

PRINCIPLES OF JUNIOR O. U. A. M. ARE MOST NEEDED

In this Crisis of the Country Members Have Large Part to Play

PATRIOTISM WAS A CONVENTION FEATURE

Splendid Addresses made Last Night Before Members of the Order Gathered in This City

Despite the bad weather last night the attendance at the open session of the 14th District convention of the Order United American Men was much less than had been hoped for. The members of the Order, yet the patriotism and interest of those present more than offset the smallness of the crowd. Based primarily on the patriotism of the country, it was fitting that patriotism should have been the keynote of the addresses delivered by the speakers last night.

The convention was presided over by Deputy State Councilor Harry Moore, and opened with the singing of the opening ode of the Order, followed by the reading of a Psalm by the Rev. J. J. Moore. Moore then extended a welcome to the visitors on behalf of the Order, which was graciously received by Representative L. Clayton.

In his welcoming address, Mayor Moore stressed the fact that the Junior Order should have all else a patriotic Order, and that the love of country and the conservation of its freedom should be the motto of the Order. The Juniors were congratulated on the good work which they were doing in the nation, and were urged to go forward in this time of crisis with renewed determination to keep the United States a land of the free and home of the brave.

In his closing address, Mr. Grant graciously responded for the unique position in which he was placed, in that he was asked to respond for the visitors who had gathered in this city, and proceeded to give a powerful and patriotic address.

Mr. Thomas Hill spoke on the subject "How Is Your Fraternity Train Running?" giving an address filled with fraternal sentiment. He pointed out that each individual is operating a train along the tracks of life, and that this should be supplied with the proper sort of fuel and loaded with baggage that should be of help to others. The helping hand extended to others can be accomplished by the unobtrusive acts of kindness in the life of every day.

Mr. Nease Reid, of Rockingham, who was the program for an address on "Our Duty," was unavoidably kept from attending the convention, and his address was taken by Mr. J. A. McNew. While those present had expected an unusual sort of address from Mr. Reid, who has the reputation of being a most pleasing speaker, they were not disappointed in the address of Mr. McNew. He was one of the most powerful heard in some time, and his address was one of the most patriotic, love of God and the love of the people are now more needed than ever before, he pointed out, and these things the Juniors are especially under obligation to promote.

The little fellow has a real gift for music, and handles his instrument with skill. The next convention of the district will be held in July next at Charlotte, in Brunswick county. At the business session of the convention held yesterday afternoon reports were received from the several councils of the Order in the counties of New Hanover, Brunswick, Bladen and Columbus, which constitute the 16th District, the reports showing the Order to be strong and growing in this section. The total membership in this district is close to 3,000.

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KEEP PATRIOTISM BEFORE CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

This is Strongly Urged as War Measure by the State Superintendent

NORTH CAROLINA DAY PROGRAM NEXT FRIDAY

Schools of New Hanover to Observe the Day With Fittingly Patriotic Programs

Teachers of the New Hanover public schools are preparing for the observance of North Carolina Day in the schools on next Friday, December 14, which is set aside for that purpose under the laws of the State. The program prepared for the occasion by the State Department of Education is an attractive one, and much interest is being taken in the different communities in having this pleasantly rendered.

That patriotism should be the feature of the day is in keeping with the fact that the United States is now engaged in a war more tremendous and far-reaching in its effects than any before experienced by this nation. In view of this fact Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner is urging that the exercises of a patriotic nature in the schools be not confined merely to a proper observance of North Carolina Day on next Friday, but that the program for that day be followed during the spring term by other similar programs to be rendered at least once each month.

A strong letter along this line was received today by Superintendent Washington Catlett, of the New Hanover schools. The letter follows: "Dear Superintendent: 'Again I urge you to give all the time necessary to make successful the celebration of North Carolina Day in every public school in your county for thrift, conservation, and patriotism. Urge your teachers to have the program well prepared and well presented, to advertise the meetings thoroughly through the children and by personal invitation and public notices.'

"Advertise the meeting continuously through your county newspapers. Enlist actively all your county patriotic organizations—the Council of Defense, the Food and Fuel Directors and Committee, the Red Cross, the War Savings, etc. Col. F. H. Fries, chairman of the State War Savings committee of the State and State director of this work, in co-operation with the State Council of Defense, is organizing a force of speakers in each county. It is hoped and expected to have a speaker at each public school house on North Carolina Day to present in five or ten minutes, the War Savings work and to make a patriotic appeal to the people. Co-operate heartily and actively with him, his committee, and your county Council of Defense in organizing this speaking force in your county."

"If the time is too short for all your teachers to make adequate preparation for the celebration of North Carolina day on December 14th, you might postpone it until Friday, December 21st, provided the schools do not close for the holidays before that date. It is very desirable, however, to celebrate the day throughout the State on December 14, if possible. Should you find a postponement of date in your county absolutely necessary, give notice of it at once. "The development of loyal American citizenship and of a spirit of

service to our country and of sacrifice for her in her hour of need is the most important duty of the public schools at this time. Every public school now should be a patriotic association for organized service to our country and people. The public schools of this State and of this county have never had before so good an opportunity for such service. Heretofore, the work of our schools for preparing for American citizenship has been largely limited to instruction about the government and its machinery and the opportunities and privileges of American citizenship. War conditions and the needs of our country now offer an opportunity that must not be neglected for emphasizing the duties and obligations of American citizenship and for practical training in these duties and obligations through organized service. To illustrate: The war savings stamps and certificates afford every child every man and woman, the opportunity to cultivate the commendable virtue of thrift, even to the point of commendable sacrifice and to make a practical application of it to the service of our country and of the world. Use North Carolina Day for the cultivation of thrift, conservation and patriotism and for the practical application of all of these virtues by children and adults to the service of their country in her hour of need. "I earnestly recommend that at least one Friday afternoon in each month until the close of the school term be set aside for a patriotic celebration in every public school. It is our hope and intention to follow up North Carolina Day program with brief programs for such celebrations about once a month.

"Very truly yours, J. Y. JOYNER, State Superintendent of Public Instruction."

CONSERVATION IS IMPORTANT THING IN WINNING WAR

This Will Be Principal Theme at Meeting of Forestry Association

RECEPTION COMMITTEE NAMED FOR OCCASION

Interesting Program is Being Arranged for the Meeting Here Which Will Be January 25

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday afternoon, a reception committee was appointed to handle the convention here in January of the North Carolina Forestry Association. The members selected to serve on this committee are Messrs. Hugh MacRae, who is vice president of the Association, J. J. Blair and R. A. Parsley.

That this convention had been secured for Wilmington was assured last week through the activity of the Chamber of Commerce, the only matter left open being the date for the convention. This has been decided for January 25. The following letter is being sent to the members of the Association by the secretary, Mr. J. S. Holmes, of Chapel Hill, who is also State Forester:

"The Eighth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Forestry Association will be held in Wilmington, N. C., on Friday, January 25, 1918. The Chamber of Commerce has extended a very cordial invitation to meet in its rooms, so the morning and afternoon sessions will be held there. Definite arrangements for the evening session have so far not been made, but plans are under way to make it specially interesting to children and hold it in the school auditorium.

"In view of the present very heavy demands upon our woodlands for firewood to replace the shortage of coal and for saw timber to supply the war demands for shipbuilding and other purposes, it behooves us all to practice conservation in supplying these demands. Our need after the war will be as great or greater than now, so that destruction of young growth should be just as carefully prevented as waste in the utilization of mature timber.

"Speakers and subjects for the meeting have not yet been selected, but 'Conservation Through Wise Use' will be the theme of the discussions. The war must be carried on to a successful conclusion at all costs, but let us not forget that conservation, even of our natural resources, will be a help rather than a hindrance in winning a long war, and that thrift, remunerative forestry will be one of the greatest blessings of a permanent peace."

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ALLEGED MURDERER BOUND OVER TODAY

Said to Have Killed a Negro During the Process of a Skin Game

William Henry Howard, alias "Possum", colored, who last week in Recorder's court pleaded guilty to the murder, or killing, of Will Melvin, colored, while engaged in a gambling game known as "skin", was again brought into court this morning and allowed to change his plea to "not guilty." He was defended by William M. Bellamy, Esq., at the preliminary hearing.

Solicitor E. T. Burton called several witnesses, all of whom are said to have participated in the "skin" game. Two of them were called and then Mr. Bellamy thought he would waive any further hearing, and the court bound the prisoner over to the next term of Superior Court, the prisoner being committed to jail without bond.

The two witnesses testified that they were engaged with many others in a game of "skin", which was played with cards, and that the deceased was caught cheating by the prisoner, who grew wroth and wanted his money back. This, Melvin, the winner, refused to do, and the shooting with two pistols began immediately. It seemed that for some time Melvin did not know he was shot, but he soon discovered his wound and the ambulance was sent for, and he was taken to the hospital where he died shortly afterwards. The same evidence was developed on the coroner's inquest, but none of the witnesses seemed to know who "Possum" was, and the police had to work it out for themselves.

Other cases disposed of by Recorder Harris were one of assault against Nick Elmore, a white boy, who paid the costs and was told that if he came up again within a year he would be severely punished. The matter grew out of a fight with another boy named Batts, for whom it was alleged Elmore made considerable trouble.

Richard Boyd, colored, charged with stealing two union suits from Belk Williams Company, was allowed to enter a plea of forcible trespass and judgment was continued upon payment of the costs.

TRUCK GROWERS NAME OFFICERS

Probable Shortage of Cars Discussed at Meeting at Wrightsboro

Apprehensive of the outlook for the coming spring when truck begins to move out of Wilmington and surrounding sections, the Wilmington Co-Operative Truck Growers' Association met at Wrightsboro, Wednesday evening, to discuss the possibility of a car shortage during the coming season.

In its anticipated that owing to the great movement of military supplies, the number of cars available for truck movements will be limited. The Coast Line, however, points out that this class of cars is not much used for military purposes and officials really expect no car shortage, though they decline to make guarantee in the premises.

A committee on shippers and shipping facilities was appointed to take up the matter. Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, chairman of this committee, other members are John R. Morris, Acorn Branch; W. C. Montgomery, Masonboro; W. D. Rhodes, Wrightsboro, and J. O. Brown, East Wilmington.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the association as follows: President—Mr. J. O. Brown, East Wilmington (re-elected). Vice President—Mr. B. Van Bavel, Castle Haynes. Secretary and Business Manager—Mr. E. H. Freeman, Winter Park. Treasurer—Mr. Chas. F. Seitzer, Sr., Castle Haynes.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS IS FORMED

Miss Pretlow Organizes Class at Masonboro to Start Work First of Year

With the first of the year a large class in domestic science will begin work at Masonboro, the organization having been perfected on Wednesday by Miss Annie P. Pretlow, home demonstration agent for New Hanover county. In her work throughout the county Miss Pretlow is meeting with the hearty co-operation of the people, and the work is proving a decided success.

Miss Pretlow went to the Masonboro school on Wednesday afternoon and addressed an enthusiastic gathering on the importance of undertaking this line of work. She met with ready response on the part of those present, and a class with 14 members was organized.

The Home Demonstration Club of Masonboro has purchased a complete outfit for the course. This consists of a stove, cupboard, dishes and cooking utensils. The money needed to provide these articles was raised by the Community Service League of the community. Mr. W. L. Parsley has very kindly donated the use of a cottage near the school house for the use of the class, and this is being fitted up for the convenience and comfort of the members. The work will begin the first of the year.

Condensed Report to North Carolina Corporation Commission of the condition of

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at the close of business, November 20th, 1917.

Resources.		Liabilities	
Cash and due from Banks	\$ 527,922.80	Capital	\$ 100,000.00
Loans	2,869,737.65	Surplus	200,000.00
Real Estate	2,300.00	Undivided Profits	111,131.18
Bank Building	50,000.00	Discounts Unearned	30,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	166,236.23	Accrued Interest due Depositors	15,000.00
Invested Trust Funds	129,500.00	Building Reserve Fund	49,000.00
Liberty Bond Account	214,475.14	Dividends Unpaid	250.46
		Deposits	3,454,790.19
Total	\$3,960,171.82	Total	\$3,960,171.82

I, Chas. E. Taylor, President of The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHAS. E. TAYLOR, President

State of North Carolina
County of New Hanover.
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of November, 1917.
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HEARTS BEAT FAST WHILE HARRY RICH PERFORMS IN THE AIR

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ally seen, even in the bigger circuses, where all precautions are taken for safety. The trapeze has a free swing of about 10 feet, and in full motion carries well over the streets. With the trapeze going at full swing Rich calmly turned somersault, hung by one slim ankle, changed in mid-air from foot swing to hand-dip, turning and changing as fancy dictated, and then lay stretched at full length on his back, nicely balanced on the bar, feet and hands swinging free, while the folks below turned their faces away, lest they should witness his body come crashing down among them. His balancing on his knees, and then standing erect on the bar brought equal thrills.

Probably the highest compliment paid the performer last night was by a number of men who turned and went away just after he began his act. They were full-grown, strong men, but they simply could not stand the nervous strain of watching another human being take such chances with life. As for Rich himself, if he has any nerves they were not working last night. All the nerves in evidence were those displayed by the spectators.

Tonight Rich will give his second performance, and he announced last night that this evening he would work while blindfolded. Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock he will give a special matinee performance for the benefit of the ladies and children. The last performance will be given tomorrow night. The performance tonight will be presented at 7:30 o'clock. With much better weather there will probably be a crowd present that will pack the streets around the building.

Just previous to the performance last night a collection was taken for the benefit of "Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund," which proved a very creditable one, considering the size of the crowd. The Dispatch is endeavoring to raise this fund in Wilmington for the purpose of purchasing tobacco for the soldiers who are serving along the firing line "over there." Hardly a letter comes back home from one of the men that does not mention the fact that they cannot get the sort of smoking and chewing tobacco in France that they have been accustomed to use here at home, and begging that home tobacco be sent to them.

The deceased is a British subject.

RHEUMATISM IS A WEATHER PROPHET

More Prevalent Than for Many Years—Sudden Changes of Temperature an Immediate Cause

When rheumatism fastens on an individual, he generally knows what the trouble is. The inflammation, soreness, pain, swelling joints and backache, with loss of appetite, plainly indicate rheumatism. Physicians differ as to the disease, but all agree that rheumatism is caused by poison getting into the system. Cold and moisture, with sudden changes of temperature, cause aggravated attacks and intense suffering. The first twinge of pain or stiffness of muscles demands quick action. Don't suffer a minute; get from R. R. Ballamy or any druggist a bottle of Rheuma. It's a great specialist's prescription which gives relief in all forms of rheumatism. It brings swollen joints down to normal, reduces the pain, and restores the whole system without the least injury to the heart. This two weeks' treatment is inexpensive and your money will be returned if you do not get the joyful relief anticipated.—adv.

DUPLIN COURT CLOSES.

Three White Men Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Warsaw, N. C. Dec. 7.—Duplin county criminal court closed last week. The three white men, Walter Pierce, Jim Norris and George Knowles, who were held with the negro, Frank Moore, who was found guilty, for the murder of Mr. Walter Heath, were acquitted, as was also the negroes, Hattie Brown and Luther Pickett, who were tried for the alleged murder of the woman's husband, Everette Brown.

Fire drills are being practiced almost daily in the Warsaw school, this being effected by the influence of the Woman's Club, through Misses Reba Meadors and Parisie Best. At the last meeting of the club, a motion was made by Mrs. Charles Carroll, and carried by the members, that the school faculty be requested to train the children in a fire drill, and Misses Meadors and Best were appointed to make the request known, and secure action on it.

Vestry Election

Vestrymen of St. John's Episcopal church will be selected on Monday evening, next, the voting to be done by the members between 7:30 and 8 o'clock. Ballots containing the names of those eligible have been prepared. Following the election the new vestry will meet and organize.

Garland's Body Held

Pending instructions to Captain Donald MacRae, British vice consul, the body of Mr. J. B. Garland, who passed away early yesterday morning, is being held at the funeral establishment of Mr. James F. Woolvin. The deceased is a British subject.

BURNS BRING DEATH.

William Herman Drew Fatally Burned at Munitions Plant.

The funeral of Mr. William Herman Drew, who died at Hopewell, Va., last Wednesday, was conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Q. J. Crater, No. 519 South Fifth Avenue, by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Interment was at Bellevue cemetery.

The deceased was fatally burned at a munitions plant at Hopewell, Va., where he had been employed for some time. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Drew, formerly of this city, but now of Washington, D. C. In addition to the parents there are three sisters and two brothers who survive to mourn his loss.

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