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SERVICE MEN WAIT WHILE WATCH DOGS HOLD TO TREASURE

Action on Bounties Held Up By Those Who Want Economy

TWO BILLIONS NEEDED FOR SUGGESTED SUMS

Frear Says Money Could Be Quickly Raised If Country Was At War—Several States Pay Amounts Ranging Up to $25 for Each Month In the Service.

By J. E. JONES.

Washington, D. C.—Congress appears to be taking its time with the proposals to grant additional bounties to soldiers and sailors who served in the World War. Again and again the question is asked, "where are we going to get the money to pay out $2,000,000,000 to these former soldiers?" Representative Frear of Wisconsin, has answered the question by saying: "If it was a question of raising $2,000,000,000 to pay the expenses of a going war no one would stop to ask where the money was coming from." Confronted by burdensome taxes and never-ending complaints about war extravagances Congress has reached the point where the advocates of economy and the watch dogs of the treasury are popular. Every effort is being made to prevent the bills providing soldier bounties from being acted upon by Congress.

When the war enthusiasm was at its height the men who answered the call to colors were lauded and patted on the back everywhere. Secretary of the Interior Lane proposed a worthy plan to provide lands upon which the returning soldiers might build homes for the future. The homestead law at the close of the Civil War had served as a boon to the men who had been in that war, and at the same time it had performed miracles in developing the resources of the Nation. Whether there was too much lassitude among our young men in accepting the Lane proposal to give them farms, we do not know, but at any event the scheme was abandoned.

Other proposals of the Government to provide jobs for soldiers and to furnish vocational education for the wounded have met with gratifying success. There are no longer any unemployed soldiers—at least none who are willing to work. The wounded men have been variously trained for trade and work they have been supplied with employment. Still another proposal gives Civil Service preference in clerical and other positions in public employment, but this has fallen pretty flat, since the policy of Uncle Sam as an employer of persons in civil duty has been quite similar to that of private institutions that have immense war plants—and with no war in progress they have been compelled to shut up shop. Many thousands of war workers who came to Washington have returned to their homes.

At one time it was estimated that there were 110,000 clerks employed in Washington.

What the number now is the writer does not know, but real friends of the United States Government who are familiar with Washington conditions believe that about 55,000 employees would be a full sufficiency. The War Department is preparing to dispense with the services of approximately 10,000 clerks on July 1. The War Risk Bureau has already made a big slash. Many of the special boards and divisions created for the War, notably the Food Administration, War Industries Board and Fuel Administration have practically passed out of existence. But in other lines the Government evinces a big natural growth, and among the most active institutions at the present time are the Census Bureau, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Reserve Bank and the Department of Justice. This latter institution had been given tremendous problems connected with the war, and nearly everything that comes up is "referred to Mr. Palmer."

The States of New Hampshire and Massachusetts have given their soldiers, sailors and marines the sum of $100 each. The State of Minnesota has allowed each soldier toward his education the sum of $200. The State of North Dakota has allowed each of her loyal sons the sum of $25 for each month of service with which to purchase a farm or go into business. The State of Oregon allows each of her defenders the sum of $25 a month toward his education. The State of Wisconsin has given each of her fighting men $10 a month for each month's service, but not less than $50 in any event.

The United States Government, according to Representative Emerson of Indiana, "squandered millions on this war, paid the contractors all they asked, loaned money to Europe by the billions, and extended the time of the payment of interest; and squandered millions on ships and millions on flying machines." But we have not matched up with other progressive countries in appreciation of our soldiers.

The Dominion of Canada, impoverished by the war, pays each private soldier from $280 to $600. France, who lost her sons by the thousands, and had the enemy upon her soil for over four years pays her private soldiers from $82.90 to $233.23.

On the face of the returns it is quite evident that the United States has lost a lot of its war enthusiasm.

Ernest F. Young and Granville M. Tilghman left last week for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will spend several weeks.

CLEAN - UP PROCLAMATION

Realizing that cleanliness, thrift, and civic pride are essential to make homes and towns beautiful and safe from the ravages of disease, fire, and storm, and acting together with the Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club, and other organizations, I hereby designate the week, April 4th to April 10th, inclusive, as Clean - Up and Paint - Up week for the town of Dunn.

During this week, every citizen of Dunn should make a special effort to clean up his house and property so as to avoid fire risk, to clean up his front and back yards, to paint his premises, if necessary, to whitewash his barns, if they are not in a condition to be painted, to abolish all places that might breed flies and mosquitoes, to eliminate weeds, and to assist in cleaning up alleys and vacant lots.

Citizens should not put their rubbish on the sidewalks or the streets, but in a box or barrel and place near to the edge of the street. If collection is not made immediately, citizens should telephone the Chief of Police's office and it will be given immediate attention. If all refuse matter is placed in such a manner, so that it can be easily loaded and hauled away, Dunn will be readily cleaned.

This is an opportunity for every citizen to show, not only his personal pride, but also his civic pride. Dunn is known as "the livest town under the sun." We should all endeavor now to make it "the cleanest town under the sun." No town is attractive if it is dirty and littered up.

I, therefore, urge upon all the people of Dunn to work together, during the week above designated, to give Dunn a thorough spring cleaning and keep it clean all the time, as a good housewife keeps the interior of her home. Let us plant flowers and grass and make Dunn, not only clean, but beautiful and the result will be a cleaner, healthier, happier and more attractive town in which to live and a town which we will be proud of.

J. W. WHITEHEAD,
Mayor Town of Dunn.

BOB PAGE FORCES ARE SAWING WOOD

Ross Pleased With Progress But Makes No Premature Claims So Far.

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—The Page forces, while comparatively quiet are extremely busy and are jubilant over the progress that Mr. Page's candidacy is making all over the state. Chas. Ross, Mr. Page's campaign manager, is pleased with the efforts toward getting results and let the results stand for themselves. "We are making satisfactory progress," said Mr. Ross today, "and in a quiet way all over the State we are perfecting organizations to look after and further the Page interests, and every day in all parts of the State more and more people are joining the ranks of Page supporters."

"In fact," he continued, "the reports coming in from all sections are so encouraging and indicate that Mr. Page's candidacy is making such marked progress that I am almost constrained to do some 'claiming'; for example, a poll of two townships in Mecklenburg county shows that more than 90 per cent of the democratic voters in these townships are for Mr. Page." In spite of the fact that both the other candidates are claiming the Ninth district by 7,500 majority Mr. Ross is not dismayed and is confident Mr. Page will receive a flattering vote in that district.

"Mr. Page has just returned from a trip through Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, Cabarrus and Iredell," he said, "and he was extremely pleased with the support his candidacy is receiving in that section of the State." "He spoke before large audiences at Gastonia, Huntersville, Davidson, Cornelius and Mooresville and found at each place a large number of supporters who assured him that he would get his share of the votes in that section." Mr. Ross said that next week Mr. Page would visit Johnson, Wayne, Greene, Wilson, New Hanover and Franklin.

"From all reports," he said, "Page supporters in these counties are growing in numbers every day and I am confident that upon Mr. Page's return next week he will bring news just as encouraging as he brought last week from the southwestern part of the State." "As a matter of fact," he concluded, "Page sentiment is sweeping the State and if his candidacy continues to progress at the rate it has during the past two weeks, as I confidently believe it will, he will be the nominee of the democratic party by a majority that will astonish the world."

SAMPSON CLERGY TO DISCUSS INTERCHURCH

Clinton, March 24.—The pastors of the Clinton churches have united with the pastor of the Salemburg Baptist church in issuing a call for a meeting of the ministers of Sampson county to be held in the Clinton Presbyterian church on March 30. At this meeting the scope and possible limits of interdenominational activity and other topics will be considered. Those signing the call are Rev. E. H. Davis, pastor of the Clinton Methodist church; Rev. W. J. Jones, pastor of Salemburg Baptist church; Rev. A. R. Parshley, rector of Clinton Episcopal church; Rev. G. M. Mathis, pastor of Clinton Presbyterian church, and Rev. D. P. Harris, pastor of Clinton Baptist church.

A week of prayer will be observed by the Missionary Society of the Christian Church beginning with services in the church at 3.30 Tuesday afternoon. Other meetings will be held at the same hour Friday and Sunday.

FOLLOW "CLEAN UP" WITH A REAL CAMPAIGN

"Clean Up and Paint Up" is now the accepted Houston slogan. It is heard on every hand and in every home.

"Paint Up" came bounding in right on the heels of Houston's clean up campaign, and has spread like the traditional "wild fire." Different from other civic campaigns, "paint up" has a double appeal. It appeals to one's pride and it appeals to one's pocket. It appeals to pride in that a very small outlay of money can transform most any home into a beautiful place. It appeals to the pocket in that it adds prolonged life more inhabitable and more saleable.

Real estate men all say that $50 or $100 worth of painting adds from $100 worth of painting adds from any building. In the large cities there are speculators who make a business of buying old, dilapidated-looking structures and repainting them and then selling them at a big profit.

Paint is the best preservative yet discovered. It is the greatest home beautifier beyond question. It is the best investment an owner can make on his premises.

The National Clean Up and Paint Up campaign has had a triumphant march. The newspapers have taken up the work and the various civic organizations throughout the country have espoused the crusade.

In Houston today the homes in all sections of the city are being dressed with bright, fresh paint. The slap, slap, slap of the paint brush is heard in all sections of the city. Merchants are repainting their stores, citizens are painting and fixing up their homes. The movement has just begun here. Houston will look like it has just come out of the bandbox before the summer closes.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

We are proud of the interest and the progress of the work. The future seems to have some very fascinating things for us.

The Bible school is now getting a line-up on the work that is to be done. Growth is the one aim of the whole church and we can feel ourselves expanding.

We had very fine attendance last Lord's day, and are expecting better next Lord's day.

Our desire is to make each service just a little better than the previous one.

Next Lord's day we are putting in a full program, beginning with the Bible school at 9:15 a. m. sharp. Every moment will contain real life and enthusiasm. Come in and let us teach the Word. It is the guide of life.

Morning worship begins at 11 a. m. sharp. Be on time.

Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject, "The Passion of Jesus."

The evening subject, "Gopher-Wood."

We cordially invite you to come and worship with us. You will find that you are perfectly at home.

A welcome awaits you—COME.

J. J. LANGSTON, Pastor.

SECRETARY BAKER'S MOTHER SPONSOR FOR CONCRETE SHIP

New Bern, March 24.—Mrs. Mary G. Baker, mother of Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, sponsored the Brigadier General William L. Alexander, sixth of the concrete passenger steamers built here for the quartermaster department of the army, when the vessel was launched at a local ship-yard today. Mrs. Baker, whose home is Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of relatives here.

MRS. HUMPHREY WARD DEAD.

London, March 24.—Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the novelist, died of heart disease today in a London hospital.

HUNDREDS ATTEND PRETTY WEDDING

Miss Madred Hood Becomes Bride of James Best At Divine Street Church.

Miss Madred Hood and James Best were married here in Divine Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Wednesday night in the presence of nearly 1,000 persons, who taxed the immense edifice to overflowing.

Linking as it did the lives of two of Dunn's most popular young persons, whose families are among the most prominent in Eastern Carolina, the wedding was one of the most notable in the recent history of the State's social life. It was the most brilliant event held in Dunn and attracted to the city hundreds of relatives and friends from all parts of the State and many points in the Southeastern States.

The bride, a most charming and lovable young woman, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Henry Hood and a granddaughter of the late Rev. Dr. Peter Herman, for many years a power in the Methodist Church and still remembered as one of the most valued members of the North Carolina Conference. Her father is a member of the firm of Hood & Grantham and is one of the men who helped to build the town of Dunn.

The bridegroom is junior member of the firm of Best & Best, one of the most prominent law firms of North Carolina, and a son of Lee J. Best, of the local bar, who is a member of the prominent Best family of Wayne County. Young Mr. Best was a lieutenant in the late war and served with honor. He is a graduate of Trinity College and one of Dunn's most popular young men. Both he and his bride are natives of Dunn.

It was a beautiful and effective setting into which the bride and groom marched to the first sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march were wafted from the church whose attractiveness had been enhanced by the deft and loving friends. A few minutes before, Mrs. J. Lloyd Wade had entered the organ loft and played the sublime Bethoven's "Adagio." This was followed by the two songs—"Beauty's Eyes," by Miss Margaret Pope, soprano, and "The Hour That Made You Mine," by Miss Margaret Marston, soprano, with Robert Jordan, violinist, played "O Promise Me."

In a truly wonderful blending of pink and green the interior had been made a bower of beauty. Huge baskets of cathedral tapers. Long leaf pine, ferns, palms, lilies—the verdure of forest and hothouse,—had been brought by a master hand to shed their fragrance and appealing beauty over the scene and to temper the solemnity of the occasion. At the chancel an enormous satin pillow had been placed. Upon this was embroidered in sweet peas the letter "B." At each end of the chancel was a mammoth wicker basket containing giant Easter lilies.

As the throbbing tones of Jordan's violin died in the distance, an usher signalled the approach of the bridal party. Mrs. Wade began the march. Leading the party came the bride's maids and groomsmen. These were Misses Mary Bell Herring, of Raleigh; Pauline Beveridge, of Elizabeth City; Corrina Jackson, of Dunn; Nell and Mary Bell Davis, of Fernandina, Fla.; Emma Lee, and Gladys Young, of Dunn; Shelton White, Jesse Anderson, of Wilson; Durham Taylor, Captain Roland Williams, Robert Young and Guy Hooks, of Dunn, and Hugh Isley, of Burlington. These were followedby Mrs. Hugh Prince, sister of the bride, dame of honor and Margaret Smith, a charming, diminutive lady, bearing the ring embedded in the heart of a lily. Miss Martha Hood, maid of honor, of Smithfield, and Call Best, brother of the bridegroom, followed.

As the attendants entered they ascended to the altar behind Rev. James M. Daniels, pastor and officiating minister. The bride's maids formed a pyramid; the groomsmen a crescent behind them.

With this beautiful stage setting complete the bride and her groom approached to the altar and knelt upon the satin pillow. As the solemn ceremony began Mrs. Wade started playing, "The Voice That Breathed Over Eden." In a few moments the ceremony was over and the party marched out to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin.

Mrs. Annye Harper Young was directress of the wedding. It was she who planned the decorations and program.

The bride wore a white satin dress, trimmed in pearls, and having a long train. She wore a necklace of pearls and carried a boquet of bride's roses. The attendants were attired in pink and green silk and carried boquets of sweet peas and snap dragon.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Best held a reception in the palatial Hood home in Broad Street. Hundreds of friends attended to congratulate the bridegroom and to wish him and his bride a long and happy life. The guests also viewed the many and valuable presents that had been heaped into the east parlor of the home. There were hundreds of these, ranging from sugar shells to a deed to a valuable residence lot in the choicest section of Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Best left at midnight for an extended visit to Southern resorts. They will return to make their home here.

Among those from out of town for the wedding were:

Miss Martha Hood, Kinston, Miss Mary Belle Herring, Raleigh; Miss Virginia Fortune, Asheville; Misses Louise and Nell Davis, Crandale, Fla.; Miss Pauline Blucridge, Elizabeth City; Hugh Isley, Burlington; Shelton White, Hertford; Jesse Anderson, Wilson; Call Best, Dunn; W. A. Leggett, Edenton; Edward Woodall, Smithfield; Mrs. Youngblood, Troy, S. C.; Thornton Hood, Kinston; Miss Irene Pruitt, Smithfield; Miss Elizabeth Marston, Kinston; Miss Eleanor Hood, Kinston; Miss Juanita Privette, Spring Hope; Mrs. Callie Rand, Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirkman and son, Mrs. Ina Aycock, Goldsboro; Mrs. Dora Kirkman, Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Johnson and son, Mr. Debnam, Kinston.

CLEAN-UP AND PAINT-UP WEEK IS SET FOR APRIL 4TH TO 10TH BY WHITEHEAD

Chamber of Commerce and Women's Clubs Co-Operate With Mayor In Effort to Clean Up Town—Riddle Issues Statement.

Clean-Up Week is coming to Dunn.

April 4th to 10th has been designated by Mayor J. W. Whitehead as the time when all citizens will be called upon to banish rubbish, dirt, filth, refuse, dead leaves, tin cans, stagnant pools, garbage and whatever other [illegible] or things that may still lurk in the town [illegible] to make as sanitary as it is clean.

Co-operating in the movement are the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, John W. Thornton, chief of the Fire Department, the several women's clubs of the community, the municipality and paint dealers of Dunn. The latter come in for the finish when, after the town has been slicked up, coats of paint will be needed to "Brighten the Corner Where Your Are."

Sanitation equipment of the town will be placed at the disposal of committees whose members are to direct the real work of cleaning up. Plans under which the committee will work will be perfected during the coming week.

Secretary T. L. Riddle, of the Chamber of Commerce, is working on details of the campaign and will have them ready for the committee within a few days. It was originally his intention to conduct the campaign next week when similar campaigns will be conducted throughout the State under the auspices of the State Board of Health and the State Insurance Department. There was, however, not sufficient time to perfect plans to the point desired by Mr. Riddle, and the drive was postponed for one week.

Discussing the matter yesterday Mr. Riddle said:

"I am heartily in favor of a Clean-Up and Paint-Up Campaign for our town and believe we should co-operate with the State Insurance Department, the State Board of Health and the State Federation of Woman's Clubs by putting on our campaign during week of April 4th to 10th, inclusive. The best evidence of public spirit is the interest shown in matters of this kind.

"It is our duty to promote conservation and production in every way possible—to conserve civic ideals as well as health and property; and to increase commercial and industrial production, as well as food production, that all may be enabled as well as urged to save for our country's needs. Cleanliness, thrift, and civic pride are the essentials for homes and towns beautiful and save them from the ravages of disease, fire, storm, and sun.

"Cellars and attics should be cleared of the winter's accumulation of trash and fire risk, and liberal coats of paint should be applied wherever the ravages of the elements have begun to get in their work on the outside, while every inside surface of walls and floors is made sanitary by paint and varnish. The work of paint and painters in bringing cheerfulness, color and hygiene to the home is discounted, however, if the back yard is left to afford a hiding place for trash and refuse which can be removed at little or no expense.

"Now better could the citizens of this community show their willingness to do their part than engage in a work that offers so much opportunity for bettering local conditions and at the same time, give that service to their community which is their duty. We should not be left behind in a movement that has already proved its worth for several years in the thousands of communities where it has been put in operation. A small amount of energy used in this direction would do more to attract the kind of people that we want here than anything else we could do; and in making this a better place to live in, and to do business in, it would encourage our boys to stay in the home town.

"I repeat that I am heartily in favor of a Clean-Up and Paint-Up Campaign."

NEWBERRY NOT TO BE ASKED TO RESIGN

Michigan Governor Says Campaign of Henry Ford Should Now Be Probed.

Lansing, Mich., March 24.—Until the United States supreme court passes over the verdict of the jury in the Newberry elections conspiracy trial at Grand Rapids, none of the 17 men found guilty of criminal conspiracy will be asked to relinquish any public office they hold, Governor Sleeper said today. The Governor said he believed the campaign of Henry Ford, Senator Newberry's Democratic opponent in the 1918 election, should now be investigated.

"Senator Newberry, Richard H. Fletcher, state labor commissioner and myself have been attacked by the press in and out of the state since the trial closed," said the Governor. It has been suggested that Newberry and Fletcher should resign. I see no cause for this until the Supreme court makes known its findings. If I make any requests at present, one will be that the Federal government conduct just as active an investigation into the campaign conducted by Henry Ford as by Senator Newberry. If the government is sincere in its investigation it should not stop with investigating the campaign of the winner, but should probe the campaign of the loser as well."

NEWBERRY CONVICTED.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 20.—Truman H. Newberry, junior United States Senator from Michigan, was today convicted by a jury of having conspired criminally in 1918 to violate the election laws. He was sentenced by Judge Clarence W. Sessions to two years imprisonment and fined $10,000, released on bond pending an appeal and at once issued a statement declaring his intention to remain his seat in the upper House unless that body decides otherwise, or the Supreme court upholds his conviction.

Sharing the fate of the Senator were his brother, John S. Newberry and fifteen campaign managers, including Frederick Cody, New York, and Paul H. King, Detroit. Both these men received the limit sentence with their chief.

Charles A. Floyd, Detroit, was also sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but he was fined only half as much as Newberry. The brother was fined $10,000 and was one of four who were not sentenced to Leavenworth.

The lightest sentence went to George S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, Mass., and he was fined $1,000.

YARBROUGH OF DUKE QUITS AS POSTMASTER

Mr. Yarbrough Telegraphs Mr. Godwin He Has Resigned—Chairman Lee In Washington.

Washington, March 23.—Chairman W. T. Lee, of the North Carolina corporation commission, and R. O. Self, its secretary, are in Washington attending a conference between members of the Interstate Commerce commission and representatives of State corporation and railroad commissions in southeastern territory. The two North Carolina rate officials will remain here through tomorrow.

The Interstate Commerce commission, following the return of the carriers to corporate control, are preparing for a reclassification of rates and the southern commissioners have been invited into preliminary consultation.

Postmaster Yarbrough, of Duke, today telegraphed Representative Godwin that he had tendered his resignation. The vacancy will be filled by civil service examination.

Representative Godwin today reintroduced bills proposing construction of new federal buildings at Dunn and other points in his district.

STEEL NET EARNINGS FALL OFF NEARLY 56 MILLIONS

New York, March 24.—Earnings of the United States Steel corporation for 1919 aggregated $152,190,639, a decrease of $55,990,465 from 1918, according to the detailed report issued today.

This sum is reached after allowance is made for estimated amount of federal income and excess profits taxes.

MASONS OF DUNN STAGE SPECTACLE FOR WOMEN FOLK

Thirty-Fourth Degree Amuses Hundreds In Ladies' Night Fete

LADY FRIENDS INITIATED INTO ORDER'S MYSTERY

Prohibition, Booze, Female of Species and Other Dangers Confronting Man Used As Warning Symbols By Eugene Theme—Eugene Lee Auditor, Director and Stage Manager.

[illegible] Club was equalled here Tuesday night when Palmyra Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons staged its annual fete for the entertainment of wives and other "lady friends" of Masons in Dunn and the surrounding territory. Some 300 of the women were initiated into the mysteries of the "Thirty-fourth Degree," and subscribed to the oath which admonishes them to tell all they know and suspect.

Prohibition, dead and gone boom, the vanished washerwoman of Aunt Dinah's type, woman, vamping—all served as emblems of the things which the initiates were either to embrace or taboo.

Opening with a prologue by Eugene T. Lee, originator of the idea, author of the "degree" and stage manager of the offering, the comedy progressed through the various phases of mock-masonry to the finale in which the audience was brought to its feet in anticipation of the national anthem which really proved to be "Hail, Hail, the Gang's all Here."

All the fantastic costuming imagined by the lay mind was evident in the habiliments of the degree team. J. Lloyd Wade, worshipful master of the lodge, ponderous of bulk, was clothed in the raiment of and Assyrian crystal gazer. He was the Illustrious Nabob, master of the temple into which came Joseph Creel, unfortunate initiate, who was carried through the various tortures devised for those who would attain the heights of Masonry.

The Illustrious Nabob was aided by Ellis Goldstein, dispenser of light; William Thompson, divulger of secrets, Dr. J. A. Jernigan, keeper of the royal depot; Kennie Howard, illustrious conductor; Eugene Lee, guardian of the portal, and Bill Batts, himself.

After the candidate was given the [illegible] ment of the degree, all of which were designed to protect him against the wiles of woman and the gab of book agents and bill collectors, he was permitted to see the symbols.

First of these was a portrayal of Marc Anthony's courtship of Cleopatra. A. D. Currie, dolled up like Eva Tanguay in Salome, played the part of Cleo, surrounded by black slaves and gaudily costumed court attendants. A basket of fruit was carried by one of the slaves. From this the queen dantily extracted a cocoanut, which she appeared to want to crack on Marc's cranium. The latest shimmy music was played while Cleo and her train held the stage.

Next came Aunt Dinah at the washtub. Casper Warren was in this role, and portrayed the extinct species of old darkey. She and E. N. Pearce, her hubby, did a song and dance.

Old Booze took the stage next. An empty bottle, two futile glasses and a thirsty dude in the person of John C. Phillips opened the seize. Later T. V. Smith and Ellis Goldstein appeared with a five-gallon jug of Harnett County monkey rum. These were surrounded by Marsh Merrow, Bob Jordan and Arthur Pope, mourners. The quintet sang "Dear Old Pal of Mine." And Booze was laid to rest.

Miss Sidney Caldwell, of Charlotte, was the next attraction. She was the "Girl Who Powders Her Nose." As a finale Old Glory was shown bright in the spot light with a soldier and a sailor standing at salute.

Judge Francis D. Winston was scheduled to make a speech preliminary to the spectacle. He was detained, however, and the job fell to the lot of John C. Clifford. When Mr. Clifford finished the orchestra played "You Ain't Heard Nothing Yet."

Music was furnished by the Masonic Orchestra of twenty pieces. Electric effects were managed by L. U. Bissell and W. C. Kaney. Refreshments were prepared and served by Robert Denning and R. O. Pridgeon.

STATE PRINTERS GIVEN 20 PER CENT INCREASE

Cost of Materials and Labor Found To Justify Changing Contract.

Printers having a contract with the state of North Carolina for printing have been allowed an increase of 20 per cent over the terms of the contract signed last July, the advance of prices being effective on all orders placed since January 1, 1920. Announcement to this effect was made by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman yesterday.

According to the terms of the contract with the printers, in the event of a marked increase in the price of either materials or labor, appeal might be made to the commission for such relief as was desired. Requests were filed December 10, 1919, for an advance over figures in the contract. Mr. L. E. Nichols represented the commission and Dr. Charles E. Smith, of Edwards and Broughton, represented the printers. They determined to allow the increase indicated.