

Let This Be Our Greatest Thanksgiving

For the past several years the people of North Carolina have been following a beautiful and noble custom of signaling Thanksgiving Day by special donations to the support of the several orphanages of the State. The Orphan Association, composed of officers and representatives of these benevolent institutions, has a standing committee of publicity to bring this matter before the people of the State each year at Thanksgiving. Since the custom was begun and regularly observed the responses have shown a steady increase. But for this donation many of our orphanages would have been sorely handicapped by the continuous rise in prices of all necessities employed in the maintenance of these essential institutions to the economic life of the commonwealth.

At this period of their greatest need our orphanage superintendents confidently hope that the big-hearted people of the State will come to the rescue. Each and every person, who can possibly make such a contribution, is asked to contribute the amount of one day's income to the orphanage of his choice. This appeal is in the interest of no particular orphanage. It is to all persons of all creeds, denominations, and beliefs. The call of the helpless child makes us all one, whatever our other differences may be. No humane person can turn a deaf ear to the needs of helpless childhood. There are eighteen licensed and established orphanages in North Carolina for the care and training of white children, and two for the care of colored children. In these are more than two thousand little tots bereft of parents and the comforts of home, who must be prepared for future citizenship. These institutions are under various denominational or fraternal management, but all of them engaged in a great and necessary work for the fatherless ones. To relieve the stress of the times, each person in the State is asked to make a special Thanksgiving offering, equal to one day's income, to some one of these institutions.

This year the publicity committee is asked to make the call a very earnest one. The need is great. No matter what the other great calls upon us are, or have been, this one cannot—must not be neglected. Regardless of its own burdens this year, America is the one country most greatly blessed. A great and prosperous and Christian people will not neglect. While we are in the war and giving our blood cheerfully for peace and righteousness, we will not and cannot suffer from the war as our noble and uncomplaining allies have suffered, for four years, and as the helpless and devastated people of Europe have suffered. In this we should find great cause for an earnest Thanksgiving this year. Let us signal our gratitude to God that our country has been so protected that we have our children with us, and that they have not been crushed beneath the bloody ravages of war.

In every church, in every Sunday school, in every place where men gather on or about Thanksgiving Day, and in private, upon the streets, in the offices, in the shops, and in the stores, let this thank-offering be taken for God's helpless little ones.

Young Girl Dead

Lolla, the fifteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. East Clark of Everetts, died at her home last Monday of influenza. She was a sweet and unusually bright girl and was loved by every body who knew her.

Messrs. Joseph A. Mizell and Thomas House of Robersonville were in town Tuesday.

"The Spanish Flu'll Git You"

A barrel of disinfectant's come to our house to stay, To sterilize the dishes and scare the germs away. To shoot the flies off the porch and kill the skeeters too, To mop the floors and spray the walls to keep away the 'Flu'; And all of us children when the supper things is done, We gather 'round to hear the news and 'taint a bit of fun A listening to the awful tales the paper tells about, How the "Spanish Flu'll git you Ef you Don't watch

Out. Once there was a little boy wouldn't spray his throat, So when he went to bed at night the "Flu" had "got his goat" His Mammy heard him cough and his Daddy heard him sneeze,

They had to pile the knives on, that boy was 'bout to freeze. They rubbed him with Pneumonia cure put hot irons to his feet,

Ice bags on his head and not a bite to eat; They nursed that youngster one whole week.

They took it turn about An' the "Spanish Flu'll git you Ef you Don't Watch

Out.

And now the nurse and Doctor say 'at when you're feelin' blue, And your eyes are red and swollen and you sneeze a "kerchoo"

You're sick and nauseated with a tightness in your chest, You feel so dizzy in your head, You've got it like the rest.

You'd better keep away from crowds and stay out in the air Spray your throat and take a pill—or two if you don't care,

Wash your hands before you eat if you know what you about, Or the "Spanish Flu'll git you Ef you Don't Watch

Out.

Well Known Citizen Dead

Mr. Mc D. Mobley of Bear Grass Township died at his home Sunday after a short illness with influenza and pneumonia and was buried in the family burying ground at his home Monday.

Mr. Mobley was one of the leading farmers of his community and was engaged in the tobacco warehouse business with W. J. Taylor and J. W. Hight, also in the grocery business in Williamston. He was in the prime of life, being only thirty nine years old. He married Miss Lena Taylor, daughter of Mr. Eli Taylor about eighteen years ago, who with two sons sixteen and eight years respectively survive him. He also leaves two sisters Mrs. Jno. Daniel Biggs and Mrs. Edmond Harris and five brothers Sam, John, and Solomon all of Martin County, Nicholas of Goldsboro and Charlie of the front line trenches in France.

Soldier Dead

George W. Corey of Griffins Township who was called to the colors only a few months ago and who had just made the trip across the sea, died and was sent home Wednesday for burial. At this writing it is not known what caused his death.

He was buried in the Hardison graveyard with those of his folks who have gone on before. Mr. Corey was in the service of his country striving to give the world peace and liberty and his will be inscribed with those of his countrymen who are dying martyrs to its cause.

He leaves three brothers, James R., Wm. D. and A. R. Corey and five sisters, Mrs. A. G. Griffin, Mrs. A. D. Griffin, Mrs. J. A. Griffin and Mrs. Jno. Lilley

Conserve

The postponement for more than a month of the distribution of the 1918 Home Card of the Food Administration containing a message from Mr. Hoover to the housewives of the Country with directions for the guidance of patriotic housewives increases the importance of keeping the consuming public unformed through the press.

The impression has gone out that our crops have been so plentiful that there is no need for the same degree of conservation which we have been asked to practice during the past several months. Just exactly the contrary is true. Here is the situation which confronts us:

1. If the war continues on through this winter and next summer we must supply our Allies and the friendly neutrals with 17,550,000 tons of food products against approximately 12,000,000 tons past year. This is an increase of approximately 50 per cent, and the promise to our Allies of this quantity of foodstuffs cannot be fulfilled unless the American people eliminate all waste and actually eat less than they have eaten under normal conditions.

2. If the war should end during the next few months we have not only to supply our Allies, but also we will face the humanitarian duty of sending foodstuffs to Serbia, Roumania, Belgium and Russia, practically all of which regions with their teeming millions we are unable to reach at present. Of the 180,000,000 people bordering Germany and Austria on the south-east, east and northeast, iterally millions of them are doomed to die from starvation during the next few months. We cannot reach these people until peace does come we should be ready with a reserve to save as many of these unfortunate millions as possible. When peace comes we shall have ample shipping facilities to transport the foodstuffs that will be needed. And we will fail miserably in our duty to humanity if we are not prepared to give prompt and ample assistance to these people when the opportunity comes.

Oak City

Reported

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many friends, who were so faithful during our fathers' (John A. Bennett) last illness.

The children

Jerry Casper, oldest son of Mrs. Celia Casper died in Kinly last Thursday Oct. 17th, and was buried Friday Oct. 18th in the old Harrell grave yard near Oak City. He leaves a mother, three brothers W. S. Will and Whalen Casper, three sisters Mrs. Geo. Daniels, Mrs. Ed Johnson, and Mrs. W. O. Council of this place, to mourn his loss, besides his wife and children who reside in Kinly.

Jno. A. Bennett died last Monday Oct. 14th at his home in the country after a long illness. The burial took place at the Bennett home. He leaves four sons and five daughters to mourn his loss.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the Red Cross and the good people of Hamilton, for their many kindnesses extended to me during the illness and death, of my dear wife.

Harper M. Peale

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank each and every one of our friends and neighbors who so kindly helped us in our recent severe sickness.

B. R. Barnhill and Family.

Card of Thanks

FOR SALE.—One 1918 model Ford car for sale. Needed closed car for winter reason for selling.

Dr. J. S. Rhodes.

Hotel and Restaurant Man

Raleigh, N. C. Oct. 21, 1918. Dear Mr. Hotel and Restaurant Man:

It is Important That You Read This Letter Carefully.

The new food conservation plan goes into effect today. This plan is not a request, as heretofore, but a command, and this is to warn you that if you wish to remain in business you had better see that this plan is carried out to the letter in your establishment. If there is anything you do not understand, write us and we will gladly explain anything that we can.

As to sugar, it means one teaspoonful to any one person at any one meal. That means if a man orders coffee, grape fruit, cereal and half a dozen other things, he gets one teaspoonful of sugar and no more. If he orders the second cup of coffee, he takes it without sugar.

Butter—You are to serve one lump (half ounce) with each meal and no more.

We mention these two items for the reason that it is easier to illustrate with them. Other items referred to in the food program must be carried out in the same manner.

Pamphlets will be sent you in a few days days containing the entire program.

The real object of this letter is to let you understand that the Government is going to see that this plan is enforced and you are liable to be serving a Government Detective at any meal, and if you fail to observe these rules, you will surely pay the penalty.

Very truly yours,

B. H. Griffin

A. H. Galloway

Hotel Committee, North Carolina Food Administration.

There has been some comment as to the work of the Red Cross during the influenza epidemic. Every case that has been reported by physicians, relatives or friends has been attended to by the women who have so gallantly thrown aside fear and consideration for self and gone forth to help the suffering as much as possible. The doctors advised the workers not to nurse the sick as it would tend to spread the disease by contact and carrying into homes where every member of the family was helping the suffering. They have administered every comfort possible and helped in every way the physicians have advised.

The work of the Red Cross is to help those who cannot help themselves and naturally the poor who have more needs because of their few opportunities get the largest consideration, many families have been found in which there were no members able to wait upon themselves to say nothing about ministering to others. In such cases wealth is without value and the Red Cross aids to the best of its ability.

Card of Thanks

Editor of the Enterprise I am very anxious to personally thank the Red Cross but cannot do so and am asking you to say through your paper for me that I most heartily and sincerely thank them for their acts of kindness and mercy to my family and myself while we were prostrate with influenza and entirely unable to help ourselves.

I feel that our people will appreciate that great organization, born of God as they have never before. I know we will be more generous and merciful than ever before. I know that every member of the Red Cross has read, "Love thy neighbor as thyself"

Yours truly

W. L. Jones.

Cotton gins may run full time beginning Oct. 28. The former order prohibiting ginning Mondays and Tuesdays has been withdrawn.

Rules for Mailing Christmas Parcels to Soldiers

One of the largest opportunities for service that has ever been given the American Red Cross by the United States Government, is contained in the plan just perfected by the War Department and the postal authorities whereby every American soldier in France, no matter what his branch of service, no matter what his location, will receive a Christmas package from home.

As a matter of fact, the whole plan by which our boys will be assured a Christmas remembrance from home must include the fullest co-operation; not only between the Red Cross and the people, but also between the Red Cross, the War Department and the Post Office Department.

The shipping space is limited; that is obvious and positive, and because it is so limited every inch must be utilized; and in order to remember every man who is working in the service of his country it is necessary to send only one overseas parcel to a single soldier. But it is hoped that not one man will be overlooked in the universal Christmas giving, and therefore each one now abroad will be furnished with a Christmas label, and on this label will be put his name and correct address. The man will be instructed to mail this label home to some relative or friend who, he knows, wishes to remember him at Christmas. This label will serve as a sort of identification for the soldier's friend, and when it is presented at the nearest Red Cross Chapter, Branch or Auxiliary Headquarters the person presenting it will receive a carton of approved size and shape which may be filled with any articles which will fit in and which are not on the list of unmailable articles.

The carton or Christmas package when filled shall not exceed three pounds in weight, and must be smoothly packed so that there will be no unevenness of the sides. Then the "Christmas Label" already mentioned will be affixed, but only after the carton has been inspected and wrapped by the Red Cross representative to whom it must be presented. Of course, sufficient postage must be affixed, and then the Christmas parcel into which may go uncounted and immeasurable portions of affection and good-wishes, as well as the more material articles chosen to meet a soldier's needs, is ready to be sent. No written, word, however, is permitted any more than in any other parcel of merchandise, but none will be needed, for the donor will be known to the receiver by the mere fact of the label's being used.

The Red Cross will attend to all details; it will appoint capable men and women in every locality whose duty it shall be to attend solely to the Christmas packages for the period of shipments, November 15th 1918, is the last day on which parcels may be mailed.

Every possible help will be given to individuals by the Red Cross; all instructions will be cheerfully furnished, but the people sending the packages are asked to remember that the opportunity to send a Christmas parcel at all is a rare one and that the restrictions must be observed carefully.

ARTICLES NOT MAILABLE IN CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

1. All spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented or other intoxicating liquors.
2. All kinds of poison and all articles and compositions containing poison.
3. Explosives of all kinds.
4. Inflammable materials, including friction matches.
5. Infernal machines and mechanical, chemical or other devices of compositions which may ignite or explode.

Note:—Under this classification would come cigarette lighters, etc.

Liquors or liquefiable articles, fragiles and other admissible matter when not packed in accordance with the requirements of the Postal Laws and Regulations.

All other articles which may kill, or in any wise hurt, harm or injure another, or damage or defeat or otherwise injure the mails or other property.

Be Careful

The scourge of influenza has caused the deaths of many people. Martin County is to be congratulated for being one of the first counties in the State to take rigid health precautions and has perhaps had fewer cases than most sections.

We must continue same if we fully escape, we get it in no way other than contact and all persons having influenza should be isolated and should be kept off the streets and from well people at least five days after leaving the sick bed. And when persons known to be infected come in your presence you are breaking no rules of etiquette by asking them to move away. And infected people should remember that if they convey it to others knowing they themselves have it they may commit murder as many who have it die.

Let every community be vigilant and stamp it out.

Coastal Plain Fair Cancelled

The Coastal Plain Fair, comprising twelve Eastern North Carolina counties, which was to have been held at Tarboro on Oct. 29, 30, 31 and Nov. 1, has been called off, and not postponed. It was decided by the fair officials that it would be best to cancel the fair for this year, as it would not be advisable to hold it at a later date, as there would be a probability of a new outbreak of influenza. There will be no fair at Tarboro until the fall of 1919.

Appointed Captain

Dr. John D. Biggs has been appointed Captain in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army and will report for duty at Camp Humphrey near Alexandria, Va.

Dr. Biggs is one of the foremost citizens of Martin County, a splendid leader and prominent in the whole Eastern part of the State. He has been in the lumber business for several years and is ably fitted for the work he is listed in. Another one of Martin county's sons gone forth to make a record for his county and State to be proud of.

Everybody Can Help

The United War Works Campaign begins November 11th. Chairman L. T. Fowden asks every lover of humanity in Martin County to help raise the counties quota \$9,000.

The most important question at the coming Election is upon the change of the Constitution School Term from four to six months. All political parties in the State have endorsed the change and are urging their voters to vote for it. We should not fail to come to the rescue of our children.

Mr. Roger Burris, the foreman of our office is ill with pneumonia following influenza. Both Mrs. Burris and baby have been sick but are better now. Mrs. Burris's father Senator Jackson Greer of Whiteville N. C. came Thursday to be with his daughter.

All stores and other business houses close at 12 o'clock Saturday in the country and towns.

Cheerful Letters For Soldiers

"We want cheerful letters. Letters which have no hint of unhappiness and dissatisfaction at home, or of weariness and hopelessness, even though we read between the lines."

That is an allied message from France. It was sent from Hotel Petrograd, the Y. W. C. A. hostess house in Paris. It is the result of a tea table conversation between an American Red Cross nurse a Wellesley graduate now with the Wellesley unit for relief work, an English officer, and a French lieutenant.

They were having tea at the French lieutenant told the American women how much he and his brother officers appreciated what the Y. W. C. A. was doing for the women in the munition plants. His soldiers were more contented now than they had been since the war began because the letters from their wives and daughters told of how well things were going with them and of the good times they had had at the "foyer", or Y. W. C. A. club rooms, and when the "poilu" was at home on furlough, he went with them to these rooms. He saw them enjoying the games and music and when he returned to the trenches, he had nothing to worry him, so he could fight all the better.

The English officer told how hard it was for him to keep things going when the letters brought worries to his men, instead of cheer. The Red Cross nurse knew this too for she had seen men forget their joy in the happiness of a cheerful letter, and men who did not get well so soon because their letters brought worries.

So the four sent a call for cheerful letters that Saturday, Tommy, and the poilu, who were in the front line trenches, the camp, or the hospital, must fight the better or get well the quicker.

Col. Wilson G. Lamb is at home from Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Craig Chapman are visiting Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hadley. Mrs. Chapman has been ill with pneumonia in Florida since.

Mr. Mack G. Taylor is in the Washington Hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

Messrs. Rome Biggs and Godard Jr. went to Washington Sunday for a truck load of caskets. We have had trouble for the past week getting coffins to bury the dead in, as the influenza has struck most every part of the country and few shipments are being made.

Time changes the 27th, turn your clock back one hour.

Tuesday, November 5th Election Day.

Friends in town have learned that Jennings King, formerly in the tobacco business here with his father, has arrived overseas safely.

Our County Earm Demonstration, Mr. J. L. Holiday gave a fine exhibition of fall vegetables in front of Roberson's store this week. The turnips, potatoes, pumpkins, squash, cabbage etc. were as fine as any ever raised in the County. Mr. Holiday intended taking them to the Coastal Plain Fair which was postponed.

Martin County was one of the 100 per cent counties in the War Savings Campaign. Our percentage according to allotment was 108.

The United States will be short of potash next year. Estimates for 1918 show an available supply of about 500,000 tons of potash salts, or only about half of the normal imports before the war. Commercial fertilizer concerns must bear the brunt of the short age.

War News Digest.