulgaria, which Germany is undertaking to smooth away to prevent a rupture between her vassal-allies.

## Clements-Powell.

Smithfield, April 15.—Mr. Lee Clements, of Oxford, and Miss Gertrude Powell, were married at Sanders Chapel Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Proctor.

The bride is a daughter of the late Adin Powell. The groom is a prosperous farmer of Granville county.

## Death of Young Man.

Graham Wortham, the fifteen year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wortham, died at the residence of his father on Bell street Thursday afternoon. Typhoid pneumonia was the cause of his death. The funeral services will be conducted from the home by Dr. J. D. Harte this Friday evening and the interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

## The National Style.

If you want to see something handsome look at the second page of this paper. There is nothing nicer than Styleplus clothes.