

WEATHER

Fair tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy. Little change in temperature. Moderate winds.

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Thousands Of Babies Killed By Ignorance

Main Reasons For Holding Of Baby Week Here Beginning Monday, May 29, Are Prevalence Of Illness, Lack Of Relief Funds, And Need To Educate Mothers

(By Publicity Committee) The Executive Committee of the Central Council of Public Welfare are rapidly completing arrangements for the program for Baby Week, which begins on Monday, May 29, and will end on Wednesday, May 31. It will be held in the auditorium of the Court House here.

Two urgent local needs have been the moving causes for the decision of the Welfare Council to join this National and Statewide campaign for saving the babies. The first of these was the report given by Mrs. Anna Lewis, the County Welfare officer, of the prevalence among the infants of the city and County, of that dread disease, commonly known as "Summer Complaint." This report has been confirmed by prominent physicians of the town, who corroborate Mrs. Lewis' statement that this illness among the babies is rapidly assuming pandemic proportions.

The second cause for the holding of Baby Week proceeds from the fact that the Welfare officer has absolutely no funds upon which she can draw for carrying on her work among the mothers and babies of the town and County.

It is hoped and expected that during Baby Week, both needs will be satisfied. The disease now prevailing among the babies is caused chiefly by ignorance of the mothers of how to care for the babies. Three thousand babies die in North Carolina every summer, and of this number, three out of every four infants' deaths are caused by ignorance.

The main object of Baby Week is to give the mothers of the County instruction as to the care of the infants, and during the three days campaign, all babies who are brought to the doctors and nurses, will be examined whether sick or well, and then referred to their usual physicians for treatment for any disease, defect or disorder that may be discovered.

Dr. K. P. Bonner, Director of the State Bureau of Maternity and Infancy, and Miss Rose M. Ehrenfeld, R. R., of the Division of Public Health Nursing, will be in charge of proceedings, and will be assisted by local physicians and nurses who have cordially agreed to co-operate with the Welfare Council in the activities of Baby Week.

It is the aim of the doctors and nurses who will conduct the examination of the infants to act purely in a diagnostic and advisory capacity, supplementary, and as an aid to the services of the usual family physician.

Two hours each, morning and afternoon, will be given to the work of examining, weighing and measuring the babies, and it will not be possible to handle more than sixty or eighty babies a day.

Efforts are being made by Mrs. Lewis, Miss Marcie Albertson and others, to reach every mother in town and county with babies of two years old and under, and to tell them of this opportunity to have their children examined by experts, and to receive from trained doctors and nurses advice and information that may mean health and life itself to the little ones.

That the weighing, measuring and examination of the infants will be absolutely free of charge, as will the advice and information to the mothers, is a point that the Central Council of Public Welfare wish to be specially emphasized. And that Baby Week is for all the white babies in city and County, is another point to be remembered.

Many interesting features will attend the week's activities. Of course the examination of the babies is the important thing. Then "Tag Day", to be held on one of the days, will, it is hoped, bring in sufficient funds to help where needed, during the torrid days ahead. On this day pretty girls dressed in nurses' caps and aprons, will sell "Save the Babies" tags.

The "Babies Parade", Wednesday afternoon will be the crowning event of the week. When all the mothers of town and County with babies and young children will be asked to fill the automobiles provided for the occasion, in a grand parade through the town.

Prizes will be given for the best all-round babies of ages to be announced later, and these prize babies Continued on Page 4

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

Bad Roads Hold Back Gordon Ward's Plans

New York Contractor, Purchaser Of Thousand Acres In Upper Camden, Is Marking Time Now

"Until the roads are improved, I can accomplish little, if anything, toward the development of my holdings in Upper Camden County. At present my tract is cut off from the main highway from South Mills to Norfolk by a mile of very bad dirt road through a deep swamp, and the expense of improving and maintaining that road, which serves other property owners too, is more than I care to undertake at present."

The foregoing statements were made here Tuesday afternoon by Gordon E. Ward, wealthy contractor of New York City, who purchased a few months ago the Horseshoe Tract, the largest farm in Camden County, and one of the largest in Northeastern North Carolina. The tract contains a thousand acres, approximately, of which 400 acres are in woodland, principally gum.

The establishment of a veneering plant for the manufacture of barrels, baskets and similar products was one of Mr. Ward's projected ventures when he purchased the Horseshoe Tract. The contractor planned to build a plant, bring in necessary labor, utilize his timber holdings and buy from nearby timber owners, manufacturing his products where the timber was grown, and shipping direct to orchard and trucking sections. He is handicapped, however, by the inaccessibility of his property, for with bad roads, he cannot satisfactorily and economically ship his products.

Gordon E. Ward also contemplated the establishment of a model dairy and stock farm on the Horseshoe Tract. Here, again, he finds that he is handicapped, this time by the fact that Camden County is under quarantine for the cattle fever tick. And so, for the time at least, Mr. Ward will hold his tract and wait for Camden County to get in line with progressive sections elsewhere.

SURRENDER OF FORTRESS ENDS ATTEMPTED REVOLT

Managua, May 23 (By The Associated Press)—The surrender of the fortress La Loma to the government appears to have brought an end to the attempted Nicaraguan revolt.

Important Meeting Tonight Of Young Woman's Club

An important meeting of the Young Woman's Club will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

SECURE EVERY AVAILABLE BIT OF SUPPORT BY SATURDAY EVE

Your Success Depends On How Well You Cover Your Territory By The Close Of Huge Bonus Offer—Gather Subscriptions Of All Lengths And Make A Big Showing Saturday Night

If you knew that by securing one more club before the great bonus offer closed you would win the Ford Sedan, would you go out and get it?

This question seems wholly superfluous to you, but this race will be exceedingly close, and it is not at all improbable that the winner will win by such a close margin. Indeed there may not be as many as 600,000 votes separating some from a handsome car. It is better to think of these things now, than wait until your chances for the large votes are gone, and then try to console yourself. Regrets will avail you nothing after you have lost.

Energy used rightly at this stage of the game is the best insurance against regrets at the close of the race. Why not be sure you are up in the race? There is one way and only one way. That is secure enough subscriptions to make your votes run into the millions. It doesn't take but very few clubs to make your vote total count. Secure as many as possible.

The office will be open until nine o'clock Saturday night, and you may either bring your subscriptions, or phone the contest manager what amount you have collected, sending them in by the first mail. If you haven't a phone, get your mail post-marked before nine o'clock, and the postmark will be accepted as proof of mailing time. You may work right up to the minute of the closing hour, but it rests with you to see that your subscriptions are in this office by the dot. In case the contest manager is waiting on someone, just wait your turn. If you are in the office by nine o'clock, and do not leave, you may turn in subscriptions after the person preceding you in the office.

Make a supreme effort to gather

Irish Republican Army Is Proclaimed Illegal

London, May 23 (By The Associated Press)—Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, has announced that at a meeting of parliament, the Irish Republican army was proclaimed illegal, says a Central News dispatch from Belfast.

Postoffice Employees Had Criminal Records

Washington, May 23 (By The Associated Press)—Discovery through finger printing that forty-nine of the 469 employees in the registry division of the New York post office had criminal records was reported to President Harding today by Acting Postmaster General Bartlett. All forty-nine were discharged.

Commencement On At State Normal School

The annual commencement exercises are in progress this week at the State Normal School.

The commencement sermon was preached Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. H. R. Hawkins of this city. On Monday evening the grammar grades gave their concert; on Tuesday afternoon exhibits by the domestic science and domestic art departments were held.

Tuesday night a concert will be given by the first and second year high school pupils; Wednesday morning's program will be in charge of the Y. M. C. and Y. W. C. associations with an address by Dr. M. N. Newcome of Hertford.

The third year high school students will take part in Wednesday evening's program; Thursday morning will be given over to an expression meeting of the school and its friends.

The annual musicale and prize contest will be given Thursday evening; and the closing program will be given Friday evening. This program includes the commencement play, some excellent musical numbers and the commencement address by Dr. M. W. D. Norman of Washington, D. C.

The commencement exercises are held in the State Normal School auditorium. The admission fee for each of the first three evenings is 10 cents; for the fourth evening 5 cents and the last evening the admission fee will be 15 cents.

The public is invited to attend the exercises.

COUNCIL DEALS BLOW TO THE WAREHOUSES

Increases Fire Zone To Include Strip On Pennsylvania Avenue, And Receives Two Resignations

In order to discourage the building of wooden warehouses or other objectionable frame structures on the Norfolk Southern freight yards opposite the improved residential section on Pennsylvania avenue, the City Council in special session Monday night extended the Fire Zone northwardly to include that part of the freight yards between a line following an imaginary extension of Water street north to a point opposite the residence of L. R. Foreman; thence west to Pennsylvania avenue; thence southwardly to Burgess street and back to Water street, the starting point.

The addition to the Fire Zone is a strip approximately 200 feet wide, facing practically the whole line of residences on Pennsylvania avenue. It does not include the docks and waterfront of the railroad. The ordinance authorizing the change was passed effective July 1st, in order that it might not interfere with any warehouse construction immediately projected.

F. P. Felter, general manager of the Norfolk Southern, and J. M. Shea, another official of the railroad, were present at the Council meeting. They showed no disposition to oppose the action of the Council, adopting the attitude that, if the newly created Fire Zone works inconvenience upon anyone, the people of Elizabeth City, and not the railroad, will be the parties upon whom the hardship will fall.

Two resignations were received by the Council in the course of the meeting. The first was from Calvin H. Twiddy, Councilman from the Fourth Ward, who gave as his reason the fact that he has moved to the Third Ward, and is therefore no longer eligible under the law to hold the position. The second was from C. P. Brown who is resigning from the Board of School Trustees. Mr. Brown did not state a reason in his letter of resignation. His successor will be elected by the Council at a subsequent meeting.

The statute regulating the filling of vacancies on the City Council requires that a successor to the position must have the indorsement of a majority of the qualified voters of the ward before he can be elected to the place by the members of the Council in office. Since the compensation of a Councilman is only two dollars for attendance at a regular meeting, and one dollar at a call meeting, the remuneration is hardly sufficient to make the position an attractive one from a financial standpoint. Member of the Council are of the opinion that the office is likely to remain vacant during the remaining tenure of the present Councilman, in view of the fact that to secure the necessary indorsement, a candidate must secure 150 or more signatures of Fourth Ward voters, a task that means an extensive canvass of the ward.

Chautauqua Tickets Go On Sale Here Friday

Plans for a whirlwind Chautauqua ticket-selling campaign, to close as soon as the required quota is raised, will be perfected by local Chautauqua guarantors at a meeting to be held at the Chamber of Commerce quarters Thursday night at eight o'clock. Tickets will go on sale Friday morning, at \$2.50 for adults, and one dollar for children, and these may be secured from any of the guarantors, or from Mayor W. Ben Goodwin at his office at the Savings Bank & Trust Company Building.

Chautauqua will open here on Wednesday, June 7, and will continue through Tuesday, June 13. The preliminary sketches of the week's program indicate that it will be more usually entertaining this year.

FIRST SHIPMENT SPUDS ARRIVE FROM MANTEO

The first shipment of potatoes from Manteo arrived here Tuesday. There were three barrels and they sold here for \$5 a barrel. The potatoes were shipped to W. W. Newberry Company and the grade was fair.

FAMILY THROWN FROM BED BY DYNAMITE BLAST

Uniontown, Pa., May 23 (By The Associated Press)—The family of Emmett Dimond, owner of a coal mine at Masontown, were thrown out of bed today by a dynamite blast which partially wrecked their home.

Geo. J. Spence says no claim to jurisdiction but will try to give exact justice to all. adv

LAMONT ARRIVES FOR CONFERENCE

Heads International Committee Of Bankers To Settle Mexican Financial Problems

New York, May 23 (By The Associated Press)—Settlement of Mexico's financial problems, which has been held in abeyance since 1914 when that country ceased the payment of interest on most of its internal and external loans, is expected to result from the conference to be held here between Adolfo de la Huerta, Mexican Secretary of Treasury, and a delegation of the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico headed by Thomas W. Lamont, who arrived from Europe today.

While exact statistics are not obtainable, Mexico's national debt is approximately \$700,000,000, not including claims for property damages against the government and depreciation of nationalized railroad property.

The direct external debt, as compiled by the international committee, amounts to \$239,137,818.10; the direct internal debt to \$90,998,298.13; the bonds guaranteed by the Mexican government (exclusive of railway guarantees) to \$43,009,531.88 and the bonded indebtedness of the National Railways of Mexico to \$320,141,175.30, making a total of \$693,286,824.41. These figures include interest approximated to December 31, 1921.

Transactions in Mexican government securities have been very active since the refunding negotiations were resumed. In the first five months of this year Mexican government 5's ranged from 54 to 70 1-2 and the 4's from 39 3-4 to 62.

In the week ending April 8, when it was announced that Senor de la Huerta was coming to New York, the price of the 5's jumped 4 points to 65, total transactions for that week being \$654,000. At the same time the 4's rose from 62 to 62 with total sales of \$1,020,000.

Two Trainmen Die In Trestle Wreck

Peoria, Ill., May 23 (By The Associated Press)—Two trainmen were killed when the Minneapolis & St. Louis freight train plunged through a burning trestle at Cedar Creek near here today.

MRS. ROUGHTON DEAD

Mrs. W. D. S. Roughton of Edenton died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Anderson, at 613 Parsonage street.

Mrs. Roughton went from her home several weeks ago to St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, where she underwent an operation.

About 12 weeks ago she came to Elizabeth City and has been with her daughter, Mrs. Anderson, ever since.

Mrs. Roughton was 68 years old, and is survived by her husband, W. D. S. Roughton of Edenton, two daughters, Mrs. L. W. Anderson of this city, and Mrs. A. D. Spillman of Edenton and by four sons, Webb Roughton and Henry Roughton of Norfolk, Herbert Roughton of Hertford County and Willis Roughton of this city. The funeral will be at the First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. K. Williams. Interment will be made at Hollywood Cemetery.

LATE BULLETINS

MEDICOS FLAME PROTEST St. Louis, May 23 (By The Associated Press)—A resolution appealing to Congress for relief from "present unsatisfactory conditions" regarding the distribution of whiskey and asking for governmental distribution for medical purposes only in sealed packages was adopted by the American Medical Association today.

Sought For Atrocious Assault New York, May 23 (By The Associated Press)—David Lamar Wolf of Wall Street is sought on a charge of atrocious assault preferred by Nan Taylor, a model.

Ward Feared Blackmatters White Plains, N. Y., May 23 (By The Associated Press)—The slaying of Clarence Peters, examiner, by Walter S. Ward, son of the millionaire head of the Ward Baking Company, followed the elder Ward's refusal to give his son \$50,000 to pay blackmailers, it was learned here today.

MEET AT MONTREAL Charleston, W. Va., May 23 (By The Associated Press)—Montreal, North Carolina, was chosen as next year's meeting place of the Southern Presbyterian general assembly.