

CONCORD CITIZENS GIVEN CHANCE TO HELP CITY'S NEEDY

King's Daughters and Elks Have Secured List of Families and Individuals in the City That Need Assistance

LIST PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER

Citizens of City Asked to Adopt "Opportunity" and See That Christmas is a Joyous Occasion For All.

This year's list of needy families and individuals, designated as "Opportunities," is announced today by the committee of the King's Daughters and Elks...

In announcing the first of the "Opportunities" the committee members pointed out that others will be announced later.

The list of "Opportunities" which is given below, carries the following foreword by the committee members:

In listing the "Opportunities" for this year, we would like to ask the public to visit the family they choose if it is possible to do so, before making their purchases. Those in the lists are vouched for by the Welfare Officer, the teachers in the graded schools, the Kinses Daughters, or the Tuberculosis Society...

A poor old lady with two grandchildren—little girl 12 and a baby two years old. They need food, fuel, and of course, goodies and toys for the children...

Opportunity No. Two. A widow with three children, who is doing her best to earn a living for them. There is a little girl 10, a little boy not yet six, and a baby girl nearly three years old...

Opportunity No. Three. A family where the mother is not strong and cannot work. A 14-year-old boy works in the mill, and there are two other boys, ages six and ten years, and there is a smart little girl of 14...

Opportunity No. Four. A widow who is most deserving. Has two little girls, one 11 and one five years old, a son 14 years old. Some clothing may be acceptable, but they need food, fuel and Christmas things for the children...

Opportunity No. Five. A family where the father has recently deserted, leaving his wife to care for five children—a daughter thirteen years old, and boys three, six, eight and eleven years old...

Opportunity No. Six. A little boy who will not have anything without our help.

Opportunity No. Seven. The boys are thirteen, ten and six years old. The girls are sixteen, eight, and a baby eighteen months old. Food and Christmas things—hey may also need fuel.

Opportunity No. Eight. A widow who has tuberculosis—sole support is a daughter 17 years old. There is also a little boy nine years old. Food, fuel and Christmas things needed here.

Opportunity No. Nine. A widow with four children, one of whom is sick. The boys are sixteen and seven years old, and the girls eleven and thirteen years old. Food, fuel and Christmas things.

Opportunity No. Ten. A sick man and his wife and young son, who is their sole support. A great deal can be done here to bring cheer and comfort. They need fuel and Christmas bags for the boy, possibly food, also.

Opportunity No. Eleven. A family in which there are nine children—there are two girls, one 14 and one eight years old. The boys are seven and eleven years old, and five younger children, all of whom will be glad to get a Christmas bag with a toy, and food for the family would be most acceptable—possibly fuel, also.

Opportunity No. Twelve. A mother with nine children—the oldest is 14 years old. Need food and Christmas things for the children.

Opportunity No. Thirteen. A poor old man who is blind and very ill. His wife needs food and fuel. A Christmas bag would also be appreciated.

Opportunity No. Fourteen. A family of six, in which there are

FEDERAL AID TO HIGHWAYS

A Total of 28,536 Miles of Roads Have Been Completed.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Eight thousand eight hundred and twenty miles of roads of all types throughout the United States were completed with Federal aid during the fiscal year which ended June 30 1923, according to the annual report of Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture which was issued here today. This, according to the report, added to the mileage completed prior to this year brought the total of completed Federal aid projects up to 26,536 miles.

"The projects under construction," read a statement issued co-incidental with the report in which some of the principal items were summarized, "at the close of the year amounted to 14,772 miles, and were estimated as 53 per cent. complete. In addition to the 24,536 miles completed and the 14,772 miles under construction, there were at the close of the year a number of projects approved but not yet placed under construction, the aggregate length of which was 6,719 miles.

"An outstanding achievement of the year has been the work done in selecting the roads to constitute the Federal aid highway system. This has been done in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Highway Act which requires that a system of roads consisting of not more than 7 per cent. of the total rural mileage in each state be designated and that all Federal aid be spent on such a system. The total mileage of rural roads in the United States, as certified by the various States, is 2,859,575 miles which will limit the Federal aid highway system to 200,170 miles. At the end of the fiscal year 27 state systems comprising 111,690 miles had been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and it was not thought likely that the initial program will exceed 180,000 miles.

"Analysis of the approved systems for 35 states shows that of the 1,111 cities of 5,000 or more population in these States, 1,048 lie directly on the system and there is probably not one that will be connected with the system by an improved road. It is safe to say that about ninety per cent. of the total population lives within ten miles of some route on the system."

"The bureau is charged with the construction of roads for the protection and utilization of our national forests," continued the report. "It is reported that 197 miles of forest roads were completed at a cost of \$1,737,000 bringing the total mileage completed to 1,523 miles. At the close of the fiscal year 932 miles were under construction and surveys were in progress for 1,014 miles in 62 projects."

Wallace N. Seales Dead. (By the Associated Press.) Portland, Ore., Dec. 17.—Wallace N. Seales, district judge of Lewiston, Idaho, and brother of Rear Admiral H. H. Seales, commander of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, died here last night of heart disease and pneumonia.

Fifteen thousand men are employed by the railroads to handle the lumber output of Washington and Oregon.

boys aged eight and thirteen years; a little girl not six and an infant. Clothing is always acceptable. Need food, fuel and Christmas things for the children.

Opportunity No. Fifteen. A little girl, nine years old would like a Christmas bag and a doll.

Opportunity No. Sixteen. Another little girl, only seven years, also wants a bag and a doll.

Opportunity No. Seventeen. A third little girl, nine years old, would like the same things.

Opportunity No. Eighteen. A little boy eight years old, a Christmas bag, and a toy of some sort.

Opportunity No. Nineteen. Another boy, thirteen years old, a Christmas bag and a book.

Opportunity No. Twenty. A little girl, twelve, and her brother who is thirteen years old. They would each like a Christmas bag, and the little girl would enjoy a pair of warm gloves.

Opportunity No. Twenty-one. A delicate boy, aged thirteen. A Christmas bag and a harp.

Opportunity No. Twenty-two. A boy, ten years old, and his sister, who is six years old. Christmas bags and a toy for each.

Opportunity No. Twenty-three. A girl, sixteen years old, and her brother, ten years old. Christmas bags and a remembrance for each.

Opportunity No. Twenty-four. A girl, aged thirteen, and her brother, eleven, and two younger children. The eleven-year-old boy needs clothing. Food and Christmas bags for the children.

Opportunity No. Twenty-five. A boy, aged ten. A Christmas bag and a toy.

Opportunity No. Twenty-six. A boy twelve years old, would like a Christmas bag and a toy.

Opportunity No. Twenty-seven. Boys, aged nine and seven, and a little girl, aged six—Christmas bags and a toy for each.

INSURGENTS CLAIM 2 MORE VICTORIES IN CAPITAL DRIVE

They Announce Capture of Puebla and Quautla, Two Lower Points on Triangle of Which Capital is Apex.

QUAUTLA NEAR MEXICO CITY

Generals in Command of the Troops in Two Cities Are in Close Communication, Is Announced by Rebels

(By the Associated Press.) President Obregon, according to meagre advances received from Mexico, has completed organization of the western forces in their drive on the western stronghold, Guadalupe and has turned his attention to the east, where the rebel thrust from Vera Cruz is apparently threatening the capital.

Advices from the government side as to military movements is almost completely lacking, but rebel headquarters at Vera Cruz continues actively to claim successes.

General Obregon's private secretary in a message received at the American border says the President is confident that his troops will remain loyal and that the uprising will be quickly quelled. Vera Cruz, Dec. 17.—With the reported capture of Puebla and Quautla, revolutionary headquarters here today claimed they held the two lower points of a triangle which has Mexico City as its apex. Quautla which was taken yesterday, according to an insurgent announcement, is within sixty miles of the capital.

Generals in command of the occupying forces in two cities are in close communication, it was stated. General Villarreal is reported in command at Puebla. General Ambrosia Figueroa in the state of Guerrero and Gen. Jose Lagunes operating in the border states of Yucatan and Tabasco have broken with the Obregon government, the statement asserted.

SENATE INSURGENTS HOLDING THEIR OWN

They Are Threatening to Throw Their Support to Senator Smith, Democrat.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 17.—The Republican insurgent bloc which revolted against the Republican party leaders has delayed for two weeks the complete organization of the Sixty-eighth Congress and consolidated the gains already made in the House.

The four-day truce in the deadlock over election of a chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee ended with the insurgent group still holding out against the reelection of Chairman Cummins, the regular republican choice, and threatening to throw their entire strength tomorrow to Senator Smith, of South Carolina, a democrat, in belief that that it would elect him.

In the House, formal approval was given at last to the amended republican committee slate on which the leader of the House insurgents, Representative Nelson, of Wisconsin, had been given the place at the last minute, under threatened coalition between the democrats and insurgents at that end of the capitol. Mr. Nelson will serve as a member of the rules committee which shapes the legislative program.

By its action today the House technically made itself ready to proceed with the legislative business of the session. The machinery of the Senate is but partly blocked by the Commerce Committee deadlock, but there is no prospect that the more serious legislative problems of the session will come up before the new year. Another short session today was devoted largely to routine.

DR. SWINT STICKS TO HIS ORIGINAL BELIEF

Says He Thinks Philip Fox Will Be Insane For the Rest of His Life. (By the Associated Press.) Atlanta Ga., Dec. 17.—Dr. R. C. Swint, an alienist, superintendent of the state insane asylum, today was subjected to a grilling cross examination during the trial of Philip E. Fox, charged with the murder of Wm. S. Coburn. The alienist testifying for the defense Saturday, declared Fox was "paranoid." Today the prosecution counsel developed his opinion that Fox would be hopelessly insane for the rest of his life.

Clashes by counsel for both sides occurred during the examination, which lasted almost three hours. Solicitor General Boykin attempted to shake Dr. Swint's testimony to the effect that a man who is insane can have a motive for killing, other than his delusions.

Arrests Promised in Simons Case. (By the Associated Press.) Athens, Ga., Dec. 17.—An arrest will be made by night in connection with the deaths of Mrs. Mag Simons and her fifteen-year-old daughter, whose bodies were found in the burned ruins of an abandoned farm shack about eight miles from here yesterday, Sheriff Collier said today.

Grain Exports Increase. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 17.—Grain exports from the United States last week totaled 2,491,000 bushels, compared with 2,050,000 bushels the week before.

Mr. D. C. Dayvault, who has been living on the W. F. Goodman farm for forty-seven years, last week moved his family to Concord. They are living at 37 Simpson Street.

On Trial in Atlanta



Philip E. Fox, former Ku Klux Klan publicity agent, is shown here with his wife in courtroom of Fulton county court, Atlanta, Ga. Fox is on trial for the killing of Captain W. S. Coburn, Klan official, in the latter's office.

TWO FEDERAL OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INDICTED

Warrant Charging Bribe Seized Against Aubrey Boyles and Harry French.

(By the Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., Dec. 17.—Warrants charging an attempt to bribe, against United States District Attorney Aubrey Boyles, and Harry G. French, a federal officer, were served here this morning and were sworn to by Charles Smith, chief deputy to the sheriff of Mobile county. The warrants followed the adjournment of the federal grand jury Saturday night which returned 117 true bills and, according to rumors, indicted a number of county officials, and at least one prominent city official.

One of the warrants is a joint one charging that Boyles and French attempted to corrupt or bribe R. E. Hunt, a member of the State land enforcement department, while the other warrant served only on Boyles, charges that he attempted to bribe W. H. Holcombe, Jr., former sheriff, and now a deputy sheriff and a member of the Alabama legislature.

GERMANY'S REQUEST GIVEN TO COMMISSION

Germany Ask For Permission to Borrow Money to Buy Woodstuffs. (By the Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany's request that the reparations commission agree to release its priority claim on Germany's resources to an extent necessary to permit Germany to borrow money abroad to buy needed food was delivered to the reparations commission today. The request will probably be considered at Wednesday's meeting, but the present attitude of the French, it is stated unofficially, is against granting the application.

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HAS DAMAGING FIRE

Loss Is Estimated at About \$200,000.—Fire Controlled During Morning. (By the Associated Press.) Columbus, Ga., Dec. 17.—Fire of undetermined origin which for several hours threatened the heart of the business district of Columbus, caused damage estimated at \$200,000 before it was brought under control this morning.

The Humes Music Co., occupying the basement and third floors of the Humes building, was the greatest loser. Chas. Mizell's Haberdashery, which occupied a section of the ground floor, also suffered a big loss from water and smoke. Foley & Cargill's shoe store in an adjoining building, lost considerably through smoke damage.

FEEL CERTAIN THAT TWENTY MEN PERISHED

They Were on the Norwegian Ship Runa Which Sank off Cape Fear Saturday. (By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Dec. 17.—That more than 20 men, including Captain Iverson, lost their lives in the sinking of the Norwegian steamship Runa, 30 miles off Cape Fear on Saturday, is believed in shipping circles today. The Runa sank early Saturday during a heavy gale at sea as she was proceeding out of Savannah for Liverpool.

Five survivors of the disaster were picked up by the tanker W. W. Mills.

TOMPKINS DECLARED INSANE BY ALIENISTS

They Declare Alleged Murderer Is Unable to Conduct His Own Defense. (By the Associated Press.) Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—E. Ray Tompkins, held on a charge of first degree murder, is insane, according to the findings of the lunacy commission of five alienists made public today. The commission declares that Tompkins' condition is such that he "is unable to confer intelligently with the counsel or conduct his own defense."

Johnson Formally Enters Name. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Papers to place the name of Senator Hiram Johnson before the republicans of South Dakota as a candidate for the republican Presidential nomination are to be filed today in the senator's behalf with the South Dakota Secretary of State at Pierre.

Clemenceau Hurt in Accident. (By the Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 17.—M. Clemenceau today was resting at his home after yesterday's automobile accident in which he was painfully cut about the face by flying glass. His doctors state he requires a week of complete rest.



Norman W. Schur, 15-year-old Boston boy, won, it is said, the highest grades in tests for entrance to Harvard University. He takes an active interest in rowing, too.

THE COTTON MARKET

Advance of 5 to 42 Points With December Advancing to 34.30 and March to 34.05. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 17.—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 5 to 42 points and sold about 40 to 49 points net higher during the early trading, with December advancing to 34.30 and March to 34.05 on trade buying and covering. Private cables reported a better tone in Liverpool, which rallied sharply from an early decline, and there was some buying here on reports of big exports from Galveston and talk of better business in cotton goods. Trade interests were among the buyers, but they were further scattered realizing or liquidating which caused some irregularity during the first hour. Galveston reported exports of 88,000 bales today.

SCOTLAND MINISTER KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Rev. Robert Lee McKinnon Victim of Wreck in West Virginia. (By the Associated Press.) Laurinburg, Dec. 15.—Rev. Robert Lee McKinnon, Presbyterian minister, age 32, was killed in an automobile accident at a crossing in Charleston, W. Va. last night at 11 o'clock. Details of the accident could not be ascertained. The deceased was born four miles from here and was a member of one of the most prominent families in Eastern North Carolina, and popular among his associates in Scotland county. He graduated at Davidson in 1914 and Richmond Seminary in 1917.

He was associate pastor of Charleston, W. Va., at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and one child, also his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McKinnon, two sisters, Misses Olive and Grace McKinnon; four brothers, Martin, Murdock, John and E. W. Jr. Funeral will be held at Laurinburg Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock Monday morning and interment will be at the McKinnon burial ground near the McKinnon home.

STATE TREASURER HAS MADE ANOTHER REPORT

Report Announced by Governor Who Expresses Satisfaction at Condition It Shows. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—Seven hundred fifty-three thousand, two hundred thirty-six dollars and seventy-two cents is reported by the State Treasurer and the State Auditor to have been collected in excess of the legislative committee's estimate of revenue uncollected December 31, 1922, but applicable to the period preceding the first of the year 1923, according to a monthly statement of finances issued by the Governor here. The Governor had no comment to make in issuing the report other than to express his satisfaction at the excellent showing, he said, which the figures represented.

SEVEN MEN FROM THE ECHOONER SMITH SAFE

Nothing Has Been Heard of Nine Others, Who Left Vessel Last Night. (By the Associated Press.) Marsfield, Ore., Dec. 17.—Seven men who clung last night to the wreck of the schooner C. A. Smith, which piled up on the North Jetty off Coos Bay yesterday, put off in one of the ship's boats today and were picked up by the tug Oregon. Nine men who left the wreck last night are unaccounted for.

Sentenced to Jail for Speeding.

Greensboro, Dec. 17.—H. B. Halter, well known young insurance man, was sentenced to serve ten days in the county jail and pay the costs when found guilty of speeding by Judge T. J. Shaw in Superior Court here today. He fled notice of appeal.

Think Dynastic Crisis Is Imminent.

(By the Associated Press.) Athens, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The belief that a dynastic crisis is imminent in Greece is expressed in some quarters here, and the departure of King George is regarded as among the possibilities of the situation.

NOW UNDERWAY... FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$1,000,000 DAMAGE

Three Fire Marshals Are in Charlotte Trying to Get at Origin of Blaze Which Swept Business District.

SO FAR NOTHING HAS BEEN LEARNED

Ten Firms Suffered Loss From Flames While Smoke and Water Damaged the Stocks of Other Firms.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Dec. 17.—Investigation by men from the State Insurance Commissioner's office at Raleigh of the fire which last night caused nearly \$1,000,000 damages in the East Trade Street mercantile district here, was started today. Three deputies had been ordered here by the State Insurance Commissioner Wade to investigate the fire, and offer whatever aid the Department might give.

Commissioner Wade last night ordered Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell of Raleigh, and Deputies W. A. Scott, of Greensboro, and F. M. Jordan, of Asheville, to Charlotte. The cause of the fire had not been ascertained today, firemen and owners of the destroyed buildings all declaring they could give nothing as to the origin. It was discovered shortly before 8 p. m. in the rear of the wholesale department of Smith-Wadsworth Company, a retail and wholesale hardware firm, and twenty minutes later had spread until both the retail department facing east Trade Street, and the wholesale department on North College Street were a mass of flames.

Ten firms suffered loss from flames, while smoke and water damaged the stocks of others. The Smith-Wadsworth Co. was the heaviest loser, its stock, valued at \$250,000, apparently being a complete loss. Belk Brothers, who operate one of the largest department stores in the city, sustained a loss of more than \$200,000. It was said today this loss might be increased when an inventory of the damaged stock has been completed.

H. C. Long and L. A. Made sustained a loss of \$100,000. The Gattin Dry Goods Co., the Newman Tire Co., and other firms sustained smaller losses.

CHARLOTTE FIRE LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$1,000,000

This Estimate Made by State Fire Marshal Brockwell After Investigation

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Stacey W. Wade, state insurance commissioner, after being in communication today with Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, of the department at Charlotte, announced that a preliminary report from Mr. Brockwell estimated the loss in the Charlotte fire last night to be about \$1,000,000. Mr. Brockwell spoke in the highest terms of the work of the firefighters of Charlotte and those of nearby towns who assisted them.

With Our Advertisers. You will find hundreds of useful and practical gifts that will please at the Parks-Belk Co.'s as well as myriads of toys for the children.

The S. S. Brown Shoe Co., (formerly J. C. Pounds) has just received many new styles of shoes in suede and buck which they are selling at remarkably low prices.

Flint, Durant and Star cars in stock at J. C. Blume's Garage.

See H. B. Wilkinson's new ad. for suggestions for Christmas gifts.

Give your man a nice shirt for Christmas. W. A. Overcash has a wonderful display.

The Pearl Drug Co. will order any magazine for you if you want to give one for a Christmas present.

Manicure sets, serving baskets at the Gibson Drug Store.

Everything to eat for Christmas at the Dove-Bost Co.

You will find handkerchiefs for everybody at the Specialty Hat Shop.

Send Sweet Oranges and Washington box apples at Cline and Moore's.

Special values in various kinds of gift goods at Scarborough's.

The Sunshine Dairy, L. O. Cline, proprietor, is now open and doing business. Phone 4211. Two deliveries every day. See new ad today.

Have your gowns, suits and wraps dry-cleaned and be ready for Christmas. Bob will do it for you. Phone 787.



WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.