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EXAMINATIONS FOR STUDENTS AT EARLY DATE

All Seventh Grade Students Are Urged to Take This Uniform Examination. Certificates of Graduation To Be Issued To All Those Who Pass.

The uniform county seventh grade examination, open to all seventh grade pupils who wish to take it, will be given Monday and Tuesday, April 23 and 24.

They will be held at the following schools: Ayden, Arthur, Farmville, Greenville, Falkland, Fountain, Grimesland, Grifton, Stokes and Bethel.

Students wishing to take this examination are expected to go to the most convenient school for these two days.

The examination will begin the first day at 9:30 (new time) and will proceed according to schedule furnished the teachers. They will embrace the whole of two days.

While the county examination is not compulsory, all the seventh grade pupils are encouraged to take it, and most of them are expected to do so. Those passing the examination will be given certificates of graduation from the seventh grade.

Schools other than those mentioned above which have no seventh grade on the examination days and wish to give the examination to their own pupils may secure questions by writing the chairman of the committee, Mr. W. G. Coltrane, Grifton, N. C. The papers must be sent to the committee to be graded.

Victory Garden.

Seneca Camp Fire Girls have started to work on their cotton and potato patch. At present they are placing the already cut corn stalks in piles and burning them. The more girls present the bigger the fire and the longer it will burn. The sooner the ground is in order the quicker the crop will be paying.

So come girls, make your Victory plot a success, obey the Law of the Fire and show the people that you mean business.

The Fifth Ceremonial Meeting or Council Fire will be held Saturday, 8:30 p. m. with Misses Mildred and Myrtle Bynum. We expect everyone to be present. All Wood Gatherers will wear their Ceremonial gowns, etc.

The Camp Fire Girls cleared \$3.75 last Saturday on ice cream. Put in your order for a delicious cake for Sunday. The Camp Fire Girls are splendid cooks. BESSIE CASON, Guardian.

We are requested to state that there will be a special Easter service on Masonry at the Presbyterian church in Farmville on Sunday morning 11:30 (new time) to which the public and members from other Lodges is cordially invited to attend. All members of the Lodge and visitors from other Lodges are requested to assemble in the Lodge room at 10:30 A. M. (new time) and march to the church in a body.

FOX TROTS ON LIBERTY LEGS

Limbs Blown Off by Shell, But This Man Continues to Trip Light, Fantastic Toe to Jazz Accompaniment.

Lillard Evans is a colored soldier boy who had both legs blown off in action. He lives for the present at Letterman General Hospital at the Presidio in San Francisco. He can and does dance fox trots and two steps. How? Why?

Of course to dance a fox trot or a one-step a fellow has to have legs—good legs. Well, Evans has them—not his own legs of flesh and bone, but his own willow legs with joints and everything. He is going to leave Letterman pretty soon and go back to work and make his living and probably get married and raise children. That's the how.

The why of it is—the government of the United States has gone in for leg and arm making. It is giving a specially built leg or arm or hand or a pair of legs or arms or hands to every soldier who lost his legs or arms in the war. At Letterman in particular they are making Liberty legs and arms and hands in their own workshop. They are making them because they have hit upon a better artificial limb than some manufacturers were turning out.

This is one phase of the reconstruction work that Uncle Sam is quietly carrying on. It is one of the least expensive, but it is costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. Remember that when Uncle Sam comes marching at your door with the Victory Liberty Loan. Much of the money you will lend is going to regenerate these men who gave of their flesh and blood for their country.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Just an ordinary, every-day clock such as one sees on the wall of almost any office. Perhaps you'd never chance upon it unless you happened to be late for luncheon.

It hangs in the counting-room of one of the biggest banks in New York, and there's nothing unusual about it except that it was put up the same day an Austrian princeling got himself killed at Sarajevo—and started the war.

It used to keep pretty good time. After we got into the war and got to going good, some one put a little red sign across the face of it so that whenever you looked up to see what time it was you saw the little sign starting at you imperiously.

"TIME TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS"

Tick-tock—That clock was ticking off the minutes when the guns were booming along the Somme and while the Allies were battering vainly Crown Prince was battering the gates of Verdun. It was ticking when the Lusitania went down—when Bernard went back—when Pershing went over. It was ticking when there was an American soldier on the Western Front, and when there were three million, with more on the way.

Tick-tock—It was ticking that day four months ago when the German Ambulance Commission took one of his fountain pens and signed his name on the dotted line—ticking at the rate of \$355 a second.

Tick-tock—\$355. Sixty seconds make a minute—sixty minutes make an hour—\$50,000,000 a day.

That's what the war was costing America when the Armistice was signed.

Quick! Stop one! Stop the clock! What, some one said.

That day of our first Peace Celebration when we all went crazy and ran loose, some ran in the bank did stop the clock. Took out the hands and had a big piece of black crepe on the clock itself. And every body laughed and yelled their heads off—because the war was over.

That was the end of it. The war was over—the clock was stopped and everything.

Well—almost everything. Our clocks still stop on ticking.

Franklin's Spring Street Philadelphia



Within a few blocks of the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia lies the body of Benjamin Franklin, whose picture is on the 1917 issue of War Savings Stamps. In a quiet three-story brick building, one of the places where the inventor-philosopher lived when in Philadelphia, the house is in Spring Street, in the center of Colonial life in the city. The house is in excellent state of preservation. The 18th century furniture and other objects will be commemorated April 18, Franklin's birthday, by the National Board of the American people the habits of which were the basis of the American character and avoidance of waste.

History of All Loans for a Century Shows That Advance Has Always Come with Peace.

Will history repeat itself? That question is in the minds of many bond buyers these days. Records show that the prices of bonds were very low during war times of the past but soon after peace was declared advanced rapidly.

During Napoleonic wars prices of English 3 per cent consols ranged from 67 1/2 to the high of 84 1/2, the low in 1814 to 65 1/2, the high of 84 1/2 in 1824. During the same period French 5 per cent rentes rose from 50 to the high of 104 1/2 in 1824. They also went as low as 45 in 1814.

French 5 per cent rentes during the Franco-Prussian war ranged in price from 76 1/2 to 87 1/2 and 50 1/2 to 81 1/2. United States bonds during the Civil War sold for 35 1/2, the high, 45, the low, in 1861, but from then on they had practically a steady rise until 1873, at which time the high was 123 1/2, and the low 111 1/2. The ten-year bonds, put out in 1884 advanced from 109 1/2 to 118 1/2 in ten years.

Four series of Liberty Bonds have been issued and the fifth is to be known as the Victory Liberty Loan—will soon be offered. These securities have behind them the mightiest resources ever devised—the resources of the great nations of the world. The investment value of the bonds can never decrease, for the interest will always be paid and the bond will be redeemed at full face value at maturity.

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NOT AS BIG AS BRITAIN'S BILL

Cost of War to America Not Nearly Equal to What English Ally Must Pay.

Twenty-one months of our war with Germany cost the United States \$26,375,000,000, the treasury department calculates. Huge munitions and other contracts have been cancelled. Manufacturers are now presenting their bills and receiving payments for materials delivered months ago in the heat of the struggle.

Included in the enormous total of \$26,375,000,000 is the sum of \$7,875,000,000 loaned to the Allies. When we began lending to the Allies, the government contemplated turning over to them about \$500,000,000 a month but actual loans ordinarily ran around \$350,000,000 monthly.

Of the total war bill about \$14,000,000,000 has been raised so far by the Liberty Loans. The fact that we have not covered our war debt is the reason for the Victory Liberty Loan. In other words we haven't paid for the job.

The cost of the war to Great Britain was \$40,000,000,000. Germany is out \$38,000,000,000 exclusive of indemnities the Allies may impose.

LET UNCLE SAM BE YOUR BANKER

Offers Far Better Opportunities Than Those Enjoyed by Thrifty People in France Who Claim Leadership.

Uncle Sam is out to show you how. He offers you not only a 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, but the best government security that there is. There could not be a better incentive for thrift than that. The French people have far less, yet they save more. They have no way to put their savings into small government securities, the population being that of five hundred francs, or \$100.

It would not be very convenient to save if we had to put our pennies into an old stocking until we had accumulated \$100 as the French do, would it? And the stocking doesn't pay any interest. So let Uncle Sam take care of your pennies—twenty-five of them buy a Thrift Stamp and sixteen Thrift Stamps converted into a War Savings Stamp begin earning compound interest for you immediately. Are you going to let the French beat us in thrift?

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LENOIR COUNTY TO HAVE HARD SURFACE PIKES

On Tuesday of This Week, His Energetic, Widerwake, Hustling Citizens Voted Bonds To The Amount of Two Million Dollars for Paved Roads.

KINSTON, April 16—Lenoir county is elated over the success of the \$2,000,000 bond issue for highway improvements at the polls Tuesday. The majority was overwhelming; that is certain from the yet incomplete returns. Outstanding reports from sparsely populated districts cannot change the result. Kinston and LaGrange gave whopping majorities for bonds. The anti-waves snowed under in the local precincts. At one time the voting in precinct No. 1 was at the ratio of 13 to 1. Saturday 27 electors representing all 12 townships, will assemble at the court house here and choose the county highway commission, a body of three members to have charge of the construction program.

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BARED GERMANS TO SHOW HEADS

Sergeant of Marines Eulized Pointed Quarry at Boches When Fire Was Most Terrific in Belleau Wood.

It isn't nice to swear in type, neither is war nice. This is a war story. It was told by Brigadier General Callin in his book, "With the Help of God and a Few Marines." Belleau Wood is the setting.

The General had given his troops the order to advance. His last words were, as they started across the wheat fields under a withering fire, "Give 'em hell, boys."

"Some one has reported," the General continues, "that they advanced on those woods crying, 'Remember the Lusitania.' If they did I failed to hear it."

"Somehow that doesn't sound like the sort of things the Marines say under the conditions."

Then General Callin tells what they did say. When the lines were wavering under the terrific German fire, a sergeant cried out: "Come on you— you want to live forever?"

All the statistics that you are not going to take your share of the coming Victory Liberty Loan.

Dr. McNairy Next Monday.

Dr. C. D. McNairy, Superintendent of the Caswell Training School at Kinston, will deliver two lectures in Farmville next Monday, at the Christian church. Afternoon at 4 o'clock will be to the ladies. All ladies above eighteen years of age are desired. The subject of this address will be "What, When and How to Tell Things to Your Daughters and Other Young Girls." The evening address will be at 8:30 and to men only. The subject will be "Good Reports, Evil Results—Why?" At the city hall.

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The Rainbow of Promise Liberty Loan

Victory Weather INVEST

THIS KIND OF SPIRIT WON THE WAR.

The following letter has been received by the War Loan Organization at Richmond, Va. from Mr. A. W. Hall, manager of the Synoville (Md.) Herald. Who could ask more?

"The Herald will go to the War Loan Organization without charge. Moreover, we invite you to use its columns in any way you see fit for the Victory Loan. I have freely given services and space for all war activities and will not stop now. Please accept the free copy."

Green's Testimonial will testify to the value and credit of supporting and backing the loan. The loan will be the basis of our future. Price 5c.