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### Honor Flags.

Raleigh, N. C., April 6th. 1918. To Liberty Loan Workers and Bankers:—

From preliminary reports there seems to be no doubt that the Honor Flag competition is going to be very popular throughout the entire State, and it will undoubtedly arouse great enthusiasm. While the conditions governing this competition have already been published, there are several matters that should be emphasized:

Our impression is that Honor Flags will be awarded by the Liberty Loan Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank, at Richmond, Va., and will also be forwarded by them.

The names of the communities winning the right to fly the flag will be transmitted to the State capitals and there inscribed on a special Liberty Loan Honor Flag or on a tablet or Honor Roll located at the State capitol.

Reports of local committees in regard to bond subscriptions will be accepted. But if there is reason to believe that such reports of full subscriptions include the underwriting of blocks of bonds, either by banks or individuals, for the sole purpose of an Honor Flag award, and with the idea of subsequently distributing these bonds to the people generally, committee reports will then be disregarded in so far as an award of an Honor Flag is concerned.

The spirit of the Honor Flag plan requires that before a community can win a flag, there must be a real distribution of the bonds equal to the amount of its quota.

It is highly desirable that the receipt and raising of Honor Flags be attested by fitting celebrations. This will not only add to the spirit in a community already aroused, and possibly spur them to strive for an increase in their subscriptions of one hundred per-cent, thus entitling them to a blue star in their flag, but it will do a great deal of good by way of stimulating those sections that may be lagging in their subscriptions.

Very truly yours,  
Joseph G. Brown,  
Chairman.

### List of Men Called for Physical Examination Who have Failed to Appear.

Notice is hereby given that unless they appear within ten days they will be reported to the Adjutant General of the State as Deserters, and immediately inducted into the Military Service, and be subject to Court Martial and imprisonment.

- Parmelee, N. C.
- Jas. Edward Harper, Levi Herbert Stalls,
- Robersonville, N. C.
- Ollie Stokes, Percy Chance, Williamston, N. C.
- Jas. McGilbert Rawls, Chas. Thomas Roebuck, Wm. Henry Cromwell, David Charley Jones, Louis Moore, Benjamin Clark, Hassells, N. C.
- Ernest Bell,
- Bethel, N. C.
- Robert Bruton Edmondson, Oak City, N. C.
- H. H. Rawls,
- Windsor, N. C.
- Edgar Weston,
- Jamesville, N. C.
- Melford Gray.

Asa T. Crawford, who was injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago, has been at his office this week greeting his friends, who are pleased to see him out again.

### Mr. Joseph Bennett Dead.

Friends here regretted to learn of the death of Joseph Bennett at his home in Welch, W. Va., on Saturday morning, April 6th. The day previous, relatives here had received a message telling of his serious condition from a stroke of paralysis, and his brother, Mr. Louis C. Bennett, left as quickly as possible for Welch, but failed to reach there before the end came.

Mr. Bennett was a former resident of Williamston, and was the son of the late William H., and Mary Bennett. For a number of years he had lived in Welch, where he married and built up a splendid business, and had recently been elected mayor of the town, which is situated in a mining district and is an important town of West Virginia. His popularity in his home is attested by his elevation to that office, an office which he is said to have filled acceptably. He leaves a wife and three little girls, one of whom is only four weeks old. Usually he visited Williamston each year with his family, and his many friends in the town always greeted him with pleasure. His was a sunny disposition, and his devotion to his family and friends was his strong characteristic. He was a member of the B. P. O. E.

His sisters, Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen and Mrs. Alonzo Hassell, with Mr. Carstarphen and Mr. Hassell left Sunday for Welch to attend the funeral.

### Saturday Hike.

The Boy Scouts under the leadership of Scout Master Edgar E. Bundy had a delightful hike up the river road on Saturday. They started at 6 o'clock and at 7 o'clock the Camp Fire Girls under Miss Pridgen took up the trail and reached the Scouts just in time for breakfast, which had been prepared for them in true Scout style. The menu was an elaborate one and the serving of it was carefully attended to by the Scouts, especially as they were the hosts of the occasion. The camping ground was chosen about seven miles up the river in an attractive spot, and every minute spent there was refreshing. The number of miles hiked was fourteen.

The Scouts have entered the campaign for the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds, and any effort of theirs to sell Bonds is perfectly legitimate and should meet proper encouragement from the people. In whatever way these Scouts can assist in the war program, they will cheerfully enlist.

### Stores Close.

Acting according to the new time demanded by Congress for the saving of daylight, the merchants of Williamston have commenced to close their stores at 7 o'clock p. m. each day during the warm months. The groceries and drug stores are exempt from closing at that hour.

### Heard Secretary McAdoo.

Charles H. Godwin, Cashier of The Peoples Bank, R. G. Harrison, Cashier of The Farmers & Merchants Bank and Rev. W. R. Burrell went to Raleigh to hear Secretary McAdoo speak on Tuesday. Raleigh gave Mr. McAdoo a rousing reception and will do its share in the purchase of "Third Liberty Loan Bonds"

Harry Meador, who was in Kentucky for several months, arrived home last week.

### To Pay Loving Respect.

Tarboro N. C. March, 22 1918. The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution, the two distinctly patriotic woman's organizations of the State, should in some uniform manner pay loving respect to the boy who dies in the service of his country, hence we ask that each Chapter President appoint a committee to send a Confederate Battle flag and each Chapter Regent a committee to send a United States flag to the funeral of each boy in her town or county.

Chapter Presidents and Regents will please ask their local undertakers to inform the Chapter of each funeral.

These Organizations consider it a privilege to honor these men who so freely give their lives for such a glorious cause and each Chapter in the State will be glad of the opportunity to perform this sacred duty.

Jacksie Daniel Thrash  
Pres N. C. Div U. D. C.  
Ella H. Morrison,  
State Regent,  
Mary M. Powell  
Cor Sec N. C. Div U. D. C.

### Bound Over

Tuesday, Church Roberson, Noah Roberson and Clyde Bowen were given a preliminary hearing before Justice Manning and bound over to the Superior Court in default of bail; they were taken back to their cells in the jail. Church Roberson, who was wounded, and at first thought to have been mortally so has almost recovered from the effects of the wounds he had received.

Sheriff Page and Henry D. Taylor left yesterday for Raleigh, taking with them the Roberson brothers and Bowen to be placed in the State Prison for safe keeping.

### Captured Deserter.

Saturday night, Sheriff Page with Capt. W. C. Manning and Policeman Page went out in the country to capture Willie Hardison, a deserter from Camp Jackson, who has been at home evading the officers for some time. The officers went to the house of a neighbor, where Hardison was visiting a girl friend. Hardison was captured and brought here and placed in jail.

Tuesday morning, C. F. Page left with him for Camp Lee Virginia.

### Housekeepers Must Notice.

Beginning with Monday, the 15th, W. J. Hodges and Theo. Roberson & Co., will have certain hours for the delivery of groceries. This arrangement is made necessary on account of the inability to secure sufficient help in the delivery. Dozens of housekeepers fail to be systematic in their orders, asking for minor articles all through the day, that it is almost impossible to give quick service. The new plan is to have two deliveries each day—morning and afternoon, except on Saturdays, when there will be two a. m. and p. m. Read the notice of the grocer-men in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McCraw and Mrs. Farrar, of Tarboro, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Mary E. Peel.

Col. W. G. Lamb and Dr. John D. Biggs, attended the Democratic Convention at Raleigh this week.

### Asks Forgiveness For Crime.

Dear friends:— I now ask forgiveness for the crime that me and my companions have committed, as I realize my weakness and presence of mind, and come to Thee, our Maker, with an open heart and humbly ask Him to forgive me. I truly believe that He will. So I ask you all if you will, as I may never lay eyes upon you again on earth. But I hope to in the near future in Heaven, where there will be no sin.

Well, I am not in any hope to write much, but truly hope these few words will touch your hearts and that you all will pray for me, and take my advice and lay down the worldly enjoyments and try to prepare yourselves for a better place in the future. I plead with you to flee from the wrath to come, as I know the results, you may say that it is good enough, and that is true. But if I had not been caught here on earth and repented, it would have still been against me on the Day of Judgment. I know that I am going to be punished on earth for this and all other deeds that I have done. But I feel like there is One who loves me, and is willing to forgive me, and prepare a place of rest for me; He says so anyhow and He lies not. And I have done as He has requested. So if God be for us, who can be against us?

I now close with my heart breaking, but sincere and true to my Maker, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Witnessed by Noah R. Roberson and also by Church Roberson, a wounded prisoner.

Williamston, N. C.,  
April 4th, 1918.

### Clean-Up Week

The State Board of Health of North Carolina has announced a Clean-up Week, beginning next Monday, April 15th, which applies to Martin County and every other county in the State. It is earnestly hoped that each Township Chairman will interest himself in this important matter, and that the people will strictly observe the week.

Mrs. N. W. Grimes,  
Chmn. Health Com.  
Council of Defense.

### Refused To Let Them Ride

On Wednesday night near Robersonville, J. A. Ward was riding along the road in his car, when he was accosted by two drunken negroes, who asked him to let them ride. He refused to grant their request, whereupon the negroes attacked him, cutting him in several places. Sheriff Page was notified and went up and brought the negroes back and placed them in jail. Their names are Jasper Staton and W. C. Langley.

### Health Report.

Measles.— Mrs. William Bowen, Mrs. David Bowen, Henry J. Peele, Fannie L. Peele, Luther D. Peele, Eva Pate, Williamston, R. F. D.; Mary Robbins, Dardens.

Typhoid Fever.— Fannie Bullock, Robersonville, R. F. D.; Sammie Ellis, Jamesville, R. F. D.;

Whooping Cough.— Chas. A. Summerlin, Williamston; Two children, O. P. Roberson, Robersonville.

Meningitis.— Baby - Lou Knight, Williamston.  
Diphtheria.— Mary Robbins, Dardens.

### Quarantine Enforced.

April 3, 1918.

Dear Editor:— A few weeks ago the writer made an official investigation of the enforcement of the state quarantine law in Martin county. The enforcement of this law is a matter of great concern --- frequently a matter of life or death --- to the citizens of your county. Many of your readers will be interested to know what I found on my recent visit.

I was impressed with the intelligent interest and patriotic service that Dr. W. E. Warren, the quarantine officer, is putting into this work. I found his records neat, accurate and complete. These records show, among other things, the number of contagious diseases reported by the physicians of the county since August 1st to be as follows:

Dr. W. E. Warren 19 cases; householders 10 cases; Dr. R. J. Nelson 6 cases; Dr. J. A. Ward 2 cases; Dr. J. E. Ward 2 cases; Dr. J. W. Williams 3 cases; Dr. B. L. Long 6 cases; Dr. E. M. Long (cases reported by father) Dr. J. E. Smithwick 1 case; Dr. J. S. Rhodes 9 cases; Dr. J. H. Saunders 7 cases; Dr. H. B. York 2 cases; Dr. J. B. H. Knight 9 cases; Dr. R. A. Lloyd 1 case;

Your readers will note that the physicians of the county have reported many cases. The doctors of Martin county, as I know them, are well trained and ethical physicians and law abiding citizens. In their medical schools they have been given a high sense of professional responsibility for reporting contagion that occurs in their practices; they subscribe to the code of ethics of the North Carolina State Medical Society and the American Medical Association which is very clear and full in defining the relations of physicians to the public in matters of epidemic control; they appreciate not only the need but the necessity of public management of contagion.

Your readers will also note that while the physicians reported 67 cases of communicable diseases in the last seven months, householders and parents have reported only 10 cases. This is very significant because the physicians are not called to see more than one-fifth of the cases of whooping cough and measles which means that a great many cases occur which are never reported and quarantined. The unreported and unquarantined cases are the dangerous ones. These cases spread the disease because they have not been properly instructed. An epidemic was never known to develop from a case which was in proper quarantine. Every case must be reported promptly if we save the babies.

The law requires parents to report their case when a physician is called and I feel confident that when the people are properly informed of their duties they will gladly comply.

Yours truly,  
A. Mc R. Crouch,  
State Epidemiologist.

### Herrings Here.

The "poor man's smokehouse", the Roanoke River, has been alive with herrings this week. The strong wind, however, on Monday scattered the fish badly and so fishing with nets and machines was not so good, but drift net and seine fishermen caught loads of the palatable herrings.

H. Marriott Britt, Hospital Corps U. S. N. of Norfolk, visited his parents here last week.

### Prepare For Winter

Extract from address by L. A. Sneed, Assistant to the U. S. Fuel Administrator, at meeting Greensboro, N. C., April 1, 1918, of the State Fuel Administrator, A. W. McAlister, and the Chairmen of the County and City Committees throughout North Carolina.

It is absolutely necessary that domestic consumers of coal put in their supply during the summer months. By doing so consumers will help the Government, assist the railroads, and at the same time, provide themselves with coal. They will help the Government by making it unnecessary to assist with their supply next winter when all the time and effort of the Fuel Administration will be needed in providing coal for war purposes; they will help the transportation companies by reducing the number of cars to be handled during a period when it is most difficult to handle same. There is no other way in which the domestic consumers, in so far as the coal situation is concerned, can as effectively assist the Government in the successful prosecution of the war, and at the same time provide themselves with fuel, than by obtaining their normal season's requirements during the summer months.

If it is necessary to enlarge the bins so as to accommodate a normal years supply, this should be done. If the dealer is not willing to carry the account, arrangements should be made to handle the matter by making monthly payments.

If this is not done there will be a shortage during the coming winter, due to the large increased demands for war purposes and the inability of the transportation companies to handle the enormous quantity of freight necessary for war and other purposes.

I also desire to urge the great necessity for each consumer to limit his requirements to less than normal needs. There is great need for every pound saved as it provides that much additional coal for war requirements, not only for our Government, but for the Allies.

I would also request and urge the substitution and use, to the fullest extent possible, of wood for coal by all consumers.

Therefore, the message I want you to take back to the people in your several communities is to place orders for the quantity of coal necessary for their year's supply as early as possible and to exercise the strictest economy in its use.

### A Good Woman Dead

The death of Mrs. Lou Respass removed one of the most prominent colored women of the town and community. "Aunt Lou," as she was called, was highly respected by the white people, as well as her own race. She owned a home in front of the Methodist parsonage, and always worked willingly with her hands to maintain herself. She had been for years a member of the primitive Baptist Church at Skewarkey, and was a living example of the religion she professed. Her health had been bad for some months, and the end came Friday, March 29th. Funeral services were conducted by Elder S. Hassell on Monday.

Private Hunter Price, of the Naval Reserves, is in town this week to see his wife, who was ill for several days.