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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1918.

This is the last day to register for the school bond election.

If you haven't paid your poll tax, do it right now. After next Wednesday will be too late.

Every day is Liberty day now, but if you fail to buy bonds you are making a bid for days of bondage.

Every time you read a piece of bad war news, go buy a Liberty Bond and note how much better you will feel.

Hurry up and let's send out the glad tidings that Wilmington has gone over the top with her Liberty Bond subscriptions.

Johnny had a little Bond,  
Of course he missed the dough,  
But he never uttered a whimper,  
Because he loved his country so.

Ukraine peasants have turned on the Austro-German invaders. Another case of the embattled farmers rising up against the oppressor.

Doubtless Champ Clark decided that the Senate was too dull a place for him, after more than a score of years spent in the tumultuous House.

It's immaterial whether we know the exact number of men Pershing has in France, or not. The main thing we want to know is that he has enough.

If you have the courage of your convictions, register for the school bond election. If you do not have nerve enough to vote, you had better not register.

We wonder if the hard time Governor Gardner is having in finding some one to take Senator Stone's place in the United States Senate is due in any way to the lack of desire on the part of those offered the place to associate with Reed.

The announcement that the German commander at Zeebrugge is to lose his command because he permitted the British raid to surprise him, is no surprise except to the commander who gets off lighter than he expected.

Raleigh is the latest city to start a movement for closing poolrooms until after the war. It is contended that these places are non-essential, and encourage extravagance and idleness. The contentions strike us as having some merit.

The signal flashed by the commander of the British ship *Vindictive* just before starting on its dash to Zeebrugge: "May we give the dragon's tail a damned good twist," will go down in history along with other famous expressions such as "Don't rive up the ship!"

North Carolina has been asked by Federal authorities to call a special session of the Legislature for the purpose of passing laws looking to breaking up idleness in the State. As a general thing special sessions of the Legislature are not desirable, but in this case it would not be such a bad move.

"Spring's on her way,"  
Said Mr. Boff;  
"But have a care,  
Don't take 'em off!"  
—Luke McLuke.

"Spring's on her way,"  
Said Miss Rose,  
"So I'll proceed  
To don silk hose."

FLOWERS.

Just because we are engaged in a life or death struggle is no reason why we should wear a bunch of gloom, but on the other hand we should put on our brightest smiles, and should encourage all bright spots in our daily lives. Therefore, in our campaigns for selling Liberty Bonds, growing war gardens, etc., we should try to brighten up our surroundings in every way possible, and nothing will do this more than flowers. Every home should have small space devoted to growing flowers, and it is not too late now to plant seed, but the time is rapidly passing. A recent issue of *The Progressive Farmer* says:

"The time for planting many flowers, if one is to get the best results the whole season through, is rapidly passing now. Let's \* \* \* then re-orient to make the most of our opportunities for beauty this year. Mrs. Patterson wisely says that the greatest wealth of beauty in proportion to time and money expended comes from blossoming shrubs—Judas trees, dogwood, mimosa, crepe myrtle, etc.—but she names certain annuals and perennials which also require little nursing. Another flower which furnishes an abundance of blossom and color for little effort is the scarlet sage. Planted about the base of buildings or in beds it furnishes for weeks an almost unsurpassed brilliance of contrasting green and scarlet."

That for the practical side. The *Washington Times*, in a recent editorial discussing the value of flowers in our daily life, says:

"Flowers are always fit presents, because they are proud assertion that a ray of beauty outvalues all the utilities of the world.—Emerson.  
"A man with plenty of money was heard to say: 'Among war economies I have stopped buying flowers.' That is a foolish war economy.  
"Flowers are to the spirit what heat is to the body. The Spirit is more important than the body—better save some coal in your furnace and put the money into flowers that will make your children happy, bring spiritual light into your household and give your wife one fewer cause for regret that she married you."

"The individual quoted did not say whether he had ceased sending flowers to his wife or some young lady able to hit high C.  
"Whoever gets the flowers as a present, as Emerson truly says, knows that such a present is a compliment, since it implies that the one to whom the present is given appreciates beauty. When you send flowers, instead of sending something that will last longer, you say with your gift: 'These flowers are sent to one in whom the spirit outweighs the body,' and that is a compliment."

"In a Southern city, an old editor was laid up in a hospital.  
"In a theater near by Maude Adams was acting. She read about the editor, did not know him from any other bald gentleman, but felt sorry for him and sent him some roses.  
"The editor's secretary, a gay, young gentleman, took one of the roses, pressed it carefully, and seemed much delighted to have it. He explained that he was not a victim of footlight fascination.  
"I want to take that flower to my wife," said he. "She would rather have me bring her a rose that Maude Adams sent than anything else I could bring her."

"A fine compliment to Maude Adams, one that ought to make her glad she sent the flowers to the old man.  
"An actress whose rose, given in charity, is saved by a dashing young man, who gives it to his wife because the wife so greatly admires the actress, can truly say that she has been playing the right kind of parts and has not worked in vain.  
"Give useful presents, of course. But also give flowers. If you cannot afford those that are expensive give those that are cheap. There are all kinds.  
"The florist, whose beautiful shop you pass, is to the soul of men and woman what the restaurant keeper is to the stomach.  
"And the feeding of the soul is as important at least as any other kind of feeding.  
"Buy flowers."  
The *Times*' advice is directed to patronizing florists shops, as the people in Washington have not the same opportunities for raising flowers that the people of Wilmington have. Here we may grow beautiful flowers in profusion, and not be solely dependent upon the florist as our less fortunate brethren in Washington. Wilmington has a reputation for growing beautiful flowers and with a little more effort this reputation could be greatly increased.

THE VAGRANCY LAW.

The labor shortage and the alleged lack of sufficient laws against idleness have brought about a demand that there be a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly called for the purpose of providing legislation looking toward the relief of these conditions. Luther C. Stewart, representing the United States Employment Agency, addressed a meeting of business men and State officials in Raleigh this week on the question of labor shortage, and urged that the Legislature be called in extraordinary session to deal with the situation. A committee was named to investigate the matter and report its findings at a meeting to be held in Raleigh next week.

Facts and figures have been gathered showing that there is a distressing shortage of labor in this State, and showing further that there are thousands of idlers, the estimates giving Charlotte alone a vagrant population of approximately 2,000, with other cities being more or less afflicted with the same disease.

There is a vagrancy statute on the books, which some contend will remedy conditions if properly enforced. This statute reads as follows:

"If any person shall come within any of the following classes he shall be deemed a vagrant, and shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days:

"1. Persons wandering or strolling about in idleness who are able to work and have no property to support them.

"2. Persons leading an idle, immoral or profligate life who have no property to support them and who are able to work and do not work.

"3. All persons able to work having no property to support them and who have not some visible and known means of a fair, honest and reputable livelihood.

"4. Persons having a fixed abode who have no visible property to support them and who live by stealing or by trading in, bartering for or buying stolen property.

"5. Professional gamblers living in idleness.

"6. All able-bodied men who have no other visible means of support who shall live in idleness upon the wages or earnings of their mother, wife or minor child or children, except male child or children over eighteen years of age."—Sec. 3470 Revised 1905.

There is not the least doubt about the fact that if the present law were strictly enforced there would be a great reduction in idleness, also there is a general belief that the law should be made more drastic in order to more completely meet the conditions. There are loopholes in the law as it stands which permit many to escape who should be engaged in some useful occupation, and the proposed special session of the Legislature would be for the purpose of stopping these.

It is true that the session would cost the State a considerable sum, but if the legislators will go there for the purpose of transacting the business before them, the cost would be small in comparison with the benefit to be derived. Of course the committee now investigating the matter will reveal whether a special session is advisable or not, and its recommendation will probably be adopted.

STATE NEWS

Superior Court adjourned late Tuesday afternoon with all criminal cases disposed of, so far. It will reconvene next Monday to try the civil cases on the docket. A good crowd was in attendance during the time court was in session and the business proceeded with dispatch. The Patrick case wherein the defendant, a negro, was charged with the murder of another colored man, was continued, as the defendant has since been drafted and is in the army. He will have to be brought back for trial if the Boches do not get him in the meanwhile. In the Bolton murder case the defendant, Smith, pleaded guilty of manslaughter and his case will come up for final judgment Monday. Both parties in this case are white. The defendant shot and killed a deserter from Fort Caswell while attempting to arrest him at his home in Bolton about two months ago.—Whiteville News-Reporter.

Angus Chavis, a prominent Indian of Raft Swamp township, in a Dem part of Democrats, and is mighty tired of folks rejoicing at his safe return from Greensboro, where another Indian of the same name, from Pembroke, attended the recent Republican convention. Angus of Raft Swamp says he would not be caught at a Republican convention and he wants folks to understand that the Angus Chavis who was mentioned as attending that convention is the Pembroke Angus.—Lumberton Robesonian.

Fire of a very suspicious nature Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock destroyed a four-room house belonging to Mr. Wm. Freeman and the five-room residence of Mr. Oliver Williams, on Third street in the eastern part of town. No one lived in the Freeman house, and when discovered the entire top was a mass of flames. On account of the bad condition of the streets the truck was not able to reach the fire, but landed in a ditch en route. After a considerable time, however, hose was attached to a hydrant two blocks away and the water saved other buildings.—Lumberton Tribune.

The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, whose annual convention was to have been held here in June, has been postponed and will not be held during 1918 at all. Officials of the local lodge were informed Saturday of this decision reached by the Grand Council of the Grand Lodge, at a meeting held in Salisbury Friday evening. War conditions are responsible for the cancellation of the meeting.—Henderson Dispatch.

IN THE NEWS.

Ollie M. James, who has announced his candidacy for re-election as United States Senator from Kentucky, has been a member of the upper house since 1913. Senator James has been in politics in the Blue Grass State since he was a lad in knee breeches, having served his apprenticeship as a page in the Kentucky legislature. When he was only 26 he was sent as a delegate to the Chicago convention which nominated Bryan and was made chairman of the delegation. In several subsequent conventions he served in the same capacity. In 1908 he seconded the nomination of Bryan at the Denver convention, and at that time was offered the nomination for vice president, but declined. He was elected a representative in Congress in 1902 and served ten years in the House before taking his seat in the Senate.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.  
One Hundred Years Ago Today.  
1818—St. Michael and St. George Order of Knighthood founded.  
Seventy-five Years Ago Today.  
1843—John M. Robinson, United States Senator from Illinois, 1832-43, died at Ottawa, Ill. Born in Kentucky April 10, 1794.  
Fifty Years Ago Today.  
1868—The first Customs Parliament of Germany was formally opened by the King of Prussia, at Berlin.  
Twenty-five Years Ago Today.  
1893—General John L. Corse, noted Union commander in the Civil War, died at Winchester, Mass. Born at Pittsburgh, Pa., April 27, 1838.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN WAR.  
April 27, 1917.—British Premier declared Home Rule necessary for victory and peace; Allied conference in Washington agreed on basic principles for conduct of war; the House turned down the Roosevelt scheme of raising a volunteer force for France.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.  
Major Arthur Finley Nevin, U. S. A., who has been serving as a director of camp singing, born at Edge-

of every citizen is to shell out his money; do everything he can to help and thus bring about a more glorious result when it does end.

Lumberton Robesonian: The Robesonian has never had any doubts about the loyalty of the Farmers' Union membership of Robeson. At its special meeting yesterday it pledged unreserved and hearty support of the government in every measure it adopts for winning the war and recommended the expulsion of any official or member of the union who is not in thorough accord with the National Administration. An ambassador from Greensboro came down to smooth things over for Dr. Alexander and explain his position, and it is understood that the Greensboro man and a county Republican member visited some union members Tuesday, but if there was effort to shake the determination of the loyal members to take a stand that would leave no doubt as to where the union stands that effort evidently resulted in failure.

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efficiency kitchen experiment station at Applicroft, her Long Island home.

Mrs. Frederick is an authority on the subjects of efficient housekeeping, household purchasing and woman's influence in civic improvement. She was the only woman representative of consumers asked to appear before the congressional committee on anti-trust legislation.

Her lecture on household efficiency fits wonderfully into the work of helping to win the war. Efficiency in the home means food and time saved, food for our allies and our armies overseas, time for Red Cross and other similar work here. Incidentally household efficiency means a cut in the cost of living.

worth, Pa., 47 years ago today.  
Sir Henry L. Drayton, Dominion Power Controller, born at Kingston, Ont., 49 years ago today.  
John C. Cooper, representative in Congress of the Nineteenth Ohio district, born in England, 46 years ago today.  
Charles B. Ward, representative in Congress of the Twenty-seventh New York district, born at Newark, N. J., 39 years ago today.  
R. R. Myers, outfielder of the Brooklyn National League baseball team, born at East Liverpool, Ohio, 29 years ago today.

To Honor William Morris.  
New York, April 27.—There will be high jinks at the Friars Club tomorrow night at a dinner to be given in honor of William Morris, the well known theatrical manager. The occasion is intended to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Morris' entrance into the theatrical business and also the tenth anniversary of his management of Harry Lauder.

Allen's Foot-Ease Does It.  
When your shoes pinch or your corns and bunions ache so that you are tired all over, get Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the footbed. It will take the sting out of corns and bunions and give instant relief to smarting, aching, swollen, tender feet. Over 10,000 packages are being used by the American, British and French troops. Sold everywhere, 25c. Don't accept any substitute.—Adv.

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MANY an actress has waited in vain for the opportunity which would prove to the world that she had the divine spark of talent. One of these is Priscilla Dean. But Priscilla's opportunity has come. She has proven beyond doubt that she has remarkable ability to act, in addition to a Grecian beauty of face and form which have been the admiration of thousands.

For two years Miss Dean sat around studios at Fort Lee, and because she did not care to be "nice" to some engaging director, she got nothing but extra work to do. At last she went to Universal City, and the Nestor Comedies grabbed her. Then she played in "The Gray Ghost." In all of these pictures she was overshadowed.

Then came the big chance. Elmer Clifton needed a girl to play a big role in "The Two-Soul Woman," an adaptation of the Gallet Burgess' "The White Cat." The role called for two utterly different women without a characteristic in common. With some trepidation they cast Priscilla in the role and now she is a star. "The Two-Soul Woman" is going to be released as one of the Special Attractions of the Universal Company.

SONG HITS IN PHOTOPLAY.  
Here's something new. Do you remember the old ballad days, when a chorus would be thrown on the curtain and a singer would invite you all to sing? That's out of date now. Here's the substitute—Song Hits in Photoplay. A company has been organized to "produce" a popular song in just the same way that a book or a play is made into a movie. The method of showing is the same, the singer sings and you are asked to help out, too; but now, instead of the chorus alone, you have a whole moving picture of the verse as it is sung through on the screen, so that you can see the story develop. There is also something usually about the author or composer or the idea back of the verses. And the company has engaged big stars, whose names are



PRISCILLA DEAN

known throughout the world to interpret these songs. Here are a few of them which are to be seen very soon: Franklyn Farnum and Juanita Hansen, in "Over There"; Monroe Salisbury and Ruth Clifford in "March Dixon Line"; Ben Wilson and Vera Gerber in "Meet Me at the Station"; Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran in "I Don't Wanna Get Well"; Carmel Myers in "San Domingo"; Dorothy Phillips and William Stowell in "Bluebird"; and Little Zoe Rae in "Baby's Prayer at Twilight."

These Song Hits in Photoplay are playing all the circuits and vaudeville houses, and are a feature of the Strand Theatre in New York City, The Fifth Avenue, and others.

Afternoon Newspaper

Mr. Merchant:---

You don't want to forget that it is the Afternoon Newspaper that goes into the homes at an hour when it can be read. No matter whether it be the long winter evenings or long summer afternoons, it is the Afternoon Newspaper that claims the supreme attention in the homes. It is delivered at an hour when it is most convenient for the members of the family to read its columns.

Recognized Leader

Throughout the North for a number of years the Afternoon Newspaper has been recognized as the leader; it is fast becoming recognized as such throughout the South. Wilmington advertisers should take notice of this fact and place their advertising accordingly.

Wide Distribution

The Wilmington Dispatch has a wide distribution in Wilmington and throughout this entire territory. The circulation of this paper is nearly three times what it was two years ago. And the paper is becoming more popular every day both in Wilmington and in the territory contiguous.

Two Editions Daily

Practically every town and hamlet in this section is served with The Wilmington Dispatch by supper time on the day it is printed. Two editions are printed daily and the first edition has a wide circulation at all points on the W., C. & A., Seaboard Air Line, Wilmington and New Bern, and Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern. The last edition goes to the points on the W. & W. road. The Dispatch maintains a carrier system in eight or ten towns in Eastern Carolina.

Justifies Your Support

Its wide circulation, coupled with the fact that it is delivered at a time in the day when it is more generally read, entitles The Dispatch to your most careful consideration when you come to determine the medium in which to place your advertising for the best results.