

## The Commonwealth

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### A NATION GIVES THANKS.

In accordance with the proclamation of President Roosevelt our Nation gives thanks to-day for the bounties with which God has blessed the people and for the protection of His mighty hand. To be sure, in many places the time that should be devoted to thanksgiving will be turned into revelry; but there will be a host to worship God in thanksgiving for His mercies and in alms for the poor. Many a heart will rejoice to-day because of the communion which it holds in pleasing thanksgiving to God for His love and mercy and watch-care and bounties; and many a poor life will be made glad to-day because of the gifts which are sent out from the homes and tables of plenty as a thank offering to God for His boundless gifts and blessings.

It is truly a fitting thing that all the people should this day worship God together. A great Christian nation can do no more appropriate thing than to worship God together one day in a year as a Nation. At other times the people worship God as individuals, or in the limitations of their own churches or denominations; but to-day they worship as one great people signally blessed of God and in the spirit of genuine brotherhood.

A beautiful custom, indeed; and may the people of this great nation really be lifted by this day's influence to a higher plane of moral and Christian excellence, and may the blessings of Almighty God be showered upon the land richly in spiritual up-lift as has been the abundance of material things.

### TO HAVE THE TRAIN.

It will be remembered that two weeks ago the Corporation Commission heard in Williamston arguments for an extra daily passenger train from Plymouth to Spring Hope and from Weldon to Kinston. Mr. Justus Everett, of Williamston, argued the case for the Plymouth train and Hon. Claude Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, argued for the Weldon and Kinston train. Elsewhere on this page we print the decision of the Corporation Commission, which is favorable to the demands of the people for the extra passenger train.

The people of Scotland Neck, and indeed of all the territory affected by the train, will appreciate the decision of the Corporation Commission, and the efforts of Mr. Kitchin and others in securing this extra service by the railroad company.

The Atlantic Coast Line has an appeal to the Supreme Court, and of course the decision of the Corporation Commission may be reversed, but let us hope that if an appeal is taken the Supreme Court will decide the matter in favor of the finding of the Corporation Commission.

This extra daily passenger train each way will mean much to Scotland Neck and to all the people along this line of the railroad.

### A GOOD JAIL A NECESSITY.

In closing his charge to the grand jury in Halifax Monday Judge Neal said that a better jail in Halifax was a public necessity for the county. He said he hoped none of the good people of the county would kick at the taxes they may have to pay in order to have a better jail, for no man in the county will suffer, the amount for each will be so small.

And perhaps every man in the county would agree it had heard Judge Neal's description of the jail and its foul stenches and the torture it must entail upon one to remain in it for any length of time.

### FOR SPEAKER.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, editor of the Charlotte News, member-elect from Mecklenburg county to the next Legislature, will be a candidate for Speaker of the House. He is a man of ability, well qualified in every way to fill that position of honor, and we hope he will be elected to the position. The press of the State favors Mr. Dowd's election because the editors of the State know him to be a capable and worthy man. The Legislature will make no mistake in electing Mr. Dowd Speaker.

Tone the liver, move the bowels, cleanse the system. Dade's Little Liver Pills never fail.

### RALLY TO THE WORK.

Elsewhere in this issue is a call for a meeting of the Halifax county division of the Southern Cotton Association at Halifax next Monday, December 3rd. It is highly important that as many members of the Association in the county attend as possible. If the work is to be made effective it must be attended to promptly and vigorously.

It is out of date to argue the benefits that have come to the farmers, and all other classes of people, of the South through the Southern Cotton Association. Few, if any, will question it. It remains for the farmers to hold together, maintain their great organization and reap still greater benefits.

North Carolina has been called one of the most loyal States, except in financial support. Let Halifax county be one of the most loyal counties, both in financial support and other things as well.

Farmers, if you propose to make the Association what it ought to be and can be you must take hold of the work with energy and determination; and unless you do this, the work will drag and be ineffective.

Let there be a great meeting in Halifax next Monday. Read what Secretary Parker says about the importance of this meeting and see to it that there is a good attendance from every township in the county.

### MISS APPLEWHITE'S TRIBUTE.

Memorial exercises were held in Greensboro November 20th in honor of the late C. D. McIver, president of the State Normal College. Among those who paid tribute to Dr. McIver, was Miss Mary K. Applewhite, of Scotland Neck, now in charge of the Normal Department of the Baptist University for Women in Raleigh. Miss Applewhite paid the following beautiful tribute to Dr. McIver:

"Mr. Chairman, Students of the State Normal and Industrial College, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"It is my pleasure and privilege to speak for the four thousand students of the State Normal College and to pay their tribute of love and appreciation for the man who was to them more than the efficient president of this college, who was their inspiration, their counsellor and their friend.

"From a student's first correspondence regarding entrance into the college, Dr. McIver's swaying influence was perceived. On entering the college his strong personality was felt by every individual student. In a short time she felt herself the good possessor of a true friend. Narrow opinions were changed to broader views and the horizon of girl life soon enlarged while, even more than that, it was deemed a privilege to enter largely into the activities of college life as a preparation for that broader sphere of activity that lay beyond graduation.

"As the years drew nigh graduation his influence became more keenly felt and he impressed upon each class the fact that their graduation meant only the beginning of work as a citizen and as a student.

"To each one he seemed to give a solemn charge: Serve thy State; and he inspired each individual with a passion for human progress. His high ideals of citizenship were reflected in the life of every student who as the higher type of woman, the citizen woman, is seeking to help on the spirit of uplift in her own State.

"As counsellor and friend in college, Dr. McIver was more than even that to the Normal girl when standing alone, as it were, she had begun her life work. No matter what phase of life—were it the home, the teaching profession, the business world, he was ever ready to help by his sincere interest, his faith in her, and his tolerant and loving sympathy with all the little trials that came to her.

"And now that his life among us 'has of a sudden been stopped' we wonder how our work can go on. Who will give us the friendly advice, the wise counsel? Whence will come the inspiration that his words and presence always imparted? Almost could we be bowed with our grief and loss, and yet, remembering the spirit of him whom we loved, we cannot. What Dr. McIver has been to the students of the college can never be taken from them. His influence is immortal. His was not the spirit of useless repining, his was the spirit of facing bravely each situation, turning his face to the light and laboring with all his strength.

"Do you remember one of his favorite quotations from Owen Meredith: No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife And all life not be purer and stronger thereby."

"His influence upon all students illustrates the force of those oft quoted lines. His life was pure, his purpose strong, therefore our lives are purer and stronger for his spirit among us.

"For all that he would have us stand for in North Carolina or elsewhere that will we endeavor to be. This institution, the fruit of his thought and love and labor, shall stand as his work

ence it shall continue to grow. We stand as we have always stood, ready to uphold it with our loyalty.

"As a tribute to his memory we bring ourselves all girded ready to face the problems and to carry on the work which he, looking down the coming years with the vision of a seer, saw would be ours to lace and do."

### ORDERS THE TRAIN.

EXTRA ONE BETWEEN PLYMOUTH AND WELDON.

The extra train sought for by people living at Plymouth and Weldon and at intermediate points has been ordered put on by the Corporation Commission.

This is on the Atlantic Coast Line, and for this extra train there were petitions from Williamston, Scotland Neck, Plymouth, Parmele, Weldon and other places, the North Carolina Corporation Commission having gone to Williamston to investigate the matter and have set forth by the petitioners the reasons for the extra train. The order for this was made yesterday, this closing as follows:

"The Commission is of the opinion that the convenience of the traveling public requires it, and that it is practicable that the defendant provide transportation for passengers from Pender to Hobgood daily at or before 9:55 a. m., so that connection can be made for Norfolk and intermediate points, and from Pender to Parmele at or before 10:25 a. m., so as to connect with transportation for Kinston, Washington and Plymouth, and returning from Plymouth in the afternoon furnish transportation so as to make close connection with trains due at Parmele at 5:15 p. m., for Washington, Kinston and Tarboro, and to Pender or Weldon and intermediate points."

"And it is hereby ordered that this transportation be furnished."

### HALIFAX SUPERIOR COURT.

#### TWO WEEKS' TERM.

Halifax Superior Court is in session this week with Judge Walter Neal presiding.

Court was opened at 11:30 o'clock Monday. Immediately upon the opening of the court the following grand jury was drawn: W. H. Johnson, foreman, Richard Smith, L. L. Savage, B. F. Wynne, B. F. Willie, Jr., Charlie King, T. H. Edmondson, E. S. Jenkins, J. T. Pope, J. J. Burt, J. J. Hawkins, Peter Forbes, W. C. Allbrook, C. H. Roberson, J. L. Lewis, L. T. Garner, A. D. Clary, Z. M. Bradley.

#### JUDGE NEAL'S CHARGE.

Judge Neal at once delivered his charge to the grand jury. He did not take up the criminal law in detail, as is usual in most charges, but spoke especially of the duties of the grand jury.

He said that few people appreciate the importance and responsibility of a grand jury. In criminal prosecutions the work of the grand jury is as important as that of the Judge. No offense can be punished except by the indictment of the grand jury. There can be no prosecution without the work of the grand jury. "The judicial history of the State," said Judge Neal, "does not record a single instance in which a grand jury has refused to do its duty." High praise was paid the people of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina, in the declaration of Judge Neal that there are no better people on earth.

#### THE JURY SYSTEM.

The jury system is the best means of working out justice ever devised by man, and the people of North Carolina stand by the system. He said that time and again he has been made proud of the people of North Carolina because jurors have shown themselves capable and willing in deciding great questions of justice between man and man. The common people from the field, the shop, and the places of toil are often better qualified to settle questions of justice than the highly educated men who live amongst books. But jurors, said Judge Neal, are not as accurate in their decisions in criminal cases as they are in civil cases. Some how they feel like in a criminal case it is the great State against an individual and if there is discrimination in favor of the individual the State can stand it.

#### TOO MANY CHALLENGES.

Judge Neal has more than once spoken out against the law that allow the State four challenges in a capital case and the prisoner twenty-three. He said that law ought to be changed. He said that a very fruitful source of wrong in our courts is the practice in some places of tampering with the jury, and when a Judge gives an order that a jury is to be kept together, it is a sure indication that he thinks there is danger of some one tampering with them.

Judge Neal closed his charge by admonishing the grand jury to keep secret forever what is done in the grand jury room.

The charge was clear and interesting, and while it did not cover the criminal law in detail the foreman of the grand jury was instructed to call upon the Court for whatever advice they might need in their work.

was promptly on hand and took hold of the work in earnest.

It will be remembered that Hon. W. E. Daniel who had been Solicitor in this district for twelve years recently resigned and Governor Glenn appointed Mr. Kerr to fill Mr. Daniel's unexpired term. Mr. Daniel was elected to the State Senate from this county, and Mr. Kerr was elected Solicitor of this district.

Mr. Kerr is a young man of ability and will render the State good service in prosecuting criminals and maintaining the dignity of the law.

### FARMERS MEET NEXT MONDAY.

The Halifax county branch of the Southern Cotton Association will meet in Halifax next Monday, Dec. 3rd.

President C. C. Moore has called a meeting in all the counties Saturday, Dec. 1st, and Secretary T. B. Parker has sent out the call, but next Monday being first Monday and Superior Court being in session in Halifax it has been thought best to have the meeting on that day.

Let every member of the Association in the county who can do so be at the meeting. Matters of great importance will come up, and it is necessary to have a good attendance from each township. This is the regular annual meeting, and Secretary Parker emphasizes it as follows:

"The election of officers, and the delegates to attend the State Association in Raleigh the first Wednesday in January will be taken up. A report of the work done in the county, the amount of funds raised, and how expended, should be made at those meetings to enable the members to know just what has been accomplished, and will also enable them to know if they are in harmony and in line with the spirit and requirements of the Association.

"There are questions of vital importance to the Association that must be met; and on the same high plane the work has assumed in other states or the cause will suffer in North Carolina. It is for you, the real farmers and progressive business men, to say by your actions at those meetings whether the Cotton Association in North Carolina shall be a living, active force helping the agricultural and business interests of the State, and in return being supported by you in a way that to some degree will be commensurate with the benefits received."

"Cotton is now and has been for some time selling above the minimum price set by the Association. Farmers are as a rule refusing to rush their cotton on the market to the extent of depressing prices. To this extent they are loyal to the Association. But the financial support the Association has a right to expect from them is not in evidence. Unless something is done along this line the Cotton Association in North Carolina will be forced to recede from the line of work inaugurated at the last State meeting and so splendidly carried on by the Executive Committee and President C. C. Moore."

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Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Charles Turner, deceased, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate of said decedent, to exhibit them to me on or before November 8th, 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

W. E. BISHOP,  
Administrator.

November 8th, 1906.

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Having qualified as administratrix upon the estate of the late W. B. White, of the county of Beaufort, North Carolina, I hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent, to present them to me, or to my attorneys, Kitchin & Smith, at Scotland Neck, N. C., within one year from the date of this notice or said notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

DELZORAH ROBERTSON,  
Administratrix.

This the 8th day of November, 1906.

11-8-06

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