



CALLING ALL PERSONS IN TRANSYLVANIA!

Gov. Broughton Has Designated Monday, JULY 5th As "N. C. DAY OF DEDICATION"



And Has Asked That Anti-Loafing Meetings Be Held In Every County In The State

A Proclamation

By The Governor

NORTH CAROLINA DAY OF DEDICATION, JULY 5, 1943

Work is no longer merely a privilege or opportunity; it is a high patriotic duty. No man or woman, white or colored, in North Carolina or indeed in America today has any moral right to loaf or be idle even for a part of the time. We are confronted with the most urgent need for productive manpower in the history of our nation. Farm labor and industrial labor are absolutely indispensable for the protection of the national welfare and for the success of our men in arms. Under these circumstances all citizens of all classes, groups and races have a public duty to engage in productive work, even though the individual financial necessity for such work may not exist.

Trustworthy reports have come to me from virtually every section of North Carolina indicating that hundreds, indeed thousands, of men, white and colored, are either not working at all or working only part of the time. Likewise, many women, boys, and girls above the age of sixteen who could be productively employed are doing virtually nothing in the way of productive work. The time has come when every able-bodied person should either be fighting or working.

I herewith call upon the citizens of our state to respond to this most urgent need. I have every confidence that our people will rise to this need and I hope in a manner worthy of our state and its traditions. I urge the ministers of North Carolina and our teachers and school people generally, our civic clubs, representatives of the press and radio, and other public spirited leaders of the state to join in the high endeavor to get every citizen of our state productively employed on a fulltime basis. I further urge the judges, mayors, and law enforcement officers to do everything within their power and within the law to end any idleness or vagrancy that may exist anywhere in North Carolina. Furthermore, I call upon the local selective service boards to study carefully the cases of those who have been deferred on physical grounds but who are able to work and are not working. I am also calling upon police officers and sheriffs to visit places in their cities and counties where loafers and idlers customarily congregate and inquire into the reasons why they are not at work. If these efforts fail to get the necessary response, I should feel it my duty to use the emergency powers granted me by the recent legislature for dealing with these problems so vital to our national welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA, to the end that we may act in a statewide manner on this important subject, do hereby set apart MONDAY, JULY 5, 1943, the day on which Independence Day will be most generally observed throughout the state, as NORTH CAROLINA DAY OF DEDICATION, and I urge that in the county seat of every county in North Carolina there will be held a meeting to be attended by mayors, county commissioners, sheriffs, police officers, ministers, farm leaders, health and welfare workers and other public spirited citizens, for the purpose of studying conditions in each of such counties and taking such organized steps as will effectually end any idleness or loafing that may exist in such counties.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, J. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, have signed and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto, in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, this the 23rd day of June, 1943, in the one hundred and sixty-seventh year of our American Independence.

J. Melville Broughton
J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON,
Governor.

By the Governor: *Allston Stubbs*
Allston Stubbs,
Secretary to the Governor

In Accordance With This Request A MEETING FOR THIS COUNTY Will Be Held At The COURTHOUSE IN BREVARD Monday Night, July 5th 8 o'clock

Every person in the county is invited to attend. The time has certainly come when every able-bodied person should be working or fighting. Our industries and our farmers in the county need workers to produce things for Victory. We do not believe conditions are as bad in this county as they are in others, but it is important that everyone work or fight. We urge all our public officials, industrial leaders, merchants, farmers and every one to attend this meeting.

Program

Harry H. Straus, Presiding

Concert ----- By Ecusta Band
(Starting at 7:45 o'clock)

Purpose of Meeting ----- Mr. Straus

Reading Proclamation --- F. S. Best

Talk ----- Ralph Ramsey

Talk ----- Verne Clement

Talk ----- Carl Allison

Talk ----- Julian Glazener

Discussion

Song ----- America

HARRY H. STRAUS, County Chairman

Ralph Ramsey, Verne Clement, Carl Allison, J. A. Glazener, Miss Annabel Teague, A. M. White, C. M. Douglas and Ed M. Anderson,—Members of Executive Committee.