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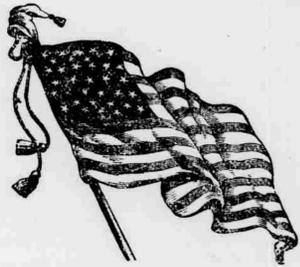
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American farmers are mobilizing for the new spring drive.

The fly peril is greater than the submarine. Swat him first!

We are told that paper money harbors millions of microbes. But shove it our way—we're not a bit skeered.

We don't believe a word of this talk that women want to join the army and navy. Every applicant would have to tell her age.

American dollars are at a discount in Spain. But this won't last long. Some enterprising yankee will buy 'em up and bring 'em back and crib the discount.

Little teenie-weenie Boy Scouts are coming right to the front with offers to serve their country. But Cupid continues to lead the matrimonial army in the maddest and wildest charge in history.

An exchange speaks of a recent meeting as "a gathering of noted agriculturists." The farmers, of course, were at home preparing for crops.

A noted writer predicts that the time will come when all people will be compelled to be placed on rations. Gosh, hurry it up. We've been on half rations until it hurts.

At last the small boy has an influential champion. A Liver pool medical journal emphatically asserts that too much cleanliness is injurious to health, and that soap and water are shortening the lives of people.

## Food Conference

Recently there was a food conference in Atlanta, Ga., at which the food shortage was discussed by experts, and a number of resolutions were passed, aiming at a greater planting of food stuffs for this year than ever before, and calling upon bankers and business men to aid by advice, and, if necessary, money to enforce a sufficient amount of food crop raising on every farm, on the following basis.

On the average one-horse farm in the South there should be planted in 1917, 5 acres in corn and velvet beans; 5 acres in cow peas for hay, to be followed by winter oats; not exceeding 10 acres in cotton; 5 acres in peanuts to be crushed for oil or grazed down by hogs; 1 1-2 acres in sweet potatoes to be followed by winter cover crops; 1 1-2 acres in alfalfa or crimson clover, cow peas or soy beans; 1 acre in truck crops, followed by hay or grazing crops for hogs; 10 acres should be set aside for pasturage for cows and hogs; 1-2 acre in orchards and 1-2 acre in garden.

This plan should be adjusted or modified by the proper committees having the food supply in charge in the respective states to meet local conditions.

The Commonwealth is very much interested in arousing interest along these lines in this community and hope that the above recommendations will bear fruit.

### THE WHATCHAMA COLUMN (By George Martin) BUTTONS

In considering the great army of the unemployed let us not forget buttons. No question about it, there are too many idle buttons in the world.

Thousand, yes, millions of them loaf around on clothes, with nothing to do. They congregate in long, silent rows on men's coatsleeves. They swarm on women's gowns, running aimlessly up and down seams and around collars, without a button hole to their name.

The worst about buttons is that they are never where they belong. No sooner do we get a bevy of them engaged in useful occupation on trousers, shirts and underwear than they begin to fly off and hide under beds and in other out of the way places, waiting their chance to flock uselessly upon some already button ridden article of apparel.

The average button is a nomad; a ne'er-do-well. The vast majority of them simply will not go into a button-hole and go to work.

### SIGNATURES

The signature is something a man writes at the end of his letters so nobody will know who they're from.

Some business men who are really interested in knowing who writes to them employ signature ferrets. That is, bright young men who take the wild signature and chase it to its lair, lash it into a fury and force it to divulge its identity.

Then there are other methods. Sometimes the ferret is able to anil a signature's owner by comparing it with the printed list of directors, or managers or something like that printed at the top of the letterhead. But this is not often possible.

Some folks have signatures and others write their names.

NEW YORK, April 13—Once again it stood in spite of everything. In the long list of scrappers who have bruised themselves for the amusement of the public there is just one whose record stands to belie the statement.

Joe Rivers came to New York a short time ago and announced that a new Joe was going to show that he could come back and fight as of old. He was going to emulate Stanley Ketchel, who was dropped once and lived to see the day when he recovered his lost laurels the same way.

Time was when Joe Rivers was the par excellence of boxing. He was a marvel at placing his hands. And he could hit. His brown fists carried more weight, perhaps than any lightweight ever possessed. One blow from his right hand was sufficient to fall the mightiest of scrappers. Ad Wolgast can tell you. It will be a long time before Ad forgets the battle in which he, as well as Rivers, fell to the floor unconscious.

Rivers met Jimmy Duffy in New York. He boxed in the early rounds with all the old mastery that he once possessed, but it was noticed that when his blows landed they failed to carry the sting of former days.

It was the dissipation of former years telling. Rivers never will be the man of old. His chance to lead the lightweights has passed. The greatest fighter the country has seen in many years has lost his chance.

### BEN STATON

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for a pardon of Ben Staton convicted at the August term of 1915 of the Superior Court of Halifax County for the crime of having in his possession more than one gallon of spirituous liquor for the purpose of sale, and sentenced to the roads of Halifax County for the term of three years. All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay.

This the 16th day of April 1917.  
A. Paul Kitchin, Attorney.

### SPRING HILL ITEMS

Messrs. J. S. and J. T. Riddick and W. P. Darden were in Tillery Saturday on business.

Miss Bessie Lanier visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Selma Twisdale spent Saturday in Scotland Neck with friends.

Mr. E. A. Lilley and Miss Clayton Crittendon were in Scotland Neck Saturday.

Mrs. J. S. Riddick was in Scotland Neck a short while Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Edmondson spent last week end with his parents near Hobgood.

Messrs. J. S. and R. W. Riddick were in Scotland Neck Saturday.

Messrs. H. H. and J. A. Riddick spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Ida Bailey of Hobgood spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. A. M. Lyon of Rocky Mount visited friends here Sunday.

Messrs. J. S. Riddick and A. M. Lyon motored to Rocky Mount Sunday night.

Miss Clayton Crittendon of Greenville training school who has been home several days on account of her eyes returned to Greenville Monday.

Mesdames J. T. Riddick and W. P. Darden visited friends in Scotland Neck Monday.

Messrs. W. J. Grimes, A. J. Jones and H. G. Pope and Tillery were here Sunday.

### NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of S. B. Kitchin, deceased, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Scotland Neck, North Carolina, on or before the 10th day of April 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 10 day of April, 1917.  
W. H. KITCHIN, Administrator.  
estate of S. B. Kitchin, deceased.  
A. PAUL KITCHIN, Attorney.  
April 10-17-24 May 1.

## A PART OF MY BUSINESS

I consider it just as much a part of my business to accommodate my customers as to fill their regular orders for groceries. This fact has had a great deal to do with the tremendous growth of my business. Your orders, however small, are delivered promptly and delivered direct to YOU, too.

Almost Anything to be Found in a First Class Grocery Store

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TRUTH NO 1. We have assembled one of the largest stocks of dry goods ever shown in this town.

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TRUTH NO 3. The prices are extremely low—as low as they can possibly be made, consistent with safe business.

TRUTH NO 4. You will find at this store that quality of service that makes the responsible house—the house that has a reputation to sustain and sustains it.

TRUTH No 4. That service is extended to every customer. We want to extend it to you.

**Burroughes-Pittman-Wheeler Company**  
SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.

### RHEUMATIC PAINS BELIEVED

"I have used Chamberlain's Liniment for pains in the chest and lameness of the shoulders due to rheumatism and am pleased to say that it has never failed to give me prompt relief," writes Mrs. S. N. Finch, Batavia, N. Y.

A gray or baldheaded man is considered passed, and when he applies for a position in an enterprising concern, he is turned down and a younger looking man secures the job. Mildredina Hair Remedy prevents hair falling, restores gray hair to its natural color. Free sample, 10 cents.

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## TO-NIGHT

:-: LANGE'S :-:  
DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS  
Under Water Proof Canvas

## BIG CAKE-WALK

For A 10 lb. Fruit Cake  
Five couples will contest for the cake and the winning couple will be the one who receives the most applause from the Audience. Is undoubtedly the best and funniest program ever produced on any minstrel stage.

New Minstrel First Part

5 New Vaudeville Acts

Adults - - - 25c.  
Children - - - 15c.

The Dandy Dixie Minstrels was pronounced by all who attended the performance last night as the best show of its kind ever in the city.

This show is absolutely clean and is for Whites as well as Colored  
Doors open at 7:30. Curtain rises at 8:15 promptly