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**READ THE CALL OF MR. LEONARD**

Mr. S. E. Leonard, welfare officer for Wilson county has issued a call to the people for bedding, clothing household and kitchen furniture to relieve the storm stricken sufferers who were divested of everything they had in the world. Even their corn and meat was destroyed, and if there was ever an object of charity this is one, and we trust that all who have articles of wearing apparel to spare, or money, or food that they will contribute to these sufferers both white and colored, for the colored people suffered and lost all their belongings.

In a local hospital in this city are nine persons of one family and yet they are all cheerful and hopeful. Over on the farms are a number of white and colored people who have been taken to neighboring houses, where they are being taken care of and nursed.

In addition the proprietors of the farms are also helping them, but it is not right to expect them to stand all the expense, for it will cost them thousands of dollars to get their farms back into shape for the season's crop.

So let every one endeavor to help and the money and supplies collected should be distributed properly and not a single family either white or colored should be overlooked.

**EXPERIENCES OF THE STORM**

Since the storm is over and the excitement of yesterday passed, and the people have been hurried into houses or are in local hospitals for treatment, the interesting experiences of those who spent the few dramatic moments are interesting.

In a local hospital in this city is the family of Mr. and Mrs. Batts. Mr. and Mrs. Batts and Mrs. Batt's mother Mr. Farmer's wife 74 years of age and six children are being nursed back to health. All are cheerful and talk interestingly of their experience. One young lady Miss Effie was a visitor in the home made the occupant of the house.

Farmer found himself on the roof and looked around and saw the children and picked him up and carried him to a place of safety. The flesh was raised from his back he was badly bruised over his body.

Mrs. Farmer who has a broken arm in her leg both compound fractures says she was sitting beside the bed yesterday morning just before the storm struck. It was raining very hard and the windows were rattling. The family had been down with the flu, and I was creeping into bed to wait on them. All were in my room. My brother Dock, Wilmer and John were in bed, and I was sitting up to Olivia my daughter. The windows fastened down and she answered me the door flew open (Mrs. Farmer) with me started to shut anything more the field about the house sitting which I pulled away. I looked had the

of Mr. Dave Woodard where the Batts lived and his entire family were also injured. The house and barns here were also destroyed. Etheridge is here in the colored hospital and some of his family. Etheridge was thrown thirty feet. This family was taken to the home of Dolphus Snider on the Applewhite farm.

The family of Tom Barnes colored were also injured. Their house located on Mr. John A. Corbett's farm, was blown to pieces. There were twelve in this family. Barnes wife was hurt in the leg and hip, and the family are now in the house of Isaac Ruffin on the same farm. One of his boys was in a pack house within a hundred yards of the dwelling. He had heard some one say lie down during a storm. He did so, and the house was blown away and he was not hurt.

At the home of Will Leach on the farm of Mr. Will Graves the inmates of the house were more or less bruised. No one was hurt on the farm of Mr. Ed Graves, neither at Simm's place, though buildings were blown down at all these.

James W. Woods a colored man who was working with Mr. Batta was in the two story pack house with a basement. The man was on the top floor. He went through a room and dropped into the basement and was not even scratched. He is going around and says he is all right.

**A WONDERFUL SPEECH**

Every one should have heard Dr. W. E. Taylor of Moline, Illinois, the largest farmer, and the best soil expert in the world, here attending the Implements convention. The speech was delivered in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce and those present listened intently.

Dr. Taylor spoke at length but every word was interesting. He praised North Carolina, both in soil and possibilities and production. He said that this state was richer in potential possibilities than any state in the union for we had the soil and the climate, and all we needed was to get back to the old way of farming, stirring early and late as our forefathers did. He said the farmers as well as the business men had themselves to blame for their misfortunes. Instead of saving and drawing in during the good times during the war, which was destroying stuff as fast they could make it and putting up the price, an abnormal condition they were expanding and buying high price land and throwing their money away. And now some of them are blaming the government and politics and everything else except their lack of foresight and industry. The farmer he said must step on the gasoline less and on the hoe more if he should succeed.

Our forefathers paid a dollar an acre for much of their land, and a number of us bought it at \$400.00 per acre, and we did not make enough at the present low price of corn and wheat to pay interest on the land much less the cost of making the crop.

Our forefathers got up at dawn and went to work and now some of our farmers do not make a half day's work.

Dr. Taylor reviewed the history of prices since the civil war. He said that ten years prior to 1849 corn sold for 37 1/2 cents per bushel, but the farmers were not the only ones who were foolish. He said that he was guilty of buying high price stocks and bonds and these today were not worth a dollar. Every business has felt the depression and the farmers are not any worse off than others. His company lost ten millions of dollars in the last two years, and yet they were not crying.

America must pay her debts. She had never been defeated and she had never repudiated a single obligation. But the extravagance of the times and the lack of industry in all lines he deplored. The people must get back to sane and safe conditions in order to save themselves and the country.

Speaking of North Carolina he said that this state is first in soy beans, second in tobacco, fifth in peaches, seventh in apples, fifteenth in corn. He said \$18,000 bushels of wheat, \$200,000 bushels of sweet potatoes, and \$100,000 bushels of cotton are not hard.

**MERCHANTS HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET**

**Interesting Speeches and a Most Entertaining Program With Mr. G. T. Fulghum as Toastmaster.**

The annual banquet of the Wilson Merchants Association held last night at the Association's new quarters in the Chamber of Commerce rooms was an occasion fraught with good fellowship, sweet music, excellent speeches and delicious supper. The merchants, their wives, and a number of other friends made up the party which assembled about the banquet table at 6:30 o'clock.

Mr. G. T. Fulghum was toastmaster, and that fact within itself assured a spirit of jolly comradeship throughout the occasion. As usual he was full of wit and humor and kept things moving with "pep" throughout the entire evening. Dr. F. S. Love pronounced the invocation.

After the first course Mrs. F. S. Love, whose sweet voice is very popular in Wilson, sang two numbers in her own charming manner. She sang "Little Grey Home in the West," and "An Old Fashioned Garden."

Mr. Calvin Woodard was introduced by Mr. Fulghum. Mr. Woodard declared that he would impress upon every visitor in his presence that the Merchants Association was not a secret order holding clandestine meetings at which prices were fixed on an unfortunate public. The merchants had never conspired to fix prices, and they always made anyone who desired to attend welcome at their meetings.

Mr. Woodard said the merchants wanted to co-operate with the public, wanted to co-operate with the housewives and the farmer. "We are our brothers' keeper. If he fares well, we fare well." The speaker urged the application of the golden rule.

Mr. G. J. Starr, the retiring president, was next asked to make a few remarks. He spoke briefly.

Elder S. B. Denny, the recently elected president, made an interesting talk in which he declared the wish of the Merchants Association to cooperate with every organization in the city for the betterment of the community. The merchants would work together with the other business people for no selfish motives. Wilson is the best town in the State and its citizens face a golden opportunity.

Mr. Johnson King, president of the Chamber of Commerce stated that the Chamber of Commerce would be happy to work with the Merchants Association for the promotion of great things for Wilson. He urged members of the Association and others who were not eligible to membership in the Merchants organization to join the Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Julia Farmer, president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, expressed pleasure at being present, and stated that the business women were ready to cooperate in any way possible with the merchants and other business men of the town.

Mrs. A. A. Baay, president of the banquet because of illness. Mrs. F. S. Love spoke briefly explaining the plans of the Woman's Club to erect a new club home on Pine street and asking the merchants to support the club in this project.

Dr. C. A. Woodard, president of the Kiwanis Club, declared it was a good thing for the business men and the men of the different organizations to get together and exchange ideas, and mingle in good fellowship. He said the Kiwanis Club stood with the other organizations for community betterment. He was glad to know that the idealism of the organizations included the speeches and music and good will of such a meeting as last night's.

Mr. Fulghum next introduced Mr. G. Winstead, president of the Rotary Club.

local Association to strive to greater things.

Miss Mary Hinchaw, home demonstration agent for Wilson county and recently arrived in Wilson, made a clever speech expressing her pleasure with Wilson and her people. Mr. H. Y. Scott, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was called on for a speech. He referred the matter to Mrs. Scott, who gracefully responded to the occasion and made a short but interesting talk urging the support of the business men in the erection of the new Woman's Club building.

Mr. Fulghum then asked Mr. L. S. Tomlinson to introduce Mr. Grant Wright, of Philadelphia, who is in Wilson attending the Implement dealers meeting. Mr. Wright made an exceedingly interesting speech.

Mr. Wright quickly showed that he was accustomed to addressing an audience, and he made one feel that he always had an excellent message on hand. He drew a clever word picture of the business man's day "with the corners of the mouth turned up" or "with the corners of the mouth turned down." It was a message full of the gospel of cheer. He spoke pleasantly of Wilson, declaring that it was a town with a wonderful future.

Mr. W. M. Perlstien of Boylan and Company of Raleigh was next introduced by Mr. Fulghum. Mr. Perlstien's address was greatly enjoyed by every person before him. He stated that he had come upon the invitation of his friend, Mr. Elmer Oettinger, and that it was a great pleasure to be present.

Mr. Perlstien said recently he had been in attendance upon nationally attended meetings, and at these meetings he had heard well informed men speak, and that it was the consensus of opinion that at the present time in all this nation North Carolina was the state in which business conditions were on more even ground.

The speaker declared the United States was the best nation in the world and North Carolina the best state in the United States. And why shouldn't North Carolina be the best state, the speaker asked. She has an Asheville and Wrightsville Beach for tourists in the summer time, and a Pinehurst and Southern Pines in the winter. This State produces everything needed to eat and to drink, she produces everything needed to stock her households from cellar to garret. Mr. Perlstien pointed to the glorious opportunities before the merchants of the State. He said that the merchants of Wilson, Statesville and Charlotte were better organized and getting better work done than any in the State.

Mr. Perlstien advocated the golden rule whereby any merchant can achieve success, and he urged cooperation through the Merchants Association as a method of successful unified work.

Mr. L. S. Tomlinson presented a plea for aid for the sufferers in the county from yesterday's storm. The Merchants Association pledged \$100 to this cause.

**BAD ROADS IN VIRGINIA**

Richmond, Va., March 8.—Reports received here today by the News Leader from rural sections and principal towns in the Central Virginia many of these points are mud bound by numerous rains and snows which have visited the section since early in January. In some sections business is reported at a stand still and merchants are unable to get goods from the railway stations are placing their customers on short rations. In many points physicians are unable to reach their patients.

**HOWDY**

**NOTICE**

On and after this date a charge of \$1.00 per hour for an expert worker and 50c per hour for a helper will be made for all repairs, adjustments, etc. other than governor trouble.

Town of Wilson  
Gas Department.

Mar. 3, 1922. 3 3 7td

We will have a good supply of Spring onions, turnip salad, mustard and kale salad, rutabagas, collards, green cabbage, Irish potatoes, yellow Porto Rico sweet potatoes, dried peas, butter beans, navy beans, high grade canned vegetables and fruits. For a good dinner, call us. J. W. Riley Grocery Co. 3 3 1td

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WILSON'S EXCLUSIVE MEN'S SHOP.

**A CHANCE TO HELP.**

Those who have visited the stricken area in the Evansdale section realize how complete the destruction is. There is nothing usable left. These people were tenants, hence their all is gone. Not only that but most of them are helpless in bed, some seriously injured. White people and colored are among the victims.

While a good many persons are busy raising money it has occurred to me that many people who cannot give money would like to give something. Anything that goes into the family household would be acceptable to these people. Old clothing, shoes, beds, mattresses, bed linen and covers, dining room and kitchen furniture and utensils, etc. etc.

If possible visit the ruins. You will then see why appeals are being made. It is well worth the trip.

Phone your name, street and number to 253 or 905. You will be visited within the next few days.

SAMUEL E. LEONARD,  
Supt. Public Welfare.

**REPORT FINDING OF SOUTH AMERICAN MONSTER.**

Buenos Aires, March 6.—A plesiosaurian monster, an amphibian of the mesozoic order generally believed to exist only in fossil form, is still alive in Patagonia, according to a belief expressed today by Professor Clement Onelli, director of the Buenos Aires Zoological garden. He announced that he had received credible reports that such a monster was seen in a lake in the territory of Chubut, near the Andes mountains.

Professor Onelli made public a letter from an English friend named Sheffield, saying that while hunting in the Andes he discovered a trail of flattened out vegetation near a lake, indicating the track of an animal of enormous weight. Later, says the letter, Mr. Sheffield saw in the middle of the lake an animal, with a colossal neck like that of a swan, whose movements in the water indicated that the body was shaped like a crocodile. He said harpoons would be necessary to capture the monster.

Professor Onelli said this evidence confirmed two previous reports that such an animal had been seen alive during the last year in the same region, where various scientific expeditions have made rich finds of animals of geological ages. He said an expedition from Argentina or some other country should be sent to capture the animal.

**HOWDY**

**NOELL IS SUED**

**FOR FIFTY THOUSAND**

Danville, Va., March 7.—Lora M. Gee, through her mother, Mrs. R. M. Gee, today filed suit to recover \$50,000 damages from William Y. Noell, in the corporation court, John Lee, of Lynchburg, county, the suit. The damage suit is the result of an alleged assault made on the girl by Noell in his tobacco factory a year ago. Noell is stated of

**DO IT NOW**

Raleigh, N. C., March 8.—Commissioner of Revenue Watts said today that only one week more remains to income taxpayers to make their returns and pay their taxes without penalty or interest. The time expires on Wednesday, March 15th, at midnight. After which time a penalty of five per cent which in no case will be less than one dollar, will accrue and be collected on returns voluntarily made on or before May 15th. The Commissioner will grant extensions of time from March 15th to persons, partnerships and corporations whenever they apply for such extensions and show good cause for them. Where extensions are granted interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from March 15th will be due and will be collected in every case.

Make your returns now and save penalty or interest.

**RAILWAYS CLAIM GENERAL RATE REDUCTION IMPOSSIBLE**

Washington, March 8.—The interstate commerce commission's investigation of present freight rate levels entered its final session, when all railroads of United States and most shipping companies began submitting up of evidence taken during the three months of the hearing. For the railroads which were given the opening argument Henry Wolfe Bickle of the Pennsylvania system declared that the evidence had proven a general rate reduction was impossible.

Resting his argument on the sections of the transportation act which fixed a six per cent return as reasonable Mr. Bickle said the earning power of the railways during actual experience in 1921 amounted to 3.03 per cent of their investment and at considering only the last six months of 1921 when wage decreases and other decreased operating expenses were effected the earnings were 4.49 per cent.

"The showing is that while expenses of railroad operations have been to some extent diminished," Mr. Bickle said they have not been diminished to such an extent as to permit further general reduction in rate unless these reductions are preceded by reductions in wages.

**APEX FARMER ACCIDENTALLY**

Apex, March 7.—H. a well known farmer miles from Apex was this morning when accidentally discharged, the taking effect in his shot Patterson had but an shot a dog from the his residence. He of the gun to the that it was the corporation court, John Lee, of Lynchburg, county, the suit. The damage suit is the result of an alleged assault made on the girl by Noell in his tobacco factory a year ago. Noell is stated of

Goldman's name Hams, age 78, a well of this city, died corner of John and to 12:30 this morning WILLIAM has been