

INTENSIFY EFFORTS IN THRIFT CAMPAIGN DURING THIS WEEK

Many Selling Agents in City
Have Now Been Appointed
For Stamps

CONTINUE WORK IN SCHOOLS TOMORROW

First Effective Force of Can-
vassers Will Be Ready By
Wednesday to Push
Sale

The present week will see the real beginning of the War Savings Stamps campaign in this city and county, the first effective body of workers in the campaign to be given instructions and placed actively at work following the conference to be held on Wednesday afternoon at the High School building between the presidents and secretaries of the school societies and the representatives of the National Special Aid Society.

Highly pleased at the results obtained in the canvass of the High School, members of the county committee will tomorrow begin the work of organizing the other white schools of the city.

Chairman Jos. W. Little tomorrow morning will have as his assistants Superintendent John J. Blair, Prof. Little, of the High School faculty, K. O. Burgwin, Esq. These gentlemen will start at 9 o'clock at the Union school, and will continue through the day on the following two days in completing the organization work among the children.

Then will come the general meeting on Wednesday afternoon when the city will be mapped out in sections, and assignments made to each of the societies that have been formed in the schools. It is believed that the children will prove very effective workers, and excellent results are anticipated from their efforts.

The local committee will then proceed with the organization work among the children in the colored schools, in which they will have the hearty support and aid of practically all the leaders of the race in the city. The county schools will follow, and with the completion of the work, these the city and county will have a most effective force of canvassers.

The national committee suggested to the local committee the importance of first organizing the children, and following that work with the banks, the postoffice, the fraternal orders, labor unions, social clubs and women's clubs. This plan is being followed in the main. The banks of the city are all now prepared to sell the stamps in their various denominations, from the thrift stamp, which costs a quarter, up to the War Savings Certificate, which costs something over \$80, and has a face value of \$100. The postoffice force is also well organized, the force of carriers, both city and rural, having been busily engaged for the past several weeks in disposing of the stamps, and the men have been meeting with a very gratifying success in their efforts. The work of organizing the other units mentioned will be taken up just as rapidly as possible.

Chairman Little has thus far appointed the following as selling agents: The Atlantic Coast Line of offices, the Southern Express Co. office, all the banks of the city, the Bell-Williams Co. store, Mr. L. W. Moore, James and James, Woolworth & Co. Others will be appointed within the next few days. Any firms or individuals who desire to handle the stamps and thus assist in the patriotic work are requested to apply to Chairman Little.

One interest here in connection with this campaign is the announcement of Capt. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, who is a member of the State Executive Committee and representative of the National War Savings Committee in organizing the lumber interests of the State, that the corporations in which he is interested have had a custom of paying their directors \$5 in gold for each meeting they attend, and that they now pay War Savings Stamps instead of gold.

Mr. Hugh MacRae and Mr. W. B. Cooper are members of the State Executive Committee, and the New Hanover Committee is composed of the following: Jos. W. Little, chairman; J. Houghton James, vice chairman; Messrs. John J. Blair, Washington Catlett, J. Holmes Davis, John Jeter Hurt, H. C. Bear, J. H. Morris, W. A. McGirt, J. P. Herring, J. O. Reilly, P. Q. Moore, H. W. Knight, R. Ames, Geo. C. Jackson, K. O. Burgwin and W. P. Sprunt.

DR. SPILLMAN TODAY.
Will Make Three Addresses in the City During the Day.
Wilmington people will today have three opportunities of hearing Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Kingston, formerly Dr. W. Spillman, field secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one of the best platform speakers in the country.

Dr. Spillman will preach at Calvary Baptist church at the morning service today, and following that at noon will address the congregation of the Delgado Baptist church. This afternoon he speaks to the Boys' League at the Y. M. C. A.

READY RESPONSES TO APPEAL FOR SOLDIERS

Special Committee Will Organize Its Work During Present Week

A number of responses were received yesterday to the appeals made by the special committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which is endeavoring to arrange for the better entertainment in the city of the soldiers stationed at Fort Caswell. Telephone calls from many different sources to Dr. Harris, chairman of the sub-committee on hospitality, and to Secretary Branch of the Chamber. It was very much in evidence that the people of the city are keenly interested in the welfare of the men in service, and that there is a desire to have more of them come to Wilmington, and to come more frequently.

The Saturday evening dances for the soldiers who are in the city for the week-end have been features of the entertainment for some time, but it is realized that there is very much more that can be done towards making the city attractive and pleasant for the men. Offers made yesterday ranged anywhere from offers of cots and beds to supply sleeping quarters to invitations from private homes for week-end sojourns as guests.

The committee will during the week begin actively the work of planning what shall be undertaken, and the members are much encouraged at the responses which are being made so promptly.

The special committee is headed by Capt. E. A. Metts and has a number of sub-divisions. Dr. A. H. Harris is chairman of the section on hospitality, Mr. Roger Moore, of the Rotary Club, of the section on friendly relations, Mr. Thos. W. Davis of the section on commercial relations, and Archdeacon Thos. P. Nos of the section on social service.

This special committee is acting in conjunction with the efforts of the War Department Commission on Community Service in training camps, which has been of inestimable good in the cities of the country which contain the larger training camps. They are being advised by Mr. W. A. Wheatly, in charge of the community service work at Camp Greene, Charlotte, who recently made a visit of inspection to Fort Caswell.

It is the general plan to make the Wilmington Light Infantry Armory the headquarters for the work here, and to center the social activities there. It is understood that the Y. W. C. A. and the Red Cross Society have already offered to present some program of entertainment for the men on Saturday afternoons, each of the organizations to be hostesses on alternate Saturdays for a period of eight weeks for a beginning. Other organizations of the city are expected to make similar offers.

This movement in the United States has received the very hearty approval of President Wilson, who recently wrote to the head of the commission as follows: "I am writing to express my keen appreciation of the value of this unique and excellent service. The spirit with which our soldiers in America and their efficiency on the battle fronts of Europe, will be vitally affected by the character of the environment surrounding our military training camps."

BOYS' LEAGUE.

Dr. B. W. Spillman Will Talk to Boys at Y. M. C. A. Today.

At a meeting of the Boys' League at the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock this afternoon Dr. B. W. Spillman will talk to the boys. In the opportunity of hearing him the boys have an unusual treat, for he is a most entertaining speaker, as well as always having a message worth while.

A feature of the meeting will be a vocal solo by Miss Myrtle Vollers.

SUGGESTIONS OFFERED TO SAVE WATER PIPES

Lack of Plumbers Makes it Imperative to Take Every Possible Care

Mr. H. E. Longley, the well known plumber of this city, when seen yesterday, stated that the recent freeze had developed a serious situation locally on account of the many pipes which burst and the shortage of plumbers doing business here. Many of the plumbers, he stated, have left here for the army establishments, where exceptionally high wages are paid.

Mr. Longley, however, offered several suggestions which will save many a plumber's bill, if followed. The instructions to be carried out are the following:

Cut off the water, then open all drain cocks, tubs, lavatory and sink faucets; also flush all closets so as to let all water drain out of the pipes. Be sure to leave water cut off until the weather moderates, as water will freeze in the pipes in day time as well as at night, provided the temperature is below freezing. To prevent the waste of water and traps from freezing, pour a half gallon of strong salt water in each fixture so as to fill the trap. Be sure to make the salt water strong with salt, as it takes a low temperature to freeze brine.

SENATOR SIMMONS URGED ADVANTAGES OF CITY AS A PORT

Long Conference Was Held With Secretary McAdoo on Friday

CONGESTED FREIGHT SOLUTION OFFERED

Wilmington Has Best Port Facilities on South Atlantic Coast for Utilization Right Now

The facilities of Wilmington as a port were forcefully presented before Secretary McAdoo, director general of railroads, by Senator F. M. Simmons, at a lengthy conference on Friday, according to advices received here yesterday. Secretary McAdoo has stated that the tremendous congestion of freights at Eastern ports must be relieved by the greater utilization of the facilities of Southern ports, and Senator Simmons took immediate advantage of the opportunity presented to lay the facts in the case with regard to Wilmington before him.

Previously on the same day Mr. James H. Cowan, industrial representative of this city at Washington, had a long conference with the United States Shipping Board officials along the same line, and later conferred with Senator Simmons. When the latter met Secretary McAdoo by appointment he was primed with facts about this city, and enthusiastically presented the many advantages offered by this port.

It is stated that the utilization of Southern ports to relieve the freight congestion has been a difficult problem to solve, largely due to the shortage of shipping and the movement of coal, and for the further fact that some of the South Atlantic ports were not equipped for the quick service which will be required.

This does not hold true of Wilmington, however. Here a large number of ocean going ships can be accommodated at one time. The city has immense warehouse facilities for the handling of stores. No congestion exists at this port, and there is an abundance of labor available to handle shipping quickly and efficiently. Moreover, this port is the nearest of all the South Atlantic ports to Europe, which would mean conservation of both time and coal in making the voyage.

It is felt locally that good results will be obtained from the continued efforts which are being made. Mr. Cowan, as industrial representative of the city, is constantly on the job, and is leaving no opportunity go unimproved for the presentation of Wilmington's advantages. Senator Simmons and Senator Overman have both showed keen interest in the industrial development of this city, and it is believed that these energetic efforts will shortly materialize into visible results.

Following the long conference with Secretary McAdoo on Friday the following statement was given out from the office of Senator Simmons: "Senator Simmons had a lengthy conference with Secretary McAdoo today with reference to the utilization of the port of entry on the south Atlantic, with a view to relieving the freight congestion at north Atlantic ports. Of course, the senator in this connection discussed with the secretary the availability of the port of Wilmington as one of the ports which possibly might be utilized. The secretary, it can be said, is lending his energies to work out the problem of relieving the congestion in the utilization of these ports and no doubt in a very short time something tangible will be adopted, looking to their use."

"In this matter, as in all other things, the scarcity of ships is one of the trouble factors of the problem. Another element of difficulty is the lack of adequate facilities at many of these ports for quickly loading, unloading and coaling any very large number of ships at one time. "The senator expects to have another conference with Mr. McAdoo upon this subject a little later on."

NORFOLK'S CITY HALL THREATENED BY FIRE

Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 12.—Norfolk's historic city hall, but in the early part of the last century, was threatened with destruction tonight by a fire of unknown origin, which began in the cellar of the building at 8:45 p. m. Quick work on the part of the firemen and volunteer forces of sailors kept the blaze from doing material damage to the building itself. The corporation court room was ruined by water and smoke. Valuable records, including lists of questionable and the minutes for City Council are stored in the building.

**CAPTAIN WHISTLER
UNDER SUSPICION,
COMMITTS SUICIDE**
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was a graduate of the Kansas City City contractor, who is building a new structure for the Army Bank, and was visiting with the bank employee. O. M. Hill had recently come from Oklahoma and was employed as clerk in the bank. Wornall was a college chum of Jewell and a resident of Kansas City.

MEETING OF TEACHERS WAS HELD YESTERDAY

Unusually Large Number Present to Hear Matters Pertaining to Work

A meeting of the rural teachers of New Hanover county was held at the Hemenway school yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The meeting was exceptionally well attended, all but four out of a total of 30 teachers being present.

Mrs. Richardson, of the Winter Park school, read a paper on "Success in Teaching." The paper showed fine preparation and deep thought and was well received. After the reading a general discussion took place.

Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent, addressed the meeting on the subject of grammar, and gave his long experience in the teaching of this branch of the curriculum. Mrs. M. L. Stover told of the Red Cross work going on in the city and explained what was being accomplished along this line. She invited the co-operation of the teachers in the work going on.

Prof. Catlett also spoke to the teachers concerning the thrift stamp campaign and said that as soon as the city schools are organized, work would begin in the organization of the rural schools for the same purpose.

In the afternoon the colored teachers of rural schools met at the Peabody school. A general discussion of school matters was entered into and much good work done.

Prof. Catlett also addressed the colored teachers on the thrift stamp campaign and an organization will be effected at an early date.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES' REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Receipts and Disbursements of Organization Doing Relief Work

The report of the Associated Charities for the month of December shows the two largest items of expenditure for relief during that month were for groceries and fuel for the distressed. The December report does not show the very great activity in relieving distress through the worst of the recent severe cold, as that was for the most part in the present month.

The list of receipts demonstrates the fact that the people of the city are thoroughly in sympathy with the splendid work which to Associated Charities is accomplishing, and that they are helping with their money to continue the good work.

The following is the itemized report for the month:

Receipts: New Hanover county, \$200; Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise, \$25; Capt. Walter G. MacRae, \$30; Mrs. W. J. Cash, \$50; Mrs. H. Bluthenthal, \$5; Mrs. A. S. Williams, \$5; Alex. Sprunt & Sons, \$50; Cathedral Auxiliary of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, \$5; H. W. Knight, \$0.50; Mrs. G. Thomas, \$10; Mrs. Donald MacRae, \$25; Gieschen Bros., \$5; Mr. H. C. McQueen, \$10; Mrs. L. J. Miss Carrie Myers, \$3; Mrs. J. C. James, \$0.50; Mrs. H. C. Prince, \$2; Mrs. R. D. Cronly, \$5; Miss Annie Kidder, \$2; Mrs. Hannah Shrier, \$10; Miss Nellie Durham, \$1; Mrs. D. C. Worth, \$5; Miss Belle Thomas, \$5; Clayton Giles Bellamy, \$10; A Friend, \$10.

Disbursements: Secretary's salary, \$33.33; Catherine Kennedy Home, \$12.50; groceries, \$165.50; rent for those in need, \$14; cash help, \$7; janitor, \$20; telephone, \$2.33; wood, \$194.89; shoes, \$1.50; gas for office, \$1.50.

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PROMINENT INSURANCE MAN VISITOR IN CITY

Addressed Local Board of Fire Underwriters at Meeting Yesterday

Mr. William F. Dunbar, of Atlanta, Ga., manager of the Southeastern Underwriters Association, arrived in the city yesterday morning to pay an official visit to the local Board of Fire Underwriters. He made a short address at a meeting of the local board at the office of S. M. Boatwright at 11 o'clock, and discussed business with the members at that time.

Mr. Dunbar is one of the best known insurance men in the country. He was at one time insurance commissioner of the State of Tennessee, and made a splendid record in that position.

During the afternoon he was taken on an automobile trip about the city and vicinity and expressed great delight at the great progress manifested here.

In the evening he was entertained at a luncheon at the Elks Club, which the local board gave in his honor. Mr. H. C. McQueen, president of the Murchison National Bank, and president of the Carolina Insurance Company, presided as toastmaster.

Mr. Dunbar delivered an address on "Loyalty." The address created such a fine impression that the local board asked permission to have same printed for distribution. Mr. Dunbar modestly granted this request.

Informal talks were made by several of those present and the evening was voted a most delightful one by

all present. Among those participating in the entertainment were: Col. Walker Taylor, J. O. Reilly, S. M. Boatwright, Clayton Giles, H. F. Wilder, E. M. Beery, Stone Pulliam, R. E. Tapp, F. A. Lord, C. L. Dickinson, Malcolm Owen, B. F. Brittain, Jr., and Mayor Joseph D. Smith.

During his stay in the city Mr. Dunbar will be entertained at the home of Col. Walker Taylor, at his home on Market street.

"TH E CITY OF GOD."

Vested Choir Will Sing Cantata at St. James This Evening.

"The City of God," the cantata by H. Alexander Matthews, will be sung in part by the full vested choir of St. James Episcopal church at the evening service in that church tonight.

Parts one and two will be used, the soprano solo in the second part being sung by Mrs. Thomas M. Green.

This service is the first of a series planned for coming Sunday evenings, and it is proposed to present at every service some part or parts of the well known sacred musical works.

The service will begin promptly at 7:45 o'clock, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to join in the worship.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The 65th Annual Meeting of the Lot Owners of Oakdale Cemetery will be held Monday evening, January 14th, 1918, at 8 o'clock at the Company's office, No. 3 Odd Fellows' Building.

W. H. HOWELL, Secretary



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