

## WILL CELEBRATE THRIFT DAY HERE ON SATURDAY MARCH SECOND

### Governor Bickett Will Engage- ment of February Fourth on This Date and Big Crowd Expected to Hear Him

Governor Thomas Walter Bickett will speak to a mass meeting of Pasquotank citizens at the courthouse on Saturday, March 2nd.

Governor Bickett has been heard in Elizabeth City and in this section on a number of occasions and the announcement that he is to speak assures a big crowd at the courthouse for Elizabeth City's first public celebration of National Thrift Day.

This celebration was postponed from February 4th until March 2nd on account of bad weather and worse roads, but it is believed that the new Thrift Day date will find a large and enthusiastic audience gathered here to hear the First Man of the State.

The Governor's address is the headline attraction of a program of splendid merit which these planning the celebration have been at many pains to work out. There will be other speakers also.

The observance of Thrift Day in Elizabeth City is in line with Governor Bickett's proclamation calling the people of the State to their duty in this matter and in accord with a national propaganda to bring Thrift and economy to walk hand in hand with industry in America.

"Back over the years that have yielded glories but not profit," says Mr. Gaither, "in which neither health nor wealth nor time have been conserved, the mind's eye travels as over a barren waste."

"We hope through this public observation of National Thrift Day to put before the mind of every person in the audience a big idea.

"We hope in addition to start something—to make the big idea express itself in individual action then and there.

"We are especially anxious for good attendance from the country at this meeting, and shall surely be disappointed if we do not get it. It is true that similar meetings, on account of the almost impassable condition of the country roads have brought comparatively few people to town during the past winter. But in the midst of bad weather the country folks got here to hear Bryan and there is no reason why they should not come to hear Bickett.

"Governor Bickett is today North Carolina's first citizen, and he has always borne an enviable reputation as an orator. The three or four hundred us on the program will be necessary to clothe and even more than that was 'Colonel Bryan's'."

The first celebration of National Thrift Day was on February 4, 1917, and approximately a third of the communities widely scattered throughout the United States participated in the observance.

Even with this good start resultant from a rather quick presentation and brief presentation of the issue to the public, those who planned Thrift Day did not contemplate that its acceptance a year later, February 3, 1917, would be so universal.

In one year, Thrift day became established in the mind of the public as firmly as any of the many legal holidays. This was undoubtedly due to a quick realization of the broad scope and purpose that underlie the Thrift Day idea.

Thrift Day was not planned to be the only day on which Thrift was to be especially practiced, but it represents rather a keen recognition of the tremendous force propelled by collective thought concentrated on one subject.

The universal acceptance of one day after for observing Thrift Day clearly

exemplifies this. The effect of the thought of the several hundred thousand people who observed the day anniversary from a single stamp was in one year to create such enthusiasm that on the second celebration in the day millions participated—and thus Thrift Day has come to stay.

Possibly one of the most interesting features in connection with the establishment of Thrift Day has been the unanimous recognition of the fact that Thrift Day is to become the most potent factor in developing the daily practice of Thrift.

Thus, from the idea germ which was launched from Philadelphia in January, 1916, there has resulted not only its active acceptance, but thousands have come forth from every walk of life, and by discussion and writings have amplified and developed the idea germ from many different points of view, but always retaining the great underlying fundamental of the consistent, insistent practice of Thrift.

Prominent members of the Federal Government, Senators, Congressmen, Governors, State Officials, Educators, members of all professions, financial leaders, the clergy, civil and local authorities, have all discussed and written of Thrift Day from the points of view which result from their fields of endeavor, and though there is wide variance in the points of view, the trend of thought shows a cohesion and unanimity seldom duplicated in the discussion of any one subject.

With approximately 2,000 communities participating in Thrift Day, January 24, 1917, it is not surprising that some that with such success in the observance will find it as easy even to the smallest hamlet in the United States and must eventually spread around the world.

Fortunate is the man who, in 1918, for the third time celebrates the observance of Thrift Day. It means that he is just that far ahead in his progress toward a greater and broader future.

Those who through lack of information failed to participate in previous Thrift Day observances, are glad to join the observance in 1918. It is a good thing that they should do so, for the observance of Thrift Day is a good thing for every man, woman and child. It is a good thing for every man, woman and child. It is a good thing for every man, woman and child.

#### GOES TO WILKESBORO

Clyde Bateman, who has been on the staff of The Advance for an interval for a year or two, left Sunday for Wilkesboro where he will operate a linotype and do other work in a newspaper office.

Mr. Bateman spent six weeks in New York last summer with the Mergenthaler company learning the linotype, and he makes the change in order to have the experience on the machine and because he believes that the mountain climate will prove beneficial to his health. He is one of the town's best printers.

#### WEATHER

Fair and continued cold tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer. Probably rain in extreme west portion, moderate elsewhere. Wind fresh from the east.

#### SPEAKING OF THRIFT STAMPS

By JOHN PEELE

My Daddy does a lot of talking about Thrift Stamps, but I am the man of the family that buys them.

You know, there's a campaign on in the Old North State to make every little a Thrift Kiddle by Washington's Birthday, so I thought I ought to remind all my kiddle friends about it. That's next Friday, you know, so I'll have to hurry. We've got to get it because we've let our uncles and brothers and some of the little boys have even let their Daddies go to fight for freedom, and we can't afford not to do all that kiddles can do.

I used to spend all my money, because it seemed such a little bit, just a penny or a nickel. But there's never a day that somebody doesn't give me at least a penny, and now I save them. And you ought to see my Thrift Stamp card. I'm going to take it to the bank soon and swap it for a War Savings Certificate, and then I'm going to fill up Tom's card, because he's just a baby, and he hasn't earned how do you know, the public yet, so he never gets any money.

You see Mr. Walter Wood gave Tom and me our Thrift cards Christmas, because he's probably going "Over There" and help the Sammie's fight, and he wanted us to remember him, and he thought that was a good way. I never could forget him, because he is a sure enough friend of mine and I always stand by my friends, but anyway, he gave them to us, with four stamps on each card. And then Dr. Clarke gave me a stamp and Mrs. Loftis gave me a stamp and the others I've bought by saving my pennies and nickles, and I've got so I like going to the bank to buy stamps as well as I used to like to go to the store to buy candy and cakes. And I don't care because I guess it's my conscience, the place that tells me when you get things you ought to be often either.

And New Year's Day I gave my little pale horse in the shop Thrift cards, but only I couldn't afford to put but one stamp on each one, because I didn't have very much money. But it's mostly getting started that counts. If you get a card with one stamp on it, you just can't resist the fun of filling it up. It's like solving a puzzle or finishing the last chapter of an exciting story.

Of course, grownups buy Thrift Stamps by the barrel. At least I suppose they do. They ought to, of course. But I've noticed that grownups do a awful lot of preaching with out practicing any at all, very often. But if we had just got on the job, we'd make them so ashamed that they'd have to buy stamps.

Please kiddles, let's hurry and lick the Kaiser, so that our boys can come home to stay. I hope you'll just make life miserable for your family till they start you on the right track, buying Thrift Stamps.

#### PERSHING VISITS FIGHTING TRENCHES

Gen. P. M. in Excellent Condition and Spirited and Anxious to Fight

(By United Press)

Gen. Pershing, who was in France, Feb. 17, at the headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force, found the first line of trenches and was a part of the general inspection of the American troops holding the sector.

He found the men in excellent condition and spirits. Their patrol work is becoming rapidly more effective, while the men in the rear are anxious to take their turn in the trenches.

#### HENRY NEWBOLD TO MAKE SPEECH

The second monthly meeting of the Gideon Band of the Memorial Baptist church will be held tonight at 7:30. The ladies are invited this time and three hundred men and women are expected to be present.

Henry Newbold, who is at home for a few days from Camp Jackson, will speak and other interesting numbers are on the program.

#### BANQUET TO BE A GREAT EVENT

Fathers And Sons To Get Acquainted Under Auspices of Y. M. C. A.

The Father and Son Banquet to be held on Thursday night, February 21st, at seven-thirty P. M., promises to be one of the most important events of the Association's calendar for this year.

The date has been changed from the twenty-second to the twenty-first as a consequence of the Bankers meeting which is to be held here on Washington's birthday and they will have a banquet in the Masonic Hall that night. When the Y. M. C. A. officials were informed that this meeting was to be held they very cheerfully gave up their original plans and decided to hold their meeting on Thursday night instead of Friday night.

This spirit of co-operation is absolutely essential to the success of all movements in our community and Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. desires to state that the Association is always willing to co-operate in whatever way possible conducive to the best interests of this community.

#### POOL TABLE ACCEPTED

At a called meeting of the Board of Directors Friday night it was unanimously decided to accept the pool table tendered the Association by Mr. J. B. Blades of New Bern. The table will be immediately installed in one of the front parlors of the Association and the room will be opened immediately to the use of the senior members at a nominal fee. Close supervision will be maintained and the room will be opened at seven hours, the details of which will be announced immediately upon the opening of the year.

#### MEMORIAL DINNER POPULAR

The class in military drilling of the Y. M. C. A. which meets every Thursday night is progressing in a splendid way under the direction of Captain Hite.

The boys from the start have never missed a night and are learning the fundamentals of regular army work in drilling.

The Association is glad to announce the success of this group and hopes there will be others in the community who will avail themselves of this opportunity.

#### BANKERS HERE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

From All Over Eastern Carolina Bankers Will Gather in Picture City

On Friday—Washington's Birthday—the Bankers of the 14 counties in the First Congressional District of North Carolina will gather at Elizabeth City to honor the Picture City.

The banquet to be held at the Picture City will be the first of the kind in the history of the district. It will be held at the Picture City and will be a most interesting and profitable one. The banquet will be held at the Picture City and will be a most interesting and profitable one.

The business meeting of the bankers will be held at three o'clock Friday afternoon and at 7:30 the ladies of the Eastern Star will serve a banquet to the financiers.

Mr. Harry C. Kramer, Cashier of the Savings Bank and Trust Company of Elizabeth City, familiarly known as "The Big Bank around the Corner," is vice-president of the bankers of Group One, and is now busily planning and preparing to do the honors as host on Friday.

#### NORTH CAROLINIAN WOUNDED IN BATTLE

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The following American is mentioned on today's casualty list: Wounded, A. C. Hirst, Parkville, N. C.

## Believes Peace Possible this Year

### Allies Have Only to Hold Western Front to Win is Swiss Impression Says William Philip Simms

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
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Berne, Feb. 17, (Delayed.)—Hold on fast to the West Front and the War will be won there.

That is the whole story of my Swiss impression.

I don't mean that peace will follow within 24 hours of Hindenburg's fiasco, but I certainly believe that Allied peace is possible this year.

This conclusion is not hastily made but has been reached by the process of tantamount mathematical computation.

Hindenburg can expect little or no aid from Austria. Emperor Carl's position is too wobbly to warrant his helping the Austro-Hungarians to their slaughter. On the West front, Ludendorff has practically reorganized the German army which will probably comprise 200 divisions, or 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 men when the offensive starts.—If it starts.

## Battling Nations In Confusion

### Russian Chaos and Wilson's Diplomacy Throw Central Powers In to Dismay.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Russian chaos and President Wilson's daylight diplomacy have thrown the battling nations of the Central Powers and the republic of old Russia into confusion and dismay.

History fails to record a parallel of the situation existing today in the Old World.

Sailors of the Russian Baltic fleet were the first to embrace the original Petrograd revolution and then jump.

The Bolsheviks have broken away into complete anarchy and are carrying fire and blood through Finland.

## Austria Protests At Hostilities

### Press Voices Hope Czernin-Wilson Peace Efforts May Continue Without German Interference

#### WHIRLWIND WEEK FOR U.S. CONGRESS

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 18.—This will be a whirlwind week for Congress in winding up the big war jobs.

The Railroad Control bill is expected to clear the Senate and House. Action on a definite date for the Senate's vote will be asked today.

Close on the heels of this measure will come McAdoo's War Finance Corporation Bill for action in the House. The Daylight Saving Bill is expected to come early this week. The Senate has already passed the bill which would have American people turn their watches ahead one hour this summer.

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London, Feb. 18.—Germany's declaration against the Brest-Litovsk has caused a most serious tension between Germany and Austria-Hungary, the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph noted today.

The Austrian protest, protesting against the resumption of hostilities in which Austria has no desire to participate.

The newspaper, Die Welt, hopes that the Czernin-Wilson approach toward peace will continue and that Germany will not interfere with it.

#### FEBRUARY TERM ENDS SPECIAL TERM CONVENES

The February Term of Superior Court of this county ended Saturday afternoon. Hon. W. M. Bead, Judge Presiding, has returned to his home in Edenonton.

The Special February Term of court of this county went into session Monday morning, with Hon. John M. Kerr of Warrington on the bench.