

# BICKETT PREACHES PURE AMERICANISM

MASTERSLY ADDRESS APPROPRIATE TO OCCASION AND PLACE.

## DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capital.

A crowd estimated at from two to three thousand enthusiastic men, women and children greeted Gov. T. W. Bickett at Moore's Creek battle-ground, near Atkinson, on the occasion of the anniversary of the famous revolutionary battle and heard a masterly address appropriate to the historic occasion and place. A picnic dinner was served, and there was plenty for everybody. Patriotic music was furnished by a Wilmington band, and dancing followed the principal feature of the day. Governor Bickett went back into history for the theme of his address and discussed the relations between the United States and England.

He condemned the pro-German propaganda that seeks to stir up enmity against Great Britain on account of the colonial troubles that led up to the Revolution and also the war of 1812. The cordial friendship now existing between the old mother country and her daughter on this side of the world, was set forth, and the governor showed why this should be. On more than one occasion he declared England had proved her friendship for the United States, and all long had been of great help to this country. The address was replete with historical facts, and touching on the present situation the governor aroused the patriotism of the great audience to a high pitch. For two hours he preached straight and undiluted Americanism to them, and it was declared to have been the most notable of the many addresses that have been delivered on this historic spot in past years.

### Bankhead Highway Meet.

A meeting of the directors of the Bankhead National Highway Association will be held in Charlotte on August 16 to consider the report of the pathfinders. The report favors the Piedmont route by Reidsville and Greensboro and the Richmond route by Raleigh and Durham but designates the Raleigh and Durham route for a military highway. The former is 77 miles shorter. The Richmond route, according to Col. Beneham Cameron, will connect the capitals of North Carolina and Virginia and will connect North Carolina direct with Hampton Roads naval base. The eastern route guarantees the extension to Norfolk by Williamston crossing the Roanoke river. The selection of the eastern route, Colonel Cameron said, was secured by the selection of three directors favorable to the Richmond route at the Little Rock convention held recently. The efforts of Colonel Cameron have been responsible in large measure for the success of the Richmond route, which will pass by Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Oxford, Franklinton and Neuse.

### Bidding for Airplane Plant.

That other sections of North Carolina are bidding for the airplane plant and aviation field which may be located in Raleigh in connection with a contract the government has let to the Carolina Aircraft Company of this city, was the information secured following a visit to Raleigh of prominent Goldsboro capitalists. As a result of agitation on the part of Goldsboro business men who have become interested in the important war industry, the location of the airplane plant and aviation field of the United States army is undecided. In other words, Raleigh is still as near landing this big army plant as Goldsboro, Durham or Fayetteville.

### Additions to Western Board.

The names of J. A. Bell of Charlotte and W. R. Sloan of Statesville have been recommended to Provost Marshal General Crowder for appointment as additional members of the western district board at Statesville. Governor Bickett has forwarded the names to Washington. The appointment of the two additional members of the district exemption board will increase the personnel to seven. Mr. Sloan has previously been chief clerk and his promotion will create a vacancy.

### \$125,000 for Peace Institute.

There was a gathering of representative people and the friends of Peace Institute from the town and churches of this section of the State, held at the Presbyterian church, Raleigh, at which plans were formulated for a simultaneous campaign for raising \$125,000 to \$150,000 for Peace Institute. Much interest was manifested by all present and an evident determination to make the campaign a success. It was decided best and easiest way to raise amount was by subscriptions through building and loan.

### Site for Home for Women.

Admirably designed buildings excellently equipped, including a fine library and other desirable features, located on a farm of 224 acres in the sandhill section of Moore county, was procured by the directors for the State Home and Industrial School for Women, provided for by the last legislature through an appropriation of \$25,000. This work of reclamation through state support is to be started at once, without the delay which would be necessary if a new plant were to be erected for the purpose. Dr. A. A. McGeachy, Charlotte, is chairman of the board of directors.

This site and plant is the school property of Dr. Henderson, located four miles from Samarcand, a station on the Norfolk-Southern. Dr. Henderson, who came from Vermont four years ago and established his school, decided to go to France for rehabilitation work, after the young men of his faculty went into war service and the difficulties of maintaining such a school for boys in war time became manifest. He closed the plant and sold furnishings and livestock, library and bedding. The property is provided with a fine water system with standpipe, baths and other conveniences.

Miss Agnes McNaughton of Pennsylvania has been chosen superintendent and will at once assume charge in preparation for opening the institution.

### Guard Against Typhoid and Smallpox.

The importance of health and the prevention of communicable disease is stressed by the United States Public Health Service which points out the relation between health conservation and labor efficiency. Especially it is urged that such communicable diseases as typhoid fever and smallpox be prevented, the following statement being issued:

"From the standpoint of health conservation and labor efficiency, it is imperative that such communicable diseases as smallpox and typhoid fever be prevented in all establishments manufacturing materials for the federal government. This is of special importance at the present time in view of the constant movement of labor from one locality to another, which facilitates so greatly the spread of disease.

"The experience of every civilized country shows that complete protection is furnished against smallpox by vaccination, and temporary immunity against typhoid by inoculation with typhoid vaccine.

"In order to prevent such diseases, upon the recommendation of the surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, persons in charge of plants engaged in the manufacture of war materials are urged to require every person employed under them to be vaccinated against smallpox and inoculated against typhoid fever, as is now done in the case of our military forces.

"The medical staff should be instructed to take the necessary steps for the enforcement of these measures. The need for them has already been demonstrated by the occurrence of isolated outbreaks of smallpox in establishments engaged in the production of war materials through imported labor. These outbreaks not only cause the quarantine of the personnel, but also interfere seriously with the production of material necessary to the conduct of the war.

"The Public Health Service is ready to co-operate in enforcing these measures, and any persons calling at any of the service stations will, on request, be vaccinated against smallpox or typhoid fever free of cost."

### Am. Ry. & Express Co. Chartered.

The American Railway and Express Company, the government's consolidated agency, was chartered by the secretary of state with \$40,000,000 authorized capital and \$33,000,000 subscribed. The principal office is in Raleigh and the agent, J. T. White of the Southern Express Company.

### Recent N. C. Casualties.

The following list of casualties among North Carolina troops is shown by late reports: Killed in action, Corp. Jean Kendall, Elkville; Privates Claude Fuqua, Burlington, and Marvin Teague, Gastonia; severely wounded, Corp. Jack Hicks, Canton; Private Charles Beck, Durham.

### Regimental Road Completed.

The 24-foot concrete road through Camp Greene has been completed and opened to traffic. It required only six weeks to build the road which runs from Liberty Park, on the Tuckasee road, to the Dowd house on the Dowd road. It is known as the Regimental road. Within a couple of months the Dowd road will be linked up with Mint street and then it will be possible to go completely around the loop from the city on paved roads. The construction of a large bakery and nurses home has been authorized.

### Charter for One Million.

The Secretary of State issued a charter to the Granite Iron Corporation, a million dollar concern, to do business in Durham. Martin B. Bloomer, Daniel F. Lewis and R. O. Everett are among the incorporators of the new concern. This concern was chartered some time ago with a half million dollar capital but did not begin business. It is chartered to buy and sell iron and iron products. One-fourth of the capital stock will be preferred and three-fourths common.

# CALLS FOR AUGUST WILL EQUAL JULY

MORE THAN 11,000 REGISTRANTS FROM N. C. ENTRAINED DURING MONTH OF JULY.

## NO MORE NAVY PERMITS

First Call for August Increased; 2,600 for Camp Wadsworth, and 2,000 for Camp Greene.

Raleigh.—Calls for registrants during the month of August will be about the same as called out during this month, according to a telegram from Provost Marshal General Crowder to the Adjutant General. The number of registrants, white and colored, entrained from the State so far this month exceeds 11,000, including those for general and limited service.

The first call for August for white men, to be entrained for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., has been increased from 2,500 to 2,600. They are to be sent to camp on August 5 and on the same date 2,000 colored men will be entrained for Camp Greene.

Local boards are instructed, in the telegram sent by General Crowder to refuse releases to registrants who apply for permission to enlist in the navy, marine corps, or the emergency fleet. This practically precludes, it was said, future enlistments in the navy of men who are within the selective service age limits.

The calls from North Carolina during July were approximately four thousand colored men for general service and for about three thousand for special and limited service. The last number includes registrants who will be called into service by August 1.

### Rulings by General Crowder.

Raleigh.—Two rulings were made by Provost Marshal General Crowder that will afford a great deal of relief to local boards. In the first one, General Crowder urges deferred classification for county agricultural agents and in the second he repeats a former ruling that bankers are not entitled to deferred classification on industrial grounds, wherein he virtually abolishes these cases of special hardship.

The county agents, according to the telegram transmitted to the boards through the Adjutant General's department are highly necessary to the development of the special emergency food regulations. For this reason and others which he cites in his telegram, General Crowder asks that the county agents be given deferred classification when it is requested by the State Department of Agriculture.

### To Send Expert on Abrasives.

Raleigh.—Special from Washington says Representative Weaver has asked the geological survey to send an expert on abrasives to Jackson, Clay and Macon counties for the purpose of looking into deposits of corundum, rhodolite and red garnet. There is great demand for abrasives now for polishing weapons of war, and we have been getting our supply from Greece and Spain. Mr. Weaver believes that the North Carolina counties mentioned can furnish a great quantity.

### No Time for Loafers.

Greensboro.—All able-bodied persons between the ages of 18 and 50 in the city of Greensboro must either work or register with the chief of police, so that the latter may help them to find a place, within 20 days, and if idle persons fail to register within the said time, they will be prosecuted in the city court. The ordinance adopted further provides that if any able-bodied person who is offered work through the Municipal Labor and Employment Bureau, established under the terms of the ordinance, refuses to accept such work and continues in idleness that such refusal shall be prima facie evidence that such person is a vagrant and he will be prosecuted for vagrancy in the city court.

### Oak Ridge Military Course.

Oak Ridge.—Prof. T. E. Whitaker, president of Oak Ridge institute, has returned from Washington, where arrangements were made by which the government will furnish rifles and other equipment to Oak Ridge institute for the coming term. During part of last year military training was given at Oak Ridge, and the young men who took it and have since gone to camp found even the elementary training of value. This year the most thorough training will be given.

### Some Blaze at Granite Quarry.

Granite Quarry.—Granite Quarry has had quite a fire. The blaze started in the Granite Quarry Garage and destroyed that building, with two automobiles, and then burned the general store of J. R. Lyerly and Sons. The garage and the store were owned by the Lyerly firm, and their loss is several thousand dollars. Some of the merchandise was saved from the store but the contents of the garage including a quantity of automobile accessories were destroyed.

# MUST GROW MORE SHEEP

Produce More Wool, or Soon None May Be Obtained Without Joining the Army.

Winston-Salem.—"Grow more sheep to make more wool to make more meat, and to win the war."

These words express the sentiment of those who attended the sheep growers' convention here. The attendance was large and is not only of sheep growers, but of farmers from almost all the counties in this section of the state. There were many speeches made by those who have had experience with sheep raising in this section, as well as by representatives of the state department of agriculture. H. G. Chatham presided over the meeting and made forceful presentation of the matter, both from a financial viewpoint of the farmer, as well as from the viewpoint of the woolen goods manufacturer.

He declared that it is absolutely necessary that the wool production of the nation be increased, as a war measure and unless there is a material increase it will be impossible in a few years to secure woolen goods without joining the army and wearing the uniform.

### Slain by Sister-in-Law.

Fayetteville.—Mrs. Mary Nason was instantly killed and Malcolm Hamilton wounded in the head, by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of a young sister-in-law of Mrs. Nason, at the Nason home in the Holt-Williamson mill community this afternoon. The deplorable accident occurred as a party of young people were dispersing after taking a number of kodak pictures in which members of the party represented Red Cross nurses and other war characters, two of the young people holding guns in the picture. One of the guns was borrowed from a neighbor and was supposed to be unloaded, until the Nason girl playfully pulled the trigger. The dead woman, who was about 50, leaves a husband and one grown son.

### Annual Inspection Plan, Nurseries.

Raleigh.—A too little appreciated task of the division of entomology is the yearly inspection of all fruit-tree and other plant nurseries in the state. This is done in order to prevent, so far as practicable, the spreading of serious insect pests on fruit trees and other plants.

J. E. Eckert, assistant in the division of entomology, is now starting this work for the present season, and within the next two or three months all of the 52 nurseries in the state will be inspected. The records of the division show that this work has been the means of keeping off the market many thousands of trees which would have been a drawback to the purchaser.

The nurserymen of the state have shown creditable appreciation of this expert help in locating such pests as may be present, as they do not desire to send out trees which may carry troubles to their customers.

### "Raw Deal" in Melons.

Kinston.—Fortune appears to have given some thousands of colored East Carolinians who have gone to the war a "raw deal." The watermelon crop is a hummer! The melons are coming in late but in great numbers. Prices a week ago ranged as high as 75 cents and \$1, today a quarter was the maximum and a fair melon could be purchased for 10 or 15 cents. No such crop as this was had in several years preceding the war, while the colored soldiers were pursuing peaceful pursuits as civilians.

### Coming Good Roads Meet.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Good Roads Association, which will meet in Wilmington the last of this month will have a number of subsidiary meetings looking to the improvement of roads and bridges throughout the state. The result, it is expected will be an organization looking to the establishment of the military road between Charlotte and Wilmington.

It is hoped that the counties interested will have large delegations present to take part. If the delegates attend, it is hoped that it will be possible to secure such progress as has never been known in the southeast portion of the state.

### An Unusual Appointment.

Special from Washington.—Senator Lee S. Overman has sent to the adjutant general's office the nomination of George Randolph Scott, son of Geo. C. Scott of Charlotte, to be appointed to West Point. He succeeds Cadet Henry Milton Alexander, who will be graduated next spring. Young Scott volunteered last year at the age of 18 years in the coast artillery service and was assigned to Fort Caswell. He was promoted to sergeant nearly six months ago, when he was transferred to France.

### Inspect River Traffic Facilities.

Fayetteville.—Captain A. A. Poland and Captain W. R. Messinger, military members of the National Waterways Commission, inspected the river traffic facilities here and conferred with a committee from the Greater North Carolina Association in regard to the future utilization of the inland waterway by this section. The two officers came to this city from Wilmington, where they held a conference with Wilmington business men, similar in objects to that held with our people here.

# EDITORS ENJOY FINE PROGRAM

CONVENTION OF N. C. PRESS ASSOCIATION AT ASHEVILLE WAS UNUSUALLY LARGE.

## WHITEHEAD ELECTED PRES'T.

Sherrill Again Secretary—George Creel and Senator Overman Make Addresses

With a good attendance and one of the best programs in the history of the organization, the North Carolina Press Association met in Asheville July 24 and 25 for a two days' convention.

The features of the program were speeches by George Creel, chairman of the Committee of Public Information, Washington, and Senator Overman.

President Martin's annual address, an address on "War Savings Stamps" by Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, and the annual oration by W. T. Bost, of Raleigh, were enjoyable numbers of the first day.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of schools, in an address, urged the editors to work for six months' school terms throughout the State.

An important step was taken for the press of the State when the editors directed the formulating of a resolution asking the State legislature to place legal advertising on the same basis as commercial advertising. Previous to the instruction for the resolution, M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing, of Raleigh, and H. B. Varner, publisher of The Dispatch, Lexington, spoke on "Legal Advertising," maintaining that under present arrangements the publishers do not get just compensation for their space.

"The Editor's Duty in War Times" was discussed by T. W. Chambliss, Times, Asheville; W. H. Harris, Observer, Charlotte, and Archibald Johnston, Charity and Children, Thomasville.

R. F. Beasley, Journal, Monroe, spoke on "Democracy in Action."

The executive committee reported new members as follows: J. Leake Carroway, Charlotte; W. G. Campbell, Winston-Salem; W. J. Martin, Raleigh; L. M. Allen, Gastonia; Bion H. Butler, Southern Pines.

Officers elected for the following year are as follows:

President, Z. W. Whitehead, of the Southern Labor Journal, Wilmington. First vice president, R. T. Wade, of the Morehead City Coaster.

Second vice president, Ike London, of the Rockingham Post-Dispatch.

Third vice president, Miss Beatrice Cobb, of the Morganton News-Herald. Secretary, J. B. Sherrill, of the Concord Tribune.

Historian, M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing. Orator, H. R. Dwire, Winston-Salem. Poet, Dr. William Daurie Hill, Raleigh.

Executive committee, H. B. Varner, W. C. Hammer, J. F. Hurley, James H. Cain, and Sanford Martin.

Henry M. London and W. T. Bost were made members of the legislative committee.

In electing Miss Beatrice Cobb third vice president the association will have a woman president in three years if precedent is followed at subsequent meetings. Miss Cobb is a zealous worker in the association and her newspaper, the News-Herald, Morganton, reflects her ability to handle the presidency of the association.

The election of J. B. Sherrill as secretary is the beginning of his thirtieth year in this position.

### ORGANIZATION U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PERFECTED

The organization of the United States Employment Service in North Carolina is about perfected now for the mobilization after August 1 of unskilled labor in North Carolina for the benefit of employers, contractors and industries engaged in war work and employing more than one hundred men.

### STATE BOARD SUCCESSFULLY COMBATS SPREAD OF TYPHOID

The nine counties in North Carolina which are co-operating with the state board of health through the bureau of county health work were particularly active during the past month in their efforts to combat the spread of typhoid fever, the great scourge of the summer months. These large and populous counties contain large negro populations. These counties reported 46 cases of typhoid fever for the month or less than five per cent.

### MANY COLLEGE MEN ARE IN SERVICE OF AVIATION

North Carolina colleges have sent many of their men to the front. While comparative figures would be difficult to obtain, it is practically certain that if they could be had they would show North Carolina well up to the front in this respect. Estimated figures for the various colleges are as follows: The University in excess of one thousand; State College, 700; Trinity College, over 500; Davidson College, 400; Wake Forest, 400; Elon, 400.

# ALLIES HAVE TAKEN FERRE-EN-TARDENOIS

FRANCO-AMERICAN TROOPS CONTINUE PURSUIT OF HUNS; CAPTURE GREAT SUPPLY BASE.

## RETREAT IS NOT YET A ROUT

Expected That Enemy Will Succeed in Retreating in Orderly Line When Stand May Be Made.

The Franco-American troops, continuing their pressure on the Germans in retreat from the Marne, have reached and crossed the Ourcq river and penetrated the town of Fere-En-Tardenois, one of the great German supply bases for the enemy troops inside the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Meantime on the center of the allied right wing, southwest of Rheims, attacks by the French have forced the enemy to give further ground and enabled the French to capture several towns of strategic value and to draw their front appreciably nearer the high road which runs northeastward from Dormans to Rheims.

On the extreme wings of the gradually decreasing pocket—near Soissons and Rheims—the enemy, heavily reinforced, is holding tenaciously to his ground realizing that successes there would result in a general crumbling of his plans of defense against the locking up of his entire armies inside the big bag.

The crossing of the Ourcq, even if only by advanced elements of the allied forces, presages a general crossing later on. The French official communications thus far during the battle have been remarkably conservative in their estimates of the gains that daily have been made and it is indicated in unofficial dispatches that allied troops are considerably in advance of the line as announced officially.

Where the Germans are in retreat from the south the cavalry has been brought into the fighting and numerous tanks and machine guns in profusion are everywhere harrying the enemy whose losses are heavy. Meantime, airplanes are flying over the retreating hordes dropping bombs while the big allied guns from the sides of the salient are keeping up their intensive firing from all angles into the densely congested area.

The retreat of the enemy has by no means become a rout, and so long as the picked troops around Soissons and Rheims are able to keep well open the mouth of the bag through which the Germans are falling back it is expected that the greater portion of the armies of the crown prince will be successful in reaching in order the line where it is intended for them to turn and make a stand.

Just where this stand will be made is problematical. More than half the pocket has been recaptured by the American, French, British and Italian troops opposing the enemy, and there have as yet been no signs of a let up in the retrograde movement.

### FIVE AMERICAN ARMY CORPS ARE ORGANIZED IN FRANCE

Washington.—No additional American forces have been thrown into the Aisne-Marne battle as yet. General March said, although he announced the formation of two additional army corps, the fourth and fifth. The chief of staff explained, however, that the assignment of the 30 divisions which compose the five corps now organized to their respective higher units, did not mean that the corps had been actually drawn together for operations.

Members of the senate military committee learned from General March that the July movement of the troops to France probably would reach a total of 300,000, making a new record. Incidentally the movement last week was put at 50,000 men, or about one-half of what has been the rule. With the shipment of men last week the total number of troops embarking for France was 1,250,000.

### COMMITTEE ADPTS GRADUATED SCALE

Washington.—The graduated excess profits tax of from 7 to 80 per cent on net income beyond exemptions practically as adopted.

Treasury experts have advised the committee that by doubling the present tax on liquors, tobacco, soft drinks, admissions to amusements, transportation, clubs and excise on such articles as automobiles and perfumes, the present revenue from those sources of \$961,000,000 can be doubled.

### TITANIC TASK TO FEED OUR CANTONMENTS

Washington.—Feeding soldiers in the cantonments and abroad is taking a large proportion of the country's farm products. August requirements of the army, the department of agriculture estimated will call for 25,157,000 pounds of potatoes and 1,731,000 pounds of onions. One-third of the output of canned tomatoes, 25 per cent of the total output of canned peas, corn and string beans and one-half that of dried peaches.