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This week has been an important week in the college in many respects. It has been broken up with so many things that we have not carried on the program intended for this week.

I want to talk to you about tomorrow, Armistice Day. When you elect me President of the United States I am going to stop selecting the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. It does seem to me that the 11th of November ought to be the world's Thanksgiving Day. It is the day when the nations of the world laid down their arms and the people of this earth started to work out some scheme by which human beings can live together in peace and not in strife. It is the day when the great carnage ceased.

The people of the world are beginning to realize that there is a better way to settle human differences than by devastating property and taking millions of human lives and leaving other millions crippled for the rest of their lives.

The American Legion all over this country of ours observes this day. The Pitt County Post has extended, as it always does extend, a most cordial invitation to you to take part in this service. Tomorrow the churches of Greenville will not hold their usual 11 o'clock service but they will join with the Pitt County Post to observe this day with us at 11 o'clock in the Campus Building and Dr. B. R. Lacy, President of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a chaplain in the Army, and is said to be a splendid speaker, is to deliver a sermon at that time.

I hope every teacher, officer, and student in this college will be at the service tomorrow. It is about our part in it that Miss Kuykendall has asked you to meet in the Campus Building today.

If the boys that went over and did their part to give us a better world, if those boys want to observe this day as peace day and for the memory of those who went west, who did not come back, it seems to me that it is our part at least to join with them and participate in the program.

So I hope everyone of you will take part in this program. I believe you will hear the best sermon you have heard in a long time. But even if we had no speaker it ought to be a day of thanksgiving.

I well remember when the war ceased, how in this community and all over the world there went up a great shout of joy such as has never gone up before. Men, women, boys, and girls sent up a great shout of thanksgiving that the war was over. This is the anniversary of that day and I want us to take our part in celebrating this world event.

---Robert H. Wright, President