

HUNDREDS DELEGATES EXPECTED TO ATTEND

Transportation Will Be Considered at Good Roads Convention

IMPROVE ALL HIGHWAYS

The annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads association will be held at Wrightsville Beach, August 7, 8 and 9, with headquarters at the Oceanic hotel. At the convention, held at Wrightsville last year, there were over 1,200 delegates registered. It is expected that this convention will measure up with those which have gone before, and possibly surpass in importance of discussions any which have preceded it. The keynote of the convention will be a discussion of ways and means for securing systems of highways, both state and national, connecting county seat with county seat, cities with towns and with each other, together with great trunk lines leading into all adjoining states. Such a system of roads has been started in North Carolina, but it is of vital importance to the state not only to complete such a system, but also to provide better surfacing materials for the portions of these trunk highways which have to support the heaviest traffic. One of the most vital problems of our country today is the question of transportation, and undoubtedly the public roads can and will help to a great extent in solving this problem. It is therefore important for every patriotic citizen who is interested to help in solving this problem. Public discussions create public sentiment and lead to public action. Every citizen in North Carolina constitutes a unit in the formation of public opinion. It is therefore of vital interest to every county, town and community of the state to be represented in these discussions, which will help to solve problems to meet the present crisis and contribute to our state's great future.

BIG MEETING PLANNED FOR ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Dr. Derbyshire Will Address on Y. M. C. A. Work There Tomorrow

AT FIRST CHURCH, ALSO

The principal event in Wilmington tomorrow and one that all are looking forward to with a great deal of pleasure is the address by Dr. Albert J. Derbyshire, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who will speak at the Academy of Music at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon on army Y. M. C. A. work. Plans for the reception and entertainment of Dr. Derbyshire are complete and the following committee members will occupy chairs on the stage with the distinguished speaker: Advertising: L. J. Poisson, Jesse F. Roache, C. VanLeuven, J. B. Rice, J. S. Brown and Harry Woolcott. Reception: Dr. J. J. Hurt, J. W. Buck, W. S. Clayton and William Struthers, Jr. Invitation: Thomas W. Davis and Robert Ruark. Press: R. D. Dickson, J. A. Livingston and I. F. Cates. These plans were formulated at a meeting held yesterday morning in the office of Col Walker Taylor and was for the primary object of appointing committees. Dr. Derbyshire's first address will be delivered at the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock in the morning. He has just returned from active service in France, spending six months in the front lines, and naturally is in position to give his audience a clear insight as to what is transpiring there, bringing home to all a fuller realization of the need of men for Y. M. C. A. work over there. No one in Wilmington will want to miss Dr. Derbyshire's address. There is a certain glamor thrown around those who have been "across" and anything they may say concerning what is transpiring over there will be heard with keen interest.

REMAINS INTERRED IN OAKDALE YESTERDAY

The remains of James U. Moore, whose death occurred February 12 at his home in Little Rock, Ark., was laid tenderly to rest yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in Oakdale cemetery, funeral services being conducted from the graveside by Archdeacon Thomas P. Noe. The body reached the city Wednesday, accompanied by members of the family, and was taken to the Princess street funeral parlors of W. E. Yopp. Illness in the family prevented funeral arrangements first planned and the body was embalmed for transportation to this city. The deceased was a brother of Jerry Moore, of this city, and had other relatives living in this section. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mollie Costin, this city. Several children also survive.

THE SUMMER SERIES OF SERVICES BEGIN

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the session will meet at 10:30 a. m. preparatory to the communion. At night the summer series of services will begin at 8 o'clock in the lecture room. The topics of the Christian Endeavor society will be used. During June the pastor will conduct these services. The male quartette will have charge of the singing and Miss Julia Post, the church organist, will have her place. These services have proven most profitable in the past. All are invited to these services.

MRS. EMMA JORDAN DIED EARLY TODAY

Mrs. Emma E. Jordan died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lord, 515 Queen street, at 4:35 o'clock this morning, after a lingering illness. She was 39 years of age. Besides her husband, Herbert H. Jordan, two children, Harry and Grace, and her parents, she leaves four sisters and three brothers, Mrs. C. E. Turner and Mrs. C. M. B. Koch, of Roanoke, Va.; Marian and Cassandra Lord, of this city; J. H. Lord, of Philadelphia; C. A. Lord, of Albermarle, N. C.; R. E. Lord, of Hopewell, Va. The funeral will be held from the Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. F. D. Dean.

Fred Merkle, the Cubs' first sacker, has been playing in the big show for a dozen years, first with the Giants and later with the Dodgers, but he never played better ball than he is playing right now for the Cubs.

Doc Johnston, the old Pirate first sacker now with Milwaukee, has been burning up the American association with his dazzling playing. Up to the time an injured leg put him on the hospital list Doc was leading the A. A. in batting, run-getting and base-stealing.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Max F. Meyer, a German-born professor in the University of Missouri, who has won admiration by his loyalty to America, born at Bantolis 45 years ago today. Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, one of the retired officers of the United States navy recalled to active service, born at Belleville, Ill., 67 years ago today. Mme. Johanna Gadeki, celebrated operatic and concert singer, born in Prussia 46 years ago today. Frank E. Elwell, the first American sculptor to have an example of his work erected in Europe, born at Concord, Mass., 60 years ago today. Ernest Lister, governor of the state of Washington, born at Halifax, England, 48 years ago today. Rt. Rev. John P. Tyler, Episcopal bishop of North Dakota, born 56 years ago today.

CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT OPPOSE RAISE

Corporation Commission Requested to Render Decision on Tidewater's Petition

HELD A LIVELY MEETING

Following a long and at times controversial session yesterday afternoon, the city council sent a telegram to the state corporation commission asking that body to render an immediate decision in the matter before it with regard to granting an increase in rates as requested by the Tidewater Power company. The telegram was prompted by the demand of the representative of the shipping board that the power company was in a position to furnish adequate service for the proposed enlargement of the local shippers. The session of council consumed something like three hours of time, and the discussion was participated in by quite a number of citizens, but the lively part of the meeting was between President Hugh McRae, of the Tidewater company, and City Attorney Ruark, concerning the latter's attitude at the hearing before the corporation commission. Mr. Ruark denied that he had been instrumental in holding up the commission's decision, and was inclined to lay the blame upon the Tidewater officials for delay in furnishing the commission with the information requested in a series of questions submitted at the investigation of the city attorney. Mr. Ruark admitted that he personally was opposed to the proposed raise, declaring his belief that the earnings of the Tidewater under the present rate were entirely sufficient for its needs when based on the active capital employed. After the discussion the council adopted the following resolution offered by Councilman McCaig: "The council is not and has not been opposed to an increase of rates, requested by the Tidewater Power company, if the corporation commission believes it to be entitled thereto. It has simply taken steps through the city attorney to have the question fully investigated and acted upon intelligently. "It respectfully urges the corporation commission to render an immediate decision, the matter of time being vitally necessary to the interests of the city of Wilmington, under recently arisen urgent conditions, looking to an extension of the shipyard." After reviewing the circumstances under which the shippers were brought here, and his company's part in the work of inducing them to locate here, the solution of the problems that have arisen out of the new industry, Mr. MacRae continued: "The Tidewater Power company has complied fully with its original agreement with the emergency fleet corporation, which was essential to the establishment of the first four ways; and is in a position to carry out this agreement with the plant and equipment already in existence; but the company cannot contemplate an increased investment of \$500,000 with the high cost of materials and labor as at present unless the request for increase of rates made to the corporation commission is decided favorably. The commission has no method of operating more cheaply than other corporations under similar circumstances, and the necessity for increased rates is being generally recognized both by the government and by public service commissions. "The citizens of Wilmington have an opportunity to obtain without effort what is virtually an additional shipyard, provided the opposition authorized by council before the corporation commission does not result in a delay of the commission's decision which will prove fatal. A great Englishman has described luck as 'being prepared to take advantage of an opportunity.' The citizens of Wilmington have good fortune offered to them, and its acceptance or rejection is a question for them to decide. The Tidewater Power company is not asking for a loan from the emergency fleet corporation, and it is not asking for the additional business; in fact, it sees serious danger in the additional business on account of the high prices of materials and labor necessary in the construction of a new plant. "The company is not questioning the motive of anyone in opposing the increased rates, and would be entirely willing to leave the question to any competent commercial body to decide. All of the facts have been placed before the corporation commission, and the questions asked by Mr. Ruark have been answered. Mr. Ruark has based his argument before the commission on last year's business and on certain selected figures from the expert's report, leaving out of consideration very vital and important figures also submitted and from the same expert's report. The city attorney's conclusions on last year's business differ from those of the experts. "The Tidewater Power company's request for increased rates is based on the known increased costs of operation for this year, of which Mr. Ruark could not have definite knowledge other than that obtained from our statement. "Undoubtedly the opposition which the corporation commission assumes to be the sentiment of the council of the city of Wilmington and representative of the public wish, has been the cause of the delay of the decision of the commission. In this situation, brought about by the visit of Mr. Towle and Mr. Dilks, the responsibility for delay should be clearly defined. In my opinion the increase in rates will be granted eventually, because they are essential to successful operation and they are being applied

LAWYERS ARE COMING LATTER PART OF MONTH

Convention Will Be Addressed by Monsieur Frederick Allain, of Paris

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The twentieth annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar association, to be held at the Oceanic hotel, Wrightsville Beach, June 25-27, inclusive, will be addressed by Monsieur Frederick Allain, of Paris, counselor to the French high commission in this country, a distinct feature within itself. The historical address will be made by Major John W. Graham, of Hillsboro. The convention is expected to be well attended. The complete program is: Tuesday, June 25th, 8:15 p. m. Association convenes, the president, A. W. McLean, of the Lumberton bar, presiding. Address of welcome by C. V. Cowper, of the Kinston bar. Response by T. L. Caudle, of the Wadesboro bar. President's address by Hon. A. W. McLean. Wednesday, June 26th, 10 a. m. Historical address by Major John W. Graham, of the Hillsboro bar, on "Some Events in My Life; Some Lawyers I Have Known." Reports of committees. Afternoon Session, 3 p. m. Address by Monsieur Frederick Allain, of Paris, counselor to the French high commission. Evening Session, 8:30 p. m. Address by Hon. R. H. Welch, general counsel of the Federal Land Bank, Columbia, on "The Relation of the Bar to the Success of the Federal Farm Loan System in the Third Federal Land District." Thursday, June 27th, 10 a. m. Address by Hon. W. J. Adams, of the Carthage bar. Reports of executive committee and committee on admission to membership will be presented at Tuesday evening's session. Reports of other standing committees will be presented at Wednesday morning's session, except that of committee on memorials, which will be presented at Wednesday afternoon's session. The executive committee is composed of H. L. Stevens, chairman; H. F. Seawell, Frank Nash, A. A. Hicks, R. H. Sykes, J. W. Pless and A. W. McLean. Committee chairmen and committee members for the association are as follows: Admission to Membership—Walter E. Brock. Legislation and Law Reform—Wm. P. Bynum. Memorials—G. S. Bradshaw. Legal Education and Admission to the Bar—J. S. Manning. Judiciary—E. F. Ayldett. Grievance—George Rountree. Legal Ethics—Frank Thompson. To Revise and Improve the Torrens Land Act—Walter Clark. On Uniform Legislation—Clement Manly. Committee on Admission to Membership—First district, J. C. B. Ehringhouse; second, A. R. Dunning; third, R. C. Dunn; fourth, Walter D. Siler; fifth, J. B. James; sixth, George R. Ward; seventh, Willis Smith; eighth, Robert Ruark; ninth, R. W. Herring; tenth, S. M. Gattis; eleventh, S. P. Graves; twelfth, Dred Peacock; thirteenth, Walter E. Brock; fourteenth, W. S. O'B. Robinson, Jr.; fifteenth, Hayden Clement; sixteenth, Clyde R. Hoy; seventeenth, T. B. Finlay; eighteenth, Solomon Gallert; nineteenth, Zeb F. Curtis; twentieth, Felix E. Alley. Pitcher Fred Toney, of Cincinnati, won his first five games this season.

WHAT PRUSSIANISM MEANS

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ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN WAR

June 15—Subscriptions to first liberty loan closed, with large over-subscription; American mission, headed by Elihu Root, welcomed at Petrograd. Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman arrested on charges of conspiracy to defeat the draft law. The number of American league 300 hitters was increased from 15 to 20 within a week, while the National held fast their old squad of 18 heavy stickers.

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