

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION AC-COMPLISHED GREAT GOOD IN ALL SECTIONS OF SOUTH.



Acreage in State Cut Twenty and One-Tenth Per Cent and Use of Fertilizers More Than Twenty-four.

Convinced that the temporary organization of the North Carolina Cotton Association has effected a great saving to cotton farmers already, in bringing co-operation that has improved the cotton prices and in getting reduced cotton acreage, representatives of the organization, gathered here from many of the cotton growing coursies, resolved to make the temporary organization permanent, the officers being: C. J. Orrell, Chatham county, president; J. O. O'Connell, secretary, and Dr. B. W. Kilgore, treas-

urer. The meeting endorsed in strong resolutions the proposed finance and exporting corporation for the cotton industry of the South, and appealed that cotton farmers invest liberally in the cotton warehousing corporation, using Liberty bonds for the purpose. if necessary. Organized here when the cotton market crisis came, while the legislature was in session as temporary expedient, the cotton association. President Orrell declared, has saved the farmers probably \$20 per bale and accomplished other needed co-operative benefits. The report of Secretary O'Connell showed \$9,145 raised

Merchants Mutual Organizes.

The organization meeting of the Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of North Carolina promoted by the State Merchants' Association, was held at the Yarborough hotel. Mr. R. B. Peters, of Tarboro, was chairman of the meeting and J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, served as secretary.

The object of the meeting was explained by Mr. J. F. Morris, of Winston-Salem, while Mr. J. R. Young, State Insurance Commissioner, was presented to help the gathering over any difficulties.

Between twenty-five and thirty merchants of the State were present for the adoption of the constitution and by-laws of the company and the election of directors.

The company starts off with a guarantee fund of \$25,000 and will have its home office in Statesville with the headquarters of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Governor Approves Sentence.

The first court martial sentence in the history of the North Carolina Reserve Militia, the State military organization generally known in respective locations as the home guards, has been approved by Governor Bickett. Private Henry Link of Lexington was the offender and he was fined \$20 and ordered to apologize and submit to reprimand in the presence of the officers and men of the 39th company, N. C., R. M.

The court martial was held in Lexington, Capt. C. C. Rush of the 20th company sitting as president and Captain George Maurice of the 39th company as judge advocate. Private Link was charged with failure to report at a fixed time for drill and with disobeying the command of his superior officer, Second Lieutenant J. E. Foy. He plead guilty to both counts and the judgment of the court was that he pay a fine of \$20, be reprimanded in the presence of the company and make a full apology to the men and officers of the outfit.

The finding was sent to Governor Bickett and approved by him and by command of Adjutent General Royby the association had been expended ster, commander of the court martial,



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SPLENDID BODY OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS HOLDS ITS 116TH ANNUAL CONVENTION.



City of Charlotte Has the Honor of Entertaining This Body.

Charlotte .- The 116th annual session of the Associate Reformed Synod, of the South convened with many delegates from various sections of the south in attendance. After the session had been called to order by Dr. W. W. Orr, pastor of the Tabernacle, Rev. I. N. Kennedy, of Ora, S. C., retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon. George S. Mower, of Newberry, S. C., former speaker pro tem of the South Carolina house representatives and veteran member of the assembly of that state, took charge of the gathering as moderator.

The delegates were welcomed to Charlotte by Mayor Frank R. Mc-Ninch at the Tabernacle. Response was made by Mr. Mower. This was followed by a conference on evangelism led by Rev. J. G. Dale, for many years a missionary to Mexico. Rev. A. S. Rogers, of Rock Hill, S. C., is clerk to the synod. Luncheon was served the delegates

at the Tabernacle by the five A. R. P. congregations of Charlotte.

The Associate Reformed Synod of the South, which was organized at the "Old Brick Church" in Fairfield county, S. C., in 1803, has held two previous meetings in Charlotte, one in 1899 and the other in 1910. The syfrom Virginia and West Virginia to Southern Florida and from Texas to Missouri.

Chairman Victor of the Mecklenburg **County Victory Loan Committee** is Worried Over Outlook.

Charlotte.-Charlotte's apathy and apparent lack of interest in the Victory loan has become a source of wor ry to H. M. Victor, chairman for Mecklenburg county, according to a declaration by Mr. Victor. Of equal importance, said Mr. Victor, as a means of threatening the success here of the campaign is the lack of solicitors.

"It would be a shame for Mecklenburg county to fall down on this loan, after having gone so far over the quotas of previous loans," he asserted.

While it was noticeable that reports of the success of the solicitors have not been made daily during this campaign, as was the case in previous Liberty loan drives. Mr. Victor had not previously intimated that all is not well with the city's and county's effort. From all sources reports of an acceptable nature gave amounts of pledges which make a total of slightly more than \$600,000. Of this amount, \$365,000 represents voluntary subscriptions placed with Charlotte banks during the first day of the national campaign, and \$250,000 was pledged during the meeting of campaign work-

Charlotte democratic voters gave Mayor McNinch a majority of almost three to one over his opponent, W. R. Matthews, in his race for re-election as mayor and commissioner of finance in the primary, leading the entire ticket. Arthur H. Wearn was given a big majority over D. L. Kistler and Allen L. Byrd for re-election as commissioner of public works. George A. Page received a three to one majority over J. E. Huneycutt and J. K. A. Alexander for commissioner of public safety.

Clinic for the Poor.

Raleigh .- Preparing for the opening the cold water. nod includes the A. R. P. churches of a free city and county clinic for the poor, Dr. Percy Ahrons, county health scouts, Robert Pleus, 16, and Leroy officer, took up with the city commissioners the matter of securing the use of part of Rex Hospital as clinic quarters. The Wake county department of health wants the use of the first floor of the recently acquired annexthe house formerly operated as St. Luke's Home. Mayor Johnson discussed the matter with Dr. Ahrons, but did not promise anything definite. He referred Dr. Ahrons to the hospital



SCOUTS IN INDIA GROWING

A letter from the director of the boy scouts of Mysore in India to national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America says in part as follows:

"Our strength has increased to about forty troops with a membership of over nine hundred. I have had fine scoutmaster's training classes at Mysore City and at Bangalore, with a model troop of scouts for demonstration purposes.

"Scout work for Indian boys is developing rapidly all over the country. In Calcutta we have the Boy Scouts of Bengal, which is doing good work both under Indian and European leadership. The great native state of Baroda and the British Central provinces want to start boy scout work, and the government of the native state of Travancore is now considering the introduction of scouting among its boys on the plan of our Mysore organization.

"We have, however, a long way to go, as there are over thirty million boys of scout age in India and we have difficulties here that are unheard of in America-for instance, at least a hundred languages, very deep-seated religious divisions and the ever-present caste question-all of them tremendous challenges to the spirit of the fourth scout law."



Ernest H. Collins, Jr., of Denver, 7 years old, escaped drowning in City Park lake due to the presence of mind of two Denver boy scouts who effected his rescue after two gardeners at the park had failed to drag the boy from 1.116.27



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LESSON FOR MAY 11. SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

LESSON TEXT-Genesis 3:1-24. GOLDEN TEXT-The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.-Rom. 6:23.

DEVOTIONAL READING-Psalms 51: 1-13.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL-Rom. 1:18-23: James 1:15. PRIMARY TOPIC-Disobeying Our

Heavenly Father.

JUNIOR TOPIC-How Disobedience Separates Us From God. INTERMEDIATE TOPIC - Destructive Power of Sin.

SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC-The Nature and Results of Sin.

An outlook upon the world proves that man is not what he should be. Then, too, apart from gospel influence there is no sign of improvement. The only way of accounting for the discrepancy between what man is and what he should be is by the Fall. This is the way that the Bible accounts for it. The introduction of sin is the answer.

I. The Temptation (Gen 3:1-6). Man possessed a free will, in the exercise of which he turned away from God and his commandment. This was done at the instance of the devil working through the serpent. He did not appear as he really was, but in disguise. The method employed was (1) finding the woman while alone; (2) insinuating doubt into her mind as to God's word and love. At his suggestion she began to believe that God did not mean what he said, and that he was unkind in placing restrictions upon them. In this the devil slandered God, even accusing the Almighty of jealousy and fraud. (3) Appeal to innocent appetite. (4) She gazed upon the fruit which God had forbidden. Looking soon begat lust. (5) She lusted after that which God had for-

except about \$27 balance in bank. will be imposed. Over \$7,000 of this was invested in advertising, to bring about cotton holding and reduced acreage.

There was a report that acreage in this state has been cut about 20 1-10 per cent; fertilizer was reduced about 24 1-4 per cent and about 150,000 bales of cotton were held off the market for higher prices, in consequence of the campaign of the association.

Among those attending the session was W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, author of the original cotton storage warehouse bill in the recent legislaelle state d'une positione ture.

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Victory Loan Slogan.

"Match the navy," this is the slogan to be used in the Victory Loan campaign on May 7. Secretary Glass has designated that as "Navy day." All Victory Loan activities will then be directed to emphasize the important part taken by the navy. The navy is not only attempting to break records for subscriptions in the service but is exercising every effort to put the national campaign over the top. The officers and men of the navy service, many of whom have risked their lives, are now ready to give their dollars, and say to all, "match the navy." It had been hoped that the campaign would be over in this state by that time, but if it is not the challenge of the bluejackets is expected to be answered.

Legal Question Raised.

The question of whether or not the new machinery act does not put all sheriffs in the state back on commission basis instead of salaries, except the Buncombe county sheriff, was brought sharply to the front by the refusal of Auditor Holding, of Wake county, to pay the salaries of Sheriff Sears and his deputies for April. The "kink" is in section 101 of the machinery act, however, state officials who were in close touch with the purpose of the legislative committee in drafting the, new machinery act insisted that no such result can come from the changes from the old machinery act and that all that the new law does is to allow the sheriffs in the state, whether on salary or commission, a fixed additional compensation of five per cent on all special license and privilege taxes collected for the state.

Postoffice Classes Raised.

Ten North Carolina postoffices are entitled to an advanced classification after July 1. 1919-that is, they will be accorded a second-class instead of a third-class rating. The Tar Heel towns sharing the fortunes of increased prosperity and the resultant effect of a higher class rating from the United States Postoffice Department are West Raleigh, Wake county; Canton, Haywood county; Smithfield, Johnston county; Southport, Brunswick county; Biltmore, Buncombe county; Clinton, Sampson county; Pinehurst, Moore county; Warrenton, Warren county; Weldon, Halifax county; Williamston, Martin county.

The advancement is not only a boost to civic pride, but the pay envelope of the postmaster is enhanced-his salary being \$2,000 and allowance for clerical assistance commensurate with the needs of the office.

"Kirmess" to Be Presented.

Under the auspices of the Raleigh Woman's Club the Kirmess with a cast of about 400 will be presented here May 7, 8 and 9, with a matinee on the later date. It will be the most brilliant social event of the season and perhaps the most elaborate performance the club has ever undertaken. Practically every member of Raleigh's younger social set will take part from the tiny tots on up to the prettiest debutantes.

The Kirmess, a brilliant presentation of the singing, dancing and merry making of the most picturesque and poetical nations of the world, will be divided into scenes, each one separate and distinct. It has been presented in practically every large city in the United States and Canada. The fact that several hundred people take part gives some idea of the magnitude. In the spectacular opening scene which will include the crowning of the king and queen, every member of the Kirmess takes part, the stage setting to be most elaborate. The choruses are catchy and tuneful. The drills, dances and marches light and graceful. Over a hundred young people take part in the scene. "A Night in Koko's Garden,' in which all the principal scenes and characters of the famous opera, "The Mikado," will be used in all their Oriental splendor.

Sond Issue Validated.

Kentucky Agricultural College, class \$225,000 bond issue of the Central against prostitutes, provided for in S. A., commander of Camp Greene. Highway Commission of Person coun ty, issued under an act of the 1917 session of the General Assembly and amended in 1919, the amendment not having been passed under the prescribed form of the Constitution requiring three separate readings. The court held that where the amendment does not increase the amount of the issue or the burden of taxation, failure to follow the constitutional form will not invalidate bonds.

Concord Welcomes Soldiers.

Concord. - Ten thousand people were in Concord for Celebration Day. at which time the soldiers and sailors who served in the world war .were welcomed home, and short speeches were made for the Victory loan. An American tank was here for the pa rade, much enthusiasm being evidenced by all. Speeches were made from the tank by Rev. A. S. Lawrence and Rev. W. C. Wauchope, both of whom served during the war. There has not been such a crowd in this city since 1915.

Family Washed Away.

Asheville.--A cloud burst near Mars Hill washed away the home of Robert Ponders, his entire family, barn and all of his live stock. Three of the Ponders children, ranging from two to 12 years of age, were killed. Ponders and another child were found unconscious a mile from the home and are not expected to recover.

War On Monkey Rum.

Goldsboro .- Business has been bad with monkey rum manufacturers throughout the county this week and quite a number of these "gents" have had some narrow escapes from arrest.

Sheriff R. H. Edwards, Deputy Sheriff Thad Howell, and Revenue Officers Bailey and Watson, have captured a large number of stills during the present week and added another to their list when they captured and destroyed a large galvanized metal outfit in Saulston township.

Farmer Burned to Death.

Goldsboro.-Johnson Davis, an aged farmer residing near Pikeville, this county, was burned to death, according to a report which reached Goldsboro. It is said that Mr. Davis was standing near a large pile of burning rubbish and was in the act of placing an arm full of other trash in the flames when he suffered an attack of vertigo and fell into the fire. A daughter who witnessed the fatal accident rushed to the aid of her father. but before she could extract his body the man was dead.

Drive on Prostitutes.

Raleigh. - The health campaign Assembly, will get a start this week with the guns of the authorities directed against vice in Raleigh. After Raleigh comes Goldsboro. The authorities at Kinston beat the state department to it and the Dawson moral law has been so effective until the state authorities regard Kinston as a clean town. Detective Hellwig, who has had eight years experience, will launch the campaign here.

Best Warehouse Law.

trustees.

Winston-Salem .- Ex-Senator John L. McLaurin of Bennettsville, S. C., spent the day here, the trip being made through the country in his car.

"North Carolina, said the ex-senator, "now has the best cotton warehouse law in the cotton belt, and it is going to be the salvation of the cotton farmers in this State. He stated that he advocated such a law for the Palmetto State a few years ago, and that only a makeshift was enacted, which does not give the planters of the State the protection that they should have.

Bailey's Tobacco Prospects.

Bailey .- The two new large brick tobacco warehouses for which contract was let several days ago by a local tobacco concern are now getting under construction and soon Bailey will look to be a tobacco town. The prospects are bright for Bailey to become one of the best young tobacco markets in the State of North Carolina and with the large crop that is being planted and with a company of almost three hundred and fifty stockholders composed practically of farmers.

Young Soldier Beheaded.

Concord.-Perry Verble, recently returned soldier, was killed here when in attempting to board a passing freight train he tell beneath the wheels and his head was severed from his body. The accident occurred just as the train was leaving the depot here. Verble was about 20 years of age and returned from service overseas about three weeks ago. Verble was attempting to board the train on his way home to Gibson Mills.

Verble is said to be an excellent young man and had a splendid record as a soldier in France.

Colonel Macomb on Leave. Charlotte.-Col. A. C. Macomb, U. a brief visit to Washington. Colonel Macomb goes on a five-day leave, but said he expected to receive soon after his return orders sending him permanently to Washington. While the war department several weeks ago transferred the title to Camp Greene to a Charlotte corporation, the Camp Greene Development Company, Colonel Macomb maintains headquarters there.

The quick work which the two Hoyt, 17, displayed in the rescue is a single example of the value of the boy scout training.

The Collins boy had been skating and went upon too thin ice. Pleus and Hoyt happened to be passing in a motor car. Seeing the Collins boy's predicament, the scouts rushed to his aid. They cut their shoe strings, and making a rope of their coats, they made a life line for the boy. He took hold of it and was pulled to safety. The boys then wrapped him in a blanket.

BOY SCOUTS AFTER THE DIRT.

Topeka boy scouts are to become junior health officers of the city, in cooperation with the city health department.

The following pledge will be signed by all scouts who become members of the Topeka health service:

"In assuming the duties in the Topeka health service, I agree to hold myself responsible for the distribution of all notices and literature in my district requested by the commissioner of health.

"I further agree to gather any information that may be desired and to report on the health and sanitary situation in my district when asked to do so,

"I agree to assist the Topeka health department in every way I can, with the understanding that I will not be called upon to perform any duty that will interfere with my school work or endanger my health."

MANCHURIA'S SCOUT GREETINGS.

The second detachment of the Boy Scouts of Manchuria, located at Harbin, has sent this letter to national headquarters in this country:

"Dear Brothers: The second detachment of the Boy Scouts of Manchuria sends to you from far Russia warm greetings and cordial congratulation at the birthday of the great teacher of truth, peace and good will towards men. Let the new year be a triumph of justice and happiness for all the unfortunates of the world. "Do not allow your fatherland to have any more tears in its light eyes. Let the standard of the white rider rise higher in the world."

This is signed by Commander of Detachment Kossiakoff.

SCOUTS TO PLANT WALNUTS. Letters supporting Chief Scout Executive James E. West's decision that boy scouts should help the government this spring by planting black walnut trees have come to national headquarters from George D. Pratt, New York state conservation commissioner, and from Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological soclety.

bidden. That which God has forbidden should not be looked at lest the flesh should lust for it. 11. The Fall (3:6-8).

From lusting to indulgence was a short step. This act of disobedience has brought on all the world's woe and misery. Eve not only disobeyed, but involved Adam in her sin. Aspiring to be gods, they became the slaves of sin. They came to know good and evil, but by sad experience. They knew sin without the power to free themselves from it.

III. The Consequences of the Fall (3:9-24).

1. The disturbed relationship with God (vv. 9, 10). The familiar intercourse which man enjoyed with the Almighty was marred and broken by sin. Sin makes life intolerable in the divine presence. Adam and Eve not only hid from God's presence, but Adam began to make excuses and even laid the blame on God.

2. The serpent was degraded and henceforth became a type of sin and Satan (v. 14; cf. Num. 21:9; John 8:14; Rev. 12:9). This doom was pronounced without trial. In the case of man it was not so.

3. The undying enmity between the two seeds (v. 15; cf. John 8:40-45; Matt. 23:33). The antagonism thus begun reached its climax in the crucifixion of Christ. Satan's seed has been ever since endeavoring to destroy the Lord's work and his workers.

4. The ultimate victory of the woman's seed (v. 15). Satan harassed the woman's seed; bruised his heel, but finally the stroke was made which crushed the serpent's head (John 12: 31; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8). This was the first gleam of the glorious light of the gospel of Christ. The victory was marvelous, but the cost was infinite (Isa. 53; 2 Cor. 5:21).

5. Judgment upon the woman (v. 16). This relates to her as a wife and mother; also to her subordination to man. This is God's decree, and all efforts of freeing one's self from it are fightings against God.

6. Man's new relationship to the earth (vv. 17-19). The earth was cursed on his account. Because of the rank growth of thorns and thistles man must make an increased effort to exist. Man with his sinful nature would be in a bad state without the necessity of toil (Rom. 8:19-22).

7. Death (v. 19). This includes physical and spiritual death-both the result of sin.

8. Expulsion from the garden (v. 24). This was an act of great mercy. To have partaken of the tree of life and live forever in a sinful state would have been intolerable.

of '16, has been secured by the Agricultural Experiment Station as Assistant in the Division of Horticulture. Mr. Nelson will have charge of the investigation work in connection with truck crops, and will spend considerable of his time in the near future at work with the sweet potato. He comes to the Experiment Station after a service of over a year in the army. Previously he worked at the eKntucky Experiment Station.

General Pershing Hotel.

General Pershing is the name of a hotel company chartered by the Secretary of State for Laurel Hill, Rutherford county. The incorporators are C. L. Miller, W. A. Harrel of Rutherfordton, and W. A. W. LeGette, of Caroleen.

Another corporation chartered was the Inland Navigation Company of New Bern, with \$300,000 authorized capital and \$14,900 subscribed. The Rodman Guion, of New Bern.

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To Launch First Ship.

"We expect to launch our first ship about September 1, and on that occasion we feel like we will be entitled to the presence of Secretary Daniels, Senator Simmons and probably some other prominent North Carolinians," said Frederick E. Engstrum, of New Bern. Mr. Engstrum is one of the officials of the Newport Shipbuilding Company, which is building nine concrete ships at New Bern. Keels incorporators are Fred D. Doty and for the ships are being laid now. The Frank I true Frank J. Hill, of Norfolk, and W. B. last one will be launched about the first of next March

Wadesboro's Greatest Fire.

Wadesboro .- The biggest fire here in 50 years destroyed the Seaboard freight depot, 400 bales of cotton, three warehouses, one marble plant and 'six box cars. The loss is conservatively estimated at \$150,000 and may reach \$200,000, partly covered by insurance. The buildings burned are on the north side of the railroad track and had the wind not been blowing, from the south, other structures including the A. C. L. freight depot, union passenger station and Wadesboro cotton oll will would have been destroyed. W TO ALL STATE THE STATE OF

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\$35,000 Cotton Fire.

Rocky Mount .- Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the cotton storage warehouse of M. C. Braswell, on the Belmont farm, near Battleboro, causing a loss estimated at \$35,000. The blaze had gained considerable headway when discovered, and all local efforts of fire fighting proved of no

avail. Two hundred and thirty-eight bales of cotton were stored in the big structure at the time. Also a quantity of fertilizer. About \$500 worth of cotton was salvaged. Latt i want tank by hat gat all

BOY SCOUT DOINGS.

The New Orleans Red Cross has been working on the reclamation of soldiers' garments. Boy scouts assisted by adjusting the buttons on the military blouses.

Among "good turns" reported by a Freeland (Pa.) troop of boy scouts are: Assisted the doctors and nurses in the Spanish influenza epidemic; donated ten baskets of provisions to the widows and orphans; assisted in picking 11 bushels of berries for L O. O. F. orphanage at Sunbury, Pa.

Exercise Is Necessary.

If a man does not exercise his arm he develops no biceps muscle; and if a man does not exercise his soul he acquires no muscle in his soul, no strength of character, no vigor of moral fiber, no beauty of spiritual growth.-Henry Drummond.

Sermon Crowded Out.

Go to that little church of yours and quit your hankering for the fine music and singing and pomp and splendor of the large churches in the city. By the time they get through with their preludes and interiudes and deludes there won't be much time for a sermon.

Joy is to Obey the Laws. The stars of beaven are free because, in amplitude of liberty, their joy is to obey the laws,-William Wat-