

## VICE PRESIDENT SCORES MILITARISM IN SPEECH

### Thos. R. Marshall Tells Elizabeth City Audience Militarism is a Greater Menace than Bolshevism

Militarism, not Bolshevism, is the menace of civilization, said Thos. R. Marshall, vice president of the United States at the Alkrama Theatre in this city Monday night. "If some way is not found to reduce armaments and prevent future wars the last vestige of government will be swept from the earth," continued the vice president.

Mr. Marshall believes that the League of Nations will work out such a reduction of armaments as will spell the end of militarism. He thinks the best thing about the draft of the League is the provision enabling any country to withdraw from the League in two years if not satisfied with it. He said if the founders of this country had made such a thoughtful provision with respect to the states of this union, there would have been no Civil War and the slavery question would have been settled some other way.

The Vice President told his audience that he liked to think of America as an America for Americans, but that this ideal was an ideal only because, as a matter of fact, there are only about 500,000 Americans of pure colonial stock in this country at this time and half of them live in North Carolina. He congratulated North Carolina upon this fact and said that the country depends upon the southern states for the preservation of the highest American ideals. He contrasted the English speaking American born population of the south with the heterogeneous mixture of foreign races in the north and east and west. It was these foreigners who brought anarchy and disorder.

The Vice President said it was the fundamental right of any native born American to criticize his government and to advocate Bolshevism or anything else he believed in; but no foreigner had a right to come to this country and tell us how to run our affairs. Privately, an hour before the lecture, Vice President Marshall told the writer of this newspaper that he believed about 25 first class hangings in America right away would silence the Anarchists and other disturbers of the national peace.

Getting back to the menace of militarism, which seemed to be constantly in his mind, the Vice-President told his audience that they were already beginning to chafe under the burden of taxation imposed by this war, but that present taxes were not a circumstance to what might be expected if the United States went in for a program of militarism. He mentioned one item of 5,000 airplanes at \$25,000 a piece that the military party wants this country to provide for times of peace as a measure of national preparedness.

The Vice President took a rap at the centralization of government at Washington and told his audience that here was a real peril to be avoided. He wished we could hark back to the days of states' rights, but the last vestige of states' rights had been swept away. He thought we would all be better off if we could run the country as it was in 1840, at peace with the world and minding its own affairs, secure in its seclusion and undisturbed by international politics. But that day could never be recalled; in fact the period prior to the year 1914 can never be recalled; we are living in a New World and America is looked to for leadership in this new order. He thought science and mathematics had made a mess of things and that the hope of the world lies in a more intelligent acceptance and application of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Elizabeth City did not turn out to hear Vice President Marshall. He had only half an audience. Hardly a dozen men attended the reception in his honor at the Southern Hotel Monday afternoon. Clarence Pugh called this lack of interest in so important a public man, a spirit of Bolshevism. "Yes, Bolshevism," reiterated Mr. Pugh, "the people are nursing a resentment against the government and everything connected with it; consciously or unconsciously they haven't the enthusiasm for government and high government officials they used to have." Mr. Pugh probably was nearer right than wrong.

Vice President Marshall was accompanied by his wife, a brilliant, wholesome, sociable woman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marshall made friends of all who came in contact with them here.

## OFFERS \$500 REWARD FOR ARREST OF INCENDIARY

### His Home, Outbuildings and Contents Destroyed by Fire of Incendiary Origin

W.W. Midgett, of Manns Harbor, Dare county, is offering a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who burned his home and several hundred dollars worth of personal property on the night of April 28. Mr. Midgett boasted one of the nicest homes on Croatan. The home, including the cook house and smoke house were burnt to the ground. Practically all the furniture was destroyed. Miss Mary Midgett, his daughter, lost more than \$100 worth of clothing.

## SALVATION ARMY VALIANT IN WAR

### America Will Give It Every Dollar It Needs For Its Work at Home

W. O. Saunders, chairman of the Salvation Army Home Service Campaign in Pasquotank announces that there will be no "drive." The campaign is from Monday, May 19, to Monday, May 26. "In conducting this campaign for the Salvation Army in this county," says Chairman Saunders, "I am not going to put on a 'drive.' No one will be driven into giving anything for the Salvation Army. Rather, I shall sound a call for contributions for this noble organization which served American soldiers and humanity so valiantly in the war. I believe the people of Pasquotank have only to know that the Salvation Army wants their help and that help will be forthcoming in generous measure. I trust that no one will wait for the week of May 19-26, but will make their contributions at once. I would like to see several \$25 subscriptions and not less than 100 \$10 subscriptions within the next few days which would provide for Pasquotank's quota with a margin to spare. Let's do this and show our genuine appreciation of the one war work organization that is coming home without a knocker." Checks should be made payable to H. G. Kramer, Treasurer and forwarded to W. O. Saunders, Chairman.

Like the 2,000,000 American boys whom it served so gloriously in the trenches of France, the Salvation Army is coming back from overseas, ready to put aside its khaki uniform of war service, don againg the "Civvies" and embark once more on its normal peace time activities.

And, just like those doughboys, the Salvation Army has come out of the war victorious and with citations for bravery, decorations for gallantry under fire and golden chevrons indicating five of honorable war wounds on its arm. The victory which the Salvation Army has won is a victory over the obstacles that lay before it in its purpose of efficient service of the fighters of Pershing's army. Its citations are the thanks, cheers and prayers of 2,000,000 doughboys. Its wound stripes are rightfully golden of hue, for they typify the unselfish way in which the Army threw all its resources—financial, spiritual and moral—into the effort to help the American soldiers in France.

Now the Army is asking the people of America to give it concrete evidence of the gratitude which has been so loudly, and so willingly expressed. From May 19 to 26 the Salvation Army will conduct in the United States a campaign to raise \$15,000,000 for its Home Service Fund. The money is needed both to recoup the fortunes of the Army, shattered by its long service of the soldier and to permit it to carry on the work it has always done on the larger scale which the public now demands. Raising the money by this means, the Salvation Army explains, will eliminate, perhaps permanently, the necessity for the ceaseless solicitation of funds which has been a bug bear to the Army and the public alike. It will permit to devote more than half its time to gathering money, were in consequence only half efficient in their evangelistic and social service work, to devote all their time in future to the duties for which they have been trained.

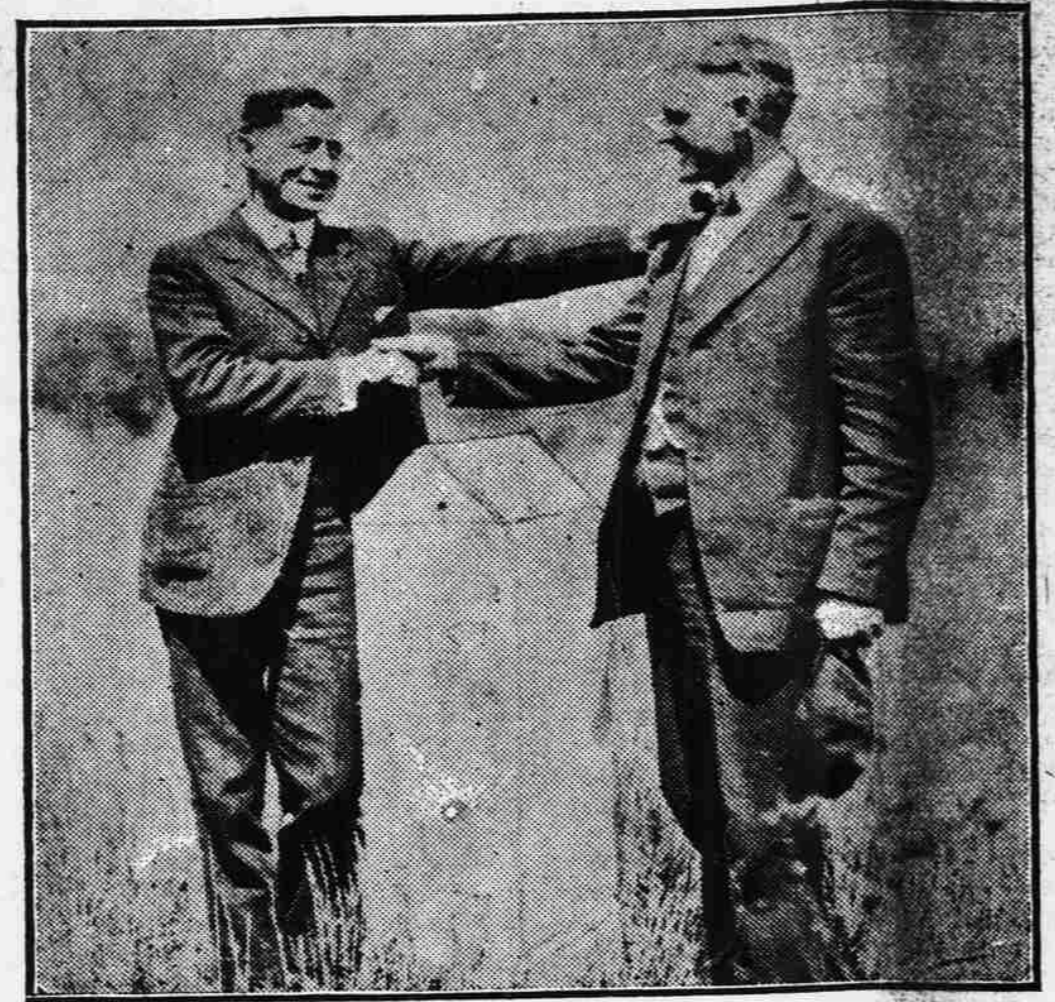
The amount of the fund has been determined exactly and logically by means of budgets prepared locally by workers of the Salvation Army in all parts of the United States.

Already headquarters for the campaign have been established in New York City. A ready response in encouragement and cheering wishes for success has been heard from all parts of the country. Men and women prominent in all walks of life have volunteered their services as active participants in the drive. The Army's 2,000,000 loyal rosters—the boys who went overseas in khaki—are all lined up ready to help. The Army not only helped them over there, but it found jobs for many of them after they had been mustered out of service, helped them get the civilian clothing that was necessary if they wanted to take those jobs, fed many of them, gave them shelter and furnished them with transportation to their homes.

For the war service of the Salvation Army is still under way. Its workers are still, many of them, in France, and its huts, clubhouses and hotels for the reception of the boys returning from abroad are in full swing here. Neither, the Salvation Army asserts, will its war work be abandoned until the last boy is out of the khaki of the army or the blue of the navy. The larger activities which necessitated the coming campaign will exist and be financed independently of the service of the fighters from abroad.

FOR SALE:—A pair of mules, 7 and 8 years old respectively, weigh 1,100 lbs. each. Sound and solid. Can be seen at MADRIN & STOKES stables, Matthews St., Elizabeth City. Can be bought cheap. pM9-11.

## Make Pledge on Very State Line



HERE is one of the most remarkable pictures ever snapped by THE INDEPENDENT'S camera. To the right is W. J. Woodley, Chairman of the Pasquotank Highway Commission. To the left and clasping his hand is City Manager Bates of Portsmouth, Va. The two men are standing on either side of the stone marker on the banks of the historical Dismal Swamp Canal, which marks the dividing line between the states of North Carolina and Virginia. The camera caught them as they were pledging their unqualified support to the project to build a permanent highway between Elizabeth City and Portsmouth, Va., via South Mills and the Dismal Swamp Canal. The lower picture shows a group composed of members of the Pasquotank Highway Commission, members of the Portsmouth City Council and other prominent men interested in the development of this highway. The picture was made of the same boundary spot last Friday, where these men had met after going over the route of the proposed highway. The proposed road will cut the distance from Elizabeth City to Portsmouth to 45 miles and will provide trade outlets for all of upper Pasquotank and Camden counties and link Elizabeth City with Gates County in North Carolina and with the prosperous black lands of Wallaceton, Va. and vicinity.

## TUESDAY, MAY 13 IS ELECTION DAY

### Result of Municipal Election Depends upon The Activity of Good Citizens

Tuesday, May 13 is election day in Elizabeth City for the election of a Board of Aldermen.

Two aldermen will be elected from each of the four wards in the city. The voter has no other voice in the government of this town. The aldermen when elected appoint a Mayor and a City Manager. The City Manager appoints all other officials, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen. The kind of administration Elizabeth City will get for the next two years depends upon the calibre of the Board of Aldermen they elect next Tuesday. The people of Elizabeth City are aroused as they never were before and earnestly desire to see a change in the political administration of the city. They will see no change if they do not put their desire into action and get out and work and vote for honorable men in the election next Tuesday. No tax payer in this town can put in a better day's work with more profit to himself and to the community than to lay his personal affairs aside and spend every minute of his time next Tuesday in the work of electing a decent set of Aldermen. The man who sticks to his own self interests on that day will have no kick coming if politicians continue to control the city.

## ENTERTAINED ON BIG SCALE

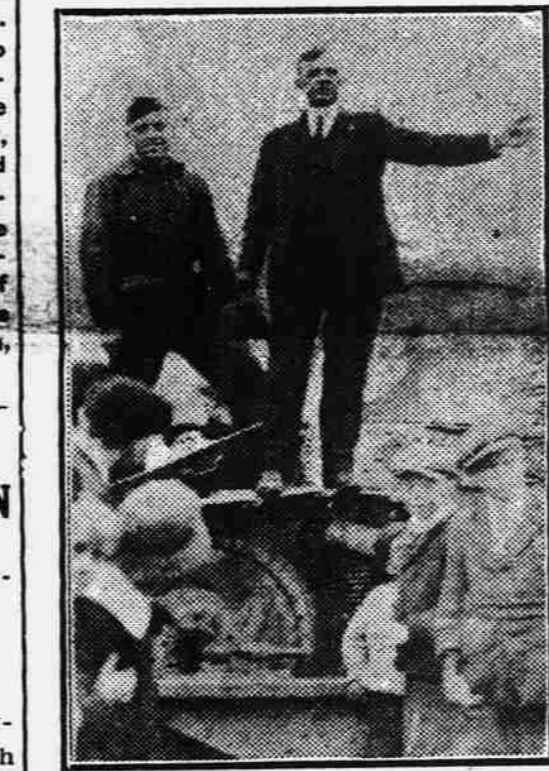
A delightful entertainment was given at L. Walker's, Barco, Currituck county Saturday, May 3, in honor of the return of his two sons, Jack T. and Dennis S. Walker, who have been in the army overseas. More than 100 guests were present. Ice cream, cake and other good things were served and every one had a good time.

## Will Deliver Address Here June 5th



LIEUT. COL. SAM. T. ANSELL will deliver the Commencement Address at the Elizabeth City High School on Thursday evening, June 5. This announcement will create unusual interest in Elizabeth City because of Col. Ansell's unique position before the public at this time. Col. Ansell received his early education in Elizabeth City and was a graduate of the old Atlantic Collegiate Institute in this city under Prof. S. L. Sheep, who is now superintendent of the Elizabeth City Graded Schools.

## LITTLE, BUT HE'S LOUD



THE accompanying picture, snapped by W. O. Saunders, shows Dr. B. C. Hening, pastor of First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, mounted on a War Tank making a Victory Loan speech. On that occasion he raised \$18,000 in about 12 minutes. Whenever there's money raising to be done for any good and worthy cause, this man Hening's on the job. In size he's the smallest parcel of ministerial sinew in Elizabeth City, but he looms large and booms loud among those who know him. He made a speech at Salem Baptist church last Sunday and called up a handsome list of Victory Loan subscriptions in that church. When there's money to be raised the call goes out for Hening. He never disappoints.

## YOUNG FRED SHIPP THE VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY

### Stabbed and One Lung Laid Open by Colored Boy in New Bern Last Sunday

Fred Shipp, 14 year old son of F. H. Shipp, formerly of this city but now with the Pepsi Cola Co. at New Bern, was stabbed by a Negro boy in New Bern last Sunday and is lying in a New Bern hospital with a gash four inches long and three inches deep in one lung. The stabbing caused a near riot in New Bern and three Negroes are in jail pending the recovery or death of young Shipp.

## HATHAWAY SAYS

If you wear glasses, have your eyes and glasses both examined from time to time, and go to the place where you can afford to pay a reasonable price for real professional work. Remember your eyes are your bread-winners. Take care of them.

You have your teeth examined twice a year. Why not your eyes? They are more important.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY  
Optometrist  
Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

## SAYS NINE FOOT ROAD'S ENOUGH

### Government Expert Inspects Roads From Elizabeth City To Virginia

Pasquotank County and northeastern North Carolina may have to adopt a nine foot single track cement road for their first permanent hard surfaced highways. It is altogether probable that the State Highway Commission will not approve any other width of road for state and federal aid any time soon. This newspaper gets this intimation from W. L. Spoon, of the United States Bureau of Roads who was here last Friday for the purpose of inspecting and reporting upon road projects calling for state and federal aid, in this vicinity. Mr. Spoon has been loaned to the State Highway Commission by the Federal Bureau. The State Highway Commission sent him here to get his opinion as to which of the two proposed interstate highway projects should receive state and federal aid.

Mr. Spoon went over the proposed route from Elizabeth City to the Virginia state line via South Mills and the Dismal Swamp Canal. He was impressed with the need of this project, not only as an interstate highway, but as a feeder for the great state highway system.

Mr. Spoon then went over the route of the proposed highway between Elizabeth City and the Virginia line via Shawboro, Snowden and Moyock. He followed the meanderings of this road and observed that it crossed the Norfolk Southern Railroad seven times between Elizabeth City and North-west. He noted all the swamps and bogs that would have to be overcome. And he noted something of the immense population to be served by this road. He thought the road from Elizabeth City to Moyock should parallel the N. S. R. R. and not cross and recross that rail road every few miles.

And after looking over both routes Mr. Spoon indicated that he did not believe that state and federal aid would be available for both roads and if the idea was to build double track roads; but that state and federal aid would be available for both roads if both roads were of less expensive single track construction. And Mr. Spoon said emphatically that a nine foot road was all the road we needed and all the road we should attempt to build until we had more experience in road building and had more money to build with.

"When a man gets to the end of a cement road and gets off in the mud, he is not so much concerned with the width of the road as with its length. It is better to build narrower roads and more roads, than to use up all your appropriation in a shorter mileage of double track roads."

Asked what he considered an ideal type of construction for this country, Mr. Spoon said he favored a 25 foot road with nine feet of government standard cement paving in the center. The eight feet of dirt on each side should be sown in Bermuda grass which makes a firm sod that does not easily wash or break down under light traffic. The cement should have a curb on each side, to prevent it breaking off along the edges under traffic.

The idea that a nine foot road is not wide enough is an idea born in the minds of persons who have never used such roads and who don't know what they are talking about, says Mr. Spoon. And this man Spoon is a road builder of many years experience; in fact, he is the man who first discovered and applied the formula of the modern sand clay road.

"It is not very often in a journey that one has to turn out to another vehicle on the road," says Mr. Spoon, "and when one does have to turn out on a nine foot road he still has two wheels on hard paving and never has to slacken his speed."

And so this man Spoon went back to Raleigh last Saturday with the opinion that Elizabeth City and her neighboring counties need two roads into Virginia and that we ought to get state and federal aid for both and probably will get state and federal aid for both on the basis of single track cement construction. This newspaper feels that it understood Mr. Spoon thoroughly, because this newspaper had a representative with him on both tours of inspection.

## PASQUOTANK TAKES ITS QUOTA WITHOUT DELAY

### But Chowan Beat Her To It in The Victory Loan Campaign, Having Smaller Quota

Pasquotank went over the Top with a few thousands to spare, in the Victory Liberty Loan campaign Thursday night, May 2, while the rest of the country was two thirds in arrears of its quota. One other northeastern North Carolina county outdistanced Pasquotank; Chowan went over with a 20 per cent. oversubscription the day before Elizabeth City closed. J. H. McMullan, Jr., was chairman of the Chowan Victory Loan Committee and personally did most of the work in that county; Chowan's quota being \$115,000. W. P. Duff, Chairman for Pasquotank had to pull across with a quota of \$351,000.

L. C. Reife, farmer and merchant of Durant's Neck, will know through this city and section, is in the Root Cancer Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., undergoing an operation for cancer.

## EVERY TOWN ITS OWN LAW MAKER

### Elizabeth City Can Change Its Form of Government Without Having to Go to The Legislature

Uninformed persons are saying that the City Manager form of government in Elizabeth City can not be given a fair trial until the Legislature of North Carolina is appealed to to make some changes in the charter of Elizabeth City and in the act creating the office of City Manager in this town. We are told that the Legislature must give us authority to elect our Aldermen from the city at large and curtail the powers of the office of Mayor.

Perhaps it will interest the people of Elizabeth City and other North Carolina towns to know that they don't have to go to the Legislature of North Carolina to change anything. The power to revise, amend or abolish the charter of any town in North Carolina lies in the voters of that town. Under the Municipal Machinery Act of 1917, 25 per cent. of the qualified voters of any town or city may force the County Board of Elections of their county to call a special election. In this election, when called, the voters can adopt any one of several plans of government, including the initiative, referendum and recall. One of these plans of government provided by this Municipal Machinery Act calls for a Board of five Aldermen elected by the town at large, regardless of ward boundaries. The alderman receiving the largest number of votes is declared Mayor of the town. He functions as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and nothing more. This Board of Aldermen then appoints a City Manager, who does not have to be a resident of the city or of the state. He is appointed for no specific term and can be dismissed when he fails to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the administration and the people.

Elizabeth City does not have to wait for a Legislature to do this. The Legislature has said that the towns and cities of North Carolina should govern themselves and the power lies in the people of government whenever they wish, and as often as they wish.

If the people of Elizabeth City want to change their form of government this newspaper will show them how to do it and give them all the information they will require. The legislature has given the people the authority to act and men who tell you to go to the Legislature for municipal legislation are either uninformed or are purposely giving you misleading advice. Elizabeth City and every other North Carolina town can have any form of government it wants, without waiting for a bi-ennial session of the Legislature?

## APRON SOCIAL MAY 15.

The Parsonage Society of City Road Methodist Church will give an Apron Social in the church annex next Thursday night, May 15. A good program has been arranged and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served free.

FOR SALE:—Pure Bred Duroc Jersey Pigs eight to ten weeks old, entitled to registration. A. E. COHOON, City pM9-21.