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Next Thursday, 28th, Set apart As Thanksgiving!

MAY THERE BE NOT A SOUL WITH HEART SO BOLD AS NOT TO RENDER THANKS ON THAT DAY

GERMANY BEGINS THE SURRENDER OF ITS BATTLESHIPS AND U-BOATS TO ALLIES

FARMERS UNION NEEDS GENERAL HOUSECLEANING

J. Z. Greene Goes After "Politically Active Leadership" With Gloves Off. State Union, He Says, Is Absolutely Dominated By Politicians.

Declaring that "in defense of the life of the Union a vigorous contest must be waged if it is to be relieved of its politically active leadership," J. Z. Greene, former State Organizer of the State Farmers Union gives notice of a vigorous campaign in the Union's December meeting to oust Dr. H. C. Alexander, its president. Mr. Green resigned his office in the Union when he found himself in complete discord with the president whom he charges with having made a "pro-German campaign" last year and with having continued his efforts this year against the "government's plan for financing the war."

Mr. Green advocates a house-cleaning within the Union which will rid the Union of its politicians and "lift the organization out of the shadows of disloyalty and the odious atmosphere with which it has been officially surrounded."

Mr. Green's statement follows:

"The election of officers of the meeting of the Farmers' Union at Wilson in December, 1917, determined whether the existing remnants of the organization will be the nucleus for reconstruction of the Farmers' Union in North Carolina or whether farmers shall be left practically without organization, except in localities where the co-operative spirit is strong and active enough to maintain independent local clubs, such as already exist in many rural communities. The pre-eminent question is: Shall there be a reorganization of local Unions under a policy that enlists strong and efficient community leadership to exclusion of political whims and strife that always divide people of communities, causing them to fight each other instead of cooperating for mutual benefit? It is inconceivable that the Farmers' Union can exist both as a community co-operative organization and as a political organization."

"As it now stands in North Carolina, the State Union, which consists only of its officers, is absolutely dominated by politicians who believe in getting results at the ballot box, and added to this political menace is the heavy millions that was fastened about the neck of the Farmers' Union everybody knows what that means. Last year through the pro-German campaign of its president and again this year by the continuance of his activities in opposition to the government's plan for financing the war."

State Real Farmer

"It is possible at the coming State

meeting to elect some real farmers as officers who have demonstrated their fitness by keeping the local Unions alive and active in their respective communities—farmers who have no peculiar political whims and ambitions to gratify and who have the capacity to vitalize the organization and place it in position to command the respect and confidence which it must have if it is to be a potent and constructive rural force that attracts the most thrifty and intelligent farmers as members. It is possible under leadership of this character to lift the organization out of the shadows of disloyalty and the odious atmosphere with which it has been officially surrounded.

"But it should be kept in mind that the ambitious politicians who are now in control will hardly voluntarily step aside to give official position to practical farmers who are making farming, and not politics a business. This will call for a contest in the State convention, last year the State secretary's office circulated local Unions in behalf of the re-election of the president. This year a campaign paper was sent to each member of the State for several weeks in order that we may have a medium in which we may defend our executive head, to quote from the official announcement of the secretary, 'an exceedingly elastic method of spending funds that would hardly be resorted to by anybody holding even a political office. In fact it would not be considered legal for a man holding a political office to use public funds in any manner of a personal campaign for his own office.'"

"To men who have regard for the character of ethics that should prevail in an organization with a fraternal feature and who are possessed of the friendly spirit of co-operation, the conversion of the State Union convention into a cold-blooded proposition, with its political lobbyist intentions active (a condition that made the Winston-Salem meeting notoriously different from any of its predecessors) is extremely distasteful, but in defense of the life of the Union a vigorous contest must be waged if it is to be relieved of politically active leadership.

May Be "Martyrdom" Again. Perhaps the grand stand play of "martyrdom" will be staged again this year by the president and his political machine, but since its members have had a year in which to become wise that undignified method of resistance should not be so effective.

"I repeat with emphasis here what I have declared many times before, that no farmers' organization has ever suffered from activities of politicians on the outside, but every preceding organization of farmers in the South has met its end through the activities of politicians in official position on the inside, and that is what now imperils the life of the Farmers' Union in North Carolina. It was thought to be safe-guarded from such a fate, as far as it is possible to do so by constitutional restrictions in the rules governing the conduct of its officials. One weak point, however, has been crippling the local units by sending too great a proportion of the finances to the State division, and another weak

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONTINUED

November 9, 1918

To all Chapter Chairmen:

At the request of Mr. George E. Scott, General Manager of the American Red Cross, Washington, I am quoting below messages from the

point is the unlimited terms of office that make it possible to retain one man, intensely politically inclined at the head of the organization for a ridiculously long time.

(Signed) J. Z. GREENE

Marshallville, N. C., Nov. 8th.

RED CROSS WORKERS

in helping to bring our boys home from France. But whatever the time our protesting arms must be about them and their families over the whole period which those days before the normal life of peace can be resumed.

"Our soldiers and sailors are enlisted until the Commander in Chief calls them there is no more work for them to do in the war. Let every Red Cross member and worker show our returning soldiers and sailors that to care for their health, welfare and happiness, we are enlisted for no less a period than they are.

"The cessation of the war will reveal a picture of misery such as the world has never seen before, especially in the many countries which cannot help themselves. The American people will expect the Red Cross to continue to act at their aid in relieving broken spirits and broken bodies. Peace terms and peace conditions will determine how we may best minister to the vast stricken areas which have been harrowed by war, and to this great act of mercy, the heart

LET THIS BE OUR GREATEST THANKSGIVING

For the past several years the people of North Carolina have been following a beautiful and noble custom of signifying Thanksgiving Day by special donations to the support of the several orphanages of the State. The Orphanage Association, composed of officers and representatives of these benevolent institutions, has a standing committee of ability to bring this matter before the people of the State each year at Thanksgiving. Since the custom was begun and regularly observed the response has shown a steady increase. But for this donations many of our orphanages would have been sorely handicapped by the continuous rise in prices of all necessities employed in the maintenance of these essential institutions to the economic life of the commonwealth. This year the increase has been greater than ever and our orphanages appeal to the people with additional urgency.

At this period of their greatest need our orphanage superintendents confidently hope that the big-hearted people of the State will come to the rescue. Each and every person who can possibly contribute to the support of these institutions is urged to do so. This appeal is in the interest of no particular orphanage. It is to all persons of all creeds, denominations, and beliefs. The call of the helpless child makes us all one, whatever our other differences may be. No humane person can turn a deaf ear to the needs of helpless childhood. There are eighteen licensed and established orphanages in North Carolina for the care and training of white children, and two for the care of colored children. In these are more than two thousand little tots bereft of parents and the comforts of home, who must be prepared for future citizenship. These institutions are under various denominational or fraternal management, but all of them engaged in a great and necessary work for the fatherless ones.

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MAP SHOWING STANDING OF COUNTIES IN WAR SAVINGS WORK TO OCTOBER 1st

The War Savings record of the 100 counties in North Carolina as indicated on the accompanying map shows that nineteen counties have subscribed 100 per cent and over of their War Savings allotment. Six counties have subscribed from 90 to 100 per cent, twenty-nine from 75 to 90 per cent, twenty-seven from 60 to 75 per cent, while nineteen have subscribed less than 50 per cent of their quota.

The counties that have subscribed their entire allotment which are listed on the map, are Anson, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Henderson, Iredell, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Mecklenburg, Nash, Perquimans, Pitt, Union and Wilkes. Those that have subscribed over 90 per cent of their allotment, which are cross-checked on the map, are Bertie, Beaufort, Guilford, Jackson, Northampton, and Onslow. The nineteen counties that pledged less than 50 per cent, which are left white on the map, are Ashe, Bladen, Brunswick, Caldwell, Caswell, Cherokee, Clay, Cumberland, Columbus, Dare, Duplin, Graham, Hoke, Moore, Rutherford, Sampson, Wayne, and Yancey.

The counties which are cross-checked on the map have subscribed from 75 to 90 per cent of their quotas, while the counties which are checked have subscribed from 60 to 75 per cent of their quotas.

North Carolina's War Savings allotment is \$1,000,000. To October 1, it had pledged 25 per cent of its allotment leaving 75 per cent yet to be pledged. To November 1, it had paid \$1,000,000, leaving \$2,000,000 yet to be paid. The task of the State is to reduce its outstanding War Savings pledges by December 31 and to secure additional pledges to complete the State's quota, which amount is \$11,500,000.

The week of November 22-December 8 has been set apart for a complete War Savings Victory drive. During this week the citizens of the State will be called on to make the War Savings Campaign a complete success and to make the State a 100 per cent subscriber. Every person will be called on at some time during this week to go to the limit of his ability. Heads of families who are able will be asked to take \$1,000 of stamps for each member of his family and thus qualify for membership in the North Carolina War Savings Limit Family Society. Individuals who are able will be called on to take \$1,000 of stamps for themselves and thus become members of their County's Limit Club. People who are not able to go to the limit by the law will be asked to go to the limit of their ability—to buy all they can pay for. Every individual will be called on to give to the utmost that the State may raise its full quota by December 31 and have a 100 per cent war record to its credit.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

War Savings Stamps make ideal Christmas presents. There are several reasons why people should give them. First, War Savings Stamps are given as presents instead of the usual valueless gewgaws and trinkets.

A War Savings Stamp is a patriotic gift. It is not to be prized only for its value but for the patriotic spirit in which it was bought and given. The giving of stamps does not require the labor and material so greatly needed by the Government at this time. Furthermore, giving stamps saves the usual rush that makes Christmas a burden instead of a joyous occasion. This year stamps are the most patriotic gift. Buy them and help put your State over the top in the War Savings Campaign.

Today North Carolina lacks \$11,500,000 having her War Savings quota subscribed. If every North Carolinian who is able to do so would buy at least one War Savings Stamp as a Christmas present either for himself or some other member of his family, and would do this in addition to what he has already bought or pledged to buy, the amount realized would be sufficient to complete what the State lacks in having its War Savings allotment. Therefore, it behooves every patriotic citizen of North Carolina to be patriotic and buy War Savings Stamps for Christmas presents.

supplies of surgical dressings except army orders. You are assured that there are ample supplies of surgical dressings in our warehouses in this country and in France.

The BIG NEED at present is rush work on REFUGEE GARMENTS. Surgical dressings workers should be urged to enlist in this work because we will be asked to make many more refugee garments in rush time, as winter is near at hand and our garment now will be of infinitely greater service in saving life than many garments in three or four months.

Very sincerely yours,
E. E. Black,
Manager, Southern Division

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