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MAYOR HEADS RELIEF WORK

JOHN B. PALMER IN CHARGE \$1200 DRIVE IN WARREN

For Relief In Near East Where Four Million Are Starving; House to House Canvas During Week Feb. 23-March 2nd.

Under Liberty's declaration "They Shall Not Perish" the American Committee for Relief in the Near East is asking the American public for thirty million dollars to fight starvation from Armenia, Greece, Syria and Persia. In these countries over four million people are destitute, victims of persecution and the ravages of war, and this aid is absolutely essential if life is to be maintained.

Mayor John B. Palmer has been appointed by State Director J. Y. Joyner to forward this great appeal in Warren county. The call comes for twelve hundred dollars. The campaign which will be conducted during the week February 23-March 2nd, will result in a direct appeal by township workers.

Under the regime of the allies, informed opinion is that their will be a rebirth of prosperity and happiness among the peoples of the near East if America saves the day now. These refugees, industrious and honest, have suffered from circumstances beyond their control and the famine which carries off thousands has come as the devilish, hideous venom of persecution. The new birth of freedom won on the fields of Flanders will guarantee to these our brothers a heritage resplendent with happiness if America rallies support now.

The day of fire and sword is done The day of kindness and of healing is just begun.

The heart throbs of millions of Americans will heed this appeal. Warren county will acquit itself honorably.

A Good Dog Law Is Badly Needed.

West Raleigh, Feb. 12.—"Any dog law which does not provide for the licensing of the dog, its identification by a tag and a central State control for enforcement of the law, will not be found satisfactory," said Mr. R. S. Curtis in an interview recently on the question of a dog control law for North Carolina.

Mr. Curtis has charge of the sheep work of the Animal Industry Division, and has been very much interested in the dog law bills which have been presented to the General Assembly. He has tried to show the different committees that there is an unqualified demand on the part of the livestock growers and the public generally for a law which will both protect the good dog, and promote the prosperity of the State by encouraging livestock development.

The license fee is absolutely necessary in that it will provide for reimbursement when stock is killed. The tag is absolutely necessary as a means of identification, and the central control is absolutely necessary in that it assures a proper enforcement of the law.

Experience has proven that when this is left to the discretion of local officials that there is unsatisfactory enforcement. This was brought out strikingly in laws recently passed in Ohio, West Virginia, New York, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. Here, the Board of Agriculture or Secretary of the Board, which corresponds to our Commissioner in this State, has charge of the enforcement of the dog law. Some of these states passed laws at first, leaving the matter to the local officials but these have all been changed in the last few years, and the enforcement of the law put in the hands of a central designated authority.

There is hardly any argument against a dog control law, as the people of the State are unanimous in their desire for one, but according to Ms. Custis, the question now is to see that the best law possible is secured.

None of the bills which have been

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Built Now--Don't Wait, Is Best Policy

People Conversant With World Situation Urge Construction Program

(Manufacturers Record)

If you are thinking of building, don't delay on account of present prices. Materials are not likely to be greatly reduced in cost for a long time. Labor costs are chiefly responsible for present prices of materials, and in no intelligent or influential quarter is there any expectation or desire that wages are to experience a drastic cut any time soon, if ever.

Bearing on this situation is a letter received by the Manufacturers Record from the great Kirby-Bonner Lumber Co., of Texas, in response to our request for an expression of opinion as to the probabilities of a material reduction in lumber prices. The letter follows:

Kirby-Bonner Lumber Co. Houston, Texas, January 25.

Editor Manufacturers Record:

Answering your recent question, we think the lumber buyer is playing a waiting game because he expects lower prices. The lumber consumer is playing a waiting game because he not only expects lower prices for lumber, but lower prices of labor. Even in a fram building lumber represents only about 20 per cent. of the cost, consequently a slight reduction in lumber prices would really be of no benefit to the builder. Labor is the big item.

As far as the lowering of lumber prices is concerned, will say the cost of manufacture is at such a figure at the present time that even the Government list of maximum prices did not return us a figure that permitted an operating profit with our costs on the basis of the last quarter of 1918.

If production of lumber can be increased and the efficiency of the employes increased, costs can be cut somewhat; but until this is assured it is if the manufacturer is to market his product at a profit there can be no reduction in prices.

HARRY T. KENDALL, General Sales Agent.

Memorial Window To Mrs. J.S. Battle

The following is of much interest to many friends and relatives here. Mrs. James A. Battle was a Miss Somerville and is remembered by many of our readers. A memorial window for this good woman is also to be found in the Episcopal church here:

A memorial window to the late Mrs. James S. Battle has been placed in the north aisle of St. John's Episcopal Church and was received Sunday by the rector and vestry as a welcome truse in the life of the congregation of which Mrs. Battle was a devoted member. Prior to the entrance of the United States in the war arrangements were made for the placing of this memorial, the gift of Mrs. Battle's sons and daughters. The sons include, besides Col. W. S. Battle, of Roanoke; Col. Marion S. Battle and Col. John Battle, both of the United States Regulars and with the Army of Occupation; the daughters are Mrs. William C. Rivers, wife of General William C. Rivers, recent recipient of the Croix de Guerre, and Mrs. James R. K. Cowan, of Radford, Va.

The window is the work of the firm of Gorham and Co., New York, and is representative of the style of glass known as English stained glass, the study being the figure of Christ, with a grouping of children illustrative of the invitation, "Let the little ones come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven." In depth of color, brilliancy of glass, careful drawing, and clear spiritual suggestiveness the whole work is of great beauty, and is a fitting memorial "to the glory of God and in sacred memory of Mrs. J. S. Battle," and as the simple legend beneath the window records.

In receiving the window the rector gave a tribute to the worth of the rater, bearing testimony especially to the universality of her love that ministered in many deeds of kindness among all walks of life sublimely unconscious of any distinctions, and the friend of all whom her ever widening influence reaches.—Roanoke (Va.) Times.

Smile and the world smiles at you.

JAMES RUFUS SMILEY



Son of Mr. J. N. Smiley, of Macon.

J. R. Smiley, Co. H. Back From France

James Rufus Smiley, member of H. Co., wearing a gold six months service over seas insignia and a wound stripe was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Smiley is a son of Mr. J. N. Smiley, of Macon. He went across with the home organization last May, is every inch a soldier, and only leaves the boys on French soil because of two wounds received in the battle of the Hindenburg line on September 29th.

On this date, early in the attack, Mr. Smiley was hit upon the shoulder by shrapnel, severing his gun strap and uniform and cutting into the shoulder. Nothing daunted, he pressed forward and was wounded in the arm; still going a bullet hit him again piercing the flesh above the knee but luckily missing the bone. He returned to this country in December after undergoing treatment in hospitals across and has now been honorably discharged from the service. He will make his home with his father during the coming year.

In this connection, the following letter is timely of thanksgiving. Mr. J. N. Smiley, his father, writes:

"My home was made happy several days ago by the return of my dear boy who has been serving his country in France since May 1918, having received two wounds on the 29th of September which disabled him and kept him from going with the other dear boys who are still bravely doing their duty Over There. I pray to God to be with them and bring them back to their fathers and mothers. I also prayed with all my heart that my dear child be brought home safe, and I feel that my prayers were answered.

"I pray that He may cheer and comfort those fathers and mothers who will never meet their sons, who made the heroic sacrifice, again on this earth. I pray that they may feel that they will meet again up Yonder where there is no parting, no sorrow and no grief."

In Memory Mrs. Matt W. Ransom

This account reaching us during the holidays was laid aside and lost sight of for the time, otherwise it would have had our attention before—editor.

Mrs. Matt W. Ransom, widow of the late Confederate general, U. S. Senator and minister to Mexico, died at the Hotel Huffy at 11:20 last night at the age of 88 years after a brief illness with bronchial pneumonia. A native of the eastern part of the state, she had been coming to Hickory ever since 1876 and during the last 25 years had claimed this place as her home.

Mrs. Ransom before her marriage in 1856 to General Ransom was Miss Martha Exum of Verona. Northampton county, a daughter of Joseph Exum. The remains will be carried to Verona tonight for interment and the funeral will be held there tomorrow. She was a member of the Episcopal church, to which she was constant through her long and useful life.

Mrs. Ransom, who was considered a resident of Hickory and who was known by hundreds of people here and in Blowing Rock, where she maintained a summer home, was beloved by all who knew her. Gentle, refined, highly educated, and cultivated, Mrs. Ransom was familiar with the stirring events in North Carolina history, and her mind, active and retentive until the

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JOHN PARK WILLIAMS



Faithfully serving with U. S. Army.

Interesting Letter From Over There

Chatillon, France. Jan. 11, 1919.

Dear Arline:

A letter received from you several days ago which was written long ago. It seems that my mail is blocked up somewhere, as I got a few letters last week and that old book last mail. However, I am always glad to hear from you all if it has been written two months. My last letter to Essex was written to Pa., so I will write this one to you.

Well I can't say much for news here as I am only waiting to go home. Two months today since I heard the firing cease, only today I hear target practice on the hill by the artillery. I am just quartered here in this little city delivering provisions, clothes, etc. to our division's outfits, such as the artillery, infantry, engineers and others. I hope this division will get orders soon to leave for home. All of us are very anxious to see the old U. S.

I don't think the weather has been as cold here as it was at home last winter, up to the present time. You know this part of the country being in the same latitude as Quebec, Canada, I expected it to be severely cold. Guess if it was not for the Gulf Stream it would be some cold in France. The ground has been frozen since November 5, but it rains nearly all the time. Our trucks are tearing up the good roads some, and if France didn't have very fine roads, we couldn't carry things over them in these heavy trucks after all this rains. We rarely ever have to use chains on the wheels. The roads are made of stone and fine gravel. I know our roads at home are getting sticky and muddy.

Am getting anxious to hear from home now. What is a newly dated letter. I hope the "Flu" has died out there. It has killed more people in the States I believe than the war did our soldiers over here.

What can you do with the heavy Cadillac in the mud this winter. You all ought to have a Ford for the winter. A Cadillac is worth loving, and being put up in the winter. I wrote Uncle to have my car attended to, have the batteries charged, the engine oiled etc., or whatever should be done to preserve the car.

Guess although trade was dull this winter everything is in very good shape, everything being so high.

We are about 140 miles from Paris and I would love to go there. One of our trucks has gone over there now. I wish I could have gotten the trip.

Well I have no news of interest now. Am always hoping you are all well, and that I may see you all before long.

With love and best wishes As ever

"WILLIE."

Copr. C. E. Williams Co. 4. Div. Inf. 1 r 306 A. P. O. 791. A. E. F.

Two Tommies

Two British soldiers went into a restaurant at Saloncia and asked for Turkey with Greece. The waiter said: "I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I can't Servia," whereupon the Tommies cried: "Fetch the Bosphorus."

When the manager arrived and heard the complaint, he said: "Well, gentlemen, I don't want to Russia, but you can not Roumania."

And so the poor Tommies had to go away Hungary.—Exchange.

As the night follows the day, good deeds pursue nobly thoughts.

Warning Against Tobacco Plunging

Growers Notified That Situation at Present Does Not Justify It.

West Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Tar Heel farmers are requested to hold up on cotton and tobacco this year, decrease the acreage generally devoted to these, and prepare for more food crops in order that all home supplies may be raised on the farm, and that the money which is received from the sale of such crops as tobacco, cotton, potatoes and peanuts, be net profit. Indications point towards the securing of very good prices for this year's crops, but on the question of tobacco, especially, many growers seem to have gone wild. Tobacco growing will be increased in South Carolina and Virginia this year, and Georgia is also planning to increase its acreage at least 100 per cent.

It is a well known fact that the Trusts will prepare for decreased prices and consumption at least a year ahead, and prospects now are for a great slump in the price of tobacco this year, unless there is a drastic reduction in acreage.

In studying this question, Dr. Wm. R. Camp states that with the demobilization of troops, and their return to active employment where smoking will not be engaged in as generally as heretofore, less smoking tobacco will be used. With the harder times which are expected to come with falling prices, the Trusts will also not be in a position to pay as much for tobacco as they have heretofore, yet farmers are bound to produce crops at about the same high cost as has prevailed during the war. When these crops are sold eight months later, the market price is expected to decline much below their present level.

The condition of cotton at the present time is enough warning in itself to be a guide as to how much cotton should be put in. Food and feed crops for the farm should be considered first, in order that no money will have to be spent for these, and then the money crops should be put in so as to be a net profit when they are sold, no cash having to be spent for food and feed, as heretofore.

Washington, Feb. 11.—"Plunging" in tobacco growing to the neglect of other crops is not justified by the present tobacco situation, according to a statement issued today by the department of agriculture, which describes conditions at difficult. In territory where tobacco is a new crop, recently introduced to replace cotton boll-weevil conditions, as in portions of South Carolina and Georgia, the best interests of the farmers, the statement says, appear to lie in the development of a safe and well-diversified system of farming rather than to plunge from the uncertainty of tobacco production under existing conditions. While it is impossible, the statement declares, to arrive at the quantity of tobacco Europe will be prepared to purchase during the next year or two, it seems likely any considerable increase over the 1918 crop in the flu-cured section would be followed by a decline in market prices.

The largest crop of tobacco the country has ever produced is being marketed and while prevailing market prices are very high for some of the leading types, such abnormal prices are said to be due primarily to war conditions.—News & Observer.

Another Veteran Passes Over River

A few days ago Miles Bobbitt, of Nash county, passed away suddenly. He was born and reared in Warren county, near Warrenton, but moved to Nash county, after his marriage some years ago.

Miles served in the Civil war in Co. E., 1st North Carolina Cavalry Regiment, Barringtons Brigade, W. H. F. Lee's Division. I served with him in the same company. He was one of my best friends. He was a man that I'd not talk a great deal, very quiet in every day life, never complained, always faithful to his friends—and he had many. He was one of the best soldiers I ever saw. I have seen him fully tested under most trying circumstances many times but never knew him to fail to come up to the mark of the best. On August 15, 1864, in the afternoon our command was engaged in a lively battle between White

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CUPID AT WISE PLAYS HAVOC

TWO MARRIAGES AND ANOTHER IS ANNOUNCED

Woman As Depot Agency and Telegraph Operator; Miss Julia Dameron Addressed Interested Gathering Friday.

THOMPSON-BOLTON

A pretty home wedding was solemnized when Miss Luella Bolton became the bride of Mr. J. R. Thompson at their home in Wise on Wednesday morning, February 5th at 11 o'clock in the presence of a household of interested and well-wishing guests.

Miss Bolton was attired in a traveling suit of gray with hat and shoes to match and carried a large bouquet of carnations. The living room was tastefully decorated in evergreen and lighted with candles. The bridal couple were attended by several bridesmaids and groomsmen. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Edwards, of Norlina, those present were served to a dainty luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left on the afternoon train for Norfolk and Washington.

"Dixie," as he is familiarly known was among our most popular "young" vachelors, and Miss Bolton is a most estimable young lady well beloved by a host of friends.

WHITE-PERKINSON MARRIAGE

Within a few hours after the Thompson-Bolton wedding, at which Mr. Sterling Perkinson acted as one of the groomsmen, Mr. Perkinson decided to follow suit and become a bachelor on the same day, so quietly announcing his intention to Rev. Mr. Edwards and one other young man whose duty it became to hasten to Warrenton and buy the license. Mr. Perkinson went to Norlina as it appeared to bid farewell to Mr. Thompson and his bride, but more particularly to meet the future Mrs. Perkinson, who was Miss Ava White, and to go to the home of Mr. Edwards there to be quietly married.

Miss White is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White, of Wise, and Mr. Perkinson is the youngest son of Mrs. Page Perkinson, widow of one of our best and most highly respected citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Perkinson will make their home for the present with the groom's people. Everybody wishes them a long and happy married life.

Talking about marriages, and in reference to the announcement in last week's paper of the approaching wedding of Mr. H. L. Coleman, which is to take place on Feb. 15th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perkinson, Mr. Coleman is to marry Miss Annie White and not Miss Perkinson, as the paper stated.

The meeting of the Betterment Association held at the schoolhouse on Friday, Feb. 7th, was largely attended and all felt that much good was accomplished. Miss Julia Dameron, of Warrenton, ably and interestingly presented the aim and purpose of the North Carolina Educational Association, and after her address nearly all present signed membership cards, many paying the dues of sustaining members, 50 cents a year.

The next meeting of the Betterment Association will be held the first Thursday in March and will be in charge of the chairman of Home Economics, Miss Lena White, who with the assistance of Mrs. W. A. Connell promises an interesting and profitable afternoon.

Wise claims to be one of the most progressive spots in the county. It is not only progressive in the matter of schools and roads and churches, but in matters of industry as well, for we are boasting of a competent woman as depot agent and telegraph operator. She is a Miss Thompson, who came here from Wake Forest.

We are glad to announce that this locality is at present practically free from influenza.

"You have to shake the horse as some folks before they repent" says Sunday.