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STAND BY THE PRESIDENT.

Read the President's great address to the American people published complete on page two of this paper. It is worth any one's time. It is a powerful appeal to the people to conserve the resources of every kind for this great time of need. Johnston County is one of the greatest farming counties in North Carolina and if the farmers will read the address of President Wilson and heed his good advice they will be helping in the great fight against a foreign foe. There will be a good market for everything any farmer in this country will have to spare in the way of food crops. Prices are high now, but they are going higher and the only way to help the situation is for every farmer in the county to raise all he needs at home and then all he can to put on the market. If you have not already planned to make all you can in the way of food crops, plan now. Get busy and stand by the President.

NEWS-PRINT MEN INDICTED.

The amount of news-print paper used daily in the United States is about 6,500 tons, with an approximate value of \$250,000. When the paper makers decided to increase the price, paper was selling at from \$36 to \$45 per ton, according to the quantity a newspaper needed and was able to buy. The price was increased until it reached as high as \$160 per ton to some of the smaller papers. The government made an investigation and while this was in progress the price dropped to \$100 and \$110 per ton. But the government is not through, and several news-print men have been indicted, charged with forming a combination to limit the output and to increase the price. Should these men be convicted they are liable to a fine of five thousand dollars each, or a term of one year in prison, or both.

News-print paper is still much too high and unless it is held down or reduced many of the smaller weeklies and semi-weeklies are going to suffer.

PAY SOLDIERS MORE.

One of the things the government ought to do in planning its war measure is to plan to pay the privates in the ranks of the army more money than now. The soldier's pay to-day is no more than it was many years ago, and of all the men in the government service the private soldier's lot is one among the hardest. But the men in the ranks as a rule do not complain. To them it is an honor to serve their country. But as a matter of right and justice the government should increase their pay. In planning to call for volunteers it should be remembered that many patriotic young fellows who have loved ones dependent or partly dependent on them who must be considered, are ready and willing to volunteer if they could be assured that their loved ones would be cared for. If the pay was larger these fellows could go forward in the service of their country knowing that they could still spare a part of their wages to help those left behind. Plan to pay the soldiers more.

This is no time for ease,
Neither a time to cry.
Plant plenty of corn and peas
And be ready by and by.

ENLIST FOR THE WAR.

This is a time when every man, woman and child may have an opportunity to show their patriotism by enlisting for the war. It is not necessary for every one—necessary as it is—to join the army or the navy to be a patriot. There are many ways in which we can show our patriotism. Those who are farmers, can show their patriotism by doing all in their power to raise as large crops of food stuffs as possible. By doing this they will be feeding the folks at home, feeding those who are engaged in other occupations, feeding those who are working in the mines, feeding those who are working in the iron mines, feeding those who are working in the various factories, feeding those who are building ships of war and merchant vessels, feeding those who go to fight for us both on land and sea; and more than that they will be helping to feed the people in Europe who are now engaged in fighting the enemy. Another way to enlist is to practice economy. Save everything worth saving. Many things that are now wasted in the South may be needed before the war is over. Save in every way possible. Plan to make what you have go as far as possible.

We have plenty now. We as a people, at first thought, feel that all this advice about raising big crops and make every available spot produce all it can, is unnecessary. Some are paying no attention to it. They see no danger. The war is far away and we think our money and moral support is all that is needed to win the victory with the Entente Powers. But we know not what is ahead of us. Our government is voting a war bill of seven billion dollars, the biggest war budget ever voted by any nation in the world. It means great expense to this country, it matters not how soon the war ends. And to make this expense as low as possible it becomes the duty of every one to do his or her part. Let us learn now the lesson of patriotism. Let us do our part in standing by the President and the country in the great crisis now on. It is a fight for civilization and humanity we are making. We have become a mighty power in the world of nations and this makes it impossible to longer hold our isolation. We are so closely connected with all the world that when any nation, small or great, suffers, we suffer with them. Our country has never entered any war for the sake of territorial gain. We have long occupied the most exalted position of any nation on earth and we must do our duty when the rights of humanity are trampled on.

We tried to keep out of this war. But we could not. Now we have entered and every one must stand shoulder to shoulder in the great conflict. If we cannot fight we can work and look out for the welfare of those who do fight. If we have not been as economical as we ought, now is the time to turn over a new leaf.

GOETHALS ASKED TO BUILD SHIPS.

President Wilson has requested Major General Goethals, the builder of the Panama Canal, to take charge of the building of 1000 wooden ships to engage in foreign commerce. The Ship Building Board has planned the building of these vessels and the move has been approved by the Council of National Defense and the President. The resources of the ship building yards are to be called into action in these building plans. The Shipping Board has at its disposal the sum of fifty million dollars to build and purchase ocean going vessels. In times of war it is of the utmost importance to have plenty of ships to carry on the nation's commerce. It is said that by early Fall it will be possible to turn out ships at the rate of 200,000 tons a month.

The carnival has pulled up and gone. No one in the town ought to be sorry. Without saying a word against the amusement company which spent last week here, it will be a fine day for this community when the town authorities get to the point they can say No with a capital N to all such companies. They bring no good to a town and the little tax they bring to the town treasury isn't worth the price the people pay.

CAPT. SKINNER THE WINNER.

Received the Nomination for Mayor in Last Night's Convention. Three New Men Nominated for Aldermen.

The meeting of the citizens of the town held in the Court House last night for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Mayor was largely attended. The convention was presided over by Judge F. H. Brooks. Mr. N. M. Lawrence was made secretary. Mr. Ed. S. Abell placed Capt. H. L. Skinner in nomination. Mr. S. S. Holt nominated the present incumbent, Mr. J. W. Stephenson. Mr. J. N. Cobb seconded the nomination of Capt. Skinner. Mr. George White seconded the nomination of Mr. Stephenson. Messrs. E. S. Abell and S. S. Holt were appointed tellers to count the vote. The vote resulted as follows:

H. L. Skinner, 80 votes.
J. W. Stephenson, 78 votes.
Upon motion of Mr. Stephenson the nomination of Capt. Skinner was made unanimous.

Mayor Stephenson was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of L. H. Allred and was an acceptable Mayor. He stood for the progressive moves of the board and has done what he could to further the best interests of the town.

Capt. Skinner who was nominated to succeed Mr. Stephenson has been a member of the board of aldermen for the past few years and has made a good alderman. His elevation to the mayorship will continue him in a place where he can be of great service to the town. He is a progressive and believes in the town and will do what he can for the upbuilding of the community.

Mr. A. M. Noble presented a resolution endorsing the President's course in dealing with the German situation which was adopted unanimously.

After the adjournment of the convention the several wards held their meetings and named the following ticket for aldermen:

First Ward—Will H. Lassiter.
Second Ward—H. P. Stevens and S. C. Turnage.
Third Ward—N. B. Grantham and Chas. I. Pierce.

Fourth Ward—J. D. Underwood and George Ross Pou.

Dr. N. T. Holland and T. J. Lassiter, present incumbents, declined to be candidates for renomination and Will H. Lassiter and George Ross Pou were named to succeed them. C. I. Pierce was named to succeed Capt. Skinner in the Third Ward.

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 8th.

Cotton Last Week.

We learn through Dun's Review that the events of the cotton market last week were such as to compel attention from the thoughtful. The week opened with a rise of 75 to 150 points on Monday in a few minutes. This lifted the price close to the top levels reached last November and sent the October cotton to new high ground. But the new high level was not held through the week and profit taking caused the market to recede 50 to 135 points, making a net gain for the week of about 40 points on May cotton and 25 points on other months.

Uncertainty in regard to economic measures caused liquidation yesterday resulting in a weak market, says market reports from New York. The market showed a loss of one to two dollars a bale from Saturday's closing.

Rear Admiral William S. Sims, president of the Naval War College at Newport, has arrived in London to act as an intermediary between British Admiralty officials and the Navy Department in the working out of problems involved in participation by the American Navy in the ranks of the Entente Powers. The Admiral is charged with the duty of keeping the Department fully advised as to the conduct of the war and supplying such information as the Navy needs in preparing itself for the tasks ahead.

Governor Pleasant issued a proclamation to citizens of Louisiana to greatly increase food crops and to conserve food, as an aid to the Nation during the war. The Governor also appointed a State Preparedness Committee to direct the work of producing, marketing and distributing foodstuffs in Louisiana.

The South is being looked to in this time of stress as never before. This section of the country is being called on to make a large increase in foodstuffs this year. The country needs a great army, but also needs a big crop of foodstuffs to feed the army and the other folks. The South must do her part.

Wendell will have an election on May 12, on a ten-thousand dollar bond issue for another school building.

"GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN."

The Smithfield Herald has the following relative to a practice that has come to be all too common in North Carolina as well as other States:

"A man gave us an item of news last week when he said that at a certain cotton mill there were sixteen 'grass widows.' We were surprised and sorry to hear this. Sixteen men who married young girls and promised to be faithful to them have gone off leaving their wives to shift for themselves. Sixteen women, some by themselves, and others with children to care for, are left to manage for themselves. This is a poor compliment to our boasted civilization. Cotton mills afford opportunities for such departures, but this does not make the cases any the less sad. One woman remarked Saturday, 'I have had bad luck. My husband has left me.'"

This is, indeed, a distressing condition and one which cannot be too severely condemned. And the trouble is not confined to cotton mill villages. Incidents of the kind are happening almost everywhere in the State every day in the week and the strong arm of the law ought to take a hand in the game. There is a section in the Public Laws regarding desertion and non-support of wife by husband, or of children by either father or mother, to which the attention of our Smithfield contemporary is respectfully invited. It recites:

"Upon any conviction for abandonment, any judge or any recorder having jurisdiction thereof, may in his discretion make such order or orders as in his judgment will best provide for the support, as far as may be necessary, of the deserted wife or children, or both from the property or labor of the defendant."

If these sixteen deserting husbands can be found anywhere in North Carolina they should be summarily dealt with. Deserting dependent wives and children is nothing short of criminal and guilty men should pay the penalty for such contemptible meanness. It is to be hoped that the law relative to desertion may be more rigidly enforced in the future than it has been in the past. Helpless women and children should be protected.—Hendersonville Hustler.

Meeting Postponed.

The meeting at Beaty Chapel Baptist church at the Smithfield Cotton Mills, which was to have been held this week, is postponed on account of a meeting being held at the Advent church.

Rev. J. M. Duncan will preach at Beaty Chapel next Sunday morning and night and the meeting will be held there next week.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of The Smithfield Herald, published Semi-Weekly, at Smithfield, North Carolina, for April 1, 1917.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

County of Johnston, ss:

Before me a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared T. J. Lassiter, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of The Smithfield Herald, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager are: Publishers—Beaty & Lassiter, Smithfield, N. C.

Editors—J. M. Beaty and T. J. Lassiter, Smithfield, N. C.
Managing Editor—None.
Business Manager—T. J. Lassiter, Smithfield, N. C.

2. That the owners are: (Give names and addresses of individual owners, or; if a corporation, give its name and the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of the total amount of stock.)
J. M. Beaty, Smithfield, N. C.
T. J. Lassiter, Smithfield, N. C.


3. That the known bondholders, mortgages, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state.)
None.

T. J. LASSITER,
Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of April, 1917.

W. M. GASKIN,
Notary Public.
My commission expires Jan. 15, 1919.

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