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MONDAY IS "BUNDLE DAY IN THIS COUNTY; BENEFIT OF ARMENIA

The Near East Relief Campaign in this state under the leadership of Mr. Josephus Daniels is being actively waged this week. There is a strong appeal made to our people to contribute some of their surplus clothes and out of style garments to constitute the people of the Near East, Armenia, Caucasus, Anatolia, Afghanistan, and along the Turkish frontier are some of the places undergoing the most severe trials. Great suffering to these people escaping persecution is caused by lack of food and clothing. Probable American relief is the only hope for thousands. Ravaged by famine, hunger and cold, these men, women and little children are holding out their hands to us. It is our moral duty to answer their call.

The clothing cast aside as worthless by our people here in America would be of comfort and covering to every unclad one in the Near East, and would be an untold blessing to thousands who have been stripped of all their possessions. This clothing can be transferred to them through the agency of the Near East relief, incorporated by Act of Congress to relieve the suffering in that country. Such a plea should touch the heart of every one in the country and bring its answer clear and strong. It is such a little thing to dig those cast-off garments out of the clothes box and send them to the bundle station, but to at least one, and perhaps several human beings in that far-off land, it may mean the difference between life, hope and strength—and almost certain death.

Monday, June 6th, will be Bundle Day in Martin County. In every community there will be a bundle station on Monday where people willing to aid and help those people can send their old clothes. Every man, woman and child in this county is asked and urged to give at least one garment to this cause on that day. Find out where the Bundle Station is in your community, who is in charge of it and send your parcels there. Martin county has never failed yet in her history to help the needy and afflicted, let us bear out our reputation at this time.

Here is a list of some of the things needed:

- Coats, dresses, sweaters, skirts, blouses, petticoats, overcoats, wool shirts, heavy hose, heavy wrappers, woolen gloves and mittens, boots and felt slippers, new worn garments, and all other articles of every sort sheets, quilts, etc.
- Through your clothes may be sent to help cover the need of one who got out of a stricken area from the coast.
- Call at 11:00 Monday a bundle day in the near East.

Monday is bundle day, give something to the suffering in the Near East

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Rev. Wheeler B. Clark, Priest-in-Charge
Services for the second Sunday after Trinity, June 5th:
Church School, 9:45 a. m. Harry M. Stubbs, Supt.
Morning prayer, 11:00 a. m.
Evening prayer, 8:00 p. m.
The services will be in charge of the Rev. John L. Saunders, rector of St. Mary's church, Gatesville, N. C., who is exchanging with Reverend Father Clark for the day.
Rev. Mr. Saunders comes with high fame as a pulpit orator and a general invitation is extended to all to attend these services.
Choir practice, Friday, 8 p. m.

STRAND THEATRE

—MONDAY—
Elaine Hammerstein in "THE DAUGHTER PAYS"
30c and 40c
—TUESDAY—
ETHEL CLAYTON in "CROOKED STREETS"
30c and 80c
—WEDNESDAY—
ALICE LAKE in "SHORE ACRES"
30c and 40c

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS HERE 27TH

The county school at Washington and Martin will hold a joint summer school in Williamston, beginning at 2 p. m., June 27, 1921.

The purpose of the Summer school is to give to all teachers who do not have sufficient academic and professional credits for a state certificate the opportunity to prepare to meet the requirements for a state certificate.

Who Should Attend a County Summer School
Holders of county second grade certificates, provisional certificates B and A, and temporary certificates and permits, graduates of high schools and all who wish to apply for second grade certificates.

Course of study, Academic:
Group B: Reading, language, grammar, writing and drawing.
Group C: Arithmetic, geography, agriculture, hygiene and sanitation.
Group D: History of the United States, History of North Carolina, Civics, professional groups.
General: School management, school law, music and games.
Special: Reading, phonics, language arithmetic.

The summer school will be under the general direction of Miss Hattie Parrott, Supervisor of this district. Competent instructors have been secured.

The summer school will run for a term of six weeks. All teachers are urged to be present at the opening and continue the whole term.

Through earnest effort and study you can increase your efficiency and make your services more valuable as well as to secure a better certificate and receive more pay.

Acomodations for all who will come
JOHN W. DARDEN,
Supt. Washington County.
A. J. MANNING,
Supt. Martin County.

Individual bundles of old clothing are wanted at once.

EASTERN CAROLINA LEAGUE'S SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule of games to be played in the Eastern Carolina league for the first half of the season:
June 9-10-11, Greenville at Washington; Kingston at New Bern.
June 13-14-15, New Bern at Greenville; Washington at Kingston.
June 16-17-18, Greenville at Kingston; New Bern at Washington.
June 20-21-22, Greenville at New Bern; Kingston at Washington.
June 23-24-25, Washington at Greenville; New Bern at Kingston.
June 27-28-29, Kingston at Greenville; Washington at New Bern.
June 30-July 1, Greenville at New Bern; Kingston at Washington.
July 2: New Bern at Greenville; Washington at Kingston.
July 4th: Washington-Greenville (2 games); Kingston-New Bern, (2 game.)
July 5th: Greenville at Washington; Kingston at New Bern.
July 6-7: Greenville at Kingston; New Bern at Washington.
July 8-9: Kingston at Greenville; Washington at New Bern.
July 11: Washington at Greenville; New Bern at Kingston.
July 12: New Bern at Greenville; Washington at Kingston.
General admission, 50; Grand stand 25c. Games called, 4:30 P. M.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.—Dr. E. B. Cone, Supt.
Come and bring the children and enjoy the Sunday school service with us.
Sermon by the pastor, 11 A. M.—At 3:30 in the afternoon the pastor will fill his regular appointment at Riddick's Grove.
Sermon by the pastor, 8:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening 8:00.
The door of the church is opened at every service for the reception of members.
We extend to you a cordial invitation to worship with us at all these services.

The little children are perhaps the severest sufferers. Put your own in their place, their lives are as much to them as ours is to us, they can't help themselves, they did not put themselves in this plight and we must help them.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank publicly all those who were so kind to us when the body of William E. Baker was sent home last week from overseas, and especially those young men who participated in the ceremony at the grave.
MRS. IDA BAKER HAINSLIP.

PEANUT EXCHANGE IS NEARING COMPLETION

4,000 growers have now signed the peanut growers contract and only 500 more are required to complete the organization of the exchange.

Most progress was made in securing signers to the contract the past week than at any time since the harvesting of the 1920 crop was begun. Not only were more signers secured, but the number of bags to the grower was above the average.

An outstanding feature of last week's campaign is that the growers all over the territory are showing increased interest in the perfection of their organization. Growers who have hitherto turned a deaf ear to the exchange are now signing the contract and becoming enthusiastic workers for the organization. Some large growers who have previously shown but little interest in the organization are now giving the matter careful consideration and may be expected to sign soon. Business men, too, are now looking upon the organization of the exchange with much more favor.

A very important consideration in this changed attitude on the part of both growers and business interests is the increased acreage in peanuts this season. The growers are figuring that unless they can improve their marketing facilities, prices will necessarily be greatly reduced as the result of the expected over-production. While they are hopeful of being greatly benefited through an increased duty on peanuts, which is confidently expected, they consider that it will be necessary for them to have a central selling agency, which will bring about an increased consumption of peanuts by means of national advertising.

One grower who has planted considerable acreage in both soy beans and peanuts, figures it this way: If the exchange is organized, he will pasture his soy beans and harvest his peanuts if the exchange is not organized, he will pasture his peanuts and harvest his soy beans.

Martin county still needs 60 more signers. Do your duty and sign up, or if you have already signed try to secure at least one of the needed sixty.

EMBROIDERY CLUB

Tuesday afternoon at her home in New Town, Mrs. John D. Biggs, Jr., entertained in a most charming way the Embroidery Club. After the business session the club members and Mesdames B. S. Courtney, Wheeler Martin, Jr., A. V. Joyner, J. D. Simpson, Jr., W. J. Hodges, P. F. Apfel and Misses Mary and Irene Smith, who were the invited guests of the occasion were given a tea. The club members were given designs of china cups, saucers and plates to be completed. After the work was completed, Mrs. Biggs gathered the cloth deposited them in a huge dish pan, and presented them to Miss Irene Smith, whose marriage to Mr. David Collip Barnes of Murfreesboro will take place the 29th of this month. Mrs. Biggs served a delightful salad course at the conclusion of the meeting which adjourned for the summer, the next meeting being held in October.

HAMILTON NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Grimes of Bethel was the guest of Mrs. F. L. Haislip last night.
Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Long and children spent Sunday in Oak City.
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Davenport, Clayton and Ethel Davenport and Sarah Edmondson spent the week end in Rocky Mount with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edmondson spent Sunday in Greenville.
Mrs. D. G. Matthews, Mrs. Harry Waldo, Miss Ruth Pippin and Miss Maggie B. Jones were in Robersonville shopping Tuesday afternoon.
David Davenport of Rocky Mount is visiting his cousin, Clayton Davenport.
Mrs. Nina Grey of Robersonville, is spending some time here with her sister, Miss Edna Purvis.
H. B. Sherrod and Miss Pattie Sherrod attended a show in Scotland Neck Tuesday night.
John Cloman of Florida is spending some time here with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Salisbury have returned from Greensboro where they attended the Bankers Association.

Many thousands of Armenians who were driven from homes during the war are still in exile. There has been no way to replace the clothing they wore when they were driven forth. All industry is paralyzed. The people although willing to work, cannot earn a livelihood. Vast throngs wander from place to place clad only in bits of rags and strips of burlap bags.

WILLIAMSTON BUNDLE STATION

The Masonic Hall will be the Williamston Bundle Station Monday and at any hour of the day you can send your packages there. We hope every person in our town, who are blessed, though we do not realize it, will give some little things to this great cause. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." You can help—Let's do it.

Local News and Personal Mention

Miss Mully Roebuck of Robersonville returned to her home Wednesday after visiting Miss Eva Peel for several days.

Mr. Frank Hitch spent Wednesday in Rocky Mount in the interest of the Automobile races to be held here in July.

Over here we have good clothes—over there they have nothing but rags. Share your spare clothes.

Mr. S. S. Lawrence of Raleigh spent Wednesday night in town.

Mr. J. D. Ray of Scotland Neck was a business visitor here yesterday.

Francis Peel, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Peel, is rapidly improving from the medical treatment received in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Miss Mary Alice Dunning, Messrs. J. G. Stapon and Fred W. Hoyt moved to Washington Tuesday afternoon.

Mothers send the old coat to some one else's child. Suppose your own children were cold.

Friends of Miss Mary White will be pleased to learn that she has entirely recovered from an attack of tonsillitis and is able to be out again.

Miss Eva Wynne returned Wednesday from Columbia, South Carolina, where she has been teaching in the Music Department of Columbia College.

Mrs. Minnie Balance, Mrs. P. H. Brown, Mrs. W. J. Hodges, Misses Thelma Brown and Esther Harrison and Mr. Julius Purvis, Jr., motored to Washington yesterday.

Mesdames Ballard, T. B. Slade, Sr., S. D. Matthews, and Miss Mary Robinson of Hamilton were in town shopping this morning.

Not their fault, either. Thousands of families were driven from their homes during the war and there is no way for them to get clothes. Can't you help them?

Among the young people recently returned from colleges are Miss Mattie Lou Anderson of Greensboro College for Women, and Messrs. William Carstarphen and Bruce Wynne, both of Trinity.

Mrs. Roy Gurganus has returned from a visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Olive Muehl has returned to her home in Richlands, after visiting her sister, Miss Arline Marshall in the home of John A. Manning.

Misses Naomi Ray and Mary Clyde Leggett motored to Washington yesterday.

Don't lose your chance—Don't forget—Monday is Bundle Day. "Cast thy bread upon the waters."

Mr. J. Dillon Simpson Jr., returned last night from a business trip to Louisville.

Mrs. T. S. Hadley has returned from a visit to her son, Mr. Frank Taylor in Richmond.

CHAUTAUQUA CLUB ORGANIZED

At the close of the Chautauqua last week through some misunderstanding the renewal contract was not signed, and when our people sized up matters they soon saw their mistake and some of the leading people of the town began to take up the matter through the Mother's Club. The President, Mrs. Wheeler Martin appointed committees who made a canvass and sold tickets enough for next year to put it across. The signers held a meeting, elected Mr. W. R. Orleans, President, Mr. O. S. Anderson, Secretary and Mr. R. G. Harpison, treasurer.

It is the purpose of the signers to make a permanent Chautauqua organization and after this contract is completed will attempt to get on the seven day Chautauqua. A number of ladies and gentlemen of the town deserve the special esteem of the community for their earnest efforts in bringing the Chautauqua back to us in 1922.

WANTED: THREE OR FOUR FURNISHED ROOMS FOR LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING BY COUPLE OF REFUGEE. REFERENCES EXCHANGED. Post Office box 64.

DEMONSTRATION WORK PAYS OTHER COUNTIES

The following are extracts from the general remarks of several county agents' reports.

Deafoort County, B. T. Leppard, agent, April 23 and 30:
Many of the permanent pastures which were put out last fall are in excellent condition. I have found only one which was plowed up, and the manager regret that now. Said that he became discouraged soon, and that he would have had a good pasture if he had waited a bit. In looking over Mr. E. T. Campbell's pasture, I found it in fine shape, and asked his tenant what he thought of it. The man replied that the pasture of two or three acres was worth all the range.

At a meeting at Hodges' School arranged to take a group of farmers on a tour through the county to see the permanent pastures that were put in last fall. Between now and the time set for the tour, I will get some farmers from other sections of the county to make the trip, and I mean to leave about as many men as can be lured for on the trip. Now that we are to have stock laws, farmers are becoming interested in better pastures.

Lenoir County, C. M. Brickhouse, agent, April 23 and 30:
The sign up of the contracts for cooperative marketing continued by local men and the agent. I had two men approach me in the field last week and say they wanted to sign those contracts, as the canvassers missed them, and two men came to the office and told me the same thing. Several contracts were returned to me during the week signed up.

I also visited Mr. R. B. Alexander who has just finished selling out of his sweet potatoes from his potato storage house, where he had 800 bushels stored during the winter. He says the loss was less than 4 per cent of the potatoes stored in the house. Mr. Alexander is well pleased with the results he is getting from his house.

Perquimans County, Louis W. Anderson, agent, May 7:
It has been cold and rainy here almost all the week. I have spent 3 days in the office this week, writing letters, making plans for cooperative fair work this fall, and reading bulletins on subjects of local importance. I reported to the county commission with a discussion with reference to Monday morning, and took up to a county exhibit at the State Fair this fall. All of them seemed very much interested in the project, and agreed to appropriate \$75.00 to defray expenses of carrying exhibits to Raleigh. The Home Demonstration agent and I have already started on plans for the exhibit and for the County fair to be held here this fall.

Almost anything of a serviceable character will do to relieve in part at least this great distress. Think of your bundle Monday.

ROBERT LONG, JR.

Once more the angel of death has passed over our little community and entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long and took the little son Robert, Jr., Saturday, May the 21st. He was buried at the Concho Primitive Baptist church on Sunday, May the 22nd. Born October 22, 1917, Robert Jr., spent most of his life at the home of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Long, near Oak City, N. C. I sympathize with his loved ones and hope that they will prepare to meet him on yonder shore, where parting is no more.

We loved him, yes, we loved him, A golden voice said "Come," And with fragrant unspeakon, He calmly entered home.

We hope to meet you Robert, On heaven's golden shore And never to be parted; There to dwell for ever more.

His uncle,
JOHN W. HINES,
Oak City, N. C.

The skeleton hangs in your closet. Or hidden away in the attic. Maybe in an unused trunk, somewhere about the house. You call it perhaps a coat sweater—a dress that is no longer in style. You call it that because you do not know. When you learn how over in Armenia little helpless children and tottering old men and women are desperately covering their emacipated bodies with strips of rags and burlap bags, you cannot then help but feel that these extra clothes of yours—clothes you do not now need and may never wear again—are "skeletons in your closet." Your conscience will help you find them. Then bundle them out.

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ELKS CONVENTION MEETS NEXT WEEK

Goldsboro, June 1.—The Goldsboro Elks Lodge, No. 139, the oldest Elks lodge in the state, will entertain the North Carolina Elks State Association in Goldsboro June 8 and 9. The Goldsboro Elks are making elaborate plans for this convention, and the city as a whole is backing the lodge, in an attempt to make this the biggest Elks Convention held in the state.

The convention starts off the night of June 8 with a big street dance and jubilee, in which all Goldsboro and visitors are invited to take part. The dance will start at 9 p. m., which will give the visiting Elks opportunity to get into Goldsboro on the night train in time to take part. This dance will be held on Center street, where there is plenty of room to take care of the crowds, as it is one of the broadest streets in the State, and paved.

The Goldsboro band, with the assistance of the Fayetteville band, will furnish the music.

June 9—the real big day of the convention, starts off with registration of all visiting Elks at the Goldsboro Elks House at 9 a. m. Next on the program will be the business meeting, at the Goldsboro Opera House, which opens at 10:30 a. m., at which time election of state officers and selection of a meeting place for 1922 will be held.

The great feast, a barbecue, the thing that Wayne county is noted for more than any other county in the state, will be at 1 p. m., June 9, at the Goldsboro Fair Grounds. R. P. Uzzell, chairman of the barbecue committee, has all his plans set to give the visiting Elks the best barbecue dinner they have ever attended.

Following the barbecue dinner the Elks will be entertained at the fair grounds with good horse racing. There will be two races, each race having four horses on the track, one trotting race and one pacing race.

Then comes the ball game between Elizabeth City Elks team and any other Elks team in the state that accepts the challenge. Elizabeth City advises that their team is going to win.

The Elks will leave the fair grounds about 5 o'clock and prepare for the big Elks parade which will start promptly at 6 p. m. This parade promises to be one of the biggest held in the state, as a number of lodges have notified the judges that they are going to take the silver loving cup home with them. The loving cup to be won is donated to the Elks State Convention by the High Point lodge, to be competed for in parade each year, the first lodge winning the cup three times becomes the owner. The High Point lodge won the loving cup donated by the New Bern lodge the third time in Salisbury last year, at which time they became the owner, and have donated a beautiful cup to take the place of the one won.

The last but one of the best attractions of the convention will be the Elks dance Thursday night, June 9, which will be held in the Wayne tobacco warehouse, starting promptly at 9 p. m.

Goldsboro Elks lodge is expecting a large delegation from the following North Carolina lodges: Asheville, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, New Bern, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Winston Salem, Washington and Wilmington.

A special Pullman will leave Williamston Wednesday morning with the local representative Elks en route for Goldsboro. There is a special invitation to all members of the Brotherhood to accompany them.

A single coat may save a human life.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. B. Anthony, deceased, late of Martin county, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hamilton, N. C., on or before the 1st day of June, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 1st day of June, 1921.
E. L. GLADSTONE, Administrator

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Sylvester Stallings, deceased, late of Martin county, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 28th day of May, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 28th day of May, 1921.
R. E. STALLINGS, Administrator

COTTON IS ONLY 65 PER CENT OF NORMAL IN NORTH CAROLINA

"Cotton is poor in condition and prospects." This is the gist of 567 reports, used by the Cooperative Reporting Service for North Carolina, in developing the report for May 25th cotton crop. The condition shows 63 per cent of a full "normal" crops prospect, while the government report is 65 per cent of last year, the cost being \$6.05 per acre. The entire cotton belt averages 66 per cent of a normal crop.

Pessimism has reigned in the realm of our most essential industry (farming) since the awful tumble came last year, and increased when it did not show equal effects in those industries that used the farmers' products.

A class of workers who labored a whole year in growing cheap foods and clothing materials for the public at a net profit of nothing is naturally sore and biased. This was reflected in the underestimated cotton acreage last year and is probable in the reduction figure this year. It is doubtful that the acreage is reduced twenty nine per cent from last year in North Carolina. Last year's crop had an increase of about four per cent over the previous one. The abandonment and plowed up area will cause the large reduction.

The remarks of two reporters received sizes up the situation:

"The acreage is certainly reduced 25 per cent in this section. The stands are so poor that it is probably more. The plants are all unhealthy and in many circumstances nothing but the stems with small bud leaf appearing. In my 60 years' of cotton farming, I have never seen such a condition. Unless we can have warm weather, the plants will deteriorate further. Replanting is the rule.

W. J. McLendon, Anson County.

"Sorrnest prospect for a cotton crop I have ever seen. Cold and drowned. A lot of fields dead. Much planting over. Others sowing to hay.

W. L. Arthur, Cartaret County.

The official condition estimated is 65 per cent of a full normal crop prospect, and the fertilizers used averages 64 per cent of last year, the cost being \$6.05 per acre. The entire cotton belt averages 66 per cent of a normal crop.

Most prevalent comments were: "Still planting and replanting; stands poor and late; sickly small plants with much dying; too cold and wet; much being plowed up and hay crops planted; chopping late; little fertilizers to use as late or top applications, with amount about half of last year and conditions just suit root lice." Still there are a few fairly good sections and cotton can stand considerable abuse and develop wonderfully later.

From the Far East comes an appeal for clothing. Five years of devastation have reduced hundreds of thousands of people there to a most pitiable condition.

RECORDER'S COURT

The Martin County Recorder's Court convened Tuesday with Judge Smith presiding and Attorney B. Duke Critcher prosecuting. The following cases were disposed of:

6. State vs. Van Moore. Cruelty to animals. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs. From which judgment the defendant excepts and appeals to Superior Court. Appeal bond fixed at \$50.00.

State vs. Levi Lloyd. Assault. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Bud Spruill. Larceny and Receiving. Continued till June 7th, 1921, under the same bond.

State vs. George Silverthorne and Bud Spruill. Larceny and Receiving. Continued till June 7th, 1921.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

The following cases of contagious diseases were reported to me in the month of May, 1921:

Typhoid fever, Williamston township, 1.

Chicken Pox, Williamston township; 7.

Scarlet fever, Williamston township 3.

Smallpox, Williamston township, 2; Goose Nest township, 11.

Whooping cough, Goose Nest township, 3; Hamilton township, 7; Bear Grass township, 1; Poplar Point township, 1; Griffins township, 2; Williamston township, 2.

WILLIAM E. WARREN, M.D.,
Quarantine Officer.

NOTICE

I have took up one steer, yellow, white and red spotted, crop in right ear. Owner will please come for same.

CHAS. M. BEACHAM,
Williamston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1,
near Macedonia church.