

Thanksgiving Proclamation

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
A Proclamation.

IT HAS long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. That custom we can follow now even in the midst of the tragedy of a world shaken by war and immeasurable disaster, in the midst of sorrow and great peril, because even amidst the darkness that has gathered about us we can see the great blessings God has bestowed upon us, blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

We have been given the opportunity to serve mankind as we once served ourselves in the great day of our Declaration of Independence, by taking up arms against a tyranny that threatened to master and debase men everywhere and joining with other free peoples in demanding for all the nations of the world what we then demanded and obtained for ourselves. In this day of the revelation of our duty not only to defend our own rights as a nation but to defend also the rights of free men throughout the world, there has been vouchsafed us in full and inspiring measure the resolution and spirit of united action. We have been brought to one mind and purpose. A new vigor of common counsel and common action has been revealed in us. We should especially thank God that in such circumstances, in the midst of the greatest enterprise the spirits of men have ever entered upon, we have, if we but observe a reasonable and practicable economy, abundance with which to supply the needs of those associated with us as well as our own. A new light shines about us. The great duties of a new day awaken a new and great national spirit in us. We shall never again be divided or wonder what staff we are made of.

And while we render thanks for these things let us pray Almighty God that in all humbleness of spirit we may look always to Him for guidance; that we may be kept constant in the spirit and purpose of service; that by His grace our minds may be directed and our hands strengthened; and that in His good time liberty and security and peace and the comradeship of a common justice may be vouchsafed all the nations of the earth.

WHEREFORE, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the great ruler of nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia this seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-second.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:
ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State.

GASTON IN THE EIGHTIES

Interesting Events in the County Thirty-odd Years Ago as Recorded in the Gazette—To Which is Added State and General News Notes and Some General Reading Matter That Proved of Interest a Third of a Century Ago.

161ST INSTALLMENT.

Local News.

(From The Gazette of April 23, '86.)

Mr. J. J. C. Anders has been on the sick list but is about well again.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg will meet in Shelby on the 28th of this month.

Mr. Henry McLean, of Iredell county, is visiting his son, Rev. J. M. McLean, at this place.

We are informed that Hon. R. Y. McAden made a rousing prohibition speech in Charlotte on last Tuesday night.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, secretary of the Interior, passed through Gastonia on last Monday, en-route for Washington City.

We regret to learn that Mr. Samuel Torrence, living on Long Creek, is in very feeble health. He is about 77 years of age.

The town authorities have purchased a new pair of Fairbanks Drop Lever scales drawing 2000 pounds for use of the cotton weigher.

Dr. E. E. Boyce, of this place, will deliver an address on Friday, May 7, at the closing exercise of Maj. N. P. Rankin's school near Begonia.

The limits on our cotton quotations are placed at 8 and 7-8. It must be understood that it requires the very best of fancy cotton to bring this price.

A hawk measuring four feet and six inches from tip to tip was killed on Mr. Chalmers Arrowood's place recently. This is supposed to be a case of fowl play.

We are informed that petitions for an election on prohibition in South Point township will be presented at the next meeting of the county commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Pegram have gone to Yorkville to attend the marriage of Mr. J. B. Pegram to Miss Fannie, the daughter of Mr. J. W. P. Hope, of that place.

Official orders have been issued to the section bosses of the Air Line to have everything in readiness to change the gauge on the first day of June. Section Master Robinson will want about 25 hands on that day and will pay \$1.50 for a day's work.

At a convention of the citizens of McAdenville, held in the Town Hall last Wednesday night, Captain Edward M. Young was unanimously nominated for mayor on the second ballot, Mr. George S. McAden declining a unanimous nomination tendered him by the convention. The convention also nominated seven aldermen as follows: R. R. Ray, B. T. McAden, C. C. Cormoelle, W. E. Whitesell, J. H. Crowley, Charles Stowe and James W. Holt.

The trial of the Thornburg boys, before Commissioner Puett on last Wednesday, charged with hauling blockade whiskey and taking unlawful possession of a lot of whiskey that had been seized by General Storekeeper Stowe by means of a forged order, was postponed until today.

Favorable reports as to the prospects of a good wheat crop continue to reach us. The young girl who is looking forward to an early marriage can now sing "In the Sweet By and By," to which the lusty grasshopper in a deep bass answers, "In this wheat by and by."

The Charlotte Home Democrat pays the following neat compliment to Mr. J. Kiser in regard to the information received by us from him and published in last week's Gazette in reference to the Blair bill: Squire Kiser is one of our old and intelligent subscribers and his head is very level on the burdens which the Blair bill will impose on county tax-payers. It is wrong for any Democrat from the South, in Congress, to vote

to impose such burdens on the white tax-payers of the South.

Sudden Death.

(From The Gazette of April 23, '86.)

Mrs. Eliza Bradley, about 73 years of age, relict of Mr. A. S. Bradley, died suddenly at her residence on last Monday, April 19, 1886. She had been complaining some for several weeks, but was able to keep up and attend to her domestic duties. She was in town one day last week, and prepared dinner on the day of her death. After dinner she walked up stairs, and on her return while sitting on a chair, she suddenly exclaimed: "Oh, what is the matter," and almost immediately thereafter expired. She was buried in Shiloh graveyard on Tuesday afternoon. Her husband, Mr. A. S. Bradley, died last December. They had lived together for over half a century, and are now lying side by side in the silent city of the dead. Let us hope that at that last day they may each hear the welcome words, "Come, thou blessed of my father." To the bereaved family and friends we tender sincere sympathies.

(To Be Continued.)

AN APPEAL.

To the Women of North Carolina:

In so great an undertaking as our Food Pledge Campaign it is unavoidable that many housewives and other women should be overlooked by the committees having charge of this work in the various communities of the State.

In order that our State may show clearly where it stands in this war emergency I appeal to every housewife and every woman in North Carolina who has not signed the food pledge card, and who has anything, even remotely, to do with the handling of foodstuffs write directly to my office at Raleigh, requesting that a food pledge be sent her.

The home instruction card, which contains the suggestions and advice of the Food Administration, with regard to the saving and substitution of foodstuffs and tells the reason why such a course is necessary, will be sent with each food pledge card.

Housewives having neighbors who have not signed the pledge card should request a sufficient number of pledge cards for all such in their communities.

Every woman who signs the food pledge card and follows the suggestions contained in it will render a patriotic service that is second only to the service that will be rendered by their sons and brothers in the trenches in France.

This service is so easy and so vital that no patriotic woman in North Carolina can refuse to give it.

HENRY A. PAGE,
Food Administrator.
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 14, 1917.

THE OLD MOUNTING POST.

The old mounting-post still stands, which marks the beginning of the town.

'Tis kind of the ones who have it in charge
Not to have taken it down.

There were three stones, in stair-step fashion,
For the laddies to mount their steed;

When they went horse-back riding,
For church-going, pleasure and need.

Close in the rear of the mounting-post,
And oaks which bear it company,
Stood the first residence of the town,
The home of Joseph Bradley.

In some ways Gastonia leads,
Manufacturing is one;
And one would think by the way it grows
That our town had scarce begun.

"Gastonia is a busy town,"
Many people work every working day;
Of another thing we are justly proud
The ones who work receive their pay.

Gastonia has honesty, industry and thrift,
And more things of which we can boast;
Could you find a better place to live
Should you go from coast to coast?

Come and make this city your home,
Gastonia will welcome you;
And looking back to the eighties,
We find this has always been true.

When you have lived here for awhile,
I think you will agree with me,
That it would be hard to find a more
"hustling" town
Anywhere in "Dixie."

But—"Where the town began,"
Is not the "marker" I prize most;
My grandfather was a good man,
Character was his mounting-post.

LESSIE A. BRADLEY,
Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 10, 1917.

Five hundred Y. M. C. A. centers have been established in France since the beginning of the war.

Certain Cure for Croup.
Mrs. Rose Middleton, of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1917.

AN INTREPID AIRMAN.

Lieut. Kirby of the Royal Air Service Wins Distinction for Bravery—His Aunt Writes Friends Here of Some of His Deeds of Daring.

Congratulated by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and recommended for the Distinguished Service Order is the honor which has recently come to Lieutenant Spencer Kirby of the Royal Air Service, according to reports which have reached his relatives and friends in Canada. This will be of interest to Gastonians because of the fact that Lieutenant Kirby is a nephew of Miss Sara Spencer, formerly teacher of expression at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., and who has been the guest here of Prof. and Mrs. J. P. Reid. Miss Spencer is a very talented and attractive woman and those who know her here will be interested to know that she has recently given up teaching and is now studying lip-reading with a view to teaching the men who come back from France with their hearing gone, having been rendered deaf by the shell-shock in the trenches. Her home is in Canada.

Lieutenant Kirby displayed great courage and initiative when engaged recently in repelling an air raid on the southeastern coast of England. He engaged eight of the raiding planes and brought one down into the sea. Flying low Lieut. Kirby then threw his life preserver to the occupants of the plane he had brought down and signalled a British destroyer to come and pick them up.

One of the English papers, commenting on this incident, says: "While the gentlemen (?) who had been killing women and children at Southend were flying seaward, one of our airmen brought one of their planes down into the sea. Thereupon he threw down his life-belt. There you have the difference between a gentleman and a German."

Another English paper deals with it in this manner: "Obituary: The British naval airman who downed one of the Gothas which had made a raid on Southend saw the occupants clinging to their machine and he threw his life-belt to them."

Crime: When the Belgian Prince's crew were on the deck of the U-boat their life-belts were taken away and an officer flung them into the sea. Later the U-boat dived, leaving the men to drown."

In a letter to a friend Miss Spencer states that Lieut. Kirby, after recuperating from wounds in Canada, has returned to France and is again in active service. He told her among other things, while at home on furlough, that the airmen in France and England rarely ever made a trip that they did not feel the effects of the enemy's bullets.

To Be Sure.

Tommy—Dad, what is a willow maid?
Dad—"A skinny girl who has a healthy father, my son."—Judge.

CREDIT UNIONS BECOMING MORE POPULAR AS SAVING BANKS.

Special to The Gazette.

RALEIGH, Nov. 16.—"Be good to yourself; put your money in a credit union" is a slogan which has been adopted by the Valdese Credit Union in Burke county which began business last spring and which has already taken second place among these associations in North Carolina. These Waldensians did not require Governor Bickett's Thrift Month proclamation to direct their attention to the matter of saving, for they had already formed the habit of putting aside liberally from their earnings. They made an extra effort in October however, and increased the resources of their credit union by more than one-third in a single month, according to the regular monthly report made to the Superintendent of Credit Unions at West Raleigh.

This western colony has followed the outline of Governor Bickett's proclamation in which he has emphasized the importance of thrift by setting aside the month of November as a time when the people of North Carolina shall make an extra effort to save money, especially to get accounts started in banks and credit unions or to increase that which they already have; but, they have gone him one better by making every month thrift month as far as the matter of beginning a credit union account is concerned.

Practically ever reader of newspapers is acquainted with the banking business through the advertising by the banks in the city papers, but credit unions are comparatively new and practically unknown. Designed primarily for the rural sections, they are not competitors of commercial banks, but rather supplement the efforts of these by providing banking facilities in the country. They are mutual savings and loan societies for the people in communities in which they are established, according to the construction put on the operation by Mr. W. R. Camp who has the work in charge for the State Experiment Station. While loaning money only to members, savings are accepted from anyone, and a special effort has been made this year to get the school children of each community to start saving accounts.

Their convenience and accessibility is strikingly demonstrated by the Valdese union, which is rapidly forging to the front and which is so admirably carrying out the spirit of the Governor's thrift proclamation. This union is located nine miles away from the nearest bank. Its funds are collected weekly and monthly from the members and depositors, interest being paid at four per cent, while practically all the funds are loaned for productive purposes.

Thrift has been greatly encouraged among the members of each one of the score of credit unions in North Carolina, according to Prof. Camp and he is gratified to learn of the cordial response that is being made by the societies of the Governor's call.

Phew!

Grouchy Customer—"Give me 10 cent's worth of dog meat."
Butcher—"All right sir. Shall I wrap it up or will you eat it here?"—Judge.

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NOTICE.

The health department of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association will distribute gifts to the needy this Christmas as formerly. Please save all clothing, shoes or anything that will contribute to the comfort of those in want. The time and place for assembling these articles will be designated later. Watch the papers and in the meantime get together all articles you can. We will need them.

MRS. J. H. SEPAK, Chairman.

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PLANNING FOR BAZAAR.

The Ladies Aid Society of Main Street Methodist church will meet in the League room next Monday, the 19th, at 3 o'clock. The ladies who have made pieces for the bazaar are requested to bring them. All members are urged to be present as at this meeting final plans for the bazaar will be made.

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