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COLORED CITIZENS MASS MEETING

Thousands to Call of Food Administrator Dunn to Attend Mass Meeting in Halifax on Last Monday. Many Speeches Made

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F. W. Pullen, Principal Colored Graded School of Enfield, was one of the largest gatherings of colored people ever assembled in the historic town of Halifax, Va., there Monday, February 18, 1918, in compliance with the request of Food Administrator R. H. Dunn, of Enfield, who had called a meeting of the representative colored people of Enfield, with Prof. T. S. Inboden, of the Jos. K. Erick School, and arranged for the meeting. Long before the time set for opening the meeting the spacious auditorium of the Court House was filled, and when Food Administrator Dunn rapped for order at 11:45 A. M. every foot of space in the Court room that could be occupied was taken by the vast crowd of Halifax County's best colored citizenship. Except the small space within the bar, reserved for the representatives of the Enfield Post-Office who were on hand to sell War Saving Stamps, and other white people.

Food Administrator Dunn, who is a lawyer of the first magnitude and an orator of rare quality, after paying tribute to the sterling qualities and sane leadership of Prof. T. S. Inboden, of the Jos. K. Erick School, handed the meeting over to Prof. Inboden to conduct. Music was furnished by the Jos. K. Erick School band. Prayers were offered by Rev. J. Johnson.

The State Food Administration had promised to furnish a colored speaker for the occasion but he failed to show up. There was, however, no lack of speech making. Lawyer Dunn, Chairman of the Council of Defense, County Food Administrator, and other speakers cleared the minds of the colored people of the county of many wrong impressions. German propaganda was exposed such as the tax of ten or twenty cents per dollar on tobacco, and others of similar nature were branded as "German lies", intended to decrease production and cause confusion. Miss Roddie Wilson, was introduced and spoke on food saving. Prof. T. S. Inboden fully explained the War saving and thrift stamps. Mrs. Morris, Home Demonstrator for Halifax County, made a strong address in which she emphasized the great importance of raising more "hogs and hominy". At the suggestion of Mr. Dunn the white citizens paid the expenses of the band.

At this point in the meeting an opportunity was given those who wished to buy War Saving Stamps and Thrift Stamps, and as fast as they could be handed out they were taken until the supply of "stickers" were exhausted. The amount sold was about three hundred dollars.

In order that everybody might hear the speech of Mr. Humber, of the State Food Administration, it was delivered from the portico of the Court House. Twenty five hundred to three thousand colored people stood for an hour and listened to a great speech on patriotism. The negro was given credit for what he has done in the past, from the fall of the Massachusetts Boston Company, to the battle of San Juan de Cuba; together with being at the assassination of McKinley and with Peary at the North Pole.

After the speech those who remained went into the building where the exercises for the day were completed.

Schools, Akers spoke briefly on War Saving Stamps. Mr. S. G. Whitfield, a member of the Board of Commissioners, of Halifax County, spoke on farm work. Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids, spoke on increased production. F. W. Pullen, Principal of the Colored Graded School of Enfield, spoke and in his speech clearly explained, for the benefit of those who did not know the meaning of democracy, so often used as one of the causes for which the United States is at war. Others who followed by short talks were Dr. Tinsley, of Weldon, Rev. Joe Silver, Mrs. Silver, Mrs. E. W. Hunter, C. B. Webb and others.

The closing remarks were made by the Food Administrator, he moved the audience to tears by his portrayal of the Germans' treatment of the Belgians and the devastation wrought in all the countries where German arms have been victorious. Among his closing words were these: "This is the greatest day in your history. I had thought that you were loyal, but now I know you are as loyal as any citizens of Halifax County."

By request of a white gentleman the meeting ended by singing, "Give Me the Old Time Religion."

The negroes of Halifax County are with the government in the prosecution of this war, by their money, their sacrifices and every means necessary to win the war for democracy.

Owing to not having heat in the Red Cross rooms the regular business meeting of the society will be held hereafter the first Thursday in every month instead of Monday.

The business meeting for February however was called for last Thursday January 31 on account of making the Roanoke Rapids-Rosemary Division of Halifax County Chapter a chapter called Roanoke Rapids-Rosemary Chapter separate from the County. This change enables this Chapter to transact all business from here instead of headquarters at Weldon as in the past.

During the organization of the Red Cross society here we have raised in our towns \$3000.00 for war work, including the amount raised in the contributions during the war fund week.

During the Christmas drive for membership we added 82 new members to the roll making a total membership now of 430. We have sent off from our sewing department 24 bed shirts, 24 bath robes, 24 shoulder wraps, 24 pajamas. From our knitting department 221 sweaters, 12 pair of socks, 17 mufflers, 5 pairs of wristlets, 2 armlets.

This report does not include a box of sewing which is now ready to send. A report on this will be made next week.

The societies of the different churches in town are to sew on the following afternoons. Tuesday, Baptist and Episcopal, Wednesday, Presbyterian, Friday, Methodist. The Episcopal ladies will sew on Tuesdays instead of Mondays on account of heat.

Each week a report will be given in the Herald stating number present to sew on each day. Every lady in town is asked to come and help sew whether you are a member of a society or not. (Delayed)

George Fisher spent Monday and Tuesday in Baltimore on business.

The ladies of the Rosemary Baptist Church will give a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. J. M. Grizzard, Monday afternoon, February 25th, from four to six. Everybody is cordially invited.

MR. STEPHENSON MAKES SPLENDID ADDRESS

Enthusiastic Audience Applauds Vigorously Speech of Director of Service War Savings Committee

COUNTY ORGANIZATION FORMED

Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, Director of Service of the War Savings Stamp Committee, completely captured his audience at the Central Schools Auditorium on last Friday night. Mr. Stephenson was introduced by Mr. W. L. Long in a brief speech, following an excellent program of the school children, consisting of songs and recitations. His speech was a plea for thrift on the part of every American citizen and an outline of the methods by which the United States Government is endeavoring to stimulate thrift by the sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

Mr. Stephenson is an able and magnetic speaker, thoroughly enthused over his subject. His speech made primarily to the school children and in terms which would be readily understood by them was yet interesting and enjoyable for the adult members of his audience.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stephenson's address, the preliminary steps toward organizing Halifax County for the sale of War Savings Stamps were taken, chairmen of the various committees being suggested Mr. A. E. Akers, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, was asked to assume the Chairmanship of the county organization, to be assisted by Mr. W. L. Long in the capacity of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Stephenson stated that the quota of Halifax County is set at \$828,000.00, and to reach this amount it is necessary that strenuous efforts be made by the chairmen of all the committees, with the full support and cooperation of the patriotic citizens of the county. The names of the chairmen of the various sub-committees will be announced later in the columns of the HERALD.

HOW TO AVOID PNEUMONIA

Pneumonia kills over 2500 North Carolinians annually. It is now generally believed by the medical profession that this disease is carried in the secretions of the nose, mouth and respiratory tracts of those who have it. Formerly it was thought that nearly everybody, healthy people and others, carried the pneumococcus or germ that causes pneumonia in the secretions of the mouth, nose and throat, and that these germs got in their work when one's physical resistance is lowered. This is no longer thought to be necessarily true.

Now that we know more about pneumonia, thanks to the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, we know better how to avoid it. First of all, we know every case of pneumonia should be regarded as a possible source of infection. Since the disease is infectious, we know that every patient should be isolated as far as possible, and communication with other people reduced to a minimum. Furthermore, all eating and drinking utensils, handkerchiefs, clothing and bedding should be kept separate and thoroughly sterilized before being again put into general use. This precaution should be continued for a month after the patient is well.

Those in attendance or in contact with pneumonia patients, should refrain from promiscuous kissing and cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. They should also avoid unnecessary visiting and mingling with other persons.

Fresh air for the patient as well as for the attendants and every one else, is one of the greatest factors in both the prevention and cure of the disease. Pneumonia is frequently called a foul air disease because it is so frequently on account of lack of ventilation that the infection is spread.

Cotton Today 29 7-8

ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Thad R. Manning, of Henderson, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wyche.

Miss Ella Lee Chaucey, of Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Jackson.

Miss Pearl Robertson, of Rocky Mount, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Williams.

Dr. Paisley Fields spent Sunday in Fayetteville.

Louis Grimmer spent Sunday in Richmond with his daughter, Mattie.

D. P. Wike spent Monday in Raleigh on business.

Mrs. S. J. Bounds spent Saturday and Sunday in Richmond.

The Presbyterian Sewing Circle met with Mrs. J. T. Chase last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hayes returned Saturday from a week's visit in the city of New York.

Miss Nell Wicker, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. J. Bounds, left Saturday for New York, where she will be for sometime.

The Presbyterian Aid Society will be entertained by Mrs. D. L. Leslie on next Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Susan Holladay is visiting in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shell returned Saturday morning from a tour of Northern Cities, where they attended the openings of spring goods.

Miss Lila Hancock, of Richmond, spent a few days here this week with relatives.

Mrs. Mesdames J. T. Chase and L. S. Mosher spent a few days in Richmond this week shopping.

Mrs. Kennermum and children have returned home after spending several days in Emporia with Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. McDonald.

Charlie Grant, of Garysburg, was in town Wednesday on business.

Prof. A. H. Patterson, Dean of the School of Applied Sciences at the University of North Carolina, will address the men of All Saints' Church at an informal meeting in the parish hall, Thursday night, February 28th at 8 o'clock.

S. M. Thompson left this week on a business trip to Jacksonville, Florida, where he expects to purchase ice making machinery which will double the present capacity of his plant.

The Methodist Ladies Aid Society will give a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. J. W. House next Tuesday afternoon from four to six. Everybody invited.

The Union Intercessory Prayer Service for the Nation and the Allies will be held in the Presbyterian Church next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by Rev. E. C. Few.

Cottage Cheese Demonstrations

Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Home Demonstrator Agent for Halifax County has secured the services of Mr. Wintermeyer, of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture to give demonstrations in making Cottage Cheese and Butter at the following places: Halifax Tuesday, February 26th at 2:00 P. M. Hobgood Wednesday, February 27th at 2:00 P. M. New Hope Thursday, February 28th at 2:00 P. M. Aurelian Springs Friday, March 1st at 2:30 P. M. Littleton Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00 P. M.

Cottage Cheese is a valuable meat substitute and can be served in many attractive ways. It furnishes an excellent way to dispose of milk during the summer months. The public is urged to attend these demonstrations.

L. C. Lawrence, of Marion, S. C., on his way back home stopped over here Saturday and Sunday to see friends.

JUNIOR RED CROSS RALLY

Program Entertainment by School Children at Auditorium of Central Schools To-Night

ADDRESS BY REV. E. C. FEW

A most interesting program has been arranged by Supt. A. M. Proctor to be given at the Auditorium of the Central Schools to-night at 8 o'clock. It is given as the Rally Day Entertainment of the Junior Red Cross, an organization of the school children to promote the Red Cross Work in the community.

In addition to the songs, tableaux, recitations and declamations of the children, there will be an address on the importance of the Red Cross Work by Rev. E. C. Few, of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church. Parents, school children, and the public at large are cordially invited to the entertainment.

ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Susie House, who has been a guest of Mrs. W. E. Matthews for the past week returned Tuesday to her home in Thelma.

S. M. Thompson after a short business trip to Florida returned home Tuesday.

Harry Presley left Monday for Norfolk where he has a position in the Government service.

G. E. Rose, of Louisburg, spent Tuesday night in town with friends.

J. R. Lisle, of Littleton was in town a short while Saturday on business.

S. P. Crawley, of near Halifax, spent a few hours here Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrison spent the day Sunday in Brinkleyville with friends and relatives.

L. G. Walston has resigned his position with the Steadman Store Company to accept a position in Richmond.

Maurice Allen who is in the U. S. Army stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., is here for a few days visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Allen.

T. H. Taylor after a brief visit to friends and relatives in Norfolk and Elizabeth City returned Monday.

James Carrigan, of Burlington was in town Tuesday a few hours on business.

Mrs. W. R. Williams, of Hopewell is here for a few days visit to relatives.

B. A. Wall formerly employed by the Rosemary Manufacturing Company after being away for several months has returned and accepted his former position with said Company.

J. E. Browning who holds a position in Hopewell was here this week to see his family and to move them to Hopewell where they will reside in the future.

R. G. Brown spent a few days the past week in Enfield with his family.

Horace Robinson, of near Littleton, is here on a visit to his daughter Mrs. W. E. Matthews.

J. G. Butts, of Halifax, spent Sunday in town visiting friends and relatives.

R. B. Gammons, of Phoebus, Va., is here, a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Loftin.

Miss Lutoria Bass, sister of our genial and courteous Postmaster W. C. Bass was successfully operated on in Richmond the past week, her condition is continually improving since the operation.

S. W. Buchanan spent the week-end in Jonesboro visiting relatives.

R. L. Dickens was in Enfield Sunday spending the day with parents M. and Mrs. F. M. Dickens.

Mrs. J. C. Butts, of Garysburg, was here Friday visiting friends and relatives.

Bessie Mizelle Williams

The news of the sudden death of Bessie Mizelle Williams on last Sunday afternoon at her home in Norfolk, Va., came as a profound shock to the people of this community. Mrs. Williams had many relatives here and numbered her friends by the hundreds, to whom had come no intimation of her illness until the telegram announcing her death after a few hours sickness from spinal meningitis.

The body was brought here for interment in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, after a funeral service at the grave arranged by the Woodmen of the World and conducted by Rev. E. C. Few, of the Methodist, and Rev. C. H. Trueblood, of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Williams was only twenty-one years of age, the seventeen months bride of Mr. B. Frank Williams. Both have lived in Roanoke Rapids practically all their lives and sympathy here for the bereaved and almost frantic young husband is wide and deep. Mrs. Williams is survived by one brother, Clyde Mizelle, of the Quartermaster Department, U. S. Army, Camp Sevier, and four aunts, Mrs. W. G. Lynch, Mrs. M. E. Faison and Miss Margaret Mizelle, of Roanoke Rapids, and Mrs. O. T. Everett, of Hamilton, N. C.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Methodist Church, a sincere and devoted Christian. She had the happy faculty of making friends with all who knew her. She lived here in the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. G. Lynch, for about ten years, ever since her early girlhood, until a few months ago when her husband took charge of a business in Norfolk, Va., and she moved there to live.

Among the out of town relatives and friends who were here for the funeral services were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ward, of Portsmouth, Va., Delbert Williams, of the Naval Reserve, Cape Charles, Va., Clyde Mizelle, Camp Sevier, E. F. Clark, of Portsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Everett, of Hamilton, N. C.

METHODISTS PLAN NEW CHURCH

In a session of the Church Conference on last Sunday night, the members of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church voted unanimously for the erection of a new church edifice. It is needless to say that the present house of worship which has served well for several years, has now reached the point of inadequate accommodation and is neither in keeping with the growth of the Church and the rapid progress of the town. Thorough organization and definite plans for carrying forward this movement of vital importance, not only to the members of the Methodist Church but to the entire community, are now under way and shall be vigorously pushed with the ardent hope of ultimate completion.

Advertised Mail

The following list of mail remains unclaimed in this office. Same will be held ten days and if unclaimed will be sent to the Division of dead letters, Washington, D. C.

William C. Bass, Postmaster.

Alice M. Thompson, Mr. Andrew Wilcox, Mrs. Annie B. Williams, Mrs. Jeneva Thompson, Mr. Wil Knoks, Mr. E. L. Johnson, Mr. Allie Hoinchy, Mr. Ed Harrell, Mrs. G. A. Frazier, Mr. Joe Day, Mr. Charlie Cheek, L. C. Perkins, Mrs. Mattie Miles, Mr. J. W. Moore, Mrs. Cleveland Lynch, Mrs. C. P. Johnson, Miss Bessie Hedgepeth, Mr. Starkey L. Hoggard, Mr. Tommie Harrup, Mr. J. W. Gay, Mrs. Mamie Carliss, Mr. W. J. Brown.

When calling for above list please mention advertised.

CHANGES IN FOOD REGULATIONS

Mixed Flour May be Sold Without Accompanying Cereal Substitutes

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Easier and more effective enforcement and observance of the recent combination sale order of the Food Administration will result from a new ruling of the Food Administration which permits the sale of mixed flours containing less than 50% of white wheat flour without the accompanying cereal substitutes which must be sold with white flour, in the opinion of State Food Administrator Henry A. Page. This new ruling which was just issued from Washington, was welcomed with unqualified pleasure at the headquarters of the State Food Administration.

One of the obstacles to the effective enforcement of the new orders has been the scarcity of cereal substitutes. As a result of the new order it is expected that most of the flour mills of the State will put on the market a mixed flour which may be sold by itself and will thereby be able to utilize for human consumption an average of 20% more of the wheat grain than is used in the ordinary flour. It is stated, for instance, that a mixture of approximately 30 to 40 per cent wheat flour with 60 to 70 per cent of wheat shorts or middlings makes a most acceptable bread-stuff, being more nutritious than whitewheat flour and having a distinctive flavor which appeals to almost all consumers.

Merchants, both retailers and wholesalers, having on hand wheat flour and edible wheat middlings or shorts will be permitted to mix these products themselves and sell without the accompanying cereal substitutes. This ruling will enable merchants to utilize for human consumption thousands of bags of shorts and middlings which they have in stock at present. The mixture, however, must contain less than 50% of wheat flour.

The utilization in mixed flours of even 15% more of the wheat grain will reduce the quantity of cereal substitutes which will be required for sale with wheat flour one half since the combination sale order of the Food Administration was designed to save 30% of our consumption of white wheat flour.

LETTERS FROM BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Company "L" 122nd Infantry, Camp Wheeler Georgia, February 12, 1918.

Editor Roanoke Rapids Herald: Surrounded by mountains and hills is my position to-night, thinking of my old home town "Roanoke Rapids". I often wonder if things have changed much since I was there.

I get the Herald about every two weeks and surely do enjoy reading it, because it gives me an idea about what is going on.

Heard that quite a number of the boys had gone to the army, if they have I hope them the best of luck. It looks like we have a great proposition before us.

I enlisted in the 122nd Infantry at Atlanta, Ga., April 12, 1917, and did guard duty on most all of the railroads in Georgia. Since that time have been preparing to meet the Germans face to face on the other side. I feel like they will know when we North Carolinians go over the top. Would like very much to be with the boys from the old North State, but guess we will meet on the other side.

We have had lots of sickness in the Dixie Division, but not so much now. It looks as if we won't have many more weeks to stay here as we have been equipped fully and all we need now is (Continued on last page)