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BEAUTIFUL READ

This little story appeared in one of our exchanges: "I am a mother's son. I am the pride of a family and part of a home. I love my life as well as you love yours. I am a gambler, betting the highest stakes that man can wager—his life. If I win you win, if I lose I have lost all; the loss is mine not yours; and there is a grieving mother, a saddened family and a broken home, to which I can never return. I ask only for the Godspeed and support of my nation in return for laying my life—my all—upon the altar of my country. For my bravery and blood will you furnish bullets and bread? Will you pawn your shovels where I pawn myself? Will you hazard your wealth while I risk my life? I am the flower of a nation's manhood, the glory of a noble race and a tithe to monster war?"

WE OUGHT TO DOUBLE OUR SCHOOL TAXES

The first thing and the biggest thing we are going to say in this issue of The Progressive Farmer is this—that our folks in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia, ought to absolutely double their school taxes during the coming year.

It may be popular to say this, or it may be unpopular. All we know is that it is the truth, and that the man who doesn't agree with this statement will agree with it before a dozen years pass.

It is no use to say we can't afford it. With cotton at 25 to 30 cents a pound and tobacco and peanuts selling at corresponding figures, it is folly to say that we can't do more for our schools than when cotton was 6 to 10 cents and other crop prices in keeping with these. And we ought to be ashamed of ourselves if we don't do more. The time has come when any man ought to be ashamed when he leaves home if he can't say he lives in a local tax school district—and one in which the tax is adequate. Too many districts are levying three mills when they ought to levy nine.

To pay a tax is to swap dollars for life, and God shrivels the soul and blights the future of any community where the people think more of saving a little money than they do of providing "life and life more abundant" for the men and women of tomorrow. We of the South have always accused our Northern friends of loving money, but we have got to face the fact that when it comes to choosing between saving money and buying knowledge for his children the Yankee everlasting puts us to shame.

Look at the facts. The North Atlantic States spend \$50.55 per year on schools per child; the South Atlantic States \$18.91—not 40 per cent as much. The North Central States spend \$44.15 per child; South Central States \$19.01—not half as much. North Dakota, a rural State, spends \$64 a year per child; wild Idaho \$55, and Mormon Utah \$52, while Virginia spends \$19, North Carolina only \$15, South Carolina only \$11 and Georgia \$13. Nor can we say we are doing as well in proportion to wealth, for while North Dakota spends on schools 44 cents a year for each \$100 of her wealth, Idaho 49, and Utah 51, Virginia and North Carolina spend only 28 cents a year per \$100 of wealth, South Carolina 27 cents, and Georgia 25.

The Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia therefore might double the amount they are spending for schools and even then not spend as much as some other States are spending. Let us now highly resolve that we will sanctify the greater prosperity God has given us by giving twice as much from it for unfolding the powers of the children He has given us and for furthering the eternal purpose of Him who said, "I am come that ye might have life and more abundantly."—Progressive Farmer.

MARSE HENRY'S EFFICIENT LANGUAGE

(Stateville Landmark.) "Dunn any man who uses the failure of another to do his patriotic duty to excuse his own failure," is the rather emphatic remark that Food Administrator Henry A. Page, Methodist and Churchman of standing, handed the preacher who was complaining about the food regulations and berating the government for not stopping the breweries.

The use of that word "damn" ferred Col. Fairbrother, of the Greenboro Record, who can't abide such words. The Landmark is pleased to inform Col. Fairbrother, on the authority of a preacher, that the word "damn" unattached is not considered a profane word. The editor of the Manufacturers' Record apologized for using it recently in expressing his opinion of the Germans, whereupon a preacher wrote the editor that the word was not in the profane class. So

much to soothe Col. Fairbrother's religious sensibilities.

The Landmark doesn't advocate the use of the word, but coming back to Mr. Page and the preacher, it holds that the food administrator used the language that fit the occasion, and even if it be profane that he will be forgiven. There are many varieties of exasperating folks in the world, and one of the worst type is that class who object to something because some other thing hasn't been done first. All of us know them. Something is proposed. They can find no sound objection to it, but being chronic objectors, they complain that some other thing should have been done first. It makes no difference whether the other thing is feasible or pertinent to the issue, they must have something to whine about, some excuse for their own failure. Of that type was the preacher, and Col. Page gave him what was coming to him.

There has been some complaint that breweries haven't been shut down. They consume grain, and we could get along without them. But it is rather far-fetched for North Carolina folks to complain about the existence of a brewery a thousand miles away, while blockade distilleries right here in prohibition North Carolina are consuming thousands of bushels of corn needed for foodstuffs and are operating in violation of the law; we would first clean before our own doors; and until all our resources are exhausted to exterminate the distilleries in our own State, which are operated in defiance of law, it will become us to waste time in growling about breweries operating in States that have not adopted prohibition laws.

DON'T FORGET THE SOLDIERS IN THE CAMPS

The Editor: From every nook and corner in the State our young men have gone to the camps to learn the soldier's life. Shortly they will represent us on the firing line, and others will be called to service in their places.

While they are training, what can the home folks do to help them? These men are offering their lives for us. All that we can do for them will not equal the sacrifices they are making. After talking with hundreds of them in the camps, I want to offer three practical suggestions to the people at home as to what they may do. Every person who reads this statement can easily, and should, gladly, do all of them.

First, send your home paper to at least one soldier at the camp. Pick out one of the men you know and subscribe for your home paper and send it to him. Any member of his family will give you his correct address. Write him a letter and tell him you are sending it. The cost will be trifling. The thought will be appreciated. It is not an act of charity, but an act of patriotic service.

Second, at least once a week, make it a point to write a letter or a card to some soldier at the camp. Send him a magazine or a good book occasionally.

Third, keep your troubles at home. The soldier has enough of his own. Be strong enough and unselfish enough to cut out the trouble parts of your letters. There are plenty of good things to write about. The soldier has a man's size job, and besides, he can't help you. Why worry him when you have a better opportunity to look after your troubles than he has to help you?

Follow these practical suggestions and you will render a service worth while.

W. S. WILSON, Secretary North Carolina Council of Defense.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH

(Bishop William Lawrence) To the wounded soldier lifted from the ambulance to the Base Hospital the immediate thought is of the personal touch of nurse, surgeon, and clean sheet. The great organization of the Red Cross with its hundreds of millions of dollars, its tens of thousands of bandage makers, are in the background, out of his sight and mind. It is all right. None the less the great organization, the money, and the workers, make the ambulance, the hospital, the surgeon and nurse effective. The Red Cross is the body through which the spirit of patriotism and sympathy flow, and its best and most work is in carrying that spirit through to the soldier by personal touch.

Behind the whirl of the machinery of offices, of work rooms and bandage making, let every worker keep this in mind. "Everything that I do, every fold that I make, is to be caught up for the moment by the great organization of the Red Cross in order that it may be the means whereby the personal touch of nurse or surgeon, the strengthening word of Chaplain or comrade, may heal and comfort the body and soul of the soldier or sailor who has poured out his life blood for me and my Country."

WAR SAVINGS MEETING

Held at Colored Graded School Building Last Night

We are pleased to note that the leading colored people held an enthusiastic War Savings meeting at the colored graded school house in our city last night. The meeting was called by Prof.

Smith in order that his people might have an opportunity to hear the thrift and war savings stamps movement explained and also that they might be aroused to do their duty by buying these stamps to the limit of their ability and thus help the government to win the war.

The program put out by Dr. Joyner to the teachers of the state acting apart Washington's Birthday Anniversary as a day of Patriotic Rallies in the 14,000 schools of the state gave the best kind of opportunity to fan the flames of loyalty and devotion to the country and its flag, in the breasts of the children. The students acquitted themselves very creditably and thrilled the large audience to save and lend to Uncle Sam in his efforts to make the world safe for democracy.

The meeting was favored by an inspiring address by Mr. A. F. Burles a member of the Board of Trustees of the city graded schools, who gave some plain sound counsel to the colored people, to stand for right, morality and education; that will make a man love God, love his neighbors and love his country.

Smith-Harrington. Broadway, Feb. 26.—At the residence of Mr. J. D. Godfrey, near Pine View, Harnett county, Mr. Willie Smith and Miss Lizzie Harrington were united in marriage, Rev. J. A. Caligan officiating. The bride and groom are members of leading families in Harnett county. The groom is a son of Mr. Edgar S. Smith, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. John Harrington. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends of the contracting parties.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned administratrix of the estate of John E. Wilson, late of Harnett County, will on the 10th day of March, 1918 at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale to the highest bidder, the personal property belonging to said estate, consisting of 4 nice mules, suitable for all kinds of work, one cow now milking, 2 two horse wagons, 2 One horse wagon, all in fine shape. All farming utensils, consisting of plows, cultivators, rakes, mowers, and such property used in the farm work. Buggy, harness, corn, fodder, also one Oliver Type Writer No. 5 in good condition.

Terms of sale for amounts less than \$50.00 "CASH". For amounts above \$50.00 six months time will be given with note and approved security. This the 22 day of February, 1918. EUNICY J. WILSON, Administratrix.

PRICE OF WHEAT RAISED

President Wilson Saturday raised the Government guaranteed price for the 1918 wheat crop as high as \$2.28 a bushel in one primary market and in varying sums in all other primary markets, except four.

Acting under authority of the food law, the President thus met the agitation in Congress for higher prices and took steps to stimulate production and prevent holding back the crop, while the agitation was going on.

The prices fixed, the President declared, would assure the producer of a reasonable profit. On the basis of No 1 northern spring wheat, and its equivalents, the President fixed prices as follows:

Chicago, \$2.20; Kansas City, \$2.15; Minneapolis, \$2.17; New York, \$2.28; Newport News, \$2.27; Charleston, S. C., \$2.27; San Francisco, \$2.10; New Orleans, \$2.20.

The equivalents of No. 1 northern to which the same price applies, are No. 1 hard winter, No. 1 red winter, No. 1 durum, and No. 1 hard white. The wheat must be harvested in the United States during 1918 and sold in the market before June 1, 1919. The President's proclamation states that the action is to meet an emergency requiring the stimulation of wheat planting.

2,500,000 DRAFT RESERVES

Washington, February 21.—Nearly 2,500,000 perfectly fit men will form America's first line of draft reserves, Provost Marshal General Crowder's office estimated today.

This represents the approximate number of draft registrants of Class 1 that will be found fit for military duty as a result of the questionnaire system. It is about 500,000 more than the original estimate of General Crowder.

Although the exact figures are not yet available, officials stated the total number of Class 1 men will be approximately 3,116,000. The percentage of physical disqualification is estimated at not more than 20 per cent and lowering of physical requirements. The percentage of 20 per cent would mean that about 620,000 would be rejected, thus bringing the number of available men down to 2,496,000.

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MONEY TO LOAN ON APPROVED security. Call on or write the Bank of Harnett, Duke, N. C.

SEE US FOR THE MOLINE DISC Harrows. Nothing like it on the market. Johnson Bros.

SEVERAL NICE OFFICES FOR rent. Desirably located in new building. See us at once. J. W. Gerald & Baggett, Dunn, N. C.

SEE ME FOR CENTER BORED colonial columns, guaranteed not to crack, and all kinds of turned work, mantels, tables, and odd furniture. Jno. W. Hodges, Variety Works, under water tank.

FOR SALE.—I HAVE 3 SMALL farms which I can sell at a bargain on easy terms. See me at once. R. L. Godwin.

LISTEN—IF YOU WANT TO SELL or buy town or country property see Geo. L. Cannaday, he will sell for you, or he will find a customer for you if you want to sell. See or write to him at once.

THE SMITH UPRIGHT IS KNOWN to be the best. See it at our store. Johnson Bros.

CALL ON GEO. L. CANNADAY IF you want to buy farm lands. I have several good bargains now near Dunn. See me at once if you are interested.

PLANTING SEED.—PURE STRAIN, clean and unmixt, from finest cotton grown in State. For sale by B. O. Townsend, Dunn, N. C.

VALCAN PLOWS AND CASTINGS in stock at all times. Come in and let us sell you. Johnson Bros.

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BUY YOUR IMPROVED FARMING machinery now. When present supply is exhausted the price will be higher. Act now. Johnson Bros. IF YOU WANT QUALITY AND service in a piano be sure you buy the Behning, Parrish & Driver.

WILLIAMS' BROTHERS' JERSEY WAGON field Cabbage plants at \$1.50 per thousand. Pure bred Buff Orpington Cockerels, from winners of the Blue Ribbon, \$2.50 each. Mrs. Chatham West, Route 6, Dunn, N. C.

INVESTIGATE LITTLE DUTCH Riding Plows. Less draft and you don't have to walk. For sale by Johnson Bros.

HELP TO WIN THE WAR BY INCREASING your farm products. The easiest way to do this is to buy improved farming implements from Johnson Bros.

WANTED.—TO BUY SMALL IMPROVED farm with dwelling, within four or five miles of Dunn, State price and terms. Address Lock Box 102, Dunn, N. C.

YOU PAY MORE FOR THE BEHNING piano than the average, but there is a reason. Parrish & Driver.

LOST.—SATURDAY NIGHT BETWEEN Benson and Duke a new buggy cushion. Please return to I. W. Weaver, Duke, No. 2. 1-t Pd.

DR. WAKEFIELD COMING W. H. Wakefield, M. D., of Charlotte, will be in Dunn, at Central Hotel, on Saturday, March 2nd; Newton Grove, Monday, March 4th; Duke, Dr. Holt's Office, Tuesday, March 5th; Benson, Parrish Hotel, Wednesday, March 6th; Four Oaks, Dr. Stanley's office, Thursday, March 7th. The doctor limits his practice to the medical and surgical treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases and fitting glasses. Ask your physician about consulting Dr. Wakefield. 2-13-St.

'Twas a thief said the last kind word to Christ; Christ took the kindness and forgave the thief. —Browning.

Plans for the serial mail route between Washington, Philadelphia, and New York contemplate the use of machines capable of carrying 500 pounds of mail a distance of 200 miles without stop. A special postage rate would be charged not exceeding 25 cents an ounce.

Condensed Statement

Bank of Cape Fear

at Close of Business February 5, 1918

RESOURCES:

Table with 2 columns: Resource and Amount. Includes Loans and discounts (\$225,678.40), Liberty bonds (23,500.00), Furniture and fixtures (3,350.00), Real estate (1,250.00), Cash and due from banks (33,495.04). Total: \$287,273.44

LIABILITIES:

Table with 2 columns: Liability and Amount. Includes Capital stock (\$25,000.00), Surplus and profits (6,047.50), DEPOSITS (256,225.94). Total: \$287,273.44

Upon the strength of the above statement and the backing of our Directors, we solicit your business. No account too small to receive our most courteous attention.

Bank of Cape Fear DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA.

Announcement!

I take this means of announcing to the public that I am opening a first-class garage at my sales rooms on Edgerton Street, opposite the Stephens-Howard Co. I will employ only experienced mechanics and will be in position to give the public the best of service. My Maxwell service will be complete in every detail and I will also carry parts and accessories for other makes of cars. I have the agency for the Ajax and Firestone tires and will carry a complete line of these well known tires in stock. Either of these brands are fully guaranteed and will give excellent service. All work entrusted to me will have my personal attention and I will see that my customers gets the best service possible at reasonable prices.

I will also have on hand at all times a complete line of Maxwell cars, when it is possible to get them, and will be glad to demonstrate the merits of this car if you are interested.

Will appreciate a portion of your business and will be glad to serve you in any way at any time.

Yours very truly,

E. V. GAINEY, Dunn, N. C.

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