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JUDGE F. H. BROOKS JOHNSTON CHAIRMAN

Makes An Appeal for Near East Relief; Campaign Begins February 14th.

During the week beginning 14th day of February there will be a campaign for the Near East Relief. Last year North Carolina gave over two hundred thousand dollars to this cause and the United States gave eleven and a quarter million dollars. With this money the Near East Relief Committee took care of 54,600 in orphanages and partially supported outside of the orphanage 56,039 children, making a total of over 110,000 boys and girls that came under the care of the Near East Relief. There has been more than a million lives saved by the ministrations of the Near East Relief. These people are still in desperate circumstances and unless America responds there will be many women and children who will perish this winter.

Some might say that we need help in America, but while prices are depressed and people blue and despondent, yet there is plenty to spare in our great nation. North Carolina spends fifty million a year on manufacture of tobacco; twelve million on public schools; forty-seven million on motor cars; six million on churches; thirty-five million on fine apparel; seven million on State Enterprises; twenty-five million on confectioners, therefore we may be poverty stricken in spirit but not in purse at this time. We ought, therefore, to thank God for what we have and do all that we can to divide our bounty with the starving millions of the Near East; the people that inherited the very land that our Saviour once trod. These are the most persecuted people on the earth. These people have been hunted down and murdered by the miserable Turks by the thousands; helpless women debauched and ruined and their innocent children slaughtered by the thousands. Surely God will stir the spirit of gratitude in our hearts for escaping such a fate as this, and help the people of North Carolina to help these suffering helpless people of the Near East.

I have been asked to act as Chairman for Johnston County, and I call on all good people of Johnston County to take up this matter and talk it over and plan to make a contribution to this great cause during the week of this drive. Sixty dollars will take care of an orphan for one year. This can be paid in monthly installments of \$5.00 a month. Classes in Sunday Schools or day schools can club together and take care of an orphan for one year. I hope that every Sunday School in Johnston County will take a special collection for this cause on Sunday, February 20th, 1921. I hope that every church in the County will also make a special contribution to this great cause on this day, and I call on every preacher in Johnston County, regardless of denomination to preach a special sermon along this subject on Sunday, 20th of February.

All contributions should be sent to F. H. Brooks, Chairman, Smithfield, N. C., and acknowledgement will be made through the county papers. This 28th day of January, 1921.

F. H. BROOKS, Chairman
Near East Relief Campaign.

Prisoners Get Out

Friday night six prisoners made their escape from the jail here between twelve and one o'clock. Several saws were left in the jail, these implements indicating how they effected a get-away. One prisoner, James Narron showed up again Saturday morning at about six o'clock, telling Mr. Stephenson, the jailer, that he had spent the night at his home near here, having decided to do so after the others had made good their escape. Those who are still at large are: Lonnie Capps, John Smith, Dorn Manning, Daniel Berry, all of whom are white, and Willie Smith, colored.

Eighty-four per cent. of the business concerns which failed in 1920 were non-advertisers.

AN ICE PLANT FOR SMITHFIELD ASSURED

Needed Enterprise Launched Successfully—It Will Operate Next Summer

Following a meeting at the Court House Tuesday evening, the establishment of a \$15,000 ice plant in Smithfield is an assured fact. This much needed enterprise will be in operation next summer, and the citizens in and around Smithfield will welcome this new institution in our growing city.

Mr. E. K. DeLoach, of Columbia, S. C., who is president of The DeLoach Quick Ice Machine Co. of that place, and Mr. E. E. Chandler, of Maxton, are large stockholders, Smithfield citizens furnishing the balance of the necessary capital for a \$15,000 plant. The company will be incorporated.

A DeLoach Quick Ice Machine will be installed, this plant being especially adapted to small town use. It embodies a new feature in a center-freeze idea, which makes it possible to freeze ice in 100 pound blocks in from eight to twelve hours. This quick, latest model method will insure abundant ice at all times for the consumers of this community. It is understood that this firm will not only manufacture ice but will also have charge of the retail business, those who have formerly handled it here giving right of way for the new industry.

The citizens of the town will be interested to know that Smithfield was selected by Messrs. DeLoach and Chandler as a suitable location for a plant, because they believe Smithfield to be the best small town in the state. These gentlemen visited several other towns before deciding on our city, and they consider that Smithfield has the greatest chances of future growth of any which they investigated.

The Herald wishes to take the liberty of saying, on behalf of the citizens of Smithfield, that this institution together with the men connected with it, receives a hearty welcome to our city. We feel confident that they will receive the support of the entire community, and that they will ever rejoice that they cast their lot and invested their money among us.

NEWS FROM CLAYTON

Clayton, Jan. 29.—Miss Gladys Barbour spent several days this week at Roanoke Rapids on business.

Miss Maie White, of Concord, is here on a visit to her brother, Mr. Sam White.

Mr. Bill Ellis, a student of Wake Forest college, spent last Sunday here with his parents.

Mr. J. L. Godwin spent last week in Richmond in the interest of the B. W. Robertson and company.

Mr. Edgar Beddingfield spent last Sunday with friends at Lumberton.

Little Miss Louise White, who has been very ill at Rex hospital and underwent a very serious operation there, is getting on nicely and expects to return home in a few days.

Miss La Rue Williams, of Princeton spent last week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leamore Dodd and Mrs. Lou Jones have moved here from Dunn where they have lived for the past few years. Mr. Dood expects to go in the automobile business soon.

Mr. Thurman Smith is out again after being confined to his room for several days this week.

Miss Mary C. Williams, a member of the school faculty at Selma, spent last week-end here with her parents.

Mrs. Hezzie Poole has moved back to the Robertson Hotel which is again open for the public. The town is very delighted over this as we were in need of the hotel.

Around a hundred town people attended the Wake County Community Singing in Raleigh last Sunday.

Mr. J. V. Durham has gone to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be with his wife's brother, Chester Lancaster, who is very ill at that place. Mr. Lancaster went west over a year ago in the interest of his health and was doing nicely until a few days ago, he contracted meningitis. His condition is very serious. His friends here hope he can recover and sympathize

THE EXPRESS OFFICE HERE BURNED OUT

Smithfieldians Fight Fire in Falling Snow—A Touch Of Human Nature

The town was called from its breakfast Wednesday morning by the fire alarm, and although the snow was falling fast, most of the nearby population ran out to see the fire. It was right in the business section, at the corner of Third and Johnston streets, in the old Alford building. The front portion of this building has been used as the Express office for some months, and the fire was confined to that part. The smoke poured from the roof, producing for a while, the natural phenomenon of black snowflakes. The fire company worked manfully and successfully, to keep the blaze from breaking through the roof, but the entire interior of the Express office was left a charred ruin. We learn that the Express Company suffered a considerable loss which was in part, covered by insurance. We have heard that some money was burned, and our housekeepers know to their sorrow, that the town's supply of bread was lost. Because all the bread was burned, everybody had to "cook a hot supper" that night.

Some furniture was stored in two rooms in the rear of the building, but we are glad to hear that all of this was saved, without injury. The "Ladies Hairdressing Parlor," a new institution, which has lately gained much popularity in Smithfield, was situated midway between the Express office and the store rooms. Everything was taken from this room, and the interior flooded with water. Otherwise there was very little damage done to it. In connection with the danger to this room, your reporter was interested in a little unconscious display of human nature. The "Beauty Parlor," as the establishment is called, is managed by a nice, hard-working colored woman, named Daisy Sanders. She only waits on white customers, of whom she already has a goodly number. She dresses hair, curls it, and gives electrical massage. We have noticed that the ladies of Smithfield are prettier than ever, and evidently they attribute some of the improvements to her ministrations, for during the fire, every lady present, crowded around the fixtures from the "Beauty Parlor," with the deepest concern. The Express office, with its food and money might burn, and the furniture could be drenched with snow and water, but it was as nothing compared to the importance of preserving intact, the chair, drying machine and lotions of the "Parlor." The ladies gathered around them, as they were piled in the street, wanted them well protected from the weather, and offered to store them in their homes, if necessary. Your reporter thought he could see what is still the chief concern of woman, in spite of her new duties as a voter, and as they were too much interested to notice him, he indulged in a little quiet laugh, at their expense. Presently the fire was out; the express office was at once removed to the two rooms in the rear of the same building; the furniture was taken away and stored elsewhere; and the "Beauty" furnishings carried off to safety.

The front part of the house was burned too badly to be rebuilt, and Mr. Charles Davis, the owner, is considering putting up a large and handsome business building in its place. This will not be done immediately, however, and in the meantime, the Express office will remain in the rear rooms, and after the middle of next week, the "Beauty Parlor" will resume its important work, at its same old stand.

with his people here. The play, "The Elopement of Ellen," which was to have been given on Friday night was postponed on account of the bad weather. There has been no school here since Wednesday on account of being unable to run the heating plant in the building. The plant is run by electricity and since the snow and sleet the wires are broken in several places and we have no current.

REPARATION SET TO RUN 42 YEARS

Outline Terms to Germany In Note—Terms Call for Payment in Gold

Paris, Jan. 29.—After midnight this morning it was announced that the allied committee of financial and economic experts named by the Supreme Council had reached an agreement on the reparations Germany must pay.

They have agreed that these reparations shall be paid over a period of forty-two years, and that they shall be in the form of annuities, fixed on a sliding scale ranging from 2,000,000,000 marks gold the first five or ten years to 6,000,000,000 marks gold per annum later.

In addition to this they propose an ad valorem tax of 12 1-2 per cent. on German exports after the first five years.

This, while providing a final settlement of the German reparations question, which has vexed the allied governments for two years, still leaves indefinite the total amount Germany must pay.—New York Herald.

Pays Bill 48 Years Old Last Spring

Winsted, Conn., Jan. 24.—Homer C. Allyn, of East Canaan, Conn., recently received the following note:

"Some time ago, forty-eight years ago last spring to be exact, I bought a watch and pistol from you. The watch was \$20 and the pistol \$5, and as I believe in being prompt about business matters and that no bill ought to run more than fifty years, I am enclosing check for \$25.

"Very respectfully,
"H. D. MANSFIELD."

In 1873 Mr. Allyn, now seventy-nine years old, was in the jewelry business in New Canaan. He remembered having sold a watch and revolver to Mansfield, then a lad of sixteen or eighteen. He had charged off the debt.—Burlington News.

FORDSON DID THE WORK

"Necessity is the mother of invention." We've heard that adage all our lives but it was successfully demonstrated in our office Thursday and Friday when the task of getting out The Herald on time faced us, with the electric current off indefinitely, and an old gasoline engine so badly out of repair that it was quite probable that the electric power would come on before that could be put in running order.

The managing editor got the wires in his head working double time and went out to see what he could do. He called on our next door neighbor, The Sanders Motor Company, and asked for a gasoline engine. With a sinking heart he heard a negative reply. But undaunted he tried again. Sometime ago this enterprising automobile firm gave us an unusually attractive page ad devoted entirely to the merits of the Fordson Tractor.

We were impressed at the time by the numbers of things which this wonderful machine could accomplish as told about in the numerous testimonials published. So this managing editor approached the proprietor on the subject of a Fordson Tractor. They decided it was a go. They "cranked" the thing up and backed it up to the rear door. Alas! It would not go in! But as Browning would say, "With courage in their hearts and God o'er head," they decided "all should be well in the world," and they proceeded to take off the wheels and push her in. In a short time they had rigged her up and the first side of The Herald was on the press.

The Fordson did the work. We heartily wish to express our appreciation to our neighbors for helping us out of a difficult situation, and we will "tell the world" that the Fordson is THE tractor on the market.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD MAKES STATEMENT

Election to Take Place Mar. 2—Everybody Asked To Register and Vote

To the Voters of the Smithfield School District:—

In order to clarify the question to be voted on by the Smithfield School District on March 2nd, we, the Board of Trustees of the said school district, wish to make the following statements.

The act under which the election is called was passed by the special session of the General Assembly which met in 1920. At that time upon the advice of Mr. Hoyt, the bond expert, we drew the bill so as to allow the bonds to be issued at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. Mr. Hoyt advised this action in as much as the Municipal Bond Act requires that bonds be sold at not less than par. At that time it was almost impossible to sell bonds at par which bore as small a rate of interest as six per cent. but since that time the bond market has improved a great deal and it is now possible to sell six per cent bonds at par. Therefore, we, the several members of this Board of Trustees, pledge to the voters of the district that if the pending election is carried we will not issue bonds at a higher rate of interest than six per cent.

Also the act under which this election is called authorizes the issuance of bonds to an amount not exceeding \$300,000. At the time this act was drawn the prevailing high cost of building indicated that it would take \$250,000, or perhaps a little more to purchase a site and erect adequate school facilities to take care of the population of the district. Accordingly we set in the bill a limit of \$300,000 as a maximum requirement. Now that contractors are bidding so much under their estimates at that time and the cost of labor and material has come down so considerably we think that it will not be necessary to issue more than \$200,000 and we believe it will be less. Therefore, we, as members of the Board of Trustees, pledge to the voters of the district that we will not issue a larger amount of bonds than is absolutely necessary to take care of the immediate necessities of the school.

The architect has so drawn the proposed plans of the building as to enable us to add to it in sections as the school needs additional room. This will enable us to build just as little as needed at the present.

We think that this statement of the issue, together with the too well known fact that the utility and efficiency of our present school will collapse almost completely if the present congested conditions continue longer than the time which is necessary to build a new building, should lead every voter in the district to register and vote for the bonds on March 2nd.

F. H. BROOKS, President.
L. D. WHARTON, V.-Pres.
Mrs. T. J. LASSITER, Sec.
Treasurer.

J. H. ABELL,
JAS. A. WELLONS.

Death of A Dear Little Boy

On January the 22nd, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hodge and took away their darling little baby, Audrey Lee, to a better land on high. She was born November 7th, 1920, and died January 22nd, 1921. Making her stay on earth two months and fifteen days.

Audrey was a sweet little baby and loved by all who knew her. It is hard to give up such a dear little flower but the Lord loved her best and called her to live with Him. May His will be done not ours.

The funeral was conducted at Center Ridge Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Clarke, in the presence of a crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. She leaves to mourn their loss a heartbroken mother and father, one brother, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. Weep not dear parents for we feel our loss is her eternal gain. For God said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Written by a cousin, Lillian Creech.

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NEXT CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD IN U. S.

Europe Reached Deadlock On League Matters—U. S. Foreign Policy

Geneva, Jan. 29.—After making an investigation in London, Paris and Geneva—in this city because it is the headquarters of the league of nations—I find that virtually all the powers of the world with the exception of Russia and those under her influence are today looking forward to a second world peace conference in Washington after President Harding's inauguration.

Europe has reached a deadlock financially, industrially and economically very similar indeed to the war deadlock of 1917. High officials of all countries frankly acknowledge in private that until the new administration at Washington determines its foreign policy and its degree of participation in European affairs or relationship to European countries, no urgent or important question can be definitely settled. The supreme council in Paris, defied by Germany can at best make only temporary decisions and the council of the league of nations which is the only other international body is equally handicapped by America's aloofness and America's tremendous power, although absent from Paris.

I have learned here that the league of nations has sent confidential letters to all nations belonging to the league, numbering 46 asking them to send in by March 31 a list of the amendments, additions and modifications which they desire the next assembly to consider. This is an important move by the league because it opens the door of the covenant to changes by all powers. Undoubtedly those who are responsible for this international questionnaire hope some league member such as a South American nation may propose amendments to the pact that would be acceptable to the United States.

In London, Paris and Geneva, I have asked what officials thought Mr. Harding could do. The general answer has been that if he calls a Washington conference on disarmament, which is a question England and Japan are interested in particularly, all nations will send envoys to Washington empowered to discuss revision of the Versailles treaty. I did not know that the league officials had in mind such a conference when they sent the inquiry regarding the amendment, but certainly the replies would furnish a basis for a thorough consideration of the revision of the peace treaty.—Carl W. Ackerman (Copyright 1921, by Philadelphia Record.)

Help Us Tell It

So often a newspaper is criticised for not carrying this or that item of news or making mention of the visitors in some home or of some happening of news value when possible the paper had not intimation of the event. So often we find that somebody has taken it for granted that someone else has reported the item that should have appeared. Just a short time ago a good woman who had recently moved away died in her new home, several of her friends attended the funeral and evidently these who knew of the death simply thought the newspaper would find out about it. The paper came out without it and afterward several asked, "Why didn't you say something about Mrs. A.'s death?" We couldn't know about it by intuition or by some strange secret power.

This is told by way of example and to emphasize our desire to get all the news of the community. You can help us if you will. Won't you?—Morganton News Herald.

Register for the School Bond Election

Go to Mr. Walter Grantham at Mr. N. B. Grantham's store and register for the Smithfield school district bond election to be held March 2. This is an entirely new registration and no one can vote except those who register anew. It is the duty of every voter in the district to register. The sooner you get your name on the book the better for you.

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