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Thanksgiving.

To-morrow has been set apart by our Governor as State Thanksgiving day, and President Roosevelt has proclaimed it National Thanksgiving day, in accordance with the custom of many years. In all of our largest cities and in many of our small towns all branches of business will suspend for the day. The proprietors of some going to church to offer their thanks through songs and prayers, others go to the field and indulge in the pleasure of snatching from quail and hare that which God alone can give—life. Millions of patriotic men, women and children will gather around the gridirons of Richmond, Norfolk, Indianapolis and at similar places to see the greatest games of football that our nation has any record of. Many of our people will spend the day in quietude around the family hearthstone, others visiting their neighbors and the majority of us all will be epicureans, in the full sense of the word. But here in Burlington it is to be feared that not even one store will close its doors and its proprietor turn his face toward heaven and reach out his hand for the souls of men and thank God for the manifold blessings that have showered upon them in the physical, moral, financial, and spiritual world. Can it be that death, and death alone, will turn us from our maddening chase of wealth to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift? Can it be that acquiescence and not enactment is the goal toward which we are all struggling? How much better it would be if every one in our own town and county would turn from the hurry of business activity and steal away, like the Arabs of old, and offer unto God praise, prayer and thanks that are justly due to an all-wise Father.

We call upon the citizens of Alamance county to demand of the business men of the county that they close their doors of business to the world and open the windows of their souls to God. Whether this shall be done is left for the patriotic citizens of our county to determine.

Sad indeed must be the news that comes from Wake county, to every Democratic pie hunter. Little would any one have thought that a minister of the gospel would have become so engulfed in the local Democratic political sea that he would capsize his own canoe after an unsuccessful voyage. But such is the case of the Rev. A. D. Hunter, and we only pause in our haste to solve the political loss to our State and nation to ask this simple question: does Holy Writ apply to him (Mr. Hunter) when it says "that the way of the transgressor is hard?" With all the abuse that

the Democratic press has heaped upon local, State and national Republican politicians, and all the wrangling in our own household, history has yet to record so rash an act by any member of the Republican party. This offensive crime is but a reiteration of history itself, when we claim that Hon. Chas. B. Aycock and Governor Glenn are mistaken when they say that peace, love, harmony and quietude is supreme in our State. We venture the assertion that at no time in the history of our State has there been more suicides, murders and high-handed acts of crime than has been perpetrated within the past eight years. Whether present conditions shall continue and suicide increase is one of the questions that the incoming legislature must consider, if it is not able to settle. We are raising no kick, but the scene is so pitiable that we can not refrain from pausing to take a look.

Whitsett Items.

Miss Ora Shephard, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Gray, at Gastonia, is now at her home for a few weeks.

The Y. M. C. A., gave their usual special Thanksgiving service Sunday to a large crowd.

A large crowd gathered in the Chapel Sunday evening to hear Dr. Whitsett lecture on "The Seven Greatest Nations."

Mrs. R. E. Buck, of Greensboro, is spending some time here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Clapp.

The Athenian Society expects to give an entertainment on Thanksgiving night, the Star Circle also will give their usual fall exercise on the night of December 5th. To which the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clapp, of Greensboro spent Sunday here.

Mr. C. C. Barnhardt of High Point spent a few days first of the week visiting relatives here.

Miss Blanche Rankin spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week in Greensboro.

Mrs. G. W. Davenport of Burlington was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. D. E. Knight has been right sick for the last week, glad to say she is much better at this writing.

John R. Weatherly spent last Friday in Greensboro.

Mr. Holt Gives Prominence to Alamance History.

Mr. Erwin A. Holt has again manifested his interest in the local history by having printed a post entitled, "Alamance The First Blood" on the back side is a beautiful colored picture showing the death of Robert Thompson by Gov. Tryon. This scene was secured from the Jones Bros., Cincinnati, Ohio. It is a pleasure to us to know that we have such a man who has enough interest in the historical events of the opening scene of the Revolution to give them to the public as Mr. Holt is doing. On the opposite side of the card is the inscription which explains itself.

R. F. D. No. 5.

There came to Mr. John R. Aldridge's home last Friday Mr. Rufus Aldridge's first grand son.

We regret to learn that Mr. H. Clay King, a prominent citizen of R. F. D. No. 5, met with a very painful, but not serious accident Saturday afternoon at Long's Chapel, while loading a large box that was used there during the conference. In some way Mr. King fell and the box fell upon him in such a way as to break three ribs on his left side. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Local and Personal.

There will be a special Thanksgiving sermon preached on next Sunday evening at the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock to the Junior Order by Rev. Oldham.

Mr. W. M. Baker was called away last Friday to Raleigh on account of the illness of his mother who died yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. Mrs. Baker's home was at Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Johnson wish to thank their many friends for the kindness shown them during the illness and death of their daughter, Esther.

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