

EXTRA DISCHARGE PIPE IS WANTED

Request Is Made On City Council—300 Connections Closed for Failure to Pay

A request has been made upon City Council by Mr. John H. Sweeney, engineer at the water plant, through Councilman W. F. Jones, for a discharge pipe from the 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 gallon centrifugal pumps in order to supply the filters with their capacity.

It is pointed out that the present discharge pipe to this basin is only ten inches and that it is impossible to run two pumps on this discharge pipe as it is too small and because there is too much friction. Mr. Sweeney states that by putting in an independent discharge pipe it would be possible to run two pumps and get the capacity of the station plant which is 4,000,000 gallons in 24 hours. The best that can be done at present is 2,250,000 gallons.

Mr. Sweeney also points out that it will be necessary to run the sedimentation basin in tandem to get the best results which is impossible under the present arrangement of discharge pipes from the pumps.

The request also embodies the statement that it was necessary to draw the extra use of water from the reservoir to keep up the pressure during the recent spell of freezing weather. On February 7th, there was only four feet in the reservoir or about 100,000 gallons. Following a moderate thaw the weather it was possible to fill the reservoir by the 10th of the month. The reservoir holds less than 12,000,000 gallons as a surplus for emergencies.

Mr. Sweeney points out that the consumption of water is increasing all the time at the rate of about 500,000 gallons per year and in view of the fact that summer is rapidly approaching it is pointed out that it would be better to get this new line in before the increased consumption, due to the hot sunshine, begins. It is further argued that the material should be ordered immediately as it is hard to get and that it will be necessary to order it immediately if it is to be used this summer.

The many pipes that burst following the return of warm weather after the winter freeze was not sufficient to counterbalance the enormous amount of water wasted by persons leaving their water cocks open to prevent paying plumbers' bills and the daily pumpage has not yet returned to normal, according to figures given out at the water department Friday morning. The figures have shown a tendency to fluctuate during the last few days, but the average daily pumpage is considerably above normal.

The fact that 300 connections were closed as a result of failure to pay for water has not appeared to affect the enormous amount that is being used or allowed to run to waste. In speaking of the matter this morning, Mr. W. T. Merritt, superintendent of water and sewerage, stated that but 200 connections were closed January 26th as against 700 October 20th.

LIEUT. LONDON HERE. Had Conference With Locals Relative to Naval Company Organization. That this city is to have one of the many branch recruiting naval stations that are to be established in various parts of the State is the opinion of Lieut. John J. London, naval recruiting officer inspector-instructor of North Carolina, and inspector of ordnance at the Raleigh Iron Works who was in the city Thursday for the purpose of conferring with Messrs. W. M. Atkinson and H. M. Chase relative to the re-establishment of a company of naval militia here and to investigate the location of a branch recruiting station in this city.

ORNAMENTS LOCATED. Were Found in a Philadelphia Junk Shop—To Be Returned. The bronze ornaments stolen from the country estate of Mr. Pembroke Jones several days ago and for which a reward of \$100 was offered have been found in the junk shop of Beers & Co., of Philadelphia, and are now en route to Wilmington, according to a telegraphic message received Thursday afternoon by Mr. J. L. Toon. The allegation is that the ornaments were broken to pieces and packed in barrels and shipped to Philadelphia, after they had been sold to a local junk dealer by the parties or agents of the party or parties who removed them from the estate of Mr. Jones.

Nick Loftin and Sim Galloway, colored, have been arrested by Special County Officer H. Mack Godwin, charged with removing the ornaments from the estate, and will be given a hearing in Recorder's court when the ornaments are received in the city. Galloway is out on bond and Loftin, who was less fortunate, is in jail awaiting trial. Loftin was arrested Thursday night on the sound and Galloway was picked up in the city Friday morning.

BOY WAS PAROLED. Tried in Juvenile Court For Shooting Up School House. Barney Kreiger, fifteen year old white boy, tried in juvenile court Thursday afternoon on a charge of unlawfully looting and injuring the Winter Park school building was paroled by Recorder Harris for a period of six months with Probation Officer Odie B. Hunt with the understanding that unless he conducts himself properly during that period that he is to be sent to the county stockade. The boy's adopted father, Mr. M. C. Kreiger stated that it was almost impossible to control the youngster, adding that he had taken the shot gun and revolver from the house with the boy's knowledge. Young Kreiger denied that he fired at the school building from the window where the bullet holes in the window were the result of his activities and handed over a "shooting iron". The Recorder's admission of the Kreiger youth clears up mystery of who damaged the school house.

ANOTHER MEMBER OPPOSES ACTION

W. B. Campbell Writes Senator to Cramer Relative to the Meeting of Committee.

The following letter, a copy of which was mailed Senator E. H. Cramer Thursday by W. B. Campbell, Esq., a member of the County Democratic Executive Committee, which follows close upon the heels of the communication of E. K. Bryan, Esq., which appeared in Thursday's issue of The Dispatch, shows that all members of the committee are not in accord with the action taken by the committee at its meeting the early part of the week. Mr. Campbell explains that he did not attend the meeting and knew nothing of it until he saw an account of it in the papers. Mr. Campbell's letter to Senator Cramer follows:

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"COUNTY FAIR" IS EXCELLENT

Splendid Talent In Rotary Club Entertainment—Last Performance Friday.

A full house marked the initial performance of the Wilmington Rotary Club entertainment at the Academy of Music Thursday evening and the indications are that there will be another large crowd on hand Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock when the second and last performance is given. Taken as a whole "The County Fair" is one of the best local talent plays that has been staged in this city in some time. The first and last acts, the minstrel and cabaret were of high order and alone were worth the price of admission. It was announced Thursday night that children would be admitted to the balcony Friday evening for fifteen cents.

Promptly at 8:30 o'clock, Rotary time, the curtain slowly rose on the minstrel scene. Seated were the minstrels and a number of Rotarians. The curtain was hardly up when "To the Colors" was sounded by the bugler and a squad of Light Infantrymen filled out and presented arms while Miss Eleanor Moffitt, as Columbia, and Master Hugh Turentine, as "Uncle Sam" attended by color bearers, representing the army and navy passed to the front of the stage. The scene was indeed patriotic. The entire audience rose and joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." At the conclusion of this scene the minstrel was on and was handled in flawless style by Mr. Sam Matthews, interlocutor. Many witty and original jokes were cracked by Messrs. Rafferty, Brewer, Meier, and Nixon, end-men. Messrs. J. F. Harris and D. A. Lockfaw rendered excellent solos. The Wilmington Symphony Glee Singers were called back several times and the Acme Quartet received rounds of applause. Buck and wing dancing by Messrs. Brewer and Meier was a feature of the minstrel act.

The Cabaret scene, which marked the conclusion, was excellent. It opened with a dance by bevy of pretty girls. Miss Eleanor Harris sang a Spanish song and Misses Harris, Taylor, Woolridge and Harris rendered the Spanish dance. Miss Virginia Farmer, leading the Boogie Man Rag chorus, was exceptionally good and Mrs. Paul L. Cantwell and Mr. Greene Fenly, Jr. showed splendid ability in dancing "The Toddle." Brilliant features of the cabaret was the toe dance by Miss Margaret Waldon, whose ability is exceptional, the "Water Sprite" dance by Miss Cameron, a solo by Miss Warren and one by Miss Banks.

Miss Catherine Williams led a chorus in a college song and Miss Annie Banks lead in the Gibson man chorus. A specialty by Miss Eleanor Harris and Mr. Perry was good. The aeroplane waltz by Miss Farmer, Taylor, Holliday and Woolridge, Messrs. Perry Cantwell, Burnside and Morrison was clever. One of the prettiest scenes of the entertainment was the sea-sawing just before the last curtain.

Mrs. Frank Ross, as Widow Smithers, Mr. Oscar Peck as Widower Jones, Mr. Cyrus Hogue as Boss Jones, C. C. Cashwell as Prof. Sparatti, Mr. Fenley and Miss Taylor as the bride and groom and Miss Williams as Giggling Sal, took their parts excellently in the Circus scene.

WOULD MOVE IT FROM SOUTHPORT

Petitions Circulated to Remove Brunswick County Court House—Not Vital.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Southport, Feb. 16. The report reaches Southport that sixteen petitions are being circulated throughout the county, the petitions being directed to Senator E. H. Cramer, asking him to pass a law allowing the Brunswick people to vote upon the question of locating a new court house.

So far the petitions have not reached this place. One report has it that the petitions are being largely signed, while another report states that efforts to have meetings in the interior of the county to discuss the matter have been failures. The folks here do not feel much concern, as they see no need for a removal. It is stated that Supply is given as the new location, the claim being that it is in the center of the county. This is an old matter that bobs up every two years when the Legislature is in session. The question was not discussed in the last campaign—both the Republican and Democratic candidates refusing to mention it or make it an issue. Quite a bit of interest, however, is being shown.

FAST GAMES PROMISED.

Basketeers Will Stage Two Games at "Y" Friday Night.

Teams of the Y. M. C. A. Basketball League will stage two fast games in the gymnasium of the association Friday evening, commencing at 8:30 o'clock. In the first game Captain Gerdes' five will meet Captain Rich's quintet and as these two teams are in about the same position in the percentage column a hard fought game is expected.

In the last match Captain Hanson's Americans and Captain Rhodes' Tigers, who are at present sitting a fast pace in the league, will combat for top position in the league. The Americans have lost a game in the last five and the Tigers have forged close to the top of the columns recently from bottom position.

INDUSTRY NEARLY PLAYED-OUT HERE

Sound Oysters Practically Extinct—Bivalves Must Be Planted to Revive.

Oysters here practically become extinct in the sounds and waters of New Hanover county, according to information received from good authority on the industry and it is entirely due to the fact that persons owning grants in the waters have neglected to preserve the bivalves by annual planting "gardens" of oysters, according to one thoroughly posted on the matter.

It is said that only through planting will the oyster industry in this county be revived and at present there is indications that the oystermen on the sounds are enough interested in the matter to handle the situation systematically so that there may not occur again the scarcity of local oysters that now exists.

Local dealers claim that the oyster pickers scour the sounds for the bivalves with no regard for the future. The beds have become depleted and none are left to continue the beds. Only the oysters on the rocks are left and it is said that when the tide in the sounds is so low that the rocks are exposed the bivalves are frozen by the severe winter weather, thus killing these which it is said are the last of the New Hanover county oysters, which are locally recognized as being among the sweetest and most edible along the entire coast.

It has been pointed out that another reason for the scarcity of oysters here is that under the existing laws persons can enter several acres of beds in the sounds and as there is only about one hundred acres in all, the entire area is controlled by a few persons who rapidly harvest the entire amount of oysters and do not plant or allow any to remain to insure future crops.

It is the opinion of some in close touch with the situation that no person should be allowed to control more than one acre of the beds and the large number of persons would be interested in them there would be more of a future crop. It is said that it only takes a year's growth for an oyster to be of eating size and thus it can be seen that with a little effort on the part of those who own the beds the industry in this county could soon be revived. Two-year's growth, it is said, will allow the oyster to gain its full size.

SPEED URGED ON THE SOLONS TO FINISH WORK

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his arms to the discomfort of nearby Senators, he exclaimed while the Senators looked their amazement: "To hell with such doctrine! I will not stand for it." He rebuked Senators for "following their master's voice," Senator Long, of Alamance, resented this, but in the end assured the Senator from Person that he would support his bill to escape the classification to which he would otherwise assign him.

Senator Oates resented the attitude and speech of the Senator from Person and denounced it as devoid of argument. Senator Jones directed attention to a rule of the Senate that prohibited personal attacks in any Senator unless preceded by motion to censure. Senator Person retraced all usual due criticisms and offered an apology to Senator Oates and others. Senator Oates then proceeded to speak in opposition to the Franklin bill. Senator Jones offered an amendment to strike out provision for the inspection of the county superintendent of schools and this was accepted by Senator Person. The vote on the bill as amendment was by roll call and was 25 to 18. There was objection to final reading and the bill went over.

Next McCain moved to reconsider the vote by which the Bertie county bill for election of school board was defeated last Friday and this was done by 27 to 13 and it was passed and sent to the House. The Senate next discussed at length the Pharr bill for building inter-county bridges, which came up for final reading from yesterday's consideration when it passed second reading and went over for final reading. Numbers of amendments were offered, one to limit permission to charge tolls to bridges that were to replace any destroyed in the floods of last July; another that the building must be by mutual agreement by the commissioners of the counties and still another that no bridge under the provisions of the act must cost more than \$40,000 when the bill was re-referred to committee for readjustment in the light of the amendments. Senator Brenzler told the Senators that this re-reference was nothing more than afflictions of lingering death on his bill. The Senate took recess to 7:30 o'clock to clear up a congested calendar that was burdening the clerks and clogging the legislative mill.

THE HOUSE—THURSDAY.

Continued introduction of petitions for prohibition, Constitutional amendments and other measures marked the opening of the Thursday session of the House. Great numbers of local and other bills came from committees with unfavorable report that consigns them to the legislative grave yard. Among these were bills to incorporate Iva-hoe and Smithfield cotton mills. New bills were introduced in the following order:

Farrish—Authorize commissioners of the various counties to locate cemeteries and re-inter bodies.

Mauney—Amend the 1915 laws relative to the State line.

Scott—Amend the Pasquotank highway commission act.

Clayton—Amend the law as to the planting of oysters.

Kernodle—Allow Alamance county to elect school board.

Mathews, of Bertie—Amend the law as to the age of working roads.

Grier—Amend the Revisal as to the State hospitals for the insane and to create a purchasing agent for State institutions.

Brummitt and McLendon—Amend the Revisal as to the election or ap-

Rotary County Fair and Cabaret. WONDERFUL LOCAL TALENT PRODUCTION—BEST IN YEARS. No effort has been spared to secure the finest talent. Musical Numbers Galore—Pretty Girls by the Dozens. Minstrels. Cabaret Scene (45 Minutes on Broadway.) County Fair—Uncle Jake and Aunt Mary and Mrs. Switzenberger and her 15 children will all be there. Benefit of Rotary Club Civic Improvement Fund. WE'LL BE THERE! WILL YOU? (Space contributed by Wilmington Savings & Trust Company)

pointment of school boards. McLendon—Increase the annual State appropriation for the high schools from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Sellers—Protect game in Robeson county. Love—Amend the law as to the tax for the Lincolnton graded schools. Roberts, of Buncombe—Provide for the erection of a storage warehouse for the State. Matheson—Prohibit playing golf and other games on Sunday. Holding—Require railroads to use cinder directors on passenger coaches. Darden—Provide for State-wide tick eradication. Pruitt—Impose license tax on motor vehicles in Gaston county. Killins—Authorize the commissioners of counties to appoint county manager. King—Provide for the incorporation of rural communities. Grant, of New Hanover—Amend section 1789 of the Revisal of 1905. Representative Grier moved that the Pritchard bill which passed the House Wednesday providing Australian ballot for Madison county be recalled from the Senate and reconsidered. He charged that it abrogated the grandfather clause and the general white supremacy election laws so far as they applied to Madison county, and would give preferential position to the Republican party. Representative Pritchard protested and defended his bill, saying that he would be willing to go before the Senate committee and have the objectionable sections cut out. Mr. Grier insisted on his motion, the bill was recalled and tabled by a large majority after the sections to which there was objection had been read. The House took up the Warren bill from the Senate to increase the Superior Court districts and judges to 24 and have two districts, Eastern and Western. Representative Ray, of Macon, opposed the bill vigorously, so calculated to in no way relieve the situation complained of as to the congested courts. He insisted that the four additional judgeships that were created four years ago were not needed. He said there are 237 weeks of court not used in the State. He named the unused weeks by districts the past year. First district, 11; second, 15; third, 14; fourth, 11; fifth, 16; sixth, 8; seventh, 13; eighth, 12; ninth, 9; tenth, 13; eleventh, 7; twelfth, 11; thirteenth, 6; fourteenth, 12; fifteenth, 7; sixteenth, 15; seventeenth, 10; eighteenth, 14; nineteenth, 12 and twentieth, 22. He thought that emergency judicial service might be rendered by some of the present set of judges. He said he worked 52 weeks every year and did not make as much as the judges do. Mathews, of Bertie, supported the bill as badly needed. Pritchard and McRary, of the minority, opposed the bill. Pritchard thought the Recorders and other courts are reducing the work of the Superior Courts. Mr. McRary insisted that the Constitutional amendment did not contemplate new districts and new permanent judges. The bill would put the State to immense increased expense for its judiciary. 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