

HAVE MANY CAUSES FOR THANKSGIVING

GOVERNOR SETS APART DATE OF NOVEMBER 27 TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO GOD.

PROSPEROUS IN EVERY LINE

"Surely God Has Given to Men Everywhere a Much Broader Conception of Christian Service."

Raleigh. Fruitful harvests, prosperous industries, the mighty triumph of spiritual forces, freedom from industrial strife and racial bitterness—these are the blessings for which North Carolina should return thanks on the day set apart for Thanksgiving in the nation, according to Governor Bickett who issued his annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation.

The proclamation follows: "Our forefathers established the beautiful custom of setting apart one day near the end of the harvest time to return thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of life.

"In this good year, 1919, how much have we for which to be grateful!

At Home Again. "Our soldiers who on last Thanksgiving Day were far away in foreign lands have safely crossed the seas, and are at home again in happiness and to peace.

"The Lord of the Harvest has been good to us. Our fields have yielded bountifully. Our industries have thrived wonderfully. Prosperity smiles on farm and factory, bank and store. In every line of business endeavor we are prospering beyond the fondest dreams of our fathers.

"There has been also a mighty triumph of spiritual forces in our midst, for which we should be profoundly grateful. The fruits of this victory are seen in the great forward movements of all the churches; in the finer educational advantages enjoyed by all the children of the state; in the growing demand for complete economic and social justice in taxation and all other matters; and in the larger opportunities offered on every hand to the average man and the average woman.

Bigger Conception of Service. "Surely in this day God has given to men everywhere a bigger, broader conception of Christian service than they ever had before.

"North Carolina is singularly blessed in that in this time of turmoil she is almost entirely free from industrial and racial bitterness and strife. We should be deeply thankful for the spirit of friendship and good will that prevails among us. Let us pray for absolute justice for all, by which alone this spirit may be strengthened and maintained.

"Now, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, in obedience to the custom established by our fathers and in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 27th, a day of public Thanksgiving.

A Real Thanksgiving Day. "Let this be a day of rest and rejoicing, observed by everybody. Let us not forget the orphan, the poor and the unfortunate. I earnestly trust that all the people will assemble in their places of worship and make this a real Thanksgiving Day.

Closed Season for Fish. On December 10 the North Carolina Fisheries Commission will vote in a meeting at Morehead City on the question of fixing the closed season for snout and herring fishing in North Carolina waters from April 30 to January 1.

The commission has fixed times for regular meetings as the second Wednesday of April, July, September and December and wants it understood that any and all petitioners and citizens interested in North Carolina fisheries will be heard at these meetings to be held in the Morehead City office of the commission.

Rigid Hotel Scrutiny. The Travelers' Protective association, it is learned, will ask the next legislature to strengthen the hotel inspection law to the extent that the board of health will have the authority to use other weapons than publicity in forcing hotel men to keep their places in a sanitary condition.

This has been agitated since the reports of Inspector J. F. Gordon have been made public. The co-operation of the traveling men is being sought in getting the hotels of the state in better shape.

State Baptist Convention. The biggest of all North Carolina Baptist State Conventions, closing its first day's session, heard Dr. L. R. Scarborough, general director of the Seventy-five Million Campaign, review the progress of the Baptist movement, point out the pitfalls in the way, and then warn the North Carolina Baptists of their greatest danger "complacency over confidence."

Just how many messengers are in attendance upon the convention which opened the Baptist Tabernacle has not been ascertained.

Crop Report Coming.

North Carolina crop report information, based on November 1 conditions, is to be released to the press and to co-operators about November 14, by Frank Parker, of the crop reporting service.

The state and federal departments of agriculture are co-operating in securing dependable information toward forecasting crop conditions, which is rapidly winning favor throughout the state.

The coming report will cover 17 points of information on seven important crops. Included in it will be the yield per acre and quality of corn, sweet potatoes, tobacco and peanuts, the average weight per measured bushel of wheat and oats, the percentage of sweet potatoes grown for market and some important weather effects. About 600 reports will be the basis for these report averages.

For lack of adequate means, no report will be issued on the percentage of corn cut for silos, the yield and quality of buckwheat, Irish potatoes, clover seed, grain sorghum, and sorghum syrup, nor the several features of the cow pea crop, soybeans, etc.

Camp Bragg Appropriation.

Washington.—(Special).—The house committee on military affairs recommended an appropriation of \$1,175,000 for Camp Bragg at Fayetteville.

This means that the plans of the war department to make Camp Bragg a first class place for training purposes will be carried out.

Lands bargained for will be bought and paid for.

Want Our Dead Brought Home.

Thousands of persons in North Carolina are interested in the proposition to bring home the remains of the Tar Heel boys buried in foreign countries.

Attorney General James S. Manning, whose son died in France, is anxious to have the body brought home. On account of his efforts the North Carolina senators have been very active in getting the war department to take up the matter, and get some fixed policy.

Senator Overman's office was notified today that the secretary of the treasury had instructed the public health service to take over Kenilworth inn for a "general hospital."

The understanding is that if the government likes the proposition it will purchase the property.

Increase in Bank Deposits.

North Carolina state banks have increased in aggregate resources the past year \$64,736,396 according to a summary of conditions showing deposits of \$226,888,238.

There are 484 banks, including 32 branch banks. Saving deposits aggregate \$34,736,067; time certificates of deposit \$24,180,969; demand certificates of deposit \$8,519,975 and subject to check \$96,555,775.

One year ago these classes of deposits were savings \$25,962,107; time certificates of deposit \$15,875,858; demand certificates of deposit \$7,411,729; subject to check \$65,578,702.

Election of Webb's Successor.

An election for successor to Congressman Edwin Yates Webb, who resigns to become United States judge, is to be held in the ninth district December 16.

Newspaper Men Gather.

More than 20 representative publishers of North Carolina newspapers gathered at Greensboro and formed an association of the newspaper interests of the state. E. B. Jeffries of the Greensboro Daily News was elected president; E. T. Rollins of the Durham Herald, vice president; J. L. Horne, Jr., of the Rocky Mount Telegram, secretary and treasurer.

These, in connection with A. W. Burch of the Charlotte Observer, Joseph Daniels, Jr., of the News and Observer, and J. B. Sherrill of the Concord Tribune, compose the executive committee. It was decided that meetings would be held quarterly, and that the next meeting will be at Greensboro the night of January 7, which precedes the convention of the North Carolina Press Association. An invitation to meet at Asheville was extended by Mr. Burdette of the Citizen, and the understanding is that the association will go to Asheville in July for a meeting during the S. N. P. A. convention.

The Price of Sugar.

Washington.—(Special).—Senator Simmons was advised by the sugar division of the Food Administration, that a price of 8 1/2 cents would be fixed on New Orleans sugar which is now available to the trade.

North Carolina dealers, however, object to this sugar and the Equalization Board is now considering the proposition. The Board is now considering the proposition of President T. H. Holmes, of the North Carolina Wholesale Grocers association, to shutting off North Carolina from the distribution of the Savannah and Eastern Refineries.

War Time Phone Rates.

The corporation commission handed down a decision allowing the Bell Telephone company and the Asheville telephone company to keep in effect the long distance and local rates at the long distance and local rates allowed by the government. The decision is applicable to all other telephone companies in the state.

The order was made in response to a petition to be allowed to retain war time rates at the expiration of four months' grace allowed when the companies were turned back to the private owners.

RIVAL STYLES IN EVENING FROCKS



A review of lovely evening gowns made for the younger set, convinces us that many a fair lady intends to turn her back upon society this winter. Let us hope these backs will all be comely and that society will be regaled with lines that are beautiful and skins that are fair; for society is going to have a chance to pass opinion upon backs unadorned. It is said that a beautiful back is the rarest of nature's gifts to fair women, and there is a fad for the almost backless bodice.

A conservative example of the style in an evening frock of shell pink, is shown above at the right of the two evening gowns pictured. Very wide moire ribbon, matching the net in color, constitutes what there is of foundation for the bodice and is featured in a sash with a wide Alsatian bow and long ends at the back, finishing the wide loose girdle about the waist. The net is very full and draped over a soft silk underskirt in cascades that end in points at the bottom. Moire ribbon forms the foundation for the

front of the bodice and there is a drapery of net over silk that extends over the shoulders and is lost under the girdle at the front. Silks shot with gold or silver make beautiful underskirts.

The frock at the left is more youthful and less sophisticated than the net frock. It is made of georgette, with a fancy silk trimming stitched in straight rows on the skirt and diagonally on the bodice. Soft net is set in the "V" shaped bodice and a silk daisy chain is a charming detail at the top of the short sleeve on the right shoulder. The sash is of plain, narrow satin ribbon with a rosette and two short ends to finish it. Matching with this trim little detail, the skirt is restrained at the bottom where it is gathered in and finished with a narrow, quaint-looking fringe in character. Both are beautiful and the more daring frock at the right has no advantage over its more youthful rival. There is no use trying to outshine the charm of youthfulness anyway.

MATCHED SETS AND NECKWEAR



In autumn dress accessories, scarfs play the leading role and in scarfs those of angora wool lead the others in popularity. Angora collar and cuff sets replace those of lace on street suits and promise to grow more popular as cold weather advances. These angora accessories are nearly all shown in quiet colors, but there are a few vivid hues among the narrower scarfs. The straight fur scarf—more or less wide and long—has emerged from a brief exile to find itself more admired than ever—and much more valuable in money. There are many good imitations of fur in scarfs of fur fabrics that can be commended as just as warm and serviceable and less expensive. Besides these, marabout scarfs and capes, and other neckpieces of ostrich flues, add attractions to the assemblage of neckpieces. All of this neckwear becomes more interesting as the holidays draw near, and collar and cuff sets of batiste, lace, organdie and crocheted, already intrigue us to begin holiday shopping early.

Gold or silver brocade and monkey fur are responsible for many odd and beautiful fancies in the realm of dress accessories. They are very well launched on a career that promises to go on aspiring and climbing until it blossoms out at the winter resorts in the most imposing of fashion parades. There is a fondness for glitter everywhere—the fashion world has turned its back upon all that is sedate or severe in styles wherever there is any chance to be gay or splendid. Two-piece and three-piece sets give all sorts of opportunity for using these spirited elements of the styles.

Monkey fur and silver brocade make the handsome turban and shopping bag shown at the left of the two matched sets illustrated here. The fur makes a distinctive millinery trimming and takes the place of heron aligettes, which are not worn by American women with a sense of loyalty to the laws. It makes a new sort of fringe also, used in many ways on hats and gowns. The three-piece set, at the right of the picture utilizes plain and gold brocaded black satin ribbon in an assembly of hat, scarf and bag that is in the class of cloths for formal dress.

Rocky Mount.—According to figures compiled by the Rocky Mount Tobacco board of trade, leaf sales on the local market up to date have totaled 13,386,862 pounds at an average of \$46.97 per hundred pounds. These figures eclipse last year's quotation by an enormous margin and show most conclusively the rush and volume of business done on the Rocky Mount market during the present season.

Julia Bottomly

ASHEVILLE IS OUT OF SUGAR

Small Shipment Reported on the Way Which Cannot be Sold at a Profit Under 25 Cents per Pound.

Asheville.—Remaining out of sugar two days, one local retail store reported a small amount and such a crowd of women rushed down on the store that it was necessary for the manager to call the police and four officers were stationed inside and on the sidewalk to keep the people in line. The sugar on hand was sold out in less than an hour and Asheville merchants were completely out of sugar.

A local wholesale grocery company reported that two carloads of 100,000 pounds had been purchased by them in New Orleans and would be here in about ten days, but it would be necessary to sell the sugar at retail for 35 cents in order to come out on it. This will be the highest price ever asked for sugar in Asheville, even during the war when certificates were needed the price never reached over 15 cents here. This seems to be one case where fair price committees do not function.

Lumberton.—The Robeson County Fair association was organized with Frank Gough as president; Dr. R. T. Allen, vice president, and W. O. Thompson, secretary and treasurer. The association will be incorporated with an authorized capital of \$50,000.

Elkin.—The Elgin tobacco market is keeping right abreast with the markets throughout this section of the state.

A. M. Cockerham sold a barn of 1,026 pounds which brought him \$1,018.18, being an average of \$99.33 per 100 pounds. This is a record for the Elkin market.

Winston-Salem.—At a meeting of business men here action was taken assuring the erection of a million dollar hotel in Winston-Salem. Plans for the structure will be prepared at once and completion of the company which will own the building will be worked out during the next few days.

Chapel Hill.—More than 200 members of the Atwater family and its collateral branches met here in Gerard hall for their first family reunion. At the close of the program of address, upon the proposal of Mrs. Mattie Atwater Jenkins, the family decided to erect an Atwater memorial building at the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh.

Wilmington.—Following the announcement that the Carolina Shipbuilding company has been made permanent for Wilmington, it was announced by the chamber of commerce that a Bay City, Mich., manufacturer of ready-built houses, will establish here. It is said that the industry will attract a large number of new workers to Wilmington.

Charlotte.—In the race for Judge Webb's headquarters, Charlotte wins over Greensboro, Salisbury and Asheville, which sent in their invitations post-haste when the name of Judge Boyd's associate was announced.

Judge Webb, it was said, will be the first federal jurist to make headquarters in Charlotte since the government has been holding court in this city.

Albemarle.—Dr. W. P. Critz, a prominent dentist of Albemarle, is in Rainey hospital, at Badin, fatally injured as a result of an automobile accident which occurred between Badin and Hardaway's camp on the Yadkin river.

The latest reports from the hospital are to the effect that Dr. Critz cannot possibly recover, as the entire fore part of his skull was crushed and had to be removed, and that part of his brain was also removed.

Convict Steals Car. Winston-Salem.—George B. Cook, white, about 70 years old, is again a fugitive from justice. This time he is alleged to have with him a Velle five-passenger automobile, the property of C. N. Christian, supervisor of the state prison farm in Halifax county. Police and court officials here remember Cook as the young man who stole a citizen's machine about a year ago, and going to Salisbury where he was arrested. He was brought back and tried in superior court last July.

Hickory Fair a Success. Hickory.—When the Catawba county fair paid off a note of \$1,700 and paid premium awards and other expenses totaling \$3,486.83, it had about \$7.13 cents in the treasury, the secretary reported at the first meeting of the directors since the exhibit.

Directors discussed various phases of the fair and decided to go in strong for an agricultural fair next year. With that object in view a meeting of stockholders was called for Saturday afternoon, November 23.

TRAVERSE THE HOT SANDS OF DESERT

DRAMATIC ORDER KNIGHTS OF KHORASSAN CELEBRATE THE ARMISTICE ANNIVERSARY.

MANY COUNTIES REPRESENTED

Celebrated Dokie Band of Gastonia Headed Great Street Parade Despite Heavy Downfall of Rain.

Gastonia.—Around 500 members of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, the "sunshine branch" of the Pythian order, assembled here to celebrate the anniversary of armistice day. The counties of Iredell, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cleveland, Rowan, Catawba were well represented as well as Bagdad temple 213 from Asheville.

The ceremonial began promptly at 4 o'clock with a street parade led by Gastonia's famous Dokie band and notwithstanding the downpour of rain, the parade was a success and witnessed by large crowds of people on the streets. Fred D. Barkley is director of this band and has a splendid organization of musicians who rendered a number of popular selections.

In the evening a delightful banquet was served in the Craig and Wilson building by Gastonia ladies.

Seventy-five candidates were carried through the ceremonial coming from Gastonia as well as other counties adjoining. Many short addresses on the good of the order followed the closing ceremonies at the night session.

Raleigh.—A pyromaniac, who has been starting incendiary fires in Winston-Salem, is to be committed to the state hospital for the insane as the result of the investigation of recent suspicious fires there by Deputy Insurance Commissioner W. A. Scott.

Boone.—Mr. F. R. Farnham, the cheese expert looking after that work in Watauga county, reports that during the past summer the county has shipped to one firm, Swift & Co., 108,922 pounds of factory made cheese, or about 5,000 boxes, this amount representing about two-thirds of the entire output in the county.

Newton.—The ordinary method of making blockade liquor is entirely too slow for some of the makers of booze in Catawba county. They have reached the point where they are operating steam distilleries.

Messrs. Bogle, Kirksey and Deputy Sheriff Huss found a steam distillery in Bandy's township, said to have been on the lands of William Johnson.

Mount Airy.—Despite daily increasing offerings of tobacco by the farmers of this and adjacent counties, prices continue to advance and producers of the weed are jubilant at prices paid them. For the first time in the history of this market the prices for all tobacco sold at all three warehouses today averaged over 85 cents per pound, and many lots brought over \$1 a pound.

Raleigh.—In authorizing the continuance of the federal telephone rates by the Southern Bell Telephone company until further notice, in which order has just been made, the corporation commission directs the company to file with the commission in January next, a report of the operations of the business of the company in North Carolina for the period from July, 1919, to January, 1920.

Kinston.—Kinston will be the "smallest big" town in the state if the 1920 census figures bear out the expectations of local authorities, who look for a population of 13,500 to 15,000. There have been two booms since 1910, and the population has increased steadily between booms. The area of the city is only a little more than one and two-fifths square miles. Many towns with smaller population cover much more territory. It will undoubtedly be necessary to annex surrounding territory.

To Launch Concrete Ships. New Bern.—If plans of shipbuilders materialize, November will see the launching of two steel cargo ships and another concrete passenger ship from local yards.

The Starr-Bennett company, which is building now on a contract for the government of seven steel river steamers, has four nearly completed and the management announces that two will be launched this month. The Newport shipbuilding corporation have already launched two concrete boats of 500-passenger capacity.

Hear Prohibition Orators. Hickory.—Former Gov. Malcolm R. Patterson and Rev. R. D. McAlister, noted Tennesseans, made four addresses in Hickory churches in the interest of the world-wide prohibition movement and while here urged local people not only to fight the enemy within, but to smite him without. The addresses were delivered in the First Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Corinth Reformed churches and were heard by large audiences. It was believed that many Hickory people pledged contributions.