

MINISTERS OPPOSE TO UNION SERVICES

They Would Have People Go to Church to Save Fuel

Decision was not Unanimous but Ministerial Association Would Take No Action—Community Service Is Suggested.

Instead of holding union services in Wilmington churches on Sunday nights in order to save fuel, a better plan would be to have all the churches open so that people in the city could go to their home fires die down for an hour or so and go to church, according to the opinion of a majority of the Protestant ministers here.

At least this seemed to be the prevailing idea at the regular weekly meeting of the Wilmington Ministerial Association yesterday when the suggestion was brought forward by Rev. J. M. Wells that it would be better to hold union services on week days.

The view expressed by Rev. Dr. Jones was that what is needed is to get more people to church and to make acceptable and the proposition was dropped.

Raymond Favor Idea. Mr. C. Chadbourne championed the idea of union services in an article in yesterday's Star. This met with the approval of several prominent and representative citizens of the city. It was suggested that the churches be used as a measure of economy as well as setting a worthy example to the community.

As Mr. Jones explained yesterday, a church takes a half ton of coal to keep the average church heated through a Sunday. Should union services be held at night by which the congregations of several churches could come together in one auditorium, a saving of from five to ten tons could be made. This would be a considerable item in view of the present scarcity and would at the same time serve to show what the churches are standing squarely behind the government in its endeavors to save all the fuel possible.

A Community Service. It would be a splendid idea to have union services on Sunday nights at several churches could make short and inspirational addresses, it was suggested. The singing of some of the old hymns by a large choir would appeal to a general audience and would serve still more to cement the minds and hearts of the people of the city together in a common cause.

Whether or not further efforts will be made to get some of the churches to come together was unknown yesterday. However, it is presumed that those who are backing the proposition expect to continue, as they believe that it is essential to make every saving possible.

The fuel situation in Wilmington was not materially improved yesterday. Some coal had arrived over Sunday and in at least two wood yards. It is expected that the coal and wood piles for it were booked several days ahead.

Improvement Expected. The prospects of warmer weather are the most encouraging evidence of an improvement in the situation. The biggest difficulty now seems to be to get cars to deliver coal to the city. After it is brought to the city it is difficult to haul it out as fast as it is needed.

Wood and coal dealers were doing their utmost to relieve the situation and they did not anticipate that it would become more acute. They expected it to be improved from here on, certainly with the experience of the past few days, the people of this city will be more disposed to understand the situation when it is necessary to effect every saving possible not only in food but in coal as well.

LADY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL OF THOSE WITH THE COLORS

Assistance in Getting up Correct Lists Will be Appreciated. The Union and Memorial grammar schools and the city high school, as has been announced in connection with the observance of North Carolina day, are compiling lists of former students, graduates and those who are engaged in the service. Any assistance in the way of corrections or additions will be gladly received by the principals. The following comprises the Un- School list to date:

- Spillane, Fitzhugh; Brown, Elmo; Brown, Robert; Butler, Charlie; Biddle, John; Bernhardt, William; Burnett, Robert; Burr, Frederick; Bessell, Thomas; Edwards, Brown; David, Robert; Richard, Carney; Gadsden, Robert; Dolph, Dudley; John, David; Brown, David; Numan, James; Gregory, Henry; Diving, James; Dwyer, Louis; Dowdy, Armstrong; Ebert, Harry; Fulford, George; George, Paul; Coy, Fick; Ferring, Farrow; James, Ferguson; Williams, Robert; Wessel, John; Harris, Granger; Charlie, Jr.; Henshaw, Heiskell; Gerdes, Henry; Clark, Grant; Murray, Gaskell; Taylor, Kenneth; Hammond, Robert; Hines, Albert; Page, Arthur; Hertz, Hewlett; Herbert, Harry; Andrew, Hill; Louis, Hewlett; Beard, Bear; William, Holmes; Davidson, Leon; Jones, Harry; Jones, Robert; Jewell, William L.; King, Arthur; King, Herbert; King, John; Loughlin, Charlie; McKenzie, Robert; MacKenzie, Robert; Monroe, James; MacKenzie, Frank; Mann, Albert; Parker, Albert; Page, Arthur; Schmitt, Martin; Schubben, John; Schubben, John; Stubbs, John; Walker, Frank; Smith, Frank; Register, William; Register, Henry; Register, Marvin; Register, William; Register, Horace; Reville, William; Register, Theodore; Williams, Robert; Wessel, John; Wessel, Leonard; Wagner, Calvin W.

In the Recorder's Court. The two boys, Clifton Washington and James Purcell, were before Recorder Harris yesterday morning, charged with an affray. The encounter occurred on Saturday night. The case was suspended in the case of the two white men charged with being drunk.

OFFER THEIR SUGAR TO RELIEVE THE SHORTAGE

Garrett & Company Tender Their Stock for Use in Norfolk

One Thousand Barrels in Virginia Port Placed at Disposal of Brokerage Concern There, If They Can Use It to Advantage.

Approximately one thousand barrels of granulated sugar, stored in the warehouse of Garrett & Company in Norfolk, Va., has been tendered to Southgate & Company, a brokerage concern, for use in relieving the sugar famine in the Virginia city, if it is found suited for family use, by Mr. Paul Garrett, president of Garrett & Company, according to correspondence forwarded to The Star yesterday.

Enclosed in the correspondence is a copy of a letter from Mr. Paul Garrett, who was in Washington last week, to the brokerage concern, stating that perhaps 1,000 barrels of granulated sugar was stored in that city, much of which was solidified in the barrel so that it was doubtful if it was suitable for family use. However, the brokers were invited to examine it and put it on the market and if agreeable to arrange with refiners to replace it in kind and in quantity the latter part of January or February. It was also suggested that perhaps a part of it might be turned over to a Richmond dealer, for use in that city.

Instructions on last Friday were sent to Mr. Fred Dalby, manager of the Norfolk branch of Garrett & Company, telling him to offer every facility to any representative of Mr. Southgate to examine the stock of sugar in Norfolk for determining its advisability for local household use and in the event that it was desired to take it over, merely to check the weights and report to the New York office.

Mr. Garrett Explains. On last Saturday, Mr. Garrett wrote the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch as follows: "Acknowledging your telegram offering us your columns in which to make statement in regard to certain sugar held by us, beg to say that granulated sugar is one of the essential items of our business, and we have always tried to carry reasonable stocks for such use (never for sale, however) to meet the requirements of our business."

"In March and April of this year it became evident to us that there might be a sugar shortage to meet the necessary requirements of our vintage, negotiations were entered into with the refiners to supply our requirements. The refiners refused to guarantee delivery until we had accepted orders only for delivery immediately, or at their earliest convenience, and we placed these orders and stored sugars for our estimated requirements at our press houses, including Wilmington, for two seasons in which we need most sugar are July and August for the blackberry crop and September, October and November for the grape crop, and only sugars were bought to meet normal requirements."

"The blackberry crop was much shorter than anticipated, and as the grape crop was also short, we were forced to transfer some of the sugars held at these points to New York State, where the grape crop was later. There was, however, even then a surplus of a few hundred barrels at the various press houses in North Carolina, and in our own winery at Norfolk, which we were using for a distributing point to the North Carolina points. The sugar was bought exclusively for manufacturing purposes, and notice was served on us by the refiners that we were using for manufacturing purposes it would be difficult for us to get more, and as we were using the sugar right along in our business at the rate of several hundred barrels monthly, and especially as the sugar from the surroundings in which it was stored had solidified in the barrels as to hardly be available for commercial use, we were offered through the sugar refiners to be replaced by the refiners as needed by us in New York State, which proposition was declined. The writer was called to California on business, and immediately on receipt of advice that the sugar could be used to advantage by the communities in which it was stored, he offered to turn it over to the food authorities on condition that the sugar would be replaced when the same quantities were needed for use in our business, and within ninety days. The sugar was not hoarded or held for profit, and our holdings represented less than ninety days normal needs. The writer conferred with Washington yesterday with the State Food Bureau, the situation was entirely explained, and in the Food Administrator's office the enclosed letters were written. Yours very truly, "PAUL GARRETT."

RESERVES MEET TONIGHT

All Men Who Have Enlisted in Ninth Company Asked to Be On Hand. All members of the ninth company of the North Carolina Reserves and all those who expect to enlist are requested to meet at the W. L. L. armory to meet promptly at 8 o'clock. Capt. E. A. Metts, who will command the company, and Lieutenants E. P. Bailey and H. L. O'Neill have received their commissions and will be sworn in tonight as well as a score or more men, who have signed applications but have not as yet taken the required oath.

After the swearing in of new members and the officers, a business meeting will be held for the discussion of such matters as may be brought up. This will be the last meeting of the Reserve company until after Christmas, and it is, therefore, important that all members be present. After the first of the year, it is probable that regular weekly drills will be held.

DUPIN SELECTMEN IN THE CITY

The Duplin county contingent of the men drafted into the army spent last night in the city, en route to Camp Jackson, Columbia. They were guests at the Orton. Their names are: F. R. McMillan, Billie Brown, Perry Edwards, McKay Grady, H. J. Margall, Roy Martin, Chauncey Carlton, Robert Hardy, Dorch Moody, Perry Parker, Max Margall, Samuel Judge, John Park, Richard LeRoy Thomas, C. H. Knowles, Paul Outlaw, Leon Taylor, Corey Canter, Alfred Howe and Riley Ceden.

THE ROYAL QUARTETTE

Singing and dancing. A sensation. Royal today.—Adv.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS THROUGH THE STREETS

Merchants Have Bewildering Display From Which to Select

The Old, Old Problem of What to Buy For Presents As Perplexing As Ever—"Something For a Soldier" Always in Demand.

Wherever one might turn on the streets of Wilmington yesterday there was the unmistakable Christmas spirit in the air. Mostly it manifested itself in the energetic goings to and fro of many hundreds of shoppers. But there was more evidence than that. A sort of joyous abandon possessed the throng, that one does not see or feel at any time except Christmas.

It was a bewildering sort of a day. The business of selecting a Christmas present, or presents, would seem to examine it casually, a very simple business; merely a matter of going down town and buying a few things. One may have definitely made up one's mind just what things are necessary, and has then only to get them and the job is done.

A Bewildering Array. But this year all plans and intentions have been disrupted. The merchants have filled their windows with so varied and so enticing an array of Christmas things that from the moment one enters the shopping district he or she is torn between whether this thing or that other thing, this color or that would most please the fancy of the prospective beneficiary. There is the old standby, handkerchiefs, and socks, and ties, and cigars, and bed-room slippers that have gladdened the masculine heart for so many Christmas seasons. There is the usual myriad of things that men usually buy for the womenfolk. And there are the new things that Wilmington's merchants have conjured up to widen the field of one's selection of presents.

But the ties are of more varied color; the handkerchiefs are not of the white sameness that used to characterize them, but are like unto Joseph's coat. One cannot be certain just what one should buy. The array is bewildering.

"Something For a Soldier." There is another new aspect of this year's shopping. "Something suitable for a soldier," is the reply of so many of the needed shoppers when every man inquires the wishes of the buyer. Most of the things for soldiers were bought weeks ago, but not today of them.

And there is the knitting bag put to strange uses. Many fat and distended bags that ordinarily are devoted to knitting needles and yarn and embryonic sweaters were seen swinging from the arms of the homeward bound ladies yesterday afternoon. The crowds were an interesting sight. People unused to the pavements, people from the outlying sections, people who would be lost if they were to hold the little way off the main thoroughfare of the city. Folks of all walks and conditions of life, elbow to elbow along the counters. And in them all the Christmas spirit that makes light of the little annoyances and inconveniences of the city. Folks of all walks and conditions of life, elbow to elbow along the counters. And in them all the Christmas spirit that makes light of the little annoyances and inconveniences of the city.

Some Pathetic Sight. But within the crowd were pathetic sights in the crowds. A little way off the streets leaning disconsolately against a counter loaded with the toys and such things that delight the child heart. A little negro girl, with her pennies and eying longingly a gorgeous red hair-ribbon. A mother talking in confidential tones with a sympathetic saleslady of the kids at home and her concern over the possibility of getting a slender purse will make Christmas real to them.

For once the shoppers have apparently heeded the requests to shop early. And the merchants who were asked about this point said that as a rule people were buying earlier this year. More people, too, are carrying their bundles, which will simplify greatly a problem which has vexed the merchant and customer—in years past.

SOUTHSIDE CALLS PASTOR

Rev. A. A. Butler, of Tyner, Takes Matter Under Consideration. Rev. A. A. Butler, who preached two inspiring and forceful sermons at Southside Baptist church Sunday, was extended a call to become pastor of the church by the congregation at the close of the service on Sunday night. He took the matter under consideration and will make his decision known at an early date. Rev. W. G. Hall, who will give up the pastorate on January 1st, has several calls under consideration, but has not yet decided where he will go.

Mr. Butler is one of the ablest young Baptist ministers in the State and has served his present charge for the last eight years. He is a strong preacher and the congregation of Southside church hope to secure his services as pastor.

DUCK HUNTERS NARROWLY ESCAPE FREEZING TO DEATH

Kinston, Dec. 17.—Eugene Wood, coroner of Lenoir county, and a companion had narrow escapes from freezing to death while hunting ducks in a swamp on Moccasin river some miles from here when their canoe was stolen by men who hid it up a creek. The hunters started to cross a frozen branch. Mr. Wood's weight broke the ice and he fell in. His companion, a step behind him, plunged into the cold water a moment later. They got out of the stream to the bank but were unable to extricate themselves from a dense wood bordering on the branch. Thoroughly numbed and tottering like palsied old men because of their shivery knees, they spent a gloomy half hour in the thicket, finally making their way to cleared country. Neither man is much the worse for his experience.

DORMITORY AT THE STATE SANITARIUM IS BURNED

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Brooks Hall, one of the principal dormitories at the State Sanitarium is reported to the state department of insurance as destroyed by fire last night. Dr. McBrayer, head of the institution, was obliged to return thirty patients to their homes today. The fire loss was \$3,500, partially insured.

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GETTING REGISTRANTS IN LINE IS STARTED

More Questionnaires Sent Out by Boards Yesterday

Few Applicants For Assistance at Court House on First Day, But More Expected Today—No Charge Made for Help.

Getting the 3,000 men in Wilmington and New Hanover classified under the selective draft law for military service was started in earnest yesterday when the first of the questionnaires were filled out by registrants. Owing to the fact that the first blanks were sent out Saturday, the filling out of the blanks was hasty started yesterday, but is expected to be in full swing by today.

The city selective draft board mailed out questionnaires to those having numbers from 159 to 293, in the order of their drawing, and the county board sent blanks to those having numbers from 24 to 46 inclusive. In many instances registrants have moved their postoffice address since they registered and where they have done so it is incumbent upon them to notify the local boards in order that it may be known where to send the questionnaires. Failure to receive the blanks is no excuse for not filling them out, the law being very strict on this point.

One Question Explained. One of the questions on the blanks that occasioned difficulty was that asking whether or not the registrant had ever been guilty of a crime. All violations of criminal statutes whether state, county or municipal are classified under the law as crimes and where anyone has been convicted of any offense, no matter how trivial, it is his duty to answer the question, "yes." However, the local boards announce that no offenses except felonies will be a bar to service and that misdemeanors will not be counted against the registrant. However, it is required of the registrant that he state specifically the facts in his case for the guidance of the boards.

Attorneys were in the grand jury room at the court house all day yesterday to render service to any who desired it. There were but few men who came to fill out their blanks. They were greeted with every courtesy.

Attorneys assigned by the New Hanover bar association for service today are as follows:

From 9:30 to 1:30—Herbert McClammy, J. A. McClammy, Jr., J. A. McClinton, Geo. H. Howell, W. T. Wines, Paul D. Satchell, Robert Ruark, W. P. Mangum Turner.

From 1:30 to 6:30—E. K. Bryan, Thomas W. Davis, P. W. Wilcox, J. O. Carr, K. O. Burgwin, Geo. L. Paschall, Chesley C. Bellamy, E. T. Burton and J. Felton Head.

For Colored People. The assignment of workers for the colored people was announced for today, as follows: Booth at R. O. Boisseaux—Morning, Rev. W. H. Moore, J. E. Taylor, Dr. Foster Burnett, E. G. Story; afternoon, Rev. W. H. Moore, J. E. Taylor, Dr. Foster Burnett, E. G. Story; afternoon, Rev. W. H. Moore, J. E. Taylor, Dr. Foster Burnett, E. G. Story.

WILL CARRY THE PICTURES TO PEOPLE IN COUNTRY

Messrs. Howard and Wells Undertake New Amusement Enterprise. Ere long the people of the village in the country moving pictures of the most modern type will be the accepted thing and Messrs. Howard and Wells, owners and operators of the theatres in Wilmington, are planning to put on as progressive and up-to-the-minute business men, are going to be in on the ground floor.

Mr. Percy Wells leaves this morning for Brunswick county with a movable moving picture outfit that can be pitched at any point on the map and with a half hour's preparation as good a moving show can be seen in Wilmington. The outfit will be in operation. This is made possible by the DeLoe lighting system, which manufactures the "juice" right on the spot.

Mr. Wells plans to purchase as many as a half dozen of these outfits, the first of which will travel through Brunswick county. The automobile truck will carry the outfit from place to place and one show a week will be given at each point, the outfit making a regular weekly itinerary, showing different pictures each week.

The outfit was put through its "paces" yesterday at the Royal theatre and the pictures showed up to splendid advantage. Mr. Earl O. Reek, division manager of the DeLoe lighting system, was here to get the outfit in good working order.

Mr. W. C. Crosby, head of the State Community Service Bureau, has tried out these moving picture outfits to fine advantage and has a number in Wilmington under the auspices of the State. This brings amusement to the doors of the most isolated people and gives them the same thing that previously they would have had to travel miles to see.

CHALLENGE TO THE SUBS.

Food Commission Will Offer Lots of Canned Goods For Sale. Lots of good things will be offered to the white and colored people of New Hanover county Thursday morning at a moving show that can be seen in Wilmington. The sale is being widely advertised and it is expected that there will be a large crowd present as these goods are the result of the conservation and demonstration of the past summer and it is desired to give a wide distribution to them as possible.

A partial list of the goods to be sold includes the following: 24 glasses sauer kraut, 123 cans sardines, 24 cans peaches, 92 glasses jelly, 47 glasses grape jam, 2 cans beef, 45 jars grape juice, 45 jars green tomatoes. In addition to these a quantity of grape butter, pear preserves, pickled beans, citron sweet pickles and other fancy packs will be sold at reasonable prices. These goods will be sold to any one who comes, rich or poor, white or colored. The only requirements is that people must bring their baskets and the cash. No goods will be sold on credit and no goods will be delivered.

Are You a Member Of The Red Cross? President Wilson wants every American Citizen to be a member of the American Red Cross Society. The campaign for members is now on. Place your name on the Roll of Honor today. You can join at this Bank.

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK CORNER FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS

THE WOMAN'S ACCOUNT is highly valued by this company. As a rule, a woman regards her bank with the utmost confidence and friendship, and she is frequently instrumental in bringing to it business even more important than her own. She speaks well of her bank to her friends and neighbors, and this repays many-fold the courtesy and attention extended to her. This Company maintains a special Ladies' Department, including writing and rest room with free telephone service. Personal accounts, accounts for funds awaiting investment, accounts of Society Treasurers, subscription organizations and other accounts for special purposes are welcomed here. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank 1887 WAR STAMPS AND CERTIFICATES FOR SALE HERE. 1917

NO EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES Picked Up Around Town. Death of Little Girl. One New Case Reported by Health Department Yesterday, Making Total of Nine for December. One new case of measles, making a total of nine since the first of December was reported by Dr. Arnold Stovall, county health officer, yesterday afternoon. The case is under close quarantine. In addition to the four cases of measles now under quarantine there are nine cases of chicken pox and two cases of German measles. Dr. Stovall said there is no particular danger attending chicken pox unless the epidemic breaks out in an institution where there are a great number of people subject to the contagion. As the epidemic progresses the disease increases in virulence. Although the disease resembles closely the ordinary measles, the period of incubation is shorter and the after effects are not dangerous. The patients are not quarantined but are isolated in the homes. Dr. Stovall said that whether there was an epidemic of measles depended upon the co-operation of the citizens of the city with the health department. The department is armed with strict laws concerning quarantine but unless the people want the law enforced it cannot be done effectively.

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