

## Local Happenings Personal Mention

The Parish Guild of the Church of the Advent meets every Thursday afternoon during Lent at the Chase Hall, 111 Main street.

The woman's auxiliary of the Church of the Advent continues its Lenten Study Class at Sunnyside, the home of Mrs. F. U. Barnes, every Monday afternoon at four.

The Rev. Morrison Behea, of St. Timothy's Church, Wilson, will conduct services at the Church of the Advent on Friday evening at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

### Moves to Robersonville

Mr. T. A. Patrick and family moved to Robersonville Monday. They have been living here for several years, but Mr. Patrick has been working in Robersonville for some time and recently decided to carry his family there.

### Mr. J. M. Salisbury Here

Mr. J. M. Salisbury, of High Point, called on us Monday. Mr. Salisbury for some time did an extensive mercantile business in Hamilton, but several years ago went to High Point and organized a company for the manufacture of dining room furniture and has succeeded. His Martin county friends are always delighted to see him.

### Board of Directors Meet

The board of directors of the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Company met at the company's offices on the 24th and declared a dividend of twenty per cent. The total profits for the year was 33 per cent and after paying the income tax and setting aside a small surplus fund, the directors thought it wise to give the remainder to the stockholders. The dividend is to be paid on the 28th and the annual meeting will be held on Friday, April 4th at three o'clock in the afternoon.

### Dangerous Accident

Saturday when Mr. James H. Ward and his son Simon were on their way to Williamston and while running at some twenty or twenty-five miles an hour, the young man's attention was called and he looked around, turning his machine enough to turn it into a deep ditch. The car was damaged some and Mr. Ward was painfully though not seriously injured. No driver should turn his head from the road. Accidents usually occur when acts of carelessness are committed and most often by people experienced in driving.

### Services at Episcopal Church

The Rev. J. H. Gardner of Clarksville, Va., will conduct services at the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) as follows: Tuesday, April 1st, at 8 p. m. evening prayer and sermon. Wednesday, April 2nd, at 4 p. m., litany and penitential office. Thursday, April 3rd, at 11 a. m. holy communion. Thursday, April 3rd, at 8 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. The public is most cordially invited to attend all services. All seats are free. While in town the Rev. Mr. Gardner is to be the guest of Mrs. James Grist Staton.

### Mr. Frank Fagan in Town

Friends of Mr. Frank Fagan were glad to see him in town Sunday. Mr. Fagan has resigned his position as vice president of the First National Bank of Richmond and is associated with the Rocky Mount Insurance and Realty Company. This is gratifying to North Carolinians, for when Virginia called Mr. Fagan she, as usual, selected one of our smartest men. There is truth in the joke that the best and most brilliant Virginians were born in Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Fagan was the guest of his sister, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr., while in town and had with him his fiancée Miss Mary Belle Macon of Louisville. They are to be married in the summer.

### IN MEMORY OF MY WIFE

Essie Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry, was born December 7th, 1900 and died March 19, 1919. She was a devoted member of the Christian church at Macedonia and God never put on this earth a sweeter and better flower to bloom for so short a time. Kindness and love filled her heart and good deeds and gentle acts filled her life. As my wife she made my home happy for almost two months and since her loveliness and sincerity have pervaded there, once home is no longer a place of rest. It was God who called. You so young and brave How little did we think You would soon fill a lonely grave. ALONZO STATON BAILEY

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Mrs. Lawrence Peel is visiting in Robersonville this week.

Miss Charlotte Ward, of Edenton, is visiting Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr.

Misses Esther Gluyas and Flossie Tilley spent the week end in Raleigh.

Misses Leona and Bessie Page and Mrs. Lucy Roberson went to Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Critcher, of Lexington, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Critcher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mizelle, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, of Robersonville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning Sunday.

Messrs. Harry Jones and Samuel Gardner motored to Raleigh Sunday to attend the homecoming celebration for the 113th Field Artillery.

Messrs. J. W. Biggs, Duke Critcher, Harry Biggs, Wheeler Martin, and Dr. G. C. Godwin motored to Raleigh Sunday.

C. D. Carstarphen, W. C. Manning, Jr., Harold Everett and James Manning drove to Raleigh Sunday night to attend the homecoming celebration tendered the 113th Field Artillery.

### TRIBUTE TO THE COW

Little does man realize the debt he owes the cow. During the dark ages of savagery and barbarism, we find her ancestors natives of the forest of the old world. As the bright rays of civilization penetrated the darkness of that early period and marked upon the cow, she came from her seclusion to share in the efforts that gave us a greater nation and a more enlightened people.

For two thousand years she has been the co-partner of man, sharing alike in his prosperity and adversity, responding nobly to all that was done for her, until through her development she has become an idol of the people.

In 1493 when Columbus made his second voyage to America, the cow came with him and from that time to the present day she has been a most potent factor in making this, our own country, one of the great nations. Her sons helped till the soil of our ancestors and slowly moved the products of the farm to market. They went with man into the dense forests of the new world, helped clear them for homes and made cultivation possible for the coming generation.

When the tide of emigration turned westward it was the ox that hauled the belongings of the pioneer across the plains and over the great mountain ranges to the new homes beyond.

The cow is man's greatest benefactor. Hail, wind, droughts, floods may come, destroy our crops and our hopes, but from what is left the cow manufactures the most nourishing and life-sustaining foods.

The cow is life itself to thousands of little ones stranded upon the hollow hearts and barren bosoms of modern motherhood.

We love her for her gentleness, her beauty and her usefulness. Her loyalty has never weakened and should misfortune overtake us as we become bowed down from the weight of years, we know that in the cow we have a friend that was never known to falter. She pays the debt. She saves the home.

### MODERN WOODMEN CAMP HAS BEEN ORGANIZED HERE

The Williamston Camp 14,849 Modern Woodmen of America was reorganized on Friday, March 14th with the following officers: Roy T. Griffin, consul; John R. Peel, clerk; Gilbert Peel, past consul; Luther Peel, banker; John W. Manning, advisor; C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., escort; S. C. Ray, watchman; J. N. Hopkins, sentry; D. D. Stalls, J. O. Manning and F. C. Bennett, trustees; R. B. Brown, assistant district deputy.

Twenty-seven candidates were admitted to membership and several applications were favorably passed on.

One receives great benefits from membership in the Modern Woodmen, especially one who attends the meetings. Discussing with one's neighbor in a public meeting place the happenings of the day cannot but make a man bigger.

There is an especial benefit one receives from being a member. He is entitled to insurance on his life at cost. For a few cents each month he can carry \$1,000 insurance. When he dies if his policy is still in force his beneficiary will receive a check for \$1,000 just as promptly as if he had old line insurance.

Meetings of the camp are to be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

### DON'T LET YOUR COTTON DAMAGE

North Carolina farmers have the unenviable reputation of selling a very large amount of damaged cotton. According to a survey made by O. J. O'Connell, specialist in cotton marketing of the extension service, and secretary of the North Carolina Cotton Association, 1,070,230 pounds of damaged cotton were picked from 51,608 bales of North Carolina cotton shipped to Norfolk, Virginia during the period from September 1st, 1914, to August 31, 1917.

About 200,000 pounds of good cotton were picked off with the damaged cotton and it had to sold at a considerable sacrifice also. This is a known loss of approximately one-half a million dollars that benefited no one and caused countless misunderstandings and disputes.

Cotton left lying around the gins or on the ground in yards will rot quickly at this season of the year.

Both the Cotton Association and Extension Service feel that cotton is to bring a higher price later and it should be held. But farmers who haven't a floored house in which to put their cotton should either sell it or store it in a warehouse. As a rule storage houses are better. Chambers of commerce and public spirited business men should see that storage space is provided for caring for all the cotton that is exposed in their communities. Cotton is entirely too valuable to be neglected. Temporary conversion of tobacco warehouses will help the situation at a number of places and should be pushed.

### UNIVERSITY NEWS LETTER

Chapel Hill, March 26—A unit of the reserve officers' training corps is to be established at the University in the next two or three weeks, according to present plans. Major M. Crawford has received applications from 110 men desiring to take the course—14 more than the necessary quota of 100 and has made formal application to the war department for a unit to be established here. The course will require only three hours per week, will be voluntary, and will not conflict with other college duties.

The University summer school will open later than usual this year owing to the fact that commencement has been postponed. Commencement day will come on June 18th and the summer school will open one week later, on June 24th and continue through August 8th. Director Walker is daily receiving many inquiries pertaining to courses offered, rooms, etc., and according to present indications he sees no reason why the forthcoming session should not be the most successful in the history of the institution. Many noted out of state teachers, and speakers and lecturers have already been secured.

The summer law school will open on Monday, June 9th, which is earlier than usual and come to a close on Friday, August 15th, extending thru ten weeks. It will end just before the bar examinations held before the supreme court at Raleigh on August 18th. Opening as it does on the 9th of June before the last quarter of the University ends on June 18th the summer term will not conflict with the regular term. The main purpose of the summer course is to offer a review as complete as the limited time will permit of the course required by the supreme court for the bar examination.

That members of the University faculty made large and notable contributions to the educational and literary life of the state and nation during the past year is clearly shown in the recent report of the chairman of the faculty.

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### MICKIE SAYS

WOW DEAR TO MY HEART IT IS THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER WHO PAYS FOR HIS PAPER EACH YEAR WHEN ITS DUE AT THIS FOUNTAIN OF TROTH HE'S A REG-LAR IMBIBER. TH' STEADY SUBSCRIBER SO LOY-AL AN' TRUE!



### BRIGHTER TONE IN COTTON SEED INDUSTRY

Barnes and Lucas Bring Back Optimistic Report From Conference at Washington—Mills That Are Buying Seed to be Favored

K. W. Barnes, secretary to the state board of agriculture, and John Paul Lucas, executive secretary of the food administration, returning from Washington yesterday brought an optimistic report from the conference of cotton oil refiners, cotton seed crushers, cotton seed dealers, farmers and food administration officials held at the food administration office in Washington on Wednesday.

There has been rough sledding in the cotton seed industry during the last three months but it was the unanimous opinion of those in attendance at the Washington conference that the turning point has been reached and from now on there will be a steady and increasing demand for crude oil and oil products. A brighter tone prevails throughout the industry.

There is still necessity for patience on the part of crushers, cotton seed exelers ginners and producers who have not been able to move their products as rapidly as they would like. According to Mr. Lucas, the facts are clear and simple, and are these:

1—Crushers are not going to take cotton seed any faster than they can dispose of the oil from the seed.

2—Refiners are not going to take crude from the crushers any faster than they can dispose of lard compound and refined oils.

Two days previous to the conference Mr. Hoover had sent an order for 22,500,000 pounds of compound lard. This huge order was allotted among the various packers and refiners. The refiners and packers in turn are placing orders for crude oil with those oil mills which are in greatest distress and the oil mills in turn are purchasing additional seed. Mr. Hoover announced in his cable that other large orders would follow, this practically assuring a steady movement of oil products and complete relief to the industry every factor of which the farmer to the refiner has been under a burden of uncertainty and anxiety during the past few months.

Other significant and encouraging facts are these:

Hog lard has advanced in price during the past two months from 22c to 28 cents per pound. Hog lard packers are sold up sixty days ahead and are quoting no hog lard for immediate delivery, and, in fact, they are temporarily urging the use of the lard compound. Stocks of cheap imported soy bean and peanut oil have been largely exhausted and domestic bean and peanut oil have advanced rapidly in price during the past two weeks. Corn oil has advanced from 17c to 21c a pound in the past ten days and manufacturers of this product are oversold already.

The entire afternoon session of the conference was devoted to a discussion of the matter of allotting orders for lard compound and other oil products among refiners and packers and of crude oil among crushers. The discussion hinged upon the following resolution which was introduced at the beginning of the session by Mr. Lucas: "Resolved that it is the sense of this conference: "1—That the United States Food Administration in allocating orders for lard compound and refined oils should place such order, insofar as possible only with those concerns who are actively in the market for crude cotton seed oil, or who will agree to purchase crude cotton seed oil sufficient to replace the stocks sold; or with those who by their records can show that they have already shouldered their share of the burden.

"2—That in allocating orders for crude oil the refiners should place orders only with those crushers actively on the market for cotton seed or who will agree to purchase cotton seed sufficient to replace stocks sold if seed are offered for sale in their territory; or with those who can show by their records that they have already assumed their share of the load."

The resolution as written by Mr. Lucas was finally adopted with a preamble written into it by a joint committee of all interests represented endorsing the course the food administration has pursued with regard to the cotton seed industry up to date and expressing confidence in its ability and purpose to carry out the stabilization program.

It might be stated incidentally that in a preliminary report from the bureau of the census which was read at the conference that the crushers of North Carolina showed up to better advantage in proportion of cotton seed they have handled than crushers of any other state.

North Carolina crushers had purchased up to March 1st 804,995 tons of cotton seed against a purchase of 226,369 tons on the same date last year. They had crushed up to the 1st of March 248,497 tons against 183,

902 tons on the same date last year. They had on hand March 1st 53,063 tons against 33,525 tons last year. It is estimated that from 25,000 to 40,000 tons of cotton seed remain in the hands of the dealers, ginners, farmers today in North Carolina, this being from six to ten per cent of crop in North Carolina available for crushing.

### ACREAGE INFORMATION CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL

Raleigh, March 26—The action of the agricultural extension service in asking for the listing of all crop acreages in each county of the state is a very wise move, according to the statements of very prominent farmers, bankers and agricultural workers recently interviewed by Mr. Frank Parker of the United States crop reporting service. The extension service is now having printed a blank form for listing the acreage devoted to the different crops on the different farms in each county in the state. A supply of these blanks will be sent to the board of county commissioners of each county with the request that the matter be handled by the so called list takers may secure the information in every township.

Mr. Parker has been in at least five counties recently and has found every case where the matter has been explained to the board of commissioners they have seen the importance of the move and have agreed to make a small appropriation to cover the expense of the work in their counties.

This report of crop acreages, combined with the government's crop report on estimated yields, will give to any county the most accurate data and most dependable facts and figures that could be secured. These could be used not only by the farmers in figuring the amount of different products which would be grown, but would also aid all business interests. The farmers could use the information so as to plan for planting, holding, selling and determining the crop production of the county. The county as a whole would gain valuable facts for comparison with the production of other counties, for attracting settlers, for advertising and boosting, and in addition would furnish the state and nation with greatly needed basic information.

The action seems to be a wise one and is meeting with general approval according to reports received. It is hoped that every county in the state will provide for the work.

### W. C. CHANCE, COLORED, DENIES CHARGES AGAINST HIM

Editor The Enterprise:

The will rumor circulating around Robersonville that I, at any time, have advised anything contrary to the spirit of peace and harmony is a wicked falsehood, intended for no other purpose than to discredit me, and to destroy the work which I am undertaking along peaceful lines. It is simply the propaganda of an organized conspiracy which has for some time opposed my efforts to train the colored youth along the lines that will make them an asset to the community and not a liability; and above all to live clean and honorable lives. As to racial prejudice, I breathe no such spirit. To harbor hatred toward a human being simply because of the color of his skin unfits any man to be of the highest possible service to his fellow man, especially the less fortunate. I stand most firmly for what I ask of every man, be he white or black, absolute justice and fair play. (Signed) W. C. CHANCE.

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### MICKIE SAYS

(VOICE) THIS IS MR. BLANK. I HAVE A NEWS ITEM FOR THE PAPER. "MR. WHOZZIS, WHO LIVES TEN MILES FROM HERE AND HAS ALWAYS TRADED IN ANOTHER TOWN, WAS IN OUR CITY TODAY AND PURCHASED A \$100 BILL OF GOODS AT BLANK'S STORE, AND WAS SO WELL PLEASED THAT HE ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION OF TRADING IN THIS CITY HEREAFTER SO HE CAN AVAIL HIMSELF OF THE HIGH GRADE GOODS AND FINE VALUES AT BLANK'S." NO CHARGE, I SUPPOSE, FOR NEWS ITEMS

PRETTY EASY, JUST WAIT TILL THE BOSS SEES THAT "NEWS" ITEM



### THE RED CROSS WANTS OLD CLOTHES FOR WAR SUFFERERS

The most comprehensive collection of old clothing, shoes and bedding ever undertaken will be conducted the week of March 24-31 when the American people will be asked to donate ten thousand tons of cast off apparel to the helpless refugees in the allied nations. The need of clothing in many lands is one of the most serious reconstruction problems, but it is expected that a long step toward solving it will be taken when the thousands of Red Cross chapters begin the collection of discarded garments.

Every kind of garment for all ages and both sexes, except such as obviously could not help refugees is to be accepted. Since the clothing is to be subjected to the hardest kind of wear only garments of strong and durable material should be given. They need not, however, be in perfect condition for there are thousands of destitute women in the recovered territory eager to earn a small livelihood by repairing the clothing that is to be sent to the needy.

In addition to the second hand garments there will be accepted piece goods, light, warm, cotton flannel and other materials from which to make clothes for new born babes, sheeting and blankets and even scrap leather which is needed for repairing shoes, woolen goods of any kind, soft hats and caps for all ages and sweaters of any kind or size will be welcome, and men's shirts and pajamas that are not longer serviceable, as such can be turned into children's garments.

The chapters collecting the clothing will forward it to a central collecting point from whence it will be shipped to Europe in vessels of the European Relief Administration. It will be distributed under the direct supervision of the American Red Cross agents.

### EVERETTS ITEMS

Mrs. J. S. Ayres went to Williamston Saturday.

Mrs. W. B. Peel spent last week end with her people near Robersonville.

Mr. Murdock Ayres returned last Monday from Camp Jackson, having received his discharge from the army.

Miss Mary Taylor spent Monday night in Williamston.

Mrs. R. L. Moore went to Robersonville last Saturday.

Mr. Henry Browning has returned from camp and is now in town.

Mr. John W. Leggett, home on leave from Camp Wadsworth, was in town Tuesday afternoon.

Messrs. David Whitehurst and Burley Bulluck, of Bethel, were in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keel, Misses Magalene and Myrtle Keel went to Spring Green Sunday.

Mr. LeRoy Taylor was in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Roebuck went to Oak Grove last Sunday.

Mrs. C. B. Roebuck and Mrs. Mary Everett went to Robersonville Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Nina Hough went to Robersonville last Saturday.

A telegram has been received from Mr. Dennis Hardy stating that he has arrived at Newport News, Va., from France.

Mrs. Ollie Rogerson, of Bethel, was in town last Friday.

### NOTICE

The Martin County Medical Society will meet in the rooms of the Lotus Club Wednesday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

DR. VERNON WARD, Robersonville.

DR. W. E. WARREN, Williamston.

### GIVE LIBERTY BONDS TO SAVE THE STARVING

Of the \$2,800 allotted Martin county to raise to save four millions of starving Syrians and Armenians only \$560 has been given, leaving \$2240 still to be raised. The \$560 given includes three \$50 Liberty bonds.

There are thousands of Liberty Bonds owned in Martin county and many of the owners will not live to see them paid. Of the numerous owners of Liberty bonds in Martin county will not forty-five be sympathetic and generous enough to give a fifty dollar bond each to complete our quota, to prove that our county is as liberal as other counties, and to save our suffering fellow creatures from starving?

Many could give a hundred dollar bond or more and scarcely feel it. The poor people for whom I appeal are our brothers and sisters in the flesh (Acts 17:26) and no doubt many of them are children of God, (Rev. 5:9.)

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Treasurer of Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund for Martin County.

Brussels rugs 27x60, at \$2.90 at W. R. Orleans.

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## Graded School News and Notes

**WANTED COLUMN**  
Wanted—The people of Williamston to clean up their yards this week and the town to have the trash carried away.

Wanted—A steam laundry a bakery, a ladies' shoe parlor and some paint in Williamston.

Wanted—Main street free from all trash when Sunday arrives. It is hard to tell whether it is Main street or the back lot.

Wanted—Parents to realize that Sunday was intended for a day of rest and not for football and baseball.

Wanted—Good luck, happiness and health for all who live in our country, state and town.

Wanted—Every home in Williamston to be a home where love reigns and where happiness exists, a place to which a man or a woman can go when weary or heart sick and where he or she can find rest for the soul.

Wanted—To see every man, woman and child in Williamston greet people with a smile and a "good morning." As it is now you have to knock people down to get them to speak.

Wanted—Life, real life, life worth while, a life for others, that is what we want.

Wanted—A building inspector in the town of Williamston. This is demanded by law in towns of one thousand inhabitants.

### JOKES

If you were me and I were you and we both were someone else, who would you be?

Father—Why do you want to leave school and go to work when you are so young?

Willie—It's this way, dad. School is going to be a tough place for the next few years. We'll have a new map of Europe to study and if we fall down on that the teacher is likely to give us the constitution of the league of nations to learn by heart.

**What Home Means to Them**  
To the small boy—The service of supply.

To the young lady—The theatre of operations.

To the young man—Headquarters expeditionary forces.

To grandma—A rest sector.

To the black sheep—an awkward salient.

To the maiden aunt—No man's land.

To mother—The base hospital, salvage depot and camp commissary.

To father—Headquarters disbursing office and adjuster of claims.

### Safety First Rules

Always remember that you must take no chances with gasoline. It is one of the most dangerous materials in common use.

Gasoline must always be kept in tightly fastened cans, never in glass bottles.

Gasoline should never be uncovered within the house or at any point where its fumes can travel to open flame, a live coal or spark.

Do not use gasoline for cleaning if you can get a safe cleaning preparation.

Gasoline in quantity should be kept in underground tanks.

No one should be allowed to smoke while in a garage.

No one should be allowed to smoke in an automobile while its gasoline tank is being filled.

Do not use water upon a gasoline or kerosene fire; use a chemical extinguisher or else throw dirt or sand upon it and smother it.

Finis—Don't ignore these rules. They may save your home and family from ruin.

### The Little Things of Life

On a cold and frosty morning The old school bell Tossing and moaning with motion A hasty and awful message tells. Arouse ye youthful sluggards And with faces clean and bright, Try, oh! so very hard To see the dawn of knowledge light. The teacher stiff with dignity and starch

The first thing makes them march, Then she sets them another task. The reason why they do not ask. The trying day passes With much disturbing noise From sweet and pretty lassies And rough and boisterous boys.

**LOCAL**  
Mrs. Jim Fearing, of Elizabeth City who is promoting the safety league movement was a visitor to our school last week. Under Mrs. Fearing's supervision the school organized three leagues. The purpose of these leagues is to prevent loss of life and property and we hope that they may be of service to the public. The motto of the safety league is "Safety First."

On Thursday night of last week Mrs. William Calvin Chilton presented "Polly of the Circus" and those who could appreciate real talent enjoyed her play. Mrs. Chilton took the part of all the characters in the play and made it very interesting.

The male students of the high school

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