

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1918

War Savings Stamps.

If the \$50,000,000 allotment of war savings stamps as North Carolina's portion are to be disposed of this year, our people will have to get busy and subscribe in large numbers. There is hardly a family anywhere, white or colored, that cannot take a few of these stamps from time to time. Besides being a good investment, yielding over four per cent interest, free of taxes, redeemable in money at 10 days' notice to any postmaster, it is a patriotic thing to do in purchasing these stamps. It is simply loaning the government your money with which to fight the war for the protection of you and your children.

Too many people fail to realize just how much good the purchase of these stamps will do.

A single thrift stamp will buy a tent pole or five tent pins, a waist belt or hat cord, shoe laces or identification tags; two will buy one trench tool or a pair of woolen gloves. Four thrift stamps will buy two pairs of canvas leggings; six will buy five pairs of woolen socks or three suits of summerwear; twelve will buy a steel helmet.

One war-savings stamp will buy one hundred cartridges or a cartridge belt or a scabbard for a bayonet, two will purchase two pairs of woolen breeches or two flannel shirts, two and a half will buy a gas mask. Three war-savings stamps will buy an overcoat or two woolen service coats, three and a half will buy three pairs of woolen blankets; four will buy a rifle.

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War savings stamps were issued by the United States Treasury Department to help fund participation in WWI. The 25-cent Thrift stamps were offered to allow individuals to accumulate enough over time to purchase the interest-bearing 5-dollar War Savings Certificate stamp.

Along with the War Savings Certificate stamps, the Treasury also issued a set of 25-cent Thrift stamps, which bore no interest. The purpose of the Thrift stamps was to allow individuals without the means to purchase a War Savings Certificate stamp outright to gradually accumulate enough Thrift stamps to exchange for one later.