

WEATHER

Unsettled tonight and Thursday, probably showers. Little change in temperature. Strong winds.

Antics Of Fresh Meat Were Most Diverting

"Billy" Culpepper and "Blucher" Ehringhaus Entertained In Bizarre Feminine Accountments

"Committee made arrangements for all candidates, especially Ehringhaus."

This was the text of a wire received by The Advance Wednesday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock from Shriner James V. Whitehurst, who with J. C. Munden left this city Tuesday morning for Kinston to assist in making ready for the reception of Elizabeth City's "fresh meat" at this year's Shriner ceremony. J. C. B. Ehringhaus and W. T. Culpepper. Before leaving, they gave assurance that nothing essential would be left out of the entertainment of these two candidates for admission into the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Undismayed by a persistent drizzling rain, hundreds of Elizabeth City people gathered at the corner of Main and Poindeexter streets Wednesday morning at ten o'clock for the stunts of the local Shrine Club, preliminary to the departure of a large delegation on the morning train to attend the annual Shriners' Ceremonial at Kinston Thursday and Friday.

"Billy" Culpepper and "Blucher" Ehringhaus were the only novitiates this year. As "fresh meat," they were put through the usual grill of comical antics for the benefit of the spectators. Both appeared on the scene arrayed in toga-like nocturnal garments of a style and cut seldom seen outside midday's boudoir; and their costumes were topped off with lace-trimmed baby caps that gave the finishing touch of the ridiculous to their attire.

"Billy" opened the program with an address introducing "Blucher" as the speaker of the occasion, taking frequent drinks of camels milk from an orthodox nursing bottle obligingly kept at his call by Shriner A. R. Nicholson. His introductory speech was cheered loudly by the crowd. "Blucher," who wore a placard on his back proclaiming, "I am the father of twins" likewise required many draughts of milk from a bottle similar to "Billy's" in the course of his oratorical remarks. The two then indulged in instrumental solos and duets that greatly diverted the spectators.

"While "Billy" applied polish to the shoes of C. D. Gallop on a stand set up at the Stop sign, "Blucher" rode off down the street on a bicycle, only to be arrested by Chief of Police Holmes and brought for trial before "Billy" on a charge of riding without a bell. The case was leniently disposed of, and the fun making went on.

Zeigler's Band, which had regaled the crowd with musical selections at the beginning of the Shriner stunts, led the delegation in a grand parade through the business section, and out to the passenger station, whence many members of the Shrine Club left in exuberant spirits for Kinston. Speaking of spirits, a rumor circulated here early in the week to the effect that 700 gallons of 110-proof forbidden fluid had been gathered at Kinston for the Shriner ceremonial, is declared to have practically doubled the size of the delegation from this city.

HAYRIDE FOR SENIORS

Hertford, May 11.—Misses Julia Felton, Mary Ruth Broughton and Evelyn Parker entertained the senior class Wednesday night. Chaperoned by Miss Alma Winslow of the high school faculty and Superintendent E. W. Joyner, the party motored on large trucks to Harvey's Beach, where they built a big bonfire near the water's edge and enjoyed a "weenie roast" by the moonlight. Those who went were: Seniors, Misses Marian Newby, Julia Felton, Mary Ruth Broughton, Anna Whaley Smith, Mabel Bass, Dorothy Stephens, Agnes Hathaway, Nannie Madre, Catherine Reed, Sue Frank White, Evelyn Parker and Messrs. Lanier Leggett and Charles Williford. Other guests, Corbin Dozier, William and Sumner Reed, Carroll White, Reginald Tucker, Linwood Skinner, Edwin McMullan, John Early, Henry Clay Stokes and Jake Parker.

Constance Talmage Divorce Uncontested

Los Angeles, May 17 (By The Associated Press)—John J. Pialoglou, Greek tobacco importer, will not contest the divorce action of his wife, Constance Talmage, picture actress, his counsel announced today.

Vote for George J. Spence for Trial Justice. He will appreciate your support and vote.

Council Adopts Paving Program

The widening and paving of Lawrence street, and the paving of Ehringhaus street to the city limits, Selden street, Parsonage street from Road to the railroad, and Broad street, were authorized by the City Council in special session Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock. Councilmen Williams and Weatherly were out of town, and Councilman Anderson was here, but did not attend the meeting. The other five members and Mayor Goodwin were present.

The Council members who participated in the meeting are insisting upon immediate action on the paving program above outlined. Lawrence street will be widened to sixty feet, but only the north property line will be affected by the widening. Under the specifications drawn up by Engineers Higga and Hracewell, the S. S. Davis store lot at the corner of Road and Lawrence streets will be practically wiped out of existence in order to make the desired junction with Ehringhaus street.

After passing a resolution to pave Lawrence street, the Council took steps toward the appointment of a condemnation committee, and instructed the street improvement committee to investigate the cost of the authorized improvements. Then a resolution was passed authorizing the finance committee to make arrangements to provide funds for the work.

First Methodists Plan For Big Annual Dinner

Plans are well matured for a glorious time at the annual dinner of the First Methodist church Friday night. This dinner, which is the social event of the year for the church will begin at seven o'clock. "Remember," says Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor, "that you are invited if you are fifteen years old and a member of either church or Sunday school. Come, bring your wives and husbands and the stranger within your gates."

"Enough is said," continued Rev. Mr. Wilson, "when we let loose the secret that Bill C. Sawyer will be toastmaster and Miles Jennings is on the program for a speech. You can't afford to miss it."

HERTFORD TO HAVE CLINIC

Hertford, May 13.—Miss L. Lowe, State nurse for the State Board of Health, Raleigh, was in Hertford Tuesday of this week in the interest of the clinic for Perquimans County which will be open at the Court House the week beginning May 23rd. Announcement is authorized that Dr. W. W. Sawyer of Elizabeth City will have charge of the clinic and that the people of this county will have the opportunity of his services here as well as in the clinic now open in Elizabeth City. Parents who have children affected with tonsils, adenoids or weak eyes are urged to have the defects removed either by their private physician or in the clinic. Operations in the clinic will cost only \$12.50 to those who are able to pay and will be free to parents who are unable to pay.

A number of people from this section went to Suffolk this week to attend the convention of the Peanut Exchange. Among those who went from Hertford were L. W. Anderson, G. W. Chappell, Thomas Nixon, C. W. Reed, Benjamin Thatch, Jr., R. W. Smith.

INVESTIGATE DIVORCE RODOLPH VALENTINO

Los Angeles, May 17 (By The Associated Press)—Jean Acker, film actress from whom Rodolph Valentino, film actor, obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce a few months ago is under instructions to report to the district attorney's office and tell what she knows of the court action which gave Valentino a decree but left him technically her husband for a year. Investigators have been assigned to learn whether Valentino committed bigamy according to California laws when he married Winifred Rudnut, dancer and film art director, in Mexico last Saturday.

BOAZ PRESIDENT METHODISTS

Hot Spring, May 17 (By The Associated Press)—Dr. H. A. Boaz, president of the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, was today elected fifth new bishop of the Methodist Southern Conference.

Pinchot Wins In Race For Nomination

Philadelphia, Pa., May 17 (By The Associated Press)—Gifford Pinchot has apparently won the Republican nomination for governor on the face of unofficial returns. W. Harry Baker, secretary of the State Republican Committee, declared in a statement issued today.

Philadelphia, May 17 (By The Associated Press)—Senator George Wharton Pepper, incumbent by the Governor's appointment, won by a substantial majority over Congressman-at-large Wildam J. Burke for nomination to the United States Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Boies Penrose. Pepper's Democratic opponent in the November election will be Judge Samuel Shull.

FOUR DROWN WHEN BRIDGE COLLAPSES

Marlin, May 17 (By The Associated Press)—Four dead or missing is the latest estimate of the casualties of the collapse of the Brazos River bridge. Others reported missing last night have all been accounted for.

Marlin, Texas, May 17 (By The Associated Press)—Parties searched the Brazos river today for bodies of persons believed drowned as a result of the collapse of the Marlin-Belton bridge, dropping about thirty men, women and children into the river. Two bodies have been recovered. Ten were rescued yesterday. Mayor Stallworth and Dr. W. H. Allen, a prominent physician, are among the missing.

JORDAN WARREN WILL DIG IRISH POTATOES SOON

Jordan Warren, colored, 311 Spellman street, already known to Advance readers as having had a ripe watermelon raised by himself on the first day of last December and as first to bring May peas of this year's crop to The Advance office, brought in Wednesday the first "krabbling" from this year's potato crop. Warren says, however, that he does not expect to dig his potatoes before the first of June. He planted two barrels and expects to dig thirty.

HERTFORD TEAM WINS

Hertford, May 11.—Last Tuesday on the Edenton baseball grounds Hertford high school team won its fourth successive victory this season over the Edenton high school team, the score being ten to three in favor of Hertford. The slow one-sided game was featured by heavy hitting on the part of the winning team. Linwood Skinner lead in hitting while H. C. Stokes got two hits, advancing two bases on one of them. Batteries—Edenton, Bond, Bowen and Saddler; Hertford, Umphlet, Owens and Stokes. Umpires, Bond and Jackson.

Leaves For Baltimore

Kermit Kramer left Monday for Baltimore, where he will undergo an operation. He will be under the care of Dr. Julian Erbenwald, D. R. Kramer and J. Edward Hughes accompanied him to Baltimore.

HUGE BONUS VOTES WILL CREATE THE WINNERS IN ADVANCE RACE

No Knowledge Of Mathematics Required To Figure The Relative Importance Of Bonus Votes To Those Issued On Subscriptions, And The 100 Vote Coupons Clipped From The Advance

Each one year subscription earns five thousand votes as shown by the regular table of votes. During the next twelve days, a bonus of six hundred thousand votes will be given on each club of five yearly subscriptions to The Advance. It is perfectly obvious that the ones who jump in and finish the club they have already started, and are alert enough to secure several more clubs, will win. Try to complete your club today. Get a subscription from your own folks, and then see your best friends for two or three more. There are

Trade Emporium Open Rest Of This Week

The Trade Emporium at the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, which opened May 9th, will remain open through May 20th instead of closing on May 19th, it was announced by Vice President Garney P. Hood Wednesday morning. Thousands of visitors have been attracted by the exhibits and the emporium from its beginning has been a success beyond the expectations of the officials of the bank when they decided to put the exhibits on. The total number of exhibits entered was 138.

SUGAR REFINERY AND FARMS IN DANGER ZONE

Baton Rouge, La., May 17 (By The Associated Press)—The state penitentiary farms at Angola, on the east side of the Mississippi River are expected to be flooded as a result of the break in Bobs Bayou levee. A large sugar refinery is operated in the danger zone.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR MRS. WILLIS TUESDAY

An impressive memorial service in honor of the late Mrs. R. A. Willis was held at the First Methodist church Tuesday afternoon by the Woman's Missionary Society of which Mrs. Willis was president for many years.

Miss Mary Edna Smith of Gatesville, president of the W. M. S. of the North Carolina Conference, presided. After Scripture reading by Mrs. M. E. Pearing, Miss Smith spoke very beautifully of Mrs. Willis and her influence in the conference. Mrs. W. C. Glover spoke on what her life had meant to the W. M. S. and Auxiliary in Elizabeth City. The hymn "Go Forward, Christian Soldiers," was sung, then Mrs. G. R. Barrow spoke of Mrs. Willis' interest in the Bright Jewels. Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson made a very forceful address on what the society should do to carry forward the work as a memorial and loving tribute to their beloved former president. "Face and Face" was sung by Mrs. J. W. Foreman, after which Mrs. C. W. Hollowell read resolutions for the society written by Mrs. G. W. Cobb, and these were adopted. The service closed with sentence prayers.

WESTERN UNION EXHIBIT IS ATTRACTING INTEREST

An exhibit that is attracting much attention at the trade exposition now in progress at the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, is that of the Western Union Telegraph Company, emphasizing the value of the telegram in business transactions and general correspondence. The telegram is a vital factor in modern business, and Manager J. D. Sykes of the local telegraph office, who arranged the Western Union exhibit at the bank, has brought that fact squarely to the forefront in his display, which comprises specimens of telegrams and placards calling attention to the different kinds of telegraph service rendered. "Don't write—telegraph!" is the slogan of the exhibit.

T. L. OVERMAN RUNNING FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

T. L. Overman, prominent farmer of the Four Forks section, is today announcing his candidacy for County Commissioner from Nixonton township, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. Mr. Overman is well known in both city and county, and is running on a platform of economy, which will appeal to a lot of folks who feel that taxes are higher than they should be.

TO SUBSCRIBERS

Some subscribers in Elizabeth City are under the impression that subscribing thru contestants in the contest will detract from the revenue of the carrier boys. As a matter of fact, the carrier boys would rather deliver to paid-up subscribers than those who pay by the week, for the reason that it entails quite a little work to collect each week, and the otherwise additional profit from subscribers is more than offset by the cost of collection. To subscribe through contestants is to help the carrier boys; to save yourself money, and to help your favorite contestant win a prize.

Those subscribers who are already paid up and give contestants an additional subscription will be credited for the full amount paid beginning with the day on which their present subscription expires. For instance: If you are paid up until August the 15th, 1922, and you subscribe for another year, you will receive the paper until August the 15th, 1923.

Commencement Is On At Manteo Now

Manteo, May 15.—The Manteo high school closes a very successful year this week. The commencement program is as follows: Tuesday evening, music recital given under direction of Miss Holland Westcott, music teacher; Wednesday night, program of the graduating class, the baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. H. E. Myers, pastor of City Road Methodist church; Thursday evening the senior class exercises; Friday morning Dr. H. M. Potrat of Wake Forest will deliver the graduating address and the regular graduating exercises are to be held; high school students will present a play on Friday evening.

This program completes the most successful year Manteo high school has known. The school has met the requirements for an accredited high school and will hereafter be placed on that list. The faculty comprises L. R. Williford, Miss Helen Askew and Miss Virginia Braswell in the high school department; Misses Fannie Long, Essie Newsome, Iva Jennett and Mrs. E. R. Westcott in the grammar grades, with Miss Holland Westcott as music teacher.

Serious Situation Faces Potato Crop

Embargo Announced By Pennsylvania Railroad On New York Shipments Means Loss To Shippers

A clear reduction of \$20,000 to \$30,000 in the net returns from the early Irish potato crop is foreshadowed for growers of this section by the embargo on potato shipments to New York City announced by the Pennsylvania railroad effective Thursday, May 18. The railroad's embargo announcement carries with it the statement that potatoes consigned by rail to New York will be unloaded at Manhattan Yard, on the Jersey side, and that they may readily be transferred by dray to their points of destination in the city.

The drayage of the potatoes will mean an additional expense of probably fifteen or twenty cents on each barrel of potatoes shipped to New York; and when it is remembered that Northeastern North Carolina annually ships 100,000 to 150,000 barrels to that city, it becomes evident that the aggregate loss to the growers will be enormous.

The excuse of the Pennsylvania railroad in putting on the embargo is that there is now a serious congestion of perishable freight on the lines, and that the embargo restriction is a necessary measure. The suggestion comes from other sources, however, that the railroad is undertaking to make Manhattan Yard a receiving station for bulk freight in order to handle it more easily.

The extra drayage cost, it is pointed out, is not the only loss that potato shippers of this section will suffer. If the embargo remains in effect through the local potato season, the extra handling of the potatoes will mean that they will reach the market in poorer condition than if shipped direct, and will command less favorable prices.

Leading potato brokers of this city were called to meet Wednesday afternoon to consider measures to relieve the serious situation that threatens. One alternative, it is suggested, is to ship the potatoes by water from Norfolk, and negotiations are already in progress between the local Chamber of Commerce and Norfolk transportation lines with this in view.

PROSPECT FAVORABLE FOR POTATO PRICES

Prominent Broker Views Situation With Optimism, And Isn't Frightened By Embargo

"Present price indications on early Irish potatoes from this section," says S. G. Scott, potato broker of the firm of Brock & Scott, of this city, "are that the crop will bring from three to four dollars a barrel (f. o. b. Elizabeth City). Everything considered, the growers can make money at these prices."

"The potato crop this year will be a week or ten days later than usual, owing to the unfavorable growing season. Shipments from Currituck County may begin by June 1st, but Pasquotank potatoes will hardly begin to move in bulk before June 5th. On the average, the yield will be probably 75 per cent normal."

With regard to the embargo of the Pennsylvania railroad on potato shipments to New York City, Mr. Scott takes the attitude that this will be a good thing for the shippers, if the railroad is establishing a produce yard in New Jersey, close to New York. He thinks that it will be to the advantage of all concerned, because buyers will be enabled to make their purchases, and ship, if they wish, in carload quantities without unnecessary handling anywhere they wish. New York dealers can dray their potatoes from the yard into the city, without undue inconvenience, he believes.

"In routing potato shipments directly into New York City," says Mr. Scott, "during the height of the season, we have frequently encountered congestion that has delayed delivery, and frequently brought loss to shippers. If a yard is established there, this should be practically eliminated. I do not believe that all-water transportation of potatoes from this section is feasible, for the reason that it means frequent handling of shipments, with consequent damage to the potatoes."

Brock & Scott are now testing out their potato grader, recently built at the Norfolk Southern freight yards here. They are using fall potatoes for the test, and Mr. Scott declares that the grader is working satisfactorily in every respect.

Farmers, merchants and business men generally throughout this section are much encouraged over the relatively favorable aspect that the early Irish potato situation has taken since recent rains have relieved the long drought that threatened the virtual destruction of the crop.

Russia Will Attend Meeting At Hague

Geneva, May 17 (By The Associated Press)—Russia has accepted the proposals of the powers for a meeting at the Hague to discuss the Russian situation, it was announced this afternoon.

France Is Ready To Confer With America

Paris, May 17 (By The Associated Press)—France has informed the American war debt funding commission that she is prepared to send a special mission to the United States to confer regarding payment of the French debt.

YOUNG WOMAN'S CLUB PRAISED BY FEDERATION

The Young Woman's Club held an interesting meeting Tuesday evening when Miss Mary Bright, who went as delegate from the organization to the annual convention of the N. C. Federation of Woman's Clubs, made her report of the convention. The Federation was greatly pleased with what the Young Woman's Club of Elizabeth City has accomplished, and considered it especially noteworthy that the work has been done by young women who are busy with office work throughout the day, whereas the matrons of the older towns are unable to organize and keep going a woman's club eligible for membership in the Federation.

WELFARE COUNCIL MET TO PROVIDE FOR NEEDY CASES

The Welfare Council met Tuesday night at the Community Building for a consideration of charity cases in the city now in urgent need of attention, and to make arrangements to provide for half a dozen families in need. From the fact that there is much less destitution evident here now than a few months ago, it is apparent, according to G. R. Little, chairman of the Council, that the employment situation is considerably improved.

Geo. J. Spence lays no claim to infallibility but will try to give exact justice to all.