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KNOWLEDGE vs. IGNORANCE.

In the late election there was an amendment to the Constitution voted on to give a six months' free school term in the State. There was no politics mixed up in this. It was a matter as to whether we wanted to give the children of the present generation and those to come in future years, the benefit of a six months school term each year, or whether we preferred them to drag along as at present.

Of the one hundred counties in the State, ninety-nine voted in favor of the amendment, and one said no. In Currituck county in the far eastern part of the State, 496 votes were cast, 492 for, and 4 against it. Dare county voted 457 for and 8 against it. In the west Transylvania voted 557 for and 9 against, while Yancey, an other beautiful mountain county voted 1,443 for and 30 against the six months term.

Many counties report townships in which not a single vote was cast against the schools. Yadkin is the lone solitary county that gave a majority against schools. It was not large, only 75, but of the 1255 votes cast in the county, 500 were in favor of schools, and 665 who "knew enough." It's an old saying that "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

Shall Surry County Erect a Monument to Her Sons Who Have Fallen for Freedom?

Mr. Editor: Now that the world war has ended and that terrible menace to the onward progress of mankind—the Hun—has been in a measure rendered harmless, Surry County folks are eagerly looking forward to the happy time when the boys from the training camps and overseas will come back. Perhaps many of us in these joyous hours of anticipation may for the moment forget that some of the Surry boys will not come back. "Lest we forget" allow me through the columns of your paper to call attention to a few facts. These fine fellows at various times since Congress declared our nation at war with Germany having heard the clarion call to arms gladly left home and loved ones, knowing that they were called upon to fight that the world might continue to be a safe place in which to live, and some of them "gave their today that we who remained at home might have our tomorrow," gave their lives for humanity, that the teachings of the meek and lowly Nazarene, rather than brute force, should continue to control that the honor of womanhood should still be respected, that the black night of autocracy should give way to the bright day of democracy.

Today they are sleeping under the sod somewhere in France, their last resting place marked by a simple wooden cross.

This writer was not born in Surry, but having lived in this county for many years, alike with all of its citizens, is proud of the glorious record of her native sons who having fought a good fight have fallen for freedom, and begs leave to suggest that the people of Surry erect a fitting memorial to her sons who have been called on to make the supreme sacrifice. Is this not the proper time that a movement be started looking to the raising of a sufficient sum of money to buy a monument on which shall be inscribed the names of those Surry boys who have "gone West." In the opinion of many patriotic citizens, a shaft made of Mt. Airy granite ought to be placed in the Court House square at Dobson. Truly our people are prosperous, they have invested liberally in Liberty

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM PRIVATE ERNEST E. DARNELL

France, Oct. 28, 1918.

"If God is for us, who can be against us."

Kaiser Bill to be sure. As the devil is against God, so is the Kaiser, a devil against us and God also.

But nevertheless, we are giving him h— every day, although we all know the devil can stand a lot. But just give us a little time and we will give him just what he deserves.

When our brave young boys get through with him there won't be enough Kaiser left to stick the point of a bayonet in.

I guess he has a different idea of the American boys by now, to what he did some time ago, when he said the Americans couldn't do anything but spend money.

Although, I remember last spring when Bill's army was marching toward Paris it met only a handful of these "money spenders" compared with the great number that is over here today, which is increasing by thousands every day.

When he came in contact with this bunch of "money spenders" he soon made "about face" and gave his armies the command to march, double time, and thank God he has been double timing towards Berlin ever since.

Now, all the good people back home will keep the home fire burning while we complete our journey on to Berlin. We will make bash out of the d— Kaiser, and then we will aligo back home to our loved ones, with Old Glory flying high, and a bright, glorious day for the future.

Thanking God for the glorious success of the past and present, and trusting Him for help in the future.

Private Ernest E. Darnell,
Co. M. 19th Reg. G. C.
American E. F. France.

DOBSON NEWS.

The first snow fall of the season occurred Sunday, but it was so slight that few of us noticed it.

The "flu" seems obsessed with remarkable tenacity. Just when we were thinking it was gone several new cases are among us. Messrs. S. G. Bicin and S. A. Bledsoe are among the latest to contract this disease.

Rev. T. V. Crouse has been away for several days attending the session of the Methodist Conference which met at Charlotte.

Esq. J. F. Nance, and daughter, Miss Grace, went to Ararat last Saturday where they opened school Monday.

The little son of S. P. Venable, which was critically ill with pneumonia, is showing marked improvement.

Walter Marion, son of Henry Marion, who resides in the Piney Grove neighborhood, enlisted as a private in the regular army soon after our nation entered the war and has recently been commissioned second lieutenant.

Perhaps no other township in the State has sacrificed more in the war than has Dobson. Six of our boys went away never to return alive.

It is reported that there will be a special term of Superior Court to open here December 23, for the purpose of trying the participants in the recent riot at Winston-Salem. Our disposition of the Spencer case must have given our neighbor county confidence in our ability to do justice.

Bonds and War Savings Stamps, and have cheerfully responded to every call for the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and other war relief measures. I am sure that I will voice the sentiment of the people of Surry in stating that they will be glad to contribute to the memorial fund. Who will promptly volunteer to take this matter in hand and see that it is properly presented to the people of the good old county of Surry?

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. HENDREN.
Elkin, N. C.

NOTICE.

As administratrix of W. M. Maberry, dec., I will sell at private sale, a small stock of groceries, and other merchandise, also Toledo computing scales, one show case, and store fixtures. For particulars see either Mrs. W. M. Maberry, or J. F. Hendren, Attorney, Elkin, N. C.

FARMER AND HIS DAUGHTER ARE BOTH GREATLY HELPED BY NEW HERB MEDICINE

"I Was All-Down And Out But Now I Feel 20 Years Younger." Declares Prominent Truck Farmer In Signed Statement

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL ALSO BENEFITTED

"My Daughter Looked as Pale As Beef Tallow But Now Her Cheeks Are Like Red Roses And She Is Like A Different Child

Sick, sallow, listless people who have been taking medicine as far back as they can remember and who never seem to get any better from it, are advised to carefully read the signed statement just recently made by Mr. R. C. Hornby, the well known truck farmer of Edge-wood, S. C. This is what he says:

"I was all down and out—was no account all the time. I had stomach trouble, pains in the back and limbs. My system became greatly run down until I thought nothing could ever do me any good any more. But one day I read in the newspapers where this herb-and-root medicine called Dreco was doing so much good among people I knew to be in the same condition as I was and so I decided to take a chance and try some of this medicine. I'm mighty glad I did

that now because I feel 20 years younger since I started to take Dreco. All my troubles seem to fall away from me and I am once more able to enjoy life.

"My 13-year old daughter had a spell of malarial fever and it left her kidneys in bad shape. She suffered agonies from stoppage of water and just three-quarters of a bottle of Dreco cured her. She looked as pale as beef tallow but now her cheeks are like red roses and she is like a different child.

"I have told lots of my friends about Dreco and some of my neighbors have taken a few doses from my bottle.

NOTE: Dreco, referred to in the above interview is now on sale by good drug stores through out this section. It is particularly recommended in Elkin by Abernethy's Cash Pharmacy and Turner's Drug Store.

"AT LAST"

By REV. CHAS. S. NORVILLE

The world holocaust has ceased. The clock destiny has struck. Quiet once more descends on the shell-torn land of Europe, The restless, shrieking shells are still, and the dull, lonesome rumble of the cannon along the road is heard no more. Silence takes the place of the shrill noise of battle and the weary fighters lay down their arms and look longingly toward "home sweet home." "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The world upheaval has left us standing in the midst of a wrecked and ruined world. The guns are hushed, but we can almost hear the "blood still dripping." The world is in need of the Great Physician. One of the sovereign functions of the Christian church is to heal, and lend an aiding hand in whatever way possible.

The world conflict has left us a hopeful world. "The heart of man cannot be crushed. Hope is a flame that cannot be extinguished."

To whom do we owe the supreme adoration of our hearts for this matchless victory? We owe it to Him who is exalted as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Shortly after the day of prayer the tide turned and we realized more than ever that the finger of God was in the matter. He led our armies to victory as He did in the long past ages. Alas! how few are aware of the fact that prayer had a great part in the winning. Prayer is the arm that moves the world. Prayer is the cord that rings the belfry of heaven. Let Christian people stop praying and the world would soon be converted into a hell. Right is now exalted over might and right becomes might.

We are now face to face with the task of reorganizing, not from the standpoint of a narrow and belligerent nationalism, but from the standpoint of the kingdom of God, in which a brotherhood as broad as humanity reigns. What should lead the world in the great majestic march of events? The church of the living God! Oh! how many people think that the religion is an ambulance, to follow in the rear of the march of civilization. It ought to lead. It is what men saw in the long ago, a cloud-pillar, to lead us on to sublime accomplishments, to social freedom, to the realms of opportunity, yea, to a national destiny.

Elkin's patriotism cannot be questioned. Truly the people of Elkin have loyally supported our Government during these stressful times. While Elkin's patriotism can be spoken of in superlative terms, what shall be said of our loyalty to God? To say that Elkin is a good town spiritually is to speak in arratic terms. The majority of our leadership is concerned about the evanescent things of time, but little attention is given to unspeakable values of eternity.

What is the result when a man, or a town or a nation fails to reckon upon God? Inevitable

destruction! Let us pray as one long ago prayed: "Revive us again that thy people may rejoice in Thee."

Would that every citizen in Elkin was a faithful fighter beneath the blood stained banner of King Jesus! Will you enlist?

The longer I live the more thoroughly am I convinced that God is doing all He can to call a lost world back to Himself. He has spoken to us in the world war and in the flood that more than two years ago devastated our country. Did He speak to us by sending the epidemic that has slain thousands? Yes, the finger of God is in the scourge.

Beginning Sunday, December 1, at the Baptist church, a special series of meetings will begin. If we are in earnest about religious matters, irrespective of denominational spirit or policy, surely we shall be glad of an opportunity of helping in any way to make it a forward step toward the Perfect Day. Let us work for the God who more than 1900 years ago robbed the grave of its victory that you and I might escape the woes of hell! Are you saved? Are you safely seated above the boiling sea on the Rock of Ages? If so prove it by stretching out your hand and save those drowning fellows around you.

Rev. J. C. Owen, formerly a missionary in China, now Home Board Evangelist for Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters in Asheville, N. C., will be in Elkin to preach for two weeks. It would not be throwing to large a bouquet at Dr. Owen to say that in the gallery of North Carolina's strong Baptist preachers, preachers who are at the front of moral leadership in her marvelous progress, the picture of J. C. Owen would not lack much of the foremost place were the vote left to the admiration of more than three hundred thousand white Baptists in the State Convention.

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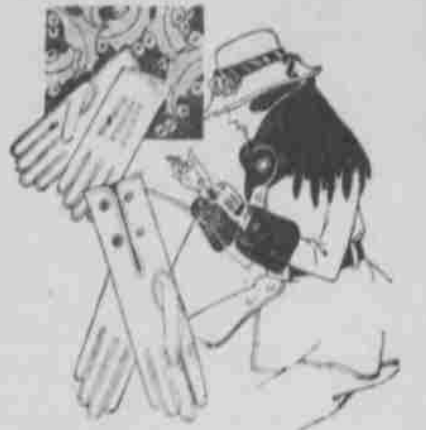
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