

CLEAN TOWN BY EASTER

CITY MANAGER URGES EVERY ELIZABETH CITY CITIZEN TO CO-OPERATE FOR GOOD HEALTH AND CLEANLINESS

"A Clean Town by Easter" is Elizabeth City's slogan now. City Manager Commander calls attention to the need of a Town Spring Cleaning, which has been somewhat delayed by weather. He urges all Elizabeth City citizens to clean up their premises now, not merely that the town may make a better appearance for the time being but to get rid of flies and mosquitoes during the coming warm months. Much more can be accomplished in this direction now than by waiting until the hot weather is actually here.

This Clean up Campaign should not be hindered by the warmth of interest in the approaching election either, insists Mr. Commander, but every officer is urged to keep on the job and every citizen is urged to co-operate in making Elizabeth City a clean town.

Back alleys will be inspected carefully, also restaurants and cookshops, and proprietors must get busy and clean up without further delay.

Elizabeth City has for the past few years received much favorable comment on the neat appearance of her streets and under the City Manager plan of government great improvements have been made in the matter of cleaning up vacant lots. Vigorous fighting of flies and mosquitoes has had its effect in the health of the city, and last year when infantile paralysis and typhoid fever raged in many towns, Elizabeth City reported comparatively few cases of sickness for the summer's season. But City Manager Commander is not satisfied and neither are Elizabeth City's progressive citizens. That this summer shall bring less sickness and better health, and that Elizabeth City shall fast become a flyless and mosquitoless town is the aim and to this end the "Clean up by Easter" campaign is setting the ball rolling now.

DOCK PRESENTS LIVELY SCENE

SINCE WORK HAS BEGUN ON BOAT FOR VIRGINIA CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

The dock of the Virginia Carolina Transportation Company presents an animated appearance since work has begun on the steel hull purchased by the company to be rebuilt into a modern boat for use on the new line.

Mr. R. C. Wilson, the company's engineer, has the work in charge and his force of men are busily at work. The first boat is to be in operation within sixty days and a second one a few weeks later giving Elizabeth City direct transportation to Baltimore in time for the trucking season.

Mr. Charles W. Harrison, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Carolina Company, will be in the city again this week to personally supervise the work of getting the new line in operation.

Mr. Harrison is an old Elizabeth City boy who has "made good" and is warmly home always with much pride, not only by his immediate family, but by his large number of old friends who remember him as "Charlie," and an increasing number of "new friends" who are appreciative of his interest in the development of Elizabeth City and Elizabeth City's truck and trade territory.

EASTER FLOWERS! GOOD ASSORTMENT—LEAVE YOUR ORDER AT THE APOTHECARY SHOP
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Allies Advance Too Rapidly

(By United Press)
London, March 29—Not only is the Franco-British advance going too fast after the retreating Germans on the Western front to suit the Tntons militaristic plans, but unrest among the German people is increasing, according to dispatches from Holland.

Were Americans Among Prisoners

(By United Press)
Washington, March 29—It became known today that the United States inquired through regular channels if any American citizens were among the prisoners recently taken into Germany on board the raider Moewe.

Wants Peace Without Victory

(By United Press)
Buenos Aires, March 5—(By Mail) General Carranza's proposal that the neutral countries cut off supplies from the belligerent nations unless the latter make peace terms has many supporters in official circles here.

Wesley Classes At Rocky Mount

The Second Annual Convention of the Federation of Wesley Bible Classes will be held in the city of Rocky Mount on the 4th and 5th of April.

The Federation is under the auspices of the Annual Conference Methodists and incidentally should South, and is intended to promote the organization of Bible Classes for the study of the Bible. It is doing a great work among the Methodist, and incidentally should tend to stimulate renewed interest among other denominations.

Each Bible Class in the Conference is expected to send full delegates, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

An elegant program has been arranged and prominent speakers both lay and clerical will take part in the discussions.

Also music will be a prominent feature of the meetings.

Ample accommodations have been provided at the hotels and among the hotels of the city, at very reasonable rates.

The railroads have given special rates, and as Rocky Mount is centrally located and accessible from all points of the compass a full attendance is expected.

All delegates are requested to write to Mr. J. H. Westbrook, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, apprising him of their intention to attend, and he will see that accommodations are secured for them. The reception committee will meet them at the train and assign them to homes.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to take this method of expressing our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness bestowed upon us by friends at the death of our mother, Levley Midgett, also we are grateful for the many beautiful floral tokens of esteem and sympathy.

Signed
Son and daughter
Alonso and Mattie
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Germans Repulse French Attacks

(By United Press)
Berlin, March 29—The repulse of all British and French attacks on the western front today is officially announced. Four enemy aeroplanes were shot down.

RATHER FIGHT FOR AMERICA

BUT QUESTION OF TRANSFERRING SERVICES FROM BRITISH AND FRENCH FLAGS IS NOT SATISFACTORILY SETTLED

By **LOWELL MELLETT**
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, March 29—Americans now fighting against the Germans under the British flag, would rather fight under the stars and stripes. At least, that is the case with the large percentage as expressed at the American embassy here. Thus far those who have inquired how to transfer their services directly to the United States in case America enters the war have not received much comfort.

They lost their American citizenship when they took the British oath of allegiance and legally cannot become American citizens without the process of naturalization.

However, the soldiers feel certain that Congress will restore their citizenship if they are wanted to join the American forces.

IN POLICE COURT

Johnnie Harris, colored, was given thirty days on the roads for assault in police court Thursday morning.

Roy Jordan, colored, was given five months on the roads for larceny.

NOT ATTACKING U S ARMED SHIPS

STRONG IMPRESSION PREVAILS THAT U BOATS ARE AVOIDING ACT THAT WOULD PRECIPITATE OPEN HOSTILITIES

(By United Press)
Washington, March 29—President Wilson is deferring decision on some vital details of his so-called war message to Congress pending developments of the next few days, within which Holweg is expected to clearly outline Germany's future war course and the possibilities of making peace in a speech in the Reichstag.

Meantime the effectiveness of armed neutrality is illustrated in the safe passage of several armed American merchantmen to England. This circumstance has created a strong impression here that Germany is not attacking these vessels.

Defeat Turks In Palestine

(By United Press)

London, March 29—Defeat of a Turkish force of twenty thousand south of Gaza is reported officially from the Egyptian expeditionary force. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy south west of Jerusalem.

PLANTING DAY APRIL 5

A Proclamation by the Governor

Our forefathers established the noble custom of setting apart a day in autumn on which to return thanks to the Lord of the Harvest for having blessed them with the "kindly fruits of the earth."

A true interpretation of the Thanksgiving spirit comprehends all reasonable efforts on our part to insure celestial bounty. The conditions which now confront us appeal for activity on our part with peculiar and compelling power.

1. The world war has drawn to the battle line millions of those who in times of peace "went forth to sow." China and the United States are about to swell the legions who fight and must be fed.

2. From the south the boll weevil is marching on North Carolina. Full cribs and smoke houses are the sure and safe defense against the coming of this pest. In every State the destruction of cotton by the boll weevil has been followed by the paralysis of the farmer's credit. Being forewarned of the steady advance of this enemy and the certain consequence of its attack, it will be colossal stupidity to fail to meet it with the only weapons that have proved effective, to wit, broad acres of grasses and grains.

3. The amended crop lien law was framed to give to the small farmer a decent chance to escape from a credit system that levies upon the right to live and labor the heaviest tribute imposed upon a helpless people since Augustus Caesar issued his decree that all the world should be taxed. But the farmer who fails to increase his food and feed crops will deny to himself and family the blessings of the law. The merchant will properly refuse to make unlimited advances under the new law. Long profits will no longer tempt him to take long chances. He will wisely and justly insist that the farmer

must produce his own meat and meal, and when he has done this he will find no difficulty in obtaining other necessary supplies.

All these things make a substantial increase in our food and feed crops essential to our self preservation.

Now, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby designate and set apart

THURSDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF APRIL, 1917 AS PLANTING DAY

and on that day I earnestly urge:

1. All mayors of incorporated towns to call the people together and devise and put into execution practical ways and means of having every vacant lot in and adjacent to the town planted to grain or grass, peas or potatoes.

2. All farmers' organizations of every kind to meet and counsel their members to heavily increase their food and feed crops this year.

3. All landlords to insist that their tenants shall plant food and feed crops ample for the sustenance of their families and their livestock.

4. All merchants and bankers to counsel their customers who are engaged in farming to increase the acreage planted to food and feed crops to such an extent that it will be unnecessary for them to purchase any food supplies next year.

The times are troublous. No man can say what an hour may bring forth; but if we shall act with prudence and diligence, the "meal will waste not nor will the oil fall."

Done at our city of Raleigh, this the 16th day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-first year of our American Independence.

T. W. BICKETT,
Governor.

English Take German U-boat

(By United Press)

Washington, March 29—Between the lines of conflicting statements in a cablegram from Consul Frost at Queenstown, naval men have patched out a story of how a German submarine torpedoed the British bark "Neath," taking the captain on board as a hostage. The submarine was then herself captured and her crew have been landed at Queenstown. Two Americans were on board the Neath but there were no casualties.

Martial Law In Spain

(By United Press)

London, March 29—The Spanish Cabinet has decided to suspend all constitutional guarantees and place the kingdom under martial law. Labor union headquarters have been ordered closed.

These steps are taken to prevent threatened strikes brought on by the high cost of living.

French Take German Depot

(By United Press)

Paris, March 29—The capture by advancing French forces of an important munitions and material depot is officially announced today. An intermittent artillery was in progress last night from the Somme to the Aisne. The French are everywhere in contact with the enemy lines. Soissons was bombarded during the night by the Germans with heavy guns.

Net Earnings Show Increase

(By United Press)

Washington, March 29—Although the railroads contend that heavily increased operating expenses greatly reduced their net earnings in January, estimates of the net incomes of the leading roads of the country made public by the Interstate Commerce Commission today showed a gain of seven million dollars over last year.

Competes With Henry Ford

London, March 29—Automobile manufacturers, authorized by the Minister of Munitions, are getting together on a project to compete with Henry Ford's big new plant to be built at Cork. The Cork plant is expected to turn out 50,000 machines, tractors, trucks and pleasure vehicles a year.

Strange Suds Are Sighted

Washington, March 29—The Navy Department has ordered a thorough search of Long Island Sound following rumors that two strange submarines have been sighted in that vicinity.

WILL GIVE FLAGS AT SATURDAY'S MATINEE

The Alkrama will give a patriotic emblem to all children who visit the Alkrama Theatre Saturday afternoon.

Monarner Kramer has purchased a large quantity of small American flags with a stick pin inserted, to give to every child who visits the Alkrama Saturday afternoon. It will be necessary to attend the matinee in order to get one of these flags. Mr. Kramer is giving these souvenirs to "Young America" with the compliments of the season, and trust that all who wear them will be glad that they are Americans, and have the privilege of wearing "Old Glory"

CALL MAY COME AT ANY MOMENT

ELIZABETH CITY NAVAL MILITIA HOLDING THEMSELVES IN READINESS FOR PROMPT RESPONSE. LIEUT. WANTS RECRUITS

Lieutenant E. H. Baker of Raleigh, paymaster of the North Carolina naval militia, is in the city today to look out for the equipment of the Elizabeth City contingent of the militia. Lieutenant Baker is making a tour of the state to see that each man in every company has his equipment and that the naval militia are ready for call at a moment's notice.

"We don't know what a day may bring forth," said Lieutenant Wilson, a reporter for this paper Thursday morning, "but we are expecting to be called into service at any time. Personally I believe that the call will come within the next week.

"We are anxious," he continued, "that the Company here may be recruited up to full strength before the call comes."

One who enlists in the naval militia puts himself into his country's first line of defense in case of national peril and is still left free to pursue his ordinary vocation in time of peace. It seems to me that for this reason this branch of the service should be especially attractive.

"Some folks are saying," said a young militiaman standing by, "that the Elizabeth City boys are wishing, now that the call to war service is imminent, that they had never joined the local company. Well, it didn't look like it at the regular drill last night. We had a better attendance than I have ever seen."

The Elizabeth City militia have been on a number of cruises and have always made a good showing.

CARPENTERS ARE AT WORK

AND OFFICE IS OF PRODUCE TRADING COMPANY ARE BEING MADE READY FOR SPRING BUSINESS

Carpenters are busily at work remodeling the front of the building formerly occupied by the Peoples Navigation Company. In this building will be the offices of the new produce company, just incorporated under the name of the Produce Trading Company with J. H. Aydlett, president; A. F. Toxey, vice-president; and P. W. Stevens, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Toxey of the A. F. Toxey Company is one of the city's leading wholesale grocers. Mr. Aydlett was formerly sole owner of the J. H. Aydlett Hardware Company and was in charge of the business until recently he gave it up to look after other interests. Mr. Stevens, now of Camden county and a very successful farmer in that county, was formerly of Elizabeth City and is still a member of the firm of C. W. Stevens Company, wholesale grocers, of this city.

The Produce Trading Company will be ready to handle the 1917 potato crop which it is believed will be a record breaking crop with record breaking prices, and its organization is of much interest to growers in this section, besides adding to the general progress now being made in the city's business life, in both wholesale and retail phases.

BUNCH—CNEAL

Jerry J. Bunch and Miss Jessie O'Neal, both of Jarvisburg, Currituck County, were married here at the home of Mrs. Louis Baker on Cherry street Wednesday.

WEATHER OR NO

Fair Thursday night and Friday. Every man is a success, even if it is only as a failure.