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RED CROSS DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY HERE NEXT WEEK

Concerted Drive Through-out County Planned By Officials

CIVIC CLUBS TO HELP

Half of Money To Be Kept in County To Give Eye Treatment To Those Unable To Pay For It

With Dr. William E. Warren as chairman and Harry A. Biggs vice chairman, the Red Cross membership drive is scheduled to start in this county next week. Organization of an active canvassing committee in each of the townships in the county is being perfected at this time, and a splendid work is expected to result.

The membership drive has started in many sections of the county already, but the Martin County chapter awaited the visit of an official from national headquarters, and the time for beginning the drive was postponed. Miss Elsie Mulliken was here the early part of the week and she assisted in outlining the task for the chairman and his assistants.

"There are many young boys and girls in the county who are badly in need of an eye examination and treatment, but who have not sufficient funds to have the work done," Dr. Wm. E. Warren, county health officer, stated yesterday. Fifty per cent of the membership funds will be kept in the county and made available for those who need their eyes treated and are unable to have it done. The other half will be forwarded to national headquarters in Washington, D. C., for use in national disasters and other relief, it was said.

A human appeal will be made to the citizens of the county to join the organization by contributing one dollar during the next few weeks, it was stated by the chairman yesterday.

Locally the various organizations and club will assist in the drive, while for other townships outside of the towns individual chairmen will have charge of enrolling the new members.

2 KILLED EVERY DAY BY AUTOS

Sixty-Two People Killed in North Carolina During October

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—Sixty-two people, an average of two a day, were killed in North Carolina automobile accidents last month, according to the report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health. It was one of the heaviest monthly automobile tolls in the State's history.

An average of five North Carolinians a week, 22 in all, were killed by their fellow men. Sixteen killed themselves.

Eleven people were accidentally drowned during the month and ten were burned to death.

Unusually low for the hunting season were the number of deaths, just three, due to accidental gunshot wounds. Eight died from gunshot wounds of a doubtful nature—they may have been shot by accident, the officers don't know.

Four deaths, not including the two who were killed in automobiles at grade crossings, occurred in railroad accidents during the month. Lightning killed one man. There were 135 violent deaths in all.

Local Eleven Playing Rich Square Today

While the locals are slated to win in the football game here this afternoon with the Rich Square eleven, a good brand of ball is assured spectators by Coach B. E. Hood and his regulars. The boys coming here today played the locals in a close game a few weeks ago, and it is evident that the game this afternoon will be no walkaway for the locals.

LIGHT WEEK ON WEED MARKET

300,000 Pounds Offered on Local Floors; Prices Fluctuate

Sales this week on the local market brought the number of pounds of tobacco sold here this season up to and a fraction over the six million mark. With the exception of one or two days, sales have been very light here this week, total pounds barely passing the 300,000 mark, indicating that the crop has been practically all marketed by the growers.

The offerings here this week have varied greatly as to quality, causing an uneven run in the price averages. Wednesday was the weakest day of the week when the offerings averaged a little under .22 cents. Yesterday, however, the quality was said to have been better and the price showed more strength.

PERFECT PLANS FOR TICKET SALE

Clubs and Other Organizations in Six Counties to Handle Ticket Sale

An organization for selling tickets to the Eastern Carolina Peanut Exposition to be held here during Christmas week was practically perfected this week when Secretary N. G. Bartlett visited clubs and various other organizations in six counties and formulated plans for an intensive drive to begin two weeks before the opening of the show. Prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 nominations will be awarded the three clubs or organizations in each county selling the greatest number of tickets and commissions will be allowed the sellers, it was stated by the chamber of commerce secretary.

In addition to the individual prizes offered the winning clubs in each county, a prize of \$10 will be given the club or organization selling the greatest number of tickets of any club in any of the counties.

With Mrs. Wheeler Martin and Mrs. L. B. Harrison acting as joint-chairmen, the sale of tickets here will be sponsored by the woman's club and the parent-teacher association. The tickets will be in block of ten and will sell for \$4. There is no limited field in which to work. Mr. Bartlett said, and with handsome prizes and an open field to work in a real ticket canvass is expected during the two weeks prior to the exposition's opening.

Mr. Bartlett also pointed out that the purchaser of the block ticket would be entitled to sixteen chances on the Ford coupe to be given away Wednesday night, December 26.

Plans for the exposition in general are being formulated very rapidly at this time, and indications point to one of the biggest and best shows yet held. Mr. Bartlett stated this week.

Hunting Continues To Be Popular Sport Here

For many people in this section, hunting is the main sport. Squirrel hunters report very little success in their trips to the swamps, but yet many of the sportsmen go off with their guns every day, almost. B. A. Critcher, local attorney, is considered the champion rabbit hunter of the town. He goes out for rabbits exclusively and generally brings in around a half dozen. Mr. Critcher says he is not very anxious to hunt any kind of game that flies or climbs trees he says he had rather take a seat on a stump and let his little beagle bound run the rabbits by.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Pastor. Preaching service, 11 a. m., subject "The Divine Christ." Evening 7:30, subject, "Jesus the Resurrection and Life."

Sunday school 9:45, Mr. R. A. Pope, superintendent. Hi-League, Sunday evening 7:30. Senior League, Monday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Prayer service Wednesday evening 7:30.

This Church Welcomes Everybody to Her Many Services.

Al Smith Vacationing In Mississippi Town Now

Al Smith, defeated nominee for the Presidency, waved his hat to admirers and supporters in the recent campaign, as he passed through the several towns in North Carolina on his way to Biloxi, Miss. for a vacation. His trip was little noticed as compared to the one of a few weeks before election day, but the small crowds cheered him in several of the towns when he would go to the rear platform of his special car and wave the traditional brown derby.

Governor Smith will spend two weeks in the Mississippi town. In his party were Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi and John J. Rascoe and a few other close friends of the governor.

SUGGESTS SALE OF PEANUTS TO HIGH BIDDER

Local Citizen Wants Plan Tried Out During Exposition

JUST LIKE TOBACCO

Warehouse Charges, Auctioneer Cost, And Other Expenses Guaranteed For Experiment

Whether or not the system will meet with approval, a county citizen has suggested that the auction system of selling peanuts be used and that the system be given a trial at the peanut exposition to be held here during Christmas week.

The system suggested by this citizen is given verbatim, as follows: "Peanut exposition promoters and buyers, am I right or am I wrong? If I am right, act. If I am wrong, let it alone; as I stand for anything that will help the farmer. Here it is: "I have always believed that peanuts should be sold at auction, like tobacco, so every buyer could see exactly what he was buying. To do this, every bag is to be cut open before auction sale started, put out in lots of not over 30 bags to each lot in any one day and sold on their character, color, and general quality to the several buyers at auction. I advocated this ten years ago and discussed the matter with several of the largest peanut dealers in the United States at that time, and they all agreed with me.

"Now take one morning during the peanut exposition and fill up one of our tobacco warehouses in rows, from 5 to 30 bags to each farmer offering them. Tag each lot as tobacco is tagged, start your sale at auction and let the farmer go up to the office and get his check. The buyer to pay the warehouseman, just as the buyers of tobacco pay them. They will then remove their purchases to their factories or storage houses.

"If the farmers like this way, continue it. In this experimental sale, held during the peanut exposition, you would not only have local representatives following the sale, but some of the largest dealers in America giving in a trial. It will not cost the farmer anything for this one-day trial, for I guarantee to pay warehouse charges, weighers, and auctioneers."

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The case involving probably the largest amount of money was that of V. G. Taylor, executor, against Jesse Leggett, where \$2,995.86 were ordered to be paid the plaintiff plus interest from April 1, 1926. A stay of execution until December 1, 1930, was ordered.

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A. L. Nicholson et al suing W. H. Gurkin were given a judgment in which W. L. Nicholson and Maggie Nicholson are to be paid \$75 each. They are to assume the costs of the suit.

The E. A. Clark suit against A. C. L. Railroad Co. was compromised with the defendant bearing the cost of the action.

County Teachers To Meet Here Tomorrow

A goodly number of teachers from all the schools in the county is expected here tomorrow for the third meeting of the county organization, it was stated by one of the association officials here last night. Now that the organization has actively entered upon its reading circle work, the officer stated that it was very important that every teacher attend.

The meeting will be opened in the Methodist church at 2:00 o'clock, the teachers repairing to the rooms in the school building upon the conclusion of the exercises in the church.

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Men Injured at Factory Monday Are Recovering

James Campbell and H. C. Gidden, injured when a builder's stage fell here last Tuesday are getting along very well, according to a report from a Rocky Mount hospital. It was stated yesterday that William Fugh, colored, also a victim of the fall, had died from injuries, but this was held to be untrue today by building contractors at the plant. Willie Spilfer, a fourth of the injured ones, is also getting along as well as could be expected, it was stated.

Regular Sunday Services Jamesville Baptist Church

Regular services will be held at the Jamesville Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. The public is cordially invited.

PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERIOR COURT

Twenty Cases Disposed of During Week; No Big Cases on Docket

Although there have been very few jury cases during the special term of Martin County superior court in session here this week, approximately 20 cases have been disposed of in one way or another. Several were settled when agreements were reached between the litigants, others were dismissed or non-suited while still others were cleared from the docket by decisions handed down by the jury. The term called by the county commissioners at the request of Governor McLean is handling civil cases only, which are said to be of minor importance.

The cases called and disposed of: The case of D. G. Matthews against J. G. Godard, jr., was dismissed when an agreement between the two litigants was effected.

As the plaintiff was said to be bankrupt, the case of Chas. Hassell against John Tetterton was dismissed.

A non-suit resulted in the case of D. G. Matthews against Jack Little. A similar result was recorded in the case of Bessie Purvis against John Purvis, Federal Land Bank, et al. A third non-suit came about in the case of D. G. Matthews against G. R. Roebuck, guardian.

D. G. Matthews was given a judgment for taxes paid in his case against Lilley and Godard.

A judgment in the sum of \$75 was given Pattie Purvis et al against John Purvis, et al.

A non-suit resulted in the case of D. L. Harrell against J. R. Perry.

In the case of Alice V. Davis against the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank et al, the plaintiff non-suited and a temporary restraining order was dismissed.

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Aims and Accomplishments Of Public Health Agencies

AVERAGE SPAN OF LIFE NOW 10 YEARS LONGER

County Health Officer, Dr. Warren, Writes First of Series of Articles

Intensely interested in a work for which he is poorly paid, Dr. William E. Warren, county health officer, at our request, has agreed to furnish articles on general health conditions, particularly as found in this county. His first article:

There are three kinds of public work. First, the old-fashioned public health work, for a large part of which we are immensely indebted to the engineering profession: The getting of a pure water supply, of adequate sewerage and drainage, and the protection of food supplies.

There is, second, the kind of public health work which views it with utmost importance that the consequences of physical defects be forestalled by their prevention and eradication in infancy and in early childhood. And there is the form of public health work which recognizes it as a public duty that health protection and medical treatment be provided when persons needing such protection and treatment, or their families, are otherwise unable to secure it. The making safe of the milk and water supplies is extremely necessary. Every town should have a dairy farm and regularly inspect it, and every cow should be inspected to see that she is free from tuberculosis. Typhoid fever is a rare occurrence, so rare, in fact, that in cities the medical teachers can not find cases to use in teaching their medical students.

The modern increase in the duration of life is something outstanding. Yet there is still a tremendous amount of public health work to be done. Only 35 per cent of the population lives to be 65 years old; 20 per cent die before the age of 5; and 40 per cent die in the wage-earning period of life. There is a large amount of avoidable illness and mortality which will be diminished and eventually prevented when local health authorities, volunteer agencies, and especially physicians in private practice, join forces and bring to bear the educational and still more the active preventive and curative measures which they can provide.

Take, for example, the question of correction of physical defects among children, those of school age and those not yet old enough to go to school. Children who suffer from dental defects, from adenoids and enlarged tonsils, from defective eyesight and other disabling conditions (actually or in prospect) will be handicapped for life unless such defects are remedied. A defect in early childhood may seemingly not be serious, but allowed to continue may mean total inefficiency in adult life and possibly curtailment in the duration of life. From the standpoint of public health, therefore, it is of the utmost importance that such defects be remedied as early as possible.

Of 300,000 school children examined recently in New York, 48 per cent had defective teeth, 18 per cent had diseased tonsils, and 15 per cent were mouth breathers, 12 per cent had defective eyesight. All of these conditions mean inefficiency and in very large measure dependence on the community when adult life is reached, and all those conditions need attention. You may say that is not public health, that is treatment of illness. It is public health. In this country we are fortunate in securing dental clinics and tonsil and adenoid clinics every three years. Last year, we had a dental clinic, and next May we will have another tonsil and adenoid clinic; all of which, of course, are free to those unable to pay.

Destitution is an "end product" of neglected disease in 60 per cent of the cases. If the sickness had prevented the destitution would not have followed.

Those diseases that are the chief enemies of all of us are heart disease, cancer, pneumonia, tuberculosis, and syphilis. The late Dr. Osler said if the full facts were known, syphilis would probably come first. It is the biggest killing disease in the community. It and tuberculosis are undoubtedly the present greatest contributors to the total mortality prior to the approach of old age. By the removal of these two diseases, most of the preventable deaths from the age of 15 to 65 would be avoided.

Moreover, it has indeed been too slow to dawn upon all of the medical profession that aside from those organically sick, there are in every community those who have no disease yet who are sick, sick in the sense of the business man who sees financial disaster ahead, loses his appetite, sleeps poorly, develops head and back pains, becomes self-centered and neurotic—or the mother of the household, whose nerves strained to the breaking

85 PER CENT OF TOBACCO CROP IS BELIEVED SOLD

8,000,000 More Pounds Sold In October This Year Than Last

PRICE IS \$1.61 LOWER

Crop As a Whole Has Been Marketed More Hurriedly This Year; Old Belt Prices Much Lower

According to estimates furnished by tobaccoists and farmers in this section, at least 85 per cent of the 1928 tobacco crop has been marketed. This is said to be a very conservative estimate as many people believe there is little more than 10 per cent of the crop to be marketed in this section at the present time. The crop as a whole has been marketed more hurriedly this year than last, considering the increase in the acreage and pounds throughout the belt.

During the month of October 9,000,000 more pounds of the crop were marketed than was the case last year. Producers' sales during that period, according to a report issued by the crop reporting service of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture, were 142,564,950. In October of last year the sales were 133,620,441.

While the price for the crop has been much lower than the price paid last year, the old bright belt suffered the greatest reduction in tobacco prices last month, with the weed bringing an average price of \$3.32 less than last October. October price this year was \$47.34 and last year \$20.66. A total of 49,632,374 pounds were marketed by producers in that belt, with the Winston-Salem market handling 15,163,870 pounds, and the Henderson market handling over 6,000,000 pounds.

The new bright belt, in which tobacco showed an average reduction of \$1.61 per 100 pounds in the price, the weed bringing an average of \$22.54 per hundred pounds as compared with \$24.15 in October, 1927. Wilson topped other markets in this belt by handling 25,462,848 pounds, with Greenville second with 21,004,116.

Only two markets reported in the South Carolina belt, Fairmont and Whiteville, the two handling 1,430,579 pounds at an average price of \$20.45.

STOCK COMPANY TO SHOW HERE

Strand Theatre To Have Rotary Players Here On Tuesdays

Beginning next Tuesday night and continuing each Tuesday night thereafter for an indefinite time, the management of the Strand Theatre here will present the Rotary Players in a series of plays, according to a contract arranged this week between the local theater manager and a member of the show's business staff. A circuit has been arranged in this section with several of the theater managers, and a performance will be given once each week in each of the towns, it was stated by one of the show officials yesterday.

The cast, six men and four women, was selected from the Ollie Hamilton and Cleo Hamilton shows, and is said to be the pick of the two. In their initial performance here next Tuesday night they will present "Her Companionate Marriage," a play that is purported to offer a lesson and entertainment to the audience as well.

The Ollie Hamilton show played to full houses here several weeks ago, and after talking the proposed circuit over with the theater managers in this section its owners and managers decided to form a stock company to play this section during the next several weeks.

Gasoline Prices To Be Reduced November 21st

The Standard Oil Company has announced a reform in gasoline sales which is called correcting the "un-business-like" practice formerly existing known as "secret allowances." It was stated by the company that the practice had been carried on in a half dozen states including North Carolina.

The new regulation will go into effect November 21 when the price of gasoline will be dropped from 19 to 18 cents at filling stations. A similar drop will be made in the price of gas sold from the tank wagon.

Sunday Services At Local Baptist Church

The pastor of the Memorial Baptist church has returned from the ninety-eighth session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which was held at High Point, and will be in his pulpit for both services Sunday.

At the morning hour his theme will be, "Preparation for Worship," and at the evening hour, he will speak on "The Seventh Commandment." The usual mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
REX BELL

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"THE COWBOY KID"

Added
COMEDY
AND SERIAL
"The Yellow Cameo"