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CAMPAIGN ON FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF

Organization in State Complete; Judge Brooks Is County Chairman

Announcement was made in Sunday's News and Observer that the State was thoroughly organized for the campaign to be put on for sufferers in the Near East. The following taken from that paper shows the type of men and women who have the work in charge:

"Men and women from every walk of life, the finest their communities afford, are in charge of county campaigns this year for the Near East Relief, according to the list of chairmen made public yesterday by Col. George H. Bellamy, State chairman. For six weeks, Morris A. Bealle, State director, has been perfecting the organization and seeking the best and highest type of men and women for the county chairmen positions. As this work was necessarily of a slow nature, not all counties have been organized to date. These which are not organized for the campaign will be given an opportunity later to put on a week's campaign.

The list of chairmen just made public show that preachers head the list in point of numbers with sixteen, followed closely by lawyers of which there are fifteen. Ten merchants, three newspapermen and one newspaperwoman are on the list. Three members of the legislature and one former member are also county leaders in this great humanitarian work. Eight society women have forsaken their social duties to handle this work in their communities.

Johnston county's campaign to raise its quota of \$3,840 for the Near East Relief this year was launched Sunday with F. H. Brooks of Smithfield in charge.

This money will feed, clothe and educate 64 orphans of Armenian martyrs who are now in the five North Carolina orphanages at Trebizond. The Tar Heel state is saving the lives of 3,334 of these helpless tots this year. Josephus Daniels is honorary state chairman.

Mr. Brooks has been at work for a week perfecting his organization and reports Johnston County ready to do its duty.

Many of these children were made orphans during the Great War when 300,000 of Armenia's 400,000 troops lost their lives in defense of the Baku oil fields.

Had the Central Powers captured these vast stores, Col. Bellamy pointed out, they would have prolonged the war months according to all experts. Had this been the case there are many North Carolina boys back home who would now be sleeping under a wooden cross in France. North Carolina cannot see the children of these heroes starve or freeze to death, he declared.

Other of these children were made homeless and helpless during Turkish depredations into Armenia when their fathers were murdered and their mothers carried off to Turkish harems because they would not renounce Christ and become Mohammedans.

Wireless Telephone Receiver Installed in Harding's Study

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Harding has a new toy to play with if he can find leisure to devote to it.

A wireless telephone receiving outfit was installed today in the President's study on the second floor of the White House by Commander Stanford C. Hooper, at Secretary Denby's request, it is understood.

After tomorrow the President will be able to put the phones to his ears as he sits at his desk in his study, overlooking the lawn toward the Washington Monument, and hear the latest news or snatches of music.

It is expected that a similar receiving instrument will be installed in the White House press room for the correspondents.

Starved Collars Luxurious

MOSCOW, Feb. 9.—Starved collars and shirts continue to be classed as luxuries in Soviet Russia. A collar costs from 30,000 to 40,000 rubles, new, and the laundry charges for restarching is 20,000 rubles. More is charged if the wearer is known to be a foreigner, especially an American.

FIRE DAMAGES OLD WARD HOUSE IN SELMA

Mr. Geo. F. Breitz Painfully Injured By Fall From Roof; Other Selma News.

Selma, Feb. 11.—The Ward house on Railroad street, which has been used to house some of the grades of the Selma school since the town school building was burned about 2 years ago, was discovered to be on fire last night about 8:30, and in response to the alarm sent in the firemen were on the scene within a few minutes. When they arrived the fire had gained such headway it appeared the building was doomed, but the firemen got it under control and finally extinguished it. The upper story of the building where the fire started, was so badly damaged that the building cannot be used again until it is repaired. Other quarters will have to be found for the school children until they can be taken into the new school building next week.

The Ward House is an old landmark in Selma and is a handsome building, situated on a front street with ample grounds and grove surrounding it. The large crowd that gathered at the fire last night breathed a sigh of relief when it was seen that the building would be saved.

During the fire Geo. F. Breitz, superintendent of the Selma Cotton Mill, fell from a first story roof and was painfully injured. He was unable to be out today.

The Woman's Club has invited Mrs. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh to attend their next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday afternoon of next week and deliver an address. The club was recently organized and the ladies desire some instruction in club work. They expect Mrs. Daniels to give them helpful information as to how to proceed to make Selma a better town.

The walls of the new home for the Peoples Bank and Trust Company have reached the second story and the building will soon be closed in. It will be a handsome structure when completed. The walls are of gray speckled brick with stone trimmings.

A call has been issued for the merchants of the town to meet and organize a merchants' association. This association will be an adjunct to the chamber of commerce and will work with the chamber for the upbuilding of the town.

Death of Mr. Amos Coats.

Mr. Amos Coats, familiarly known as "Babe" Coats, is dead. He was in his 66 year and had been in failing health for about a year. He was taken violently ill Thursday of last week and was brought to the Smithfield hospital Friday night where he died Saturday morning about 6 o'clock. Mr. Coats was tall and stout weighing over three hundred pounds.

The undertakers here had one coffin which had been kept for between ten and fifteen years and was just the one for Mr. Coats. The funeral was held at his home in Cleveland township Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock it being preached by Elder Everett Jones. After he was through the sermon Rev. R. L. Gay spoke for about 20 minutes. The burial took place at Shiloh Baptist church in the presence of a very large number of friends. Mr. Coats was a member of Cleveland Primitive Baptist church. This church was organized only a few years ago and he was one of its founders. He was a man of good judgment and his advice was often sought. It will be hard for another man to take his place in the neighborhood. He came as near being a friend to everybody as any man. We regret to chronicle the death of such men.

The pallbearers were six sons of his: Sam Coats, Lewis Coats, Malcolm Coats, Lee Coats, Pan Coats and Delno Coats.

Observations.

"Did Reginald call to see you?" "Yes, Gyendolyn," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I suppose you wanted to see whether I'd object to him as a son-in-law." "Not exactly. I thought you two had better get acquainted so that Reginald would decide whether he objected to you as a father-in-law."

A NEWS LETTER FROM BENSON

Missionary Society Meets; Music Dept. of Woman's Club; Basket Ball

BENSON, Feb. 10.—The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church held a most enjoyable meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Donald Kanoy. The Bible lesson was conducted by Miss Vallie Hill after which a well-arranged program on our mission work in Havana was given. Those having papers were Mesdames Olive, and Royal. The president, Mrs. A. S. Oliver, expressed a desire that the society lay more stress in the future upon needed missionary work in our community, that we hold ourselves in readiness to respond to appeals for help to those around us who might be in destitute circumstances or require some service which we could render. At the conclusion of the program Mrs. W. D. Boone who organized the Society 15 years ago and has been its president until the present year was presented with a lovely Hymnal bearing her name as a gift of appreciation from the members of the society. This was presented by Mrs. W. H. Royal the only other charter member present. After the business of the meeting was concluded, Mrs. Kanoy served a dainty salad course. The March meeting will be with Mrs. Larry Allen.

The music department of the Woman's Club met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Frank Woodall with a good attendance. The time was mostly spent upon selections to be given at a future meeting of the Woman's Club at which the mothers of the town will be invited guests of the club.

A double-header basketball game was played here last night, our boys playing the team from Buie's creek and taking the game by a score of 61 to 20, and our girls losing to Pomona girls by two points, the score being 12 to 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson are the proud parents of a fine girl, born Wednesday morning.

Mr. Rufus Austin has been quite sick for the past few days at his home here.

Mrs. J. R. Gordon who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Barbour for the past week will leave Monday for her home in Hamlet.

Friends of Mr. H. A. Parker will be sorry to learn that he is quite sick at his home with gripe.

Mrs. Swannie Tart, of Smithfield, has been spending a while here with friends and relatives.

Mr. Ed Grantham, of Red Springs was in town the past week end.

Mr. Ed Hall of Fayetteville spent the week end here with his brother, Mr. J. L. Hall.

FIRST AMERICAN SHIPS LAND FOOD IN RUSSIA

The safe arrival at Novorossik of the Honolulu and Winnebago, the first ships to leave American ports with famine relief supplies under the appropriation by Congress was announced yesterday by the Purchasing Commission for Russian Relief. Agents of the commission were at the port waiting for the ships, and prepared to expedite transportation of the foodstuffs into the famine districts.

Twenty-nine vessels are on the water destined for Baltic or Black Sea ports with relief supplies. Six are loading and 11 have been taken over by the commission, but have not been put into use. Under the competitive conditions established by the commission for shipment of the supplies bought with funds advanced by the Soviet Government, American and foreign shipowners have been actively bidding against each other. Of the four charters fixed so far, the Lloyd and Braddock are American ships, the Castellano is a Britisher and the Haugarland is a Norwegian.—N. Y. Herald, Feb. 10.

The Absentee Owner.

Poilu (on short leave)—where is your mistress' maid? Suzette—Upstairs, monsieur, arranging madame's hair. Poilu—And madame—is she with her?

JEWISH RELIEF IS ON IN THE COUNTY

Sum of \$475.30 on Quota is Raised; Other Parts to Be Heard From

Sunday, February 12, marked the opening of the drive for the Jewish Relief in Johnston County. During the week February 6-12, Messrs W. H. Austin and F. H. Brooks, who are in charge of the campaign in this county, were busy laying plans to raise Johnston's quota, which is \$1000. It was presented in quite a number of the churches and to date the sum of \$475.30 has been reported to headquarters. Other amounts are expected to be turned in, in the next few days. Below are the contributions:

W. H. Austin	\$100.00
F. K. Broadhurst	100.00
W. M. Sanders	50.00
Charles Davis	50.00
W. S. Stevens	20.00
T. R. Hood	10.00
N. B. Grantham	10.00
J. D. Spiers	10.00
Mrs. W. W. Cole	10.00
E. F. Boyett	10.00
Mrs. W. H. Austin	10.00
C. A. Martin	10.00
A. M. Sanders	5.00
A. J. Whitley	5.00
Bill Joe Austin	5.00
J. E. Whitehurst	5.00
R. W. Sanders	5.00
W. L. Ellis	5.00
D. H. Tuttle	5.00
J. W. Smith	5.00
W. Reubenstein	5.00
J. R. Morris	5.00
Sam Asi	1.50
S. Fruit Store	.50
Sanders Chapel	8.30
Smithfield Baptist Church	25.00

JUDGE MAKES APPEAL FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF

The Near East Relief Campaign was launched in the State yesterday and during the week a drive will be made in the State to secure funds to take care of 3,334 war orphans allotted to North Carolina as her share in this great work. Johnston county has been allotted 64 orphans, which is \$3,840 that we are expecting to raise in Johnston county. Five dollars a month will take care of an orphan and I am appealing to the men of this county that as many as possible to adopt one orphan during the year 1922.

It is believed that this will be the last year this country will be called upon to help in this Near East Relief Work. The Turks were driven from Armenia last August and if their present crops can remain unmolested they will be self-sustaining after this year, but the orphanage work will have to be continued, but the relief work will be done away with upon the harvesting of this year's crop.

Every Sunday school and Church in Johnston County is earnestly requested to lay this matter before the people on next Sunday, Feb. 19, 1922, and take a special collection for these unfortunate people.

The Country of Armenia about one-fifth as large again as the State of North Carolina, sent 400,000 men to the world war and about 300,000 were killed or died fighting for the cause of the Allies. No nation under the sun has been so persecuted for their religious belief as the Armenians. For a 1000 years they have been persecuted by the Turks, but there is no record that any of them have given up their faith of Christ to embrace the religion of Mohammedan, to their everlasting praise.

All contributions should be sent to F. H. Brooks, Chairman, Near East Relief for Johnston County.

F. H. BROOKS, Chairman.

Hezbibah Church.

There will be preaching next Sunday at 11 o'clock, at Hezbibah Baptist church and preaching at Live Oak in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LIGHTNING KILLS REUBEN M. MITCHELL

Wake Forest Man Electrocuted As He Accidentally Touches Light Bulb During Storm

Wake Forest, Feb. 11.—Touching an electric light bulb at the instant it was charged with the only stroke of lightning felt here during a slight storm this afternoon, Reuben M. Mitchell, aged 65, was instantly killed at his home, on the edge of the cotton mill section of the village. The stroke affected neither the house nor any of its other occupants.

Mr. Mitchell was standing in the center of the room, where his wife was confined to her bed by illness and was conversing with a neighbor, also in the room. He was engaged in pulling on a sweater, preparatory to leaving the house and, in raising his arms, touched a drop light suspended directly over his head. He dropped lifeless to the floor.

Examination of the body by Dr. S. P. Holding showed that the cause of death was unmistakable. Heavy hairs on Mr. Mitchell's arm were burned, showing the passage of the electric current. The body was not charred at all and was unmarked except for the singed hairs.

The filament of the electric bulb was broken and the point of the bulb was knocked off, but the glass itself was left intact. The shock felt by Mrs. Mitchell and the other man in the room was scarcely perceptible.

Electrical experts regard the affair as extraordinary, but easily comprehensible. It is thought that but for the unfortunate intervention of Mr. Mitchell's movement at the exact moment of the shock that the only damage done would have been a blown out bulb. The weakness of the current at the time it reached the bulb is indicated by the fact that the glass was not broken, it is pointed out.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife and one son, W. E. Mitchell, well known local merchant. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The fatal stroke of lightning occurred at 4:30 o'clock, accompanying the only severe clap of thunder felt here. That portion of the storm passed quickly, but at about six o'clock it hailed here for about five minutes. The Mitchell residence was unharmed, and, so far as can be ascertained, there was no other loss of life or property in this section.—News and Observer.

Despise Not Small Things.

Years ago nobody would take pennies over a counter in this section and few people had much respect for a nickel. We believed in larger things and most people had contempt for "chicken money." About that time a young man who had been raised on a New York farm, Woolworth by name, conceived the idea of running a store in which all articles should be sold for 5 or ten cents, and nothing higher. His first store was a success and he began starting chains of such store. Before he died he had erected the highest building in the business district of New York and had a store in every city in the United States of any size.

When Mr. Woolworth died a few years ago his great corporation went right on. It is now capitalized at 65 millions common stock on which it paid last year dividends of more than 20 dollars per share and had 11 millions in cash on hand the first of this year.—Monroe Journal.

Death in Benson.

Mr. Rufus I. Austin, of Benson, died last Sunday night about eleven o'clock. He was old and had been in poor health for some time. For the past four weeks his condition had been critical. The burial took place at Elevation near his old home. His wife died about a year ago. He leaves only one daughter, Mrs. Lula Surles, wife of Mr. R. T. Surles. Many years ago Mr. Austin joined the Christian church but later became a Methodist. He had been a consistent and useful member of the Benson Methodist church for a long time. He was well known and had many friends in all the southern parts of Johnston. In his death we have lost a good citizen and one who stood for all that was good and helpful.

50 HIGH SCHOOLS ENTERED TEAMS

Three Schools in Johnston In Race; Smithfield, Benson and Clayton

CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 12.—Fifty high schools in all sections of the State have entered their teams in the race for the basketball championship in the contest which is conducted under the general auspices of the University of North Carolina.

Faculty managers of the 25 teams which are entering the eastern championship series will meet at Raleigh, February 14, and construct the eastern elimination schedule. Faculty managers of the 25 western contending teams will frame their schedule at a conference Wednesday in Greensboro.

The State-wide basketball tournaments were instituted by the Carolina committee in 1915 and since that time the following schools have won the State title and have been awarded the trophy cups: Chapel Hill, in 1921; Wilmington in 1920; Winston-Salem, in 1915, 1917; Durham in 1916 and 1918.

The list of schools entering the competition this year was given out today by E. R. Rankin, secretary, as follows:

Eastern teams: Durham, Fayetteville, New Bern, Chapel Hill, Wilmington, Belhaven, LaGrange, Stem, Smithfield, Benson, Black Creek, Aurora, Fremont, Elberbe, Greenville, Wilson, Wakelon, Parkton, Rocky Mount, Rich Square, Sanford, Clayton, Snow Hill, Roxboro, and Eastover.

Western teams: Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Leaksville, Morganton, Liberty, Tyro, High Point, Reidsville, Dallas, Startown, Marion, Albermarle, Kannapolis, Churchland, Lincolnton, Lexington, Burlington, Thomasville, Belmont, Mooresville, Shelby, Farmington and King's Mountain.

"The Lost Colony" In Warren County

"The Lost Colony," the famous moving picture film produced on Roanoke Island last summer by co-operation of the Bureau of Community Service and the entire citizenship of Dare County, will be shown under the auspices of the county schools during the week beginning February 20, and for one or two days the following week.

Already Wise, Warrenton, Norlina, Macon and Vaughan have asked to have the picture shown under the school auspices, and there will be one or two other places at which it will be seen. This is the first county in which this is shown by the traveling outfit from Raleigh to counties which do not have regular schedules with the Bureau. This engagement was asked for by the County Superintendent, and granted, as a special favor to the county. It is hoped and expected that it will meet with a favorable response.—The Warren Record.

\$46.96 for Each Person in Nation's Currency.

Every person in the country was \$3 poorer at the end of January than at the beginning of the month, according to a circular statement issued last night by the Treasury.

On January 1 the per capita circulation of money in the country was \$53.03, based on a total circulation of \$5,775,400,315 and an estimated population of 108,917,000, as compared with a per capita circulation on February 1 of \$49.96, based on a total circulation of \$5,447,953,533 and an estimated population of 109,055,000.—Associated Press.

CORRECTION IN NOTICE OF SPTCIAL TAX ELECTION

In the statement made in last Friday's paper regarding the special tax election held at the Hopewell school, Smithfield Township, District No. 4, a mistake was made in the amount of tax voted. This should have been 15 cents instead of 30 cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property.

Geraldine Farrar's income has been \$90,000 a season.