

WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature. Moderate S. W. and W. winds.

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Barrel Making Is Fast Growing Industry Here

Turning Off Half Million Barrels Annually, Elizabeth City Is Center of Industry In North Eastern North Carolina — Pay Roll Is \$5,000 A Week

The development and expansion of the trucking industry in Northeastern North Carolina has resulted in the expansion of a closely related industry—namely, the making of barrels and baskets in which to market early Irish and sweet potatoes, May peas, and other truck crops.

It is estimated by A. B. Houtz, one of the city's leading barrel and basket manufacturers, that at least 300 men, 70 per cent of whom are negroes, are employed in barrel-making here.

The leading local concerns engaged in the manufacture of barrels are the Foreman-Derrickson Veneering Company, A. B. Houtz, T. A. Commander & Son, Brock & Scott, Newbern & Brock, and the Farmers Ginning & Produce Company.

Wastage Greatly Reduced The barrels are made mainly of pine and gum woods, and of the two the latter is decidedly the more popular by reason of its nonsplitting qualities.

A visit to one of the local barrel-making plants at this season of the year, when the aggregate output is 8,000 to 10,000 barrels daily, is most interesting.

The Second Process Next, the blocks are run through a slicing machine, with a heavily weighted blade that cuts the barrel staves at a rate of 150 per minute.

The staves are then ready for manufacture into barrels. Skilled workmen place them on circular frames, and nail them together in cylindrical form in the first process, hooped only at the top and bottom.

The bulk of the barrel output of the Elizabeth City mills is shipped by motor truck to points within a radius of twenty miles of this city.

Another Growing Industry The manufacture of May pea baskets is another fast-developing industry at this city, closely related to the manufacture of barrels.

One local manufacturer, A. B. Houtz, is making peach baskets in quantity for shipment to New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut, where thousands of acres are devoted to the culture of the

Season's First Spuds Shipped From Tyrrell

Twelve barrels of early Irish potatoes, the first to be shipped this season from North Carolina, passed through this city Friday enroute to the American Fruit Growers, New York City.

Duff Is Candidate For Representative

Prominent Business Man Enters The Race And Promises To Inject Some Excitement

W. P. Duff, prominent business man of this city, announced his candidacy Saturday morning for Representative of Pasquotank County in the General Assembly.

Mr. Duff has been in business here for the last twenty years. He is a vestryman of Christ church, a member of the Board of School Trustees, a director in the Savings Bank & Trust Company, and a member of the executive committee of that bank.

During the World War, Mr. Duff was district chairman of War Savings in thirteen Northeastern North Carolina counties. He was active in every Liberty Loan drive, and as chairman of the Fifth, or Victory Loan Drive, he completed Pasquotank County's quota in seven days.

Mr. Duff's friends in this city and County are confident that he will win out in the primaries. He says that he is not running on any particular platform but that, if he is elected, he will represent the people and undertake to carry out their wishes in any legislation he may sponsor.

WILL TESTIFY AGAINST VALENTINO AND WINIFRED

Los Angeles, May 20 (By The Associated Press)—Detectives reported today that five witnesses were found who will testify that Rodolph Valentino and Winifred Hudnut occupied the same room at a Palm Springs, California, hotel. The prosecutor stated previously that if sufficient evidence is obtained to prove that the actor brought his bride back into California after the marriage in Mexico, bigamy proceedings would be instituted.

DECLARE KLAN INSIDIOUS

Bakersfield, Cal., May 20 (By The Associated Press)—The grand jury today reported "domestic troubles, jealousies and other evidence of malice and hate are at the bottom of the Ku Klux Klan assumptions of governmental authority" and declared that the Klan is insidious and political in character and gives the victim no chance to defend himself.

Mr. Houtz manufactures 200,000 to 300,000 peach baskets each year, during the season beginning June 15 and closing September 1. None of these are used locally, for the reason that Northeastern North Carolina does not export peaches in quantity.

Baby Week Begins Here Monday Week

Prizes Will Be Awarded For Best Babies, And Mothers Will Receive Valuable Instruction

Baby Week at this city will begin Monday, May 29, and continue thru the following Sunday, following a decision reached by the Central Council of Public Welfare at a meeting here Saturday. The feature of the week will be a baby clinic, beginning Monday and continuing probably through Thursday, in which prizes will be awarded for the best babies in various age classifications to be announced in a few days.

The best part of the baby clinic, according to members of the Council, is not the prizes that are offered, but is, instead, the careful examination of each baby by competent physicians, and the giving of instructions and advice to each mother as to the care of the child.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett, widow of the late Governor of the State, will be here on Tuesday, May 30, the second day of the clinic. She is the head of the Division of Infant and Maternal Information of the State Board of Health. Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, director of the Division, will come, as will also the head nurse of the State Board of Health.

HOUTZ ROTARY DELEGATE

A. B. Houtz was elected delegate to the National Rotary Convention at Los Angeles in June at Friday's weekly luncheon of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club. Mr. Houtz and Mrs. Houtz are making plans to attend.

Among those called on for five minute speeches were Miles Clark and Harry Johnson, newly elected to membership in the club.

Potatoes On Display

Fully matured potatoes, grown in Pasquotank, the largest measuring nine inches in circumference and over three inches in diameter, and the smallest of which would pass for number one grade on northern markets, were placed on exhibit in the lobby of the First & Citizens National Bank Friday.

There are five of these potatoes all dug from the same hill. They were grown by J. E. Meads, prominent farmer of Weeksville. Salem township, the lower part of the County, in which Weeksville is situated, usually leads all Pasquotank in the shipment of early crops, but from general reports Mr. Meads appears to be well ahead of the rest of his township.

WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD BUT HE WILL GET WELL

Monroe, La., May 20 (By The Associated Press)—Albert Wildering, right fielder of Des Moines Catholic Academy baseball team, was pronounced dead today by physicians after hit over the heart with a batted ball. Coach Tommy Ryan tried artificial respiration, the boy breathed, and physicians now declare that he has a good chance for recovery.

SUCCESS DEPENDS MAINLY ON ABILITY TO GET SUBSCRIPTIONS

Clipping Coupons Is a Job For a Rainy Day Only. Votes May Be Had So Easily And In Large Number For a Few Subscriptions During The Large Vote Offer

It isn't hard to see that the contestant who is most successful in securing subscriptions during the huge 600,000 Bonus Vote Offer will emerge victorious in the "Everybody Wins" campaign. At this stage of the game it is sheer folly to "sleep on the job" as your competitors are ever alive to procuring votes.

You certainly cannot consider yourself with "winning vote total" until you have secured every available subscription. The idea is to get every subscriber to renew during this vote offer. Show them where you gain by turning in subscriptions before the 27th of May, and the majority will renew. Each renewal counts the same as a new subscription, so you lose nothing by going after those who are now taking the paper.

Note that the coupon in The Advance has been changed, so each

Government Project Is Of Much Interest Here

J. C. Oakes, chairman of the Board of United States Army Engineers of the Fifth District, with headquarters at Norfolk, Va., is now advertising for bids on the dredging of the Alligator-Pungo River cut, a section of the Inland Waterway twenty to thirty miles across Hyde County, and a part of the link that connects Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds. The work will involve the Government expenditure of \$250,000 to \$400,000, it is estimated.

This particular Government project is of interest to the people of Elizabeth City because its completion will open up a new trade territory in the heart of Hyde County, one of Eastern North Carolina's richest agricultural sections, according to Secretary Job, of the city Chamber of Commerce.

Gen. Pershing Leads Parade At Charlotte

Charlotte, May 20 (By The Associated Press)—General Pershing, Hanford McNider, General Julian S. Carr, Governor Morrison and other notables participated in the celebration of the 147th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburgh Declaration of Independence today. General Pershing headed the three mile long parade and spoke at Independence Park.

MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

Griggs Commandry of Knights Templars will hold their regular convocation Monday evening in their assembly at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired to hear the Eminent Commander report from the Grand Commandry Conclave, which was held in the city of Winston-Salem.

LATE BULLETINS

EDISON SPEAKS FOR FORD Washington, May 20 (By The Associated Press)—Thomas A. Edison told the Senate Agriculture Committee today he was convinced that fertilizers cheaper than those manufactured by present processes and existing interests could be manufactured at Muscle Shoals.

SAYS DAUGHERTY SHOULD QUIT Washington, May 20 (By The Associated Press)—Attorney General Daugherty should resign and not further embarrass the administration, Senator Caraway told the Senate today during a renewal of the discussion of Daugherty's alleged connection with the release from Atlanta prison of Charles W. Morse.

AGAINST NAVAL ORDER Washington, May 20 (By The Associated Press)—Use of the naval radio broadcast addresses at the dedication of the new headquarters here tomorrow would contravene the naval order against employment of facilities for political purposes, Acting Secretary Roosevelt said today in denying the application of the National Woman's Party.

Methodists Prepare For Still Further Achievement

At Annual Dinner Pastor Of Church Sets Out What Has Been Accomplished And What Remains To Be Done And Speaks To People That They Go Forward

SPECIAL NIGHT FOR DAD AND HIS BOY

Kiwanians Plan Unique Banquet To Be Held Probably Sometime During The Month Of June

A night for Dad and his boy, in which the two will be given opportunity to reach a better plane of mutual understanding, will be held by the local Kiwanis Club sometime in June, as the result of a decision reached at the Kiwanis membership supper at the Southern Hotel Friday night.

The four or five specially invited guests present at the supper were given a rousing ovation—the "glad hand," as Kiwanians term it—and afterward the Club went directly to the business of the evening. Rev. H. E. Myers, president of Elizabeth City Kiwanis, and C. R. Pugh were elected delegates to the annual Kiwanis convention at Toronto.

A feature of the evening was the singing of two beautiful song numbers by Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf. Preliminary plans were made for the entertainment of the local Rotarians at an early date, and after a paper on the construction and use of the X-ray, read by Dr. Howard Combs, the meeting adjourned.

The regular Rotary luncheon was held at the Southern Hotel Friday afternoon at one o'clock.

WERE WINNERS IN CONTESTS

Jack Jenette for the boys, and Miss Leora Griffin, for the girls, were the winners in the declamation-recitation contest held at the High School Friday night. Both declamations and recitations were good practically without exception, according to those who attended. The medals were awarded by Prof. S. L. Sheep, superintendent of the city schools. The other entrants among the boys were Braxton Dawson, Addison Stanton, Vance Bailey and Cleman Twiford, and among the girls were Misses Jessie Williams, Eloise Ayllett and Emily Commander.

MOONSHINE FINANCIERS VERY ACTIVE IN SOUTH

Washington, May 20 (By The Associated Press)—Men with money are setting up illicit stills and paying moonshiners to operate them and if caught give the operators five dollars a day while in jail to protect them, prohibition headquarters stated today. An effort is being made to round up these moonshine financiers in the South.

CUBS WIN ON ERRORS OF ELKS

Elks Give Wonderful Exhibition Of Chinese Ball Playing Friday Afternoon

Displaying a brand of ball worse than could be played by a bunch of grammar school boys, the Elks lost Friday's game to the Cubs by the score of 13 to 1.

Spear and Pinner opposed each other in the box and both pitchers made a good showing but the Elk hurler's support was of such a character that in the first four innings thirteen runs had been scored against him. Every Elk player was guilty of a miscue during the game, some made two errors and one made three. While the infield was shifted so that Reid was the only player in his regular position, that fact is hardly an alibi for a team's displaying such poor class as showed by the Elks Friday.

On the other hand the Cubs played a consistent game. Spear with his slow breaking curve was never in danger and the solitary run scored against him was not earned. He was given good support by his teammates, however.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Cubs ... 4 6 3 0 0 0 —13 8 2 Elks ... 0 0 0 0 1 0 — 1 4 16

Geo. J. Sponce says no claim to infallibility but will try to give exact justice to all. adv

With music by the church orchestra, with a menu that would make any hungry man's mouth water, with a program of after dinner speeches varied and delightful, interspersed with singing and good fellowship, the annual membership dinner of the First Methodist church Friday night was an occasion of rare enjoyment and pleasure.

The opening song number was "Our Church," sung to the tune of "Come Thou Almighty King," and composed especially for the occasion by Rev. Mr. Wilson himself. Here is the last stanza: Here, may God's praise abound, Here may His anthems sound, Triumphant, Children, of Christ here learn; Repentant sinners turn; Hearts with love flaming burn, Oh, Christ, for Thee.

Following the hearty singing of this song the inimitable and original Bill C. Sawyer arose to the occasion as toastmaster in his usual happy style. "Naming the toastmaster," said Bill C., "was the only bonehead play made by the committee in arranging the program of this banquet. I told that committee that we don't have an annual dinner but once a year and that it would be a shame not to have one of the very best speakers in the church for such an occasion. But they assured me that it didn't take much of a speaker or much of a man to be toastmaster and that they wanted to save the good speakers for a place on the program, so I was prevailed upon to accept. Here on the program we've got some good subjects and a good speaker after each subject. Now for a regular old fashioned Methodist love feast."

The first speaker was Miss Mae Smith, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference, and she certainly measured up to the toastmaster's specifications in speaking on "Woman's Work in the Church." She characterized the W. M. S. as the biggest woman's club on earth, and set forth clearly and briefly some of the achievements of Methodism working through its Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Smith expressed pleasure in being in Elizabeth City on this occasion and congratulated the First Methodists on having the most beautiful house of worship in the North Carolina conference.

Introduced as a pastor regarded by his own flock as the best preacher in the world, Rev. H. E. Myers spoke somewhat of the early history of Methodism in Elizabeth City which, beginning with 150 members in 1825, has grown to a membership of 1500. "The diary of some of the early leaders in Methodism disclosed frequently a note of pessimism," he said, "and among other discouraging features mentioned was the overwhelmingly large number of Baptists here. We have hung some of these Baptists out on the line and dried them out a bit. "Looking back to the past we are encouraged at the progress that we see made by our day. And in the light of this progress I am encouraged to see in the future a stronger and greater City Road Church co-operating with a larger and finer First Methodist Church than we now dream of."

Rev. E. L. Stack, introduced as a "live wire circuit rider," spoke somewhat on "The Region Round About." "You people perhaps do not realize," he said, "how you are looked up to as the standard bearers by the smaller churches in the region round about. Coming here to worship with you in your beautiful new edifice, they go to their homes no longer content to worship in their

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