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REV. BELK WRITES OBSERVER OF McFALL'S MISFORTUNES HERE.

Evangelist Starts Subscription for Stricken Family of This County. Meets With Success.

The result of writing an appealing letter to the editor of the Charlotte Observer brought over \$125 and the amount is still growing for the stricken family of W. L. McFall of Rugby who has met with so much misfortune during the past year.

The news of Mr. McFall's last sorrow was first published in the columns of the Hustler.

The letter written by Rev. G. W. Belk, a summer resident of this county, is as follows:

To the Editor of the Observer:

Permit me space to tell a story, that even in these times of tragedy, stands almost alone. The bare recital of the facts will doubtless stir the heart of every reader.

Mr. W. L. McFall lives at Rugby, in Henderson county, five miles from Hendersonville. He is known and regarded as an honest, industrious farmer, living on rented land, and having a large family. His farm is on the low lands of the French Broad river, and his home is half a mile from my little summer cottage. Consequently I speak from personal knowledge. Last summer his crop was unusual.

ly fine. But the great flood of July 16 swept it all away, wheat, rye, oats corn, a total loss. I never saw a destruction more complete. Now, that was bad enough, but the worst is yet to be told.

A few weeks ago, his dog went mad. And after biting his two milk cows, a yearling and hog, it came into the yard. The little boys not knowing why it would not eat, tried to open its mouth and feed it. Even mad dogs have seasons when they seem perfectly harmless.

But one of its mad spells came on, and before the mother could rescue them, two of the children were bitten. It also snapped at the mother, barely grazing the skin on her hand.

The dog was killed and the children sent to Raleigh for treatment. Some of the cattle developed rabies, and all that had been bitten were killed.

On the twenty-seventh day, the mother was stricken, and in the midst of her unutterable agonies, gave birth to a little baby girl. Those who witnessed her death, declare it was simply awful.

As soon as the funeral was over, the father took the babe to Raleigh for treatment. All say it is a beautiful baby. He also took the two little boys, fearing they might have been infected by the saliva.

All this cost money. The neighbors, notwithstanding their losses from the

flood, same in and helped him in his trouble. They are a kind-hearted people. I know them. And now, to sum it up, this is the situation: Mr. McFall is left with 10 children. No crop, his milk cows killed, and a baby only a week old to care for.

These are the facts simply stated. The tragedy is beyond words to tell. Knowing all these things, Mr. Editor, I make this appeal to your readers. Will not the generous people of this community respond to this appeal, and leave, or send their donation at The Observer, addressed "For Mr. McFall, in care of Rev. G. W. Belk?"

The gifts will be carefully gathered, and promptly sent to him. Do it now. Forv. 19:17. Thanking you in advance.
G. W. BELK.

In response to the appeal made through the Observer Sunday morning for W. L. McFall and family of Rugby, Henderson County, by Rev. G. W. Belk, the people of North Carolina are making a generous response, and before many more days, Mr. McFall and his motherless ten children will have substantial reason to know that the "milk of human kindness" has not run cold.

Tuesday morning, The Observer acknowledged contributions for the aid of Mr. McFall and family amounting to \$50. Yesterday the total was swelled to \$104.20 in addition to clothing for the children. The following cash contributions sent in care of The Observer to Rev. Mr. Belk for Mr. McFall and family were received Tuesday:

Reader of the paper	\$1.00
Cash	1.00
E. A. Moffat	1.00
Blanche Gray	5.00
Economy Stove Top Co.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Farrell	2.00
Cash	2.00
Salisbury Post	5.00
W. C. Warlick	1.00
A. S. Powlas, Barber	1.00
A. C. Miller, Shelby	1.00
D. F. McClure, Cherryville	1.00
H. C. Long Co.	1.00
Mrs. S. C. Leslie and mother	10.00
A. C. Hewitt, Hickory	1.00
G. S. Dellinger, Hickory	1.00
Sam Schwarz	1.00
V. M. Stine	1.00
C. S. Howard	.10
J. R. Brown	.10
Cash	1.00
Mrs. S. E. Barnhardt, Concord	5.00
Cash, Salisbury	5.00
Benevolent So. Pres. Church, Concord	6.00
	\$ 54.20

Previously acknowledged by the Observer 50.00

\$104.20

In addition to The Observer's acknowledgement, Rev. Mr. Belk acknowledged the following contribution for Mr. McFall, received by him during Tuesday:

Henry Knoblauch, Asheville	\$ 1.00
A. J. Sally, Statesville	1.00
Neely Kincaid, Statesville	1.00
F. D. Barkley, Gastonia	1.00

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Miss Carrie Anderson, Statesville	1.00
C. D. Hess, Rutherfordton	1.00
J. S. McRae, Maxton	2.50
S. J. Baird	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Blue	1.00
H. D. White, Salisbury	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Smith	3.00
D. J. Irwin	5.00
C. M. Carson	1.00
Total	\$25.00

PROSPECTS ARE FINE FOR SPRING

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per pound on all meats by some local markets last week and the continued fear of this country being drawn into a world war, besides the already high cost of living, Hendersonville citizens are wearing a smile and in many cases they are convinced business is good.

The recent cold weather is thought by many of the farmers to be a good sign for the greatest crops ever produced in the county.

There is a persistent hope by a few that the county commissioners will yet decide to employ a farm demonstrator, who is under the direction of the government to aid in the cultivation of the farms this spring. State Agent Millsaps stated a few weeks ago that he had a fine man in view whom he thought would be suitable for this section and could be employed at once.

FLETCHER R-3 NEWS.

Miss Hattie Livingston of Hendersonville No. 5 spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mr. T. J. Curran of Asheville was in this section last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Murphy of Hill-girt were guests of relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

J. P. Wilkie spent Saturday in Hendersonville.

W. R. Taylor is erecting a very handsome residence on his farm near Fletcher.

Walter Lanning of Fruitland spent the week-end at his home here.

C. R. Cunningham is teaching a singing school at Hoopers Creek.

Accept a Free trip to Washington at the expense of the Hustler to see President Wilson inaugurated. Its a trip of a life time and as many as want to can go. The plan is simple. You cannot lose a cent for your time. Call in at once. One month before the trip begins.

STAGGERS IMAGINATION.

Fifteen and a half million dollars is the total of National Bank resources of the United States on November 17th last. The increase has been four billion dollars in the last two years. The total has doubled in the last ten years. Now add four and a half billion dollars of resources in the state banks and five and a half billions more in the savings banks of the country, and our total bank resources amount to more than 26 billion dollars.

And the South shares in this wealth. The resources of our southern national banks run ahead of the total for the New England and Eastern States, including such financial centers as Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Our per cent of increase between September 12 and November 17 of last year was greater than that of any other group of states in the Union. It was 15.98 per cent against 7.69 per cent in the country at large. So reads the report of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The oft repeated story of the ages is, Where wealth accumulates, men decay. A question of fundamental importance is can America reverse the verdict of history?—University News Letter.

MAY OPEN YOUR EYES.

Every North Carolina farmer who seeks to be well informed ought to welcome the opportunity to get a free copy of the North Carolina Club Year-Book for 1915-1916 just issued by the State University.

It is a veritable treasure-house of information on subjects vital in affecting the future of the Commonwealth—such subjects as our natural resources, our farm products, our industries, soils, per capita or per acre crop production, food and feed crops, our livestock industry, co-operative enterprises, idle lands, our system of taxation, our percentage of tenancy, etc.—statistics being given for both state and counties in many cases so that you may find out how your own county is doing in comparison with neighboring counties. Write the Bureau of Extension, Chapel Hill, and ask for a free copy. It may open your eyes about things at your own door!—The Progressive Farmer.

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CARLSON PARDONED.

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due him by the Troy Wagon Company in a contract between him and said company, all of which has been submitted to and approved by the attorney of Mrs. Fuller. Mrs. Fuller earnestly recommends that a pardon be granted, as does also a large number of the best citizens of Henderson county who certify that in their opinion the defendant is not a criminal. For the above reasons, and upon condition that the defendant pay the costs of the action in which he was convicted in the Superior court of Henderson county, and comply fully with the terms of the contract above mentioned a copy of which is left on file in the Governor's office, a conditional pardon is granted."

THE LARGEST NAVY BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

Carries More Than \$38,000,000, and the Majority for it is Overwhelming.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The largest naval appropriation bill in the country's history was passed today by the House and sent to the Senate, where a sub-committee immediately was appointed to hasten its consideration. It carries more than \$38,000,000, provides for the second installment of the great three-year program adopted last year, and includes administration emergency amendments authorizing the government to commandeer private shipyards and munitions plants in time of national peril and to purchase the basic patents of air-craft.

The vote on the bill was 353 to 23, 18 Democrats headed by Majority Leader Kitchin, four Republicans and one Socialist voting against it.

During the debate which was in progress intermittently for about a week, various provisions proposed as a result of the submarine crisis were added to the measure. Because of government's difficulty in placing contracts for warships, authorized last year, an amendment asked for by Secretary Daniels providing an additional \$12,000,000 for equipping navy yards for construction was inserted.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.