

THE MONROE JOURNAL

JOHN BEASLEY, Editor.

Founded in 1894 by the present owners and publishers, G. M. and E. F. Beasley.

The Journal Building, corner of Jefferson and Beasley Streets.

Published Each Tuesday and Friday.

\$1.50 a Year, Invariably in Advance.

Telephone No. 19.

A notice to discontinue The Journal is not necessary, as we take it for granted that you do not want the paper when you fail to renew.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1919.

Suffrage Ratification.

Governor Bickett has called a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly for next July and there seems to be no doubt but that the Susan B. Anthony suffrage bill will be ratified at that time. Last Tuesday Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin ratified the amendment, the vote in Michigan being unanimous, and only three negative votes were cast in each of the other two states.

Both the Democratic and Republican National Executive Committees at recent meetings requested the governors of the various states to call extra sessions and 22 have assented. Legislatures in five states meet in regular session next year. The women are anxious that the required two-thirds of the states ratify the amendment in order that they may vote in the 1920 elections.

Respect for the Uniform.

Sergeant Battle Williams of Camp Gordon has written a letter to a number of Carolina papers deploring the growing tendency on the part of discharged soldiers to wear the uniform incorrectly. As he expresses it: "Part army and some civil." He thinks there is no real excuse for mixing the khaki with civilian clothes; if the ex-soldier is unable to obtain an outfit of mufti at one time, let him continue to wear his uniform in full. In the following words Sgt. Williams denounces this practice as a transgression on the dignity of the uniform:

Such a practice diverts from the sacredness of the honor of the soldiers who put the olive drab over the top, tending to discount the many blood-stained olive drabs that went down with their wearers in the great fight for world humanity. Everyone should know that the uniform is symbolical of the price we paid for world freedom, that it was the raiment of the noble heroes who fell on honor's field of battle, and that it deserves the most illustrious treatment and respect that we can bestow upon it.

Violet Talks About Suffrage.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Stouts, June 11.—So the Student has decided to drop the subject, "Sunday Labor," and has taken a more dangerous one, "Woman Suffrage." This subject has been discussed for a long time and I am sure the women are going to get to vote in the near future. I stand for woman suffrage myself and since women have been created equal to men they should enjoy the same privilege as men when it comes to supporting a government which concerns women as much as it concerns men.

As to the arguments that women are inferior to men or that they should be home-makers it is too disgusting for words. Why can't a woman vote for what she thinks is right and still be a good home-maker? And why withhold us from what is our right because of the selfishness of some individuals who never look beyond their horizon of life? Well I guess I had better stop now before I raise the Student's dander and you know when you get a red-headed person angry you have a job on your hands.

Miss Margaret Boyd of Charlotte is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Boyd, this week.

Messrs. Erman Haywood, James Ritch and Clarence Conder visited the former's brother, Mr. Blair Haywood, of Waxhaw Sunday.

Miss Ethelyn Elms of Indian Trail visited her cousin, Miss Lula Garrison, Sunday.

Mr. W. Clyde Ritch of Mt. Holly, better known to The Journal as "The Scout," arrived home Wednesday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ritch.

Mr. W. T. Ballentine has arrived home after spending some time in a Charlotte hospital and we are glad to say he has greatly improved in health.

Miss Eula Yandle spent Sunday in the home of her friend, Miss Kate Conder.

Grayson, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hayes, is very sick at this writing.

Children's Day here next Sunday. Everybody invited to come. The exercises will begin at about 10 o'clock and will last all day.—Violet.

Too Much for Her

It was Sarah Jane's day out, and she was comparing notes with Susan, from a neighboring house. "So I hear you're left that artist's," Susan said. "Yes, indeed," remarked Sarah Jane. "I couldn't stand the missus' insults. I hadn't been there a day when she said to me: 'Sarah Jane, she says, 'when you're dusting off the studio you must be very careful not to touch the old master. It's worth hundreds of pounds,' she says. Well, that got my temper up proper. 'Excuse me, ma'am,' says I, 'but I've got a young man of my own and I don't want any old master, not if he's worth millions.'"



FOOD IS CURE FOR BOLSHEVISM

First Aid Treatment Splendid Medicine for Spirit of Unrest. How War Savings Stamps Help.

President Wilson has asked for food to stop the wave of Bolshevism rolling westward out of Russia. No intelligent person doubts the value of food as a first aid, but at bottom the security of our institutions rests upon the working interest the people take in those institutions.

Citizens having no interest in a government, no economic interest in the success of that government, are apt to be the first victims of vicious propaganda or unbalanced political theorists. On the other hand men and women who have invested in their government either by way of conducting private enterprise under its protection or through direct purchase of government securities have something at stake and desire to maintain stable institutions. Such persons are not necessarily reactionists. They may be quite progressive and anxious for reform where reform is needed.

Consequently the effective barrier to Bolshevism in America today is thrift and investment. The philosophy must reach into the workshops of the nation. It is reaching into those workshops and into the schoolhouses of the nation in the form of the Thrift Stamp and the War Savings Stamp.

When everybody in America is buying Thrift and War Savings Stamps as a habit one won't hear much about Bolshevism in America. It is the financial and patriotic duty of every American who loves real liberty to get the Thrift Stamp habit NOW.

HOLD WAR SECURITIES.

Eastern Business Men Issue Warning Against Parting With Government Bonds and W. S. S.

That it is a bad business proposition for any merchant to encourage holders of War Savings Stamps to exchange them for merchandise is the opinion of a group of eastern business men, who recently discussed this question at their annual convention.

"Such action merely helps fake promoters and dishonest brokers in their effort to shake public confidence in government bonds as an investment," said one of the speakers. "It is lamentable that they have worked to an alarming degree among the poor, and among ignorant people of this country."

The two hundred delegates attending the gathering were so impressed with the necessity for keeping War Savings Stamps in the hands of the original purchasers that each pledged to go back home and constitute himself the head of a vigilance committee to oppose the offering of merchandise for government securities.

TO ENCOURAGE THRIFT

Schools Called Upon by Treasury Department to Make Saving Happy Habit.

Through the government savings directors of the twelve federal reserve districts, the Savings Division of the United States Treasury Department has called upon the normal schools, colleges and universities of the country to aid in the government campaign to make thrift a happy habit. The American Council on Education, representing institutions of higher learning throughout the country, has joined with the Savings Division to secure the co-operation of the schools.

The plan evolved by the Savings Division and the Council on Education contemplates the creation of thrift organizations in each of the normal schools, colleges and universities, to teach the basic principles of intelligent saving—wise buying, sane spending, safe investment and avoidance of waste, and to aid in featuring the advantage of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps as the ideal investment for small savings. Through the American Council on Education the presidents of the institutions of higher learning have been urged to name institutional thrift representatives, who will co-operate with the local savings organizations. This has been done in most cases. The educational institutions are expected to have a large influence in the movement to make the United States a nation of intelligent savers.

WORLD'S HISTORY IN RESUME PROVES W. S. S. WILL PAY.

One thing we know as we pursue the history of antiquity, from times when Noah was the news, of Babylon's iniquity, down through the days when Caesar's ghost was haunting Brutus in his bed, is this. The spenders shouted most, but nearly all of them were bled. Whereas the lad who never flung sesterces to the Forum crowd was never immaturely hung nor measured for an early shroud. This bit of ancient sophistry has now its modern counterpart, and more and more it's borne on me how splendid is the saving art—the art of mind—ing one's affairs and watching little things increase. It rids the future of its cares, shows profit on our elbow grease. Today when W. S. S. you read upon a hanging sign, you know the man sell Thriftiness, a virtue once quite hard to find. I do not thank the war for much, but this I've learned, and learned it proper, when someone tries to make a "touch" a Thrift Stamp makes an A-1 stopper.

Watch your nickels and the dollars will take care of themselves.

Small leaks sink big ships—stop them with W. S. S.

TABLE SHOWS HOW MONEY MULTIPLIES

Trifle More Than One Hundred Dollars Monthly for Eight Months Will Grow into Thousand Dollars by January 1, 1924.

The following table will be of service to the individual who plans to save systematically throughout the year by means of War Savings Stamps. The stamps draw four per cent interest compounded quarterly. Each 1919 War Savings Stamp was worth last January \$4.12. Each stamp, because of the interest that is compounded, costs one cent more each month, so that next January it will cost \$4.24 and at the end of five years it will be worth \$5.

Thrift Stamps are of the denomination of 25 cents and are the means by which one may accumulate small savings until a sufficient amount is saved to purchase a War Savings Stamp. They are invaluable for the thrifty saver who can lay aside only a small amount at a time.

| Cost | Month | No. | Cost No. | Cost No. | Cost No. | Cost No. | Cost | | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----|---------|----|--------|
| May | \$4.16 | 25 | \$104.00 | 13 | \$54.08 | 7 | \$29.12 | 3 | \$12.48 | 2 | \$5.32 |
| June | 4.17 | 25 | 104.25 | 12 | 50.04 | 6 | 25.02 | 3 | 8.34 | 1 | 4.17 |
| July | 4.18 | 25 | 104.50 | 13 | 54.34 | 6 | 25.08 | 3 | 12.54 | 1 | 4.18 |
| Aug. | 4.19 | 25 | 104.75 | 12 | 50.28 | 6 | 25.14 | 3 | 8.38 | 1 | 4.19 |
| Sept. | 4.20 | 25 | 105.00 | 13 | 54.60 | 7 | 29.40 | 3 | 12.60 | 2 | 5.40 |
| Oct. | 4.21 | 25 | 105.25 | 12 | 50.52 | 6 | 25.26 | 3 | 8.42 | 1 | 4.21 |
| Nov. | 4.22 | 25 | 105.50 | 13 | 54.86 | 6 | 25.32 | 3 | 12.66 | 1 | 4.22 |
| Dec. | 4.23 | 25 | 105.75 | 12 | 50.76 | 6 | 25.38 | 2 | 8.46 | 1 | 4.23 |
| TOTAL | | 200 | \$59.00 | 100 | 418.48 | 50 | 799.72 | 20 | 83.88 | 10 | 41.92 |
| Maturity Val. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 1, 1924.. | | | 1,000.00 | | 500.00 | | 250.00 | | 100.00 | | 50.00 |

As soon as he accumulates sixteen Thrift Stamps he may exchange them for a War Savings Stamp by paying the few cents additional to make up the purchase price of a War Savings Stamp for that month.

Thus if the Thrift Stamp saver collected his sixteen stamps in May, it then cost him 16 cents additional to convert them into one War Savings Stamp. In June it costs 17 cents additional and so on, and then on January 1, 1924, less than five years after the exchange, the War Savings Stamp will be worth \$5 and the government will pay that amount for it.

In the table below the second column shows that the person who invests a little more than \$100 a month for eight months of this year, will have paid in before January 1, 1920, \$839. On January 1, 1924, this will have grown to \$1,000. The other columns show what the purchaser will be required to invest to have \$500, \$250, \$100 or \$50 by January 1, 1924.

W. H. Belk & Bro.'s Many Attractions

Men's and Boys' Ready-to-Wear Department THIS WEEK

- MEN'S FINE SHIRTS**
About 50 dozen French Cuff Shirts, also starch cuffs, large range of patterns. Two lots 98c and \$1.48
- ARROW BRAND SHIRTS**
Arrow Brand Shirts in the better quality, Madras with Silk Stripe \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95 up to \$6.00
- SOFT COLLARS**
Every wanted style in Soft and Laundered Collars 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c.
- WORK SHIRTS**
Extra Heavy Quality of best Chambray, full size 85c and 95c.
- MEN'S AND BOYS' UNDERWEAR**
Men's Shirts and Drawers, Balbriggan or Porosknit 48c each
- MEN'S UNION SUITS**
50 doz., Special for this week, in all sizes, in medium weight Pajama Check 50 cents
- SOX—MEN'S—SOX**
Sox for everybody. Men's Cotton Sox, white, black 10c.
Lisle Hose 25c, 35c.
Silk Pleated Hose 50c.
75c value in Men's Fancy Silk Pleated Hose 38c.
Pure Silk Hose in Phoenix, all best colors 75c, 80c, \$1.00
- BOYS' UNION SUITS**
Little Boys and Big Boys' Union Suits 35c and 45c.

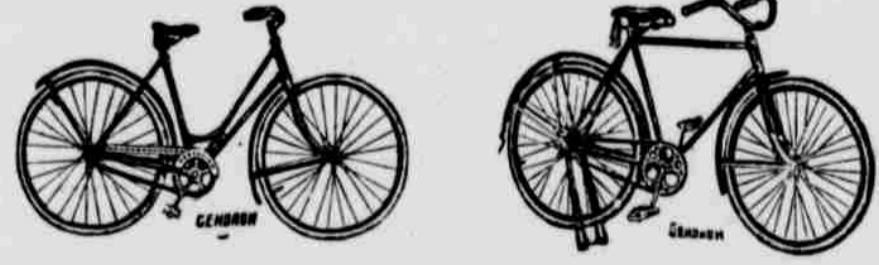
Belk Bros.
Carolinas' Largest Distributors of RELIABLE MERCHANDISE.

If you can't sleep at night Ride a Bicycle In the Day Time— But ride a Gendron.
This is the way to save today Without More Pay Ride a Bicycle— A Gendron Bike on Every Hike.

Ride a Gendron Bicycle



Nearly a Hundred Gendron Bicycles are at our store awaiting your inspection. There are large Bicycles, small Bicycles, at almost any price you want to pay. Come tomorrow and take a look. It will make you want to go back to the Bicycles. Probably you've already heard "the bicycle is coming back." But the truth is "you are going back to the bicycle." There is nothing so good for the inside of a man as to be on the outside on a bicycle.



Monroe Hardware Co. RETAIL DEPARTMENT.
ECONOMIZE! RIDE A BICYCLE; of course it will be a Gendron.
If the High Cost of Drugs Worries You Ride a Bicycle— Gendron—King of the Road.