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THE DAY AND ITS DUTIES.

An Appeal by The Governor.

North Carolinians, the Fifth day of June draws nigh. It bequeaths us to put our house in order and be ready for its coming. All peoples in all climes have their eyes fixed on that day—the day whereon a might nation is to register its consecration to selfless service in the cause of universal justice and abiding peace. The day is destined to loom large in history, and will be forever linked with a world-wide acceptance of the rights of man first declared at Philadelphia and made secure at Yorktown.

Happily in North Carolina there is no longer division or debate. With a faith that casts out fear we go forth to register a stern challenge to the blood red prestige of a band of hereditary autocrats who have made unto themselves and unto their people an Iron Image and called it God.

But the registration in a single day of all the men in the State between the ages of twentyone and thirty-one calls for persistent and systematic work. I therefore urge,

I. That all ministers of the gospel of every race and creed call attention at every service conducted by them between now and the Fifth of June to the following duties of citizenship and commands of the law,

(1) That the registration books will open at 7 A. M. on Tuesday, the 5th day of June and close at 9 P. M.

(2) That it is important to register early in the day in order to avoid congestion in the closing hours.

(3) That the law applies to white and black alike. Ministers and teachers of the colored race are requested to emphasize the fact that all colored men between the prescribed ages are required to register in precisely the same manner as the whites.

(4) That no physical disability excuses a man for failing to register. Between twenty-one and thirty-one years of age he must register in person or send his card no matter what his physical condition may be. The question of exempting him from service on account of physical unfitness will be determined at a later day. It in no way affects the obligation imposed upon him to register.

(5) That if a party willfully fails to register he will forthwith be arrested. Our people must be given to understand that they have no discretion in this matter. If their names do not appear on the registration cards when they are canvassed, a warrant will be sworn out against them at once. I sincerely trust that not a man in North Carolina will be arrested for failing to do his duty.

(6) That of the men who register on the 5th day of June probably not more than one out of twelve will be drawn for service on the first call. But if a man shows any disposition to avoid or evade his responsibility he will in all probability be the first man who will be sent to the training camps in every conceivable aspect it will pay the citizen to cheerfully comply with the law.

II. I urge every newspaper in the State to call attention to the six matters above mentioned in every issue of the paper from now until registration day.

III. I urge all traveling men, rural mail carriers, physicians who practice in the country, all merchants and bankers and employers of men, and all landlords to call the attention of their customers, employees, and tenants to the requirements of the law.

IV. I urge every man who knows about registration day to deem it his patriotic duty to see to it that every man in his precinct is informed of the requirements of the law, and let each precinct in the State take pleasure and pride in seeing to it that no man in that precinct shall be arrested for failure to do his duty.

V. I suggest that on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, or on the night of June 4th, there be held in every town and city in the State a patriotic rally. Let there be music and flags, and a great outpouring of the people and then let some one briefly and clearly state the requirements of the law.

I do not ask that June 5th be made a holiday. That question may be safely left to the judgment of each community and to those in charge of the industries of the State. If a field needs cultivating, if machinery needs to be kept running in order to meet the exigencies of the times, work ought not to be suspended in order to

make a holiday. But I earnestly trust that throughout the State the day may be made one of consecration and prayer. I do urge that every man who can spare time will turn out on registration day and assist in every possible way in securing a complete registration in every precinct.

Let the women and the children, together with the older members of the family, go to the place of registration with the boy who is to record his name as a champion of justice to all men and of peace for all time.

T. W. BICKETT,
Governor.

James David Mills Dead.

The home of Supt. and Mrs. W. R. Mills was made sad on Monday evening when death claimed their little eight months old baby, James David. He had been sick only a few hours with meningitis when the end came about five o'clock.

The funeral was held from the home on Middle street Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the Methodist church. Quite a large number of friends and neighbors attending. The remains were taken to Oaklawn cemetery and laid to rest under a huge bank of beautiful flowers. During the ceremony a choir sweetly sang several selections. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. M. Allen, W. H. Ruffin, F. W. Wheelless, E. L. Best.

The many friends of the family extend the deepest sympathy in this hour of sad bereavement.

The Young Peoples Missionary Society.

The Young Peoples Missionary Society met at the home of Misses Elizabeth and Fannie Lillian Massenburg, on Tuesday evening, May 29th, 1917, in a Study Circle Meeting. The devotional exercises were led by Miss Fannie Lillian Massenburg after which was followed the Lords Prayer in concert. The subject for the evening was one of the Makers of South America, "Juan Manuel Rosas." After finishing the lesson a delightful salad course was served.

Those present at the meeting were: Misses Sue Alston, Addie Young, Kate High, Fannie Lillian Massenburg, Elizabeth Massenburg, Louise Thomas. There being no business to be discussed the Society adjourned to meet again next week at the hospitable home of Misses Elizabeth and Fannie Lillian Massenburg, on Tuesday evening, June 5th, 1917.

Recording Secretary.

On to Washington.

R. M. McKinney Camp No. 1527, of Louisburg, N. C., will leave Louisburg on June 4th, for Washington, D. C., with thirty-six Veterans and four delegates, Capt. P. G. Alston, Commander, to attend the Confederate Reunion.

Miss Julia E. Barrow was elected sponsor to the camp and Miss Minnie Brickell appointed Maid of Honor. Misses Barrow and Brickell will be at the Raleigh Hotel during their stay in Washington. Messrs. J. A. Turner and J. J. Barrow were appointed Aides.

All old veterans who expect to go on this trip are urged to be at the Court House in Louisburg not later than 10 o'clock Monday morning, June 4th, 1917.

Saw Mill Burned.

The Cannady Saw Mill belonging to K. P. and J. P. Hill was destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon together with a lot of lumber. No estimate of damages is as yet available, and the origin of the fire is unknown. The plant was partially covered by insurance.

Birthday Party a Surprise.

On May 23rd Mr. M. T. Howell was greatly surprised when his children and grandchildren arrived to give him a real picnic. All carrying with them baskets of the most choice goodies. The day was spent very pleasantly by all. The older ones chatting and the little folks playing games.

Of all the games, the one most enjoyed was the one in which grandma took part. Later all departed for home wishing for Mr. Howell many more birthdays as pleasant as this.

Messrs. M. S. Clifton and W. M. Person went to Nashville Monday.

PROPERTY DAMAGE PLACED AT \$5,000,000.

Continuation of Storms Which Devastated Kansas, Illinois, and Indiana On Friday and Saturday; Damage To Grain Said to be Small.

Chicago, Ill., May 27.—More than 150 persons were killed, a thousand or more injured, and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed by tornadoes which swept through Kansas on Friday, Illinois and Indiana on Saturday and parts of Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky and Southern Illinois Sunday. Reports indicate that a large amount of farm implements, needed to produce the bumper crop desired this year, was ruined, although the spasmodic wind struck only here and there in its frightful play through the rural regions. Crop damages is said to be not heavy in grains.

The harvest toll of life was taken at Mattoon, Ill., a city of 10,000 people, in the broom-corn country of central Illinois, where 54 are known to be dead and 500 injured, with a property loss of \$2,000,000.

Charleston, Ill., ten miles east of Mattoon, was also partly wrecked Saturday evening, with a loss of 38 lives and 150 injured.

The property loss there is a million dollars.

The next most serious loss was at Andale, Kans., where 26 were killed and a score injured on Friday. Dublin, Ky., suffered three dead and 17 injured today.

South Dyersburg, Tenn., was reported to have lost two killed and 15 injured in a tornado that swept Dyer county today. Near Blytheville, Ark., nine persons were reported killed and a dozen hurt.

Reports from Indiana show at least seven persons killed at Hebron, Kouts and other places, and the death list may reach twenty. More than two hundred were injured in the Indiana territory swept by the storm.

Smaller towns in Illinois lost a dozen dead on Saturday with two score injured, while in the Southern point of Illinois windstorms today killed a half dozen and injured a score.

Summary of tornado dead and injured:

	Dead	Injured
Mattoon, Ill.	54	500
Charleston, Ill.	38	150
Andale, Kas.	26	60
Other Illinois towns	18	65
Arkansas	9	12
Indiana	9	200
Kentucky	3	17
Tennessee	2	15
Total	157	1,019

Property damage, \$5,000,000.

Under \$1,000 Bond.

Mr. Perry Cooke was bound over to Court under a \$1,000 bond to answer to a charge of Seduction on last Saturday in a hearing before Squire A. W. Alston, who took this action after hearing the evidence of the State. There was no evidence offered for the defense.

Services at St. Paul's Church.

Regular morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M., and evening prayer and sermon at 8 P. M., at St. Paul's Church, June 3rd, Rev. Basil M. Walton, officiating. Visitors always cordially welcomed.

Arranging For Crop Reports.

Mr. Frank Parker, field agent of the Bureau of Crop estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, was in Louisburg this week arranging for a more correct system of crop reporting. His plan is to have one or more successful planters in every township send reports to a central agent at Louisburg at stated times covering all crops and return this central agent will report to him at Raleigh. He will then make up a more condensed report and send on to Washington. He appointed Mr. M. S. Clifton, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank as central agent who will receive the reports from the several township agents.

Farmers Union to Meet.

There will be a meeting of the Franklin County Organization of the Farmers Union in the Court House in Louisburg, Thursday, June 7th at 10 o'clock A. M.

T. J. HARRIS, Pres.
J. C. JONES, Sec'y.

Baraca-Philathea Union Meets With Flat Rock Classes.

The Franklin County Baraca-Philathea Union met with the Flat Rock Classes Saturday and Sunday, May the 5th and 6th. This meeting was one of the most enjoyable and profitable in the history of the Union.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Buffalo, of Franklinton, ably addressed an appreciative audience; using as his subject, "Who is My Brother?" Based on the platforms of the respective classes "Young men at work for young men," and Young women at work for young women," this lecture was indeed inspiring.

Immediately after the services the delegates were met by the entertainment committee and assigned homes for the night. Thirteen delegates registered at this meeting.

Very few of the classes realize the benefit of this opening meeting. The officers of the coming year ask every class to begin now planning to have representatives at the November Union the entire time.

Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock the meeting was opened with devotional exercises by W. H. Frazier, of Flat Rock Baraca Class.

Following this Mr. G. L. Cooke, of Franklinton, President of the Union, made some well selected and appropriate remarks on the purpose and aim of the organization.

Miss Lena Gill, of Henderson, gave a most interesting and instructive paper, "What a Sunday School Teacher Ought to Be."

The representatives of each class reported progress of work done in class using as basis "The Best Things Done in Our Class in Past Six Months." These reports were filed, to be passed on by judges appointed later.

The meeting adjourned into a social hour which was spent in renewing old and making new acquaintances.

If all class members knew the pleasures of such meetings there would be thirty classes instead of thirteen represented at the next Union.

Sunday A. M. at 10:00 a song and prayer service was held by president. A business session was called. Nineteen classes answered to roll call. Flat Rock Philathea Class was received into the Union as the thirty-sixth member.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on reports; to judge on reports for Class Banner, Mr. Jno. Tharrington, Mr. Chas. Jones, Miss Minna Wilder.

Committee on place: Messrs. P. B. Murphy, W. G. Wilder and W. H. Frazier.

Nominating Committee: to name officers for next year, Mr. B. W. Ballard, Miss Lena Gill and A. M. Wilder.

Committees to meet at 1:00 o'clock and report at 2:00.

At 11:00 Pres. Cooke introduced Hon. B. W. Ballard, of Franklinton. For an hour Mr. Ballard held the attention of the audience, as he discussed the topic "Feeders of Men." He eloquently and strikingly showed the opportunities open to each individual to become a "Feeder of Men."

One of the best features of the evening was the music furnished by The Baraca Quartette, of Wake Forest College. These young men gave a feast for lovers of music.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 o'clock for dinner. The ladies had done their best on this part of the program and it was indeed an excellent feature. It seemed that they were already becoming, "Feeders of Men."

1:30 o'clock the audience reassembled while the choir rendered some familiar hymns.

The committees reported as follows: Committee on place: Mr. W. H. Frazier reported Perry's Chapel as place for next convention.

Judges on reports: Mr. Jones gave White Level Philathea Class the distinction of being the Banner Class in the Union.

Nominating committee: Mr. Ballard reported as follows: President, G. M. Beam, Louisburg; 1st Vice President, H. D. Mitchell, Franklinton; 2nd Vice President, G. B. West, Sandy Creek; 3rd Vice President, Clellan Pearce, Pilot; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Annie M. Wilder, Franklinton; Assistant Secretary, Miss Beulah Stallings, Bunn.

Visitation and Extension Committee: H. D. Mitchell, E. G. Brewer, J. A. Wheelless, and Miss Lena White.

Program Committee: Misses Besie Strange and Annie Wilder, and Mr. G. M. Beam.

The reports of various committees were adopted.

The Quartette: One sweetly solemn thought.

Mr. G. M. Beam delivered a short but excellent address; Subject, "They Stood Every Man in His Place."

Mr. Beam presented the banner to White Level Class, and Miss Lena Gill accepted for class.

Quartette: I have Heard of a Beautiful City.

The meeting closed with the hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The president asks especially that each class keep record of work done in class, the ways and means, successes and failures, bringing report to November Convention. At that time the banner now in possession of White Level Class will be transferred to the class making best report. This report does not mean just the money raised and spent, it includes everything done for benefit of church, Sunday school and community.

The secretary requests the president of each class to send at once names of officers to Miss Annie M. Wilder, Franklinton, N. C., she wishes to form a complete mailing list.

The next meeting of The Franklin County Baraca-Philathea Union meets with Perry's Chapel Classes, Saturday afternoon and Sunday November 3rd and 4th. Every class is especially requested to help make this, "the very best convention."

ANNIE M. WILDER,
Secretary.

Last Year's Forest Fires in Franklin County.

The reports on forest fires during 1916 for the various townships of Franklin County have recently been received and compiled by the State Forester.

Seven correspondents replied from 6 townships, who reported 20 fires which burned over 11,100 acres. It is estimated that 20,000 feet of merchantable timber were destroyed, valued at \$5,550. Other products and improvements destroyed by these fires, such as cordwood, lumber, fences, barns, etc., amounted to \$6,000. The total estimated loss reported from these fires was \$14,530. It is estimated that \$400 was spent in an effort to extinguish the fires.

A study of the causes of these fires shows that 7 were set by burning brush, 1 by hunters, 6 by lumbering concerns, and 6 of unknown origin.

The people of Franklin County should not be indifferent to such losses, especially when those best informed upon the matter claim that most of these fires could have been prevented by proper measures.

When it is realized that one of the State's chief assets is her forests and that many of her principal industries are dependent upon the products of these forests, the jeopardizing not only of our present timber supply but also of our future supplies becomes a very serious matter. The establishment of an effective system of forest fire patrol by the State would do much toward eliminating the waste and, in view of the fact that fires do not recognize county or township lines, such a system should be under State supervision. It is hoped that the people of Franklin County will become aroused to this situation and see to it that their representatives in the next Legislature are alive to the importance of this question.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C. not called for June 1st, 1917:

Mr. John R. Carroll, Mr. J. W. Dickerson, Miss Sallie V. Harris, Mr. Willie L. Harris, J. Ellis Jaynes, M. Marlon Powell, Miss Louise Scott, Miss Minuxam Sugg, Sidney Williams.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

Miss Williams Music Class Recital.

Miss Sallie Thomas Williams will present her music pupils in a recital on Friday evening, June 1st, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Hall. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. John Wells, of Wilson, visited relatives in Louisburg the past week.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Mr. Ben T. Holden went to Raleigh Friday.

Mr. J. E. Thomas visited Henderson Tuesday.

Mr. Will Collier, of Raleigh, visited Louisburg Sunday.

Mr. Pell Mann, of Nashville, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. A. D. Ward, of Newberne, was a visitor to Louisburg Saturday.

Miss Helen Pleasants, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Miss Marion Hollingsworth, of Newton, is visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Clerk of the Court J. J. Barrow spent Tuesday in Wake Forest on business.

Mrs. M. C. Pleasants returned home from a visit to her mother at Wilson, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Pleasants, of Newbern, are visiting his people here this week.

Mr. W. D. Alford, of Jackson, Miss., is visiting his people in and near Louisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Winston, of Colerain, visited relatives in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McKinne left Wednesday to visit Selma, Fayetteville and Aberdeen.

Supt. J. R. Collier and Warden S. J. Busbee, of Raleigh, were visitors to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. Joseph Hale returned home the past week from the University, where he has been attending school.

Mr. Marshall Hudson left Monday for Philadelphia to take a position with the Remington Shell Co.

Gov. and Mrs. T. W. Bickett and son, William, spent Sunday in Louisburg with friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. R. Mills returned home Monday from a hospital in Baltimore, where she has been receiving treatment.

Sheriff H. A. Kearney, Clerk of the Court J. J. Barrow and Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin went to Raleigh on business Friday.

Supt. E. L. Best and family and sister, Miss Mary Best, spent Sunday in Apex, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackson.

Mrs. Malcolm McKinne left the past week for Richmond, to take her daughter, Miss Olivia, to a hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McKinne left the past week for Richmond to take their daughter, Miss Dorcas, to a hospital for treatment.

Mrs. W. H. Ferguson left the past week for Richmond, where she goes to take her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, for treatment of her eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pleasants and Mr. John Wells went to Wilson Tuesday afternoon to be with Mrs. Pleasants' mother who is quite ill.

Mr. C. K. Cooke, Jr., returned the past week from the State Agricultural and Engineering College, Raleigh, where he has been attending school.

Rev. W. M. Gilmore and son, Walter, left Monday for Dunn to attend an evangelistic meeting being conducted there by Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pleasants, Jr., visited her people in Warren County this week. On account of the illness of Mrs. Pleasants' sister she remained over for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Riff returned the past week from Richmond, Va., where Mr. Riff underwent an operation. Their many friends will be glad to learn that he has sufficiently recovered to be at his business again.