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VERBENA.

There is a little town down in Alabama called "Verbena." It is a quiet little place with six or seven hundred people residing within its corporate limits. Heretofore but few sounds broke the stillness of the quiet little town. An occasional mule team rattled down a red clay road drawing an empty wagon to the general stores, or bumps pleasantly back toward the Chilton county hills. But since this cruel war is raging there is a new sound in Verbena. "It is the Angelus of strife." It calls the people of Verbena, not only to worship, but to deeds. Every evening at 6 o'clock the bell of the Verbena church rings for two minutes and while its brazen song is lifted the people of Verbena stand and pray. With heads uncovered and bowed each man, each woman, each child, each saint and each sinner repeats these words: "God bless our President, our soldiers, and the Nation, and guide them on to victory."

When the bell begins to ring its call is universal. Men halt in the street, wagons stop in the road, women rise from their knitting or pause in their cooking, the policeman halts his work and each repeats the prayer. The people of Verbena call it "The prayer of the bell," and it is said that men who have never been known to pray before, answer its call dutifully.

This is a beautiful custom that these people have adopted, and a world of good might be accomplished if the people in every city, town and hamlet throughout the land would adopt and follow up this custom. It could easily be done. All that is needed is to make the start. A few weeks ago the merchants of Elkin agreed to close their stores at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., and in order that the action be uniform the warehouse bell is rung at that hour. When the notes from that bell are heard every door promptly closes. If it was understood and agreed upon that a certain bell in this town would ring at 6 o'clock each evening for two minutes and that every man, woman and child, saint and sinner, would repeat this prayer while the bell was ringing God alone knows how much good would result from it. And we would suggest that a few sentences more be added and ask God to take care of and bless our boys who have gone to fight the battles of their country. What a joy it would be to them to know that at 6 o'clock every evening, every father, mother, sister, brother and friend back home were pouring out their souls in one united prayer to God in their behalf. Who will start the movement? These be serious times and much prayer is needed.

Uncle Sam's officers are making things right lively for the blockaders and manufacturers of white lightning for the past week. Sheriff Zachary and two or three deputies destroyed an outfit in Yadkin one night last week. Last Thursday morning Deputies Hartness, Dancy and Steel destroyed a large blockading outfit south of Roaring River and came on to Elkin and were joined here by Deputy Sheriff Shores and officer Lovelace and went over in the Brushies near Cycle post-office, where they captured a steam outfit in full blast. At this place they destroyed about a thousand gallons of beer, a quantity of meal, together with the still and all its fixtures. Unfortunately the owners or operators of the plants had business somewhere else when the officers called at their places.

COMMENDABLE WORK DONE BY THE PATRIOTIC WOMEN OF ELKIN

Below we print some of the work that has been done here for the Liberty Loan bonds, sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps, together with Red Cross work, by the ladies of the town.

The opening of the second Liberty Loan bond sale was celebrated by the burning of an immense bonfire on the Graded school grounds. This was followed by a patriotic address by Rev. C. W. Robinson.

Sale of 2nd Liberty Loan bonds, \$7,000.00.

Sale of 3rd Liberty Loan bonds, \$21,300.00.

Savings and Thrift Stamps pledged, \$5,500.00.

Armenian relief fund, paid, \$220.00.

Number of French orphans supported, 70.

Books sent to training camps, 54.

Glasses of jelly sent to camps, 150.

Christmas boxes sent to camps, 18.

Collected for Red Cross work, \$650.00.

Boxes sent to headquarters for Red Cross contained supplies as follows:

3000 surgical dressings, 245 many tails, 310 triangles, 450 dressings 2x2, 500 gauze dressings, 119 sweaters, 153 pairs socks, 34 mufflers, 57 pairs wristlets and 90 comfort bags given to Surry county boys.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young People's Missionary Society met with Mrs. McNeer on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Mary Franklin, president, presided.

The meeting opened by singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," followed by sentence prayers from each one, closing with the Lord's Prayer in concert. The Bible lesson, the beautiful story of Esther, was read by Miss Ohna Poindexter. Miss Willie Paul read "A Korean Romance," which was very interesting. After the payment of dues Miss Elizabeth Hubbard read a very encouraging account of the work being done in the Mission field.

Miss Mary Franklin made a very gratifying report from the annual conference held at Winston-Salem. We had a good report to send to the meeting, but we are hoping for an even better one next year. We have a band of wide-awake workers, lead by a wide-awake leader, and we are certainly going to accomplish some good in the mission work.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The twenty-ninth anniversary of the organization of the Epworth League was observed at the Methodist church on Sunday evening. Strong and enthusiastic addresses were made by Mr. W. M. Mathews and Rev. J. P. Hipps.

The program was as follows: Hymn by choir. The Lord's Prayer. Responsive reading, Psalm I. Gloria. Hymn 124.

Lesson from the new Testament.

Prayer, by Mr. Hipps. Song, "Give Me Thy Heart," by choir.

Address, "Mobilizing and Utilizing our Young People," Mr. Mathews.

Song, "Lead on, O' King Eternal."

Address, "The Cross in the Heart of Every Leaguer," Mr. Hipps.

Offering. Song, "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies," Choir.

Doxology. Benediction.

The Epworth League will not meet on Friday-evening of this week, owing to commencement taking place at that time, but will meet on the following Friday at the usual time.

MASONIC NOTICE

Elkin Lodge, No. 454, A. F. and A. M., are called to meet in their hall to-night (Thursday), promptly at 8:30 o'clock, for special work in first degree. All members are requested to be present, and visiting brethren cordially invited.

M. R. Bailoy, Sec.

PATRIOTISM

Our townsmen, Mr. T. A. Church showed us a letter from his brother, Mr. W. S. Church, of Summitt, N. C., which has such a patriotic ring to it that we copy a few sentences. He says, "I have completed a nice little house in which to keep the post-office, nice oak front, floor, ceiling, etc., hard oiled throughout, which cost me \$350.00, exclusive of doors, windows, etc. I have a fine crop of apples and chickens coming on, and am in good shape to make living easy for myself and family, but the late news from France has stirred me from the bottom, and I have enlisted my services in the army and have obtained permission to proceed to the nearest recruiting station. Although in my fortieth year I think I can serve my country in a respectable manner. My family needs me, but I think they can get along now without me. I could not restrain myself from joining the colors. I hope to be off in a few days."

These are words of a whole souled patriot. A man who could put love of country before that of home and family, a man who was beyond the draft age and well fixed so far as this world was concerned, yet he heard his country's call and he willingly laid down all these things and said, "here am I, let me go."

DOBSON NEWS.

Miss Laura J. Wilson, of Winston-Salem, Canning Club Demonstrator for Surry County, arrived a few days ago and assumed her duties here.

Attorney R. A. Freeman, who has been spending several days in Virginia, returned home Saturday.

His home people received a letter last week from Lieutenant Robert H. Riggs, one of our town boys who has just arrived in France.

Miss Leila Cooper, who taught in Robeson county the past year has been confined to her room for several days with mumps.

Mr. A. W. Brown, of Charlotte, who is connected with the State Tax Commission, spent Tuesday night of last week in our town.

Friday afternoon of last week, Deputy Sheriff Sparger and two of his brothers located a moonshine outfit a few miles west of here. While watching the place, Harvey Dobson, a colored man of that locality, approached the still, procured a drink of beer and started to walk away. The officers caught Dobson, brought him here for trial before Squires Nance and Folger. Failing to find other proof, the negro was released.

The Mount Airy correspondent of the Greensboro News dealt rather uncharitably with our deposed county commissioner. It is a coward who kicks a man after he has him down.

Mr. Joe Booker, of Mount Airy, one of the candidates for County Treasurer, spent a short while here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley, of Rockford, route one, spent Sunday here visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. G. Simpson.

SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to me by J. E. Boles and wife, P. C. Boles, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Yadkin county, in book No. 21 and page No. 61, and default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said Deed of Trust, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on the premises in Yadkin county, on the 19th day of June, 1918, at 2 o'clock P. M., a tract of land situated in Yadkin county, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a rock in the forks of the Statesville and Wilkesboro road, running along Statesville road southward 35 chains and 13 links to Bodenheimer's corner; thence westward 314 feet to a rock in Benham's old line; thence south 544 1-2 feet to a sourwood sapling and maple, Bodenheimer's corner; thence west 1700 feet to two saplings, Bodenheimer's corner; thence South 1676 feet to a sapling on road; thence West 1402 1-2 feet to a pine stump on North side of road in Wilkes county line; thence North with said line 35 chains to a stake and poplar in creek; thence down said creek 3 chains and 3 links to a branch; thence up branch 9 1-2 chains to opposite three poplars in county line; thence North with Morrison's line 16 chains and 75 links to a maple in branch; thence up branch and ditch to Wilkesboro road 33 chains and 75 links to C. L. Hickerson's corner to beginning, containing 200 acres, more or less.

This May 9th, 1918.

J. F. HENDREN, Trustee.

DEATHS

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Whitaker died Monday night at their home near Rock Springs, and was buried Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Amelia Lyons, aged 72 years, died at her home near Traphill, Friday night, May 3rd, and was buried in the cemetery at Traphill, Sunday, May 5th.

Mrs. Elizabeth Royall died last Sunday at the home of her son, near Swan Creek. She was 68 years of age, and had been in feeble health for quite a while. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Swan Creek church Monday at 11 A. M.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Sanford C. Marshall died at his home near Pittsburg, Tex., on May 1, of brights disease. He had been in declining health for two years, but the end was not thought to be so near until two weeks before his death.

Mr. Marshall was a son of the late Henry Marshall, of Yadkin county, and married Miss Louisa Swaim. They moved to Arkansas about 33 years ago. He later moved to Texas, where he died.

Mr. Marshall is survived by his wife, five sons and two daughters, of Texas; a brother, Mr. J. H. Marshall, of Bethesda, Ark., and three sisters, Mrs. D. K. Woodruff, of Arkansas, Mrs. W. A. Gentry and Mrs. Jennie Hurt, of Elkin, route 1.

Mr. Marshall had made two trips back to this country to visit relatives since he went west. —A Friend.

STATE ROAD NEWS.

Miss Disa Hicks will leave Wednesday for Muncie, Ind., to visit her grand parents.

Mr. Arthur Chipman, of Herndon, Va., spent a few days here with his sister, Mrs. Leota Cockerham.

Mr. Jones Carter, of State Road, and Miss Mary Etta Draughan, of Rusk, were happily united in marriage last Wednesday, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. L. B. Murray was the officiating minister.

Mr. Jessie Byrd, of Lomax, and son, Marvin, of Omaha, Nebraska, spent Sunday as the guests of Mrs. Leota Cockerham.



REV. J. E. McMANAWAY, D. D. Home Board Evangelist for the Southern Baptist Convention, who will preach in the series of meetings at the Baptist church next week.

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