

GRAND JURY ARRAIGNS MILK DEALERS AND HEALTH DEPT.

Report to Judge Stacy Is Broadside of Criticism of Numerous Conditions.

PLAIN SPOKEN DOCUMENT

Urges That Officials Be Indicted If Laws Are Not Expeditiously Enforced.

UNION SCHOOL DANGEROUS

Investigate Wood Prices—Other Subjects.

The report of the grand jury for the November term of superior court filed with Judge Stacy yesterday afternoon is one of the most vigorous documents ever turned out by a New Hanover grand jury. It arraigns the conditions under which milk is dispensed in Wilmington and censures the board of health and the health officers for not correcting the alleged conditions, and recommends their indictment unless conditions are corrected as the jury views them.

The report dips into many things, several of which seldom find their way into a grand jury report, and speaks plainly of official neglect in the enforcement of existing laws. Besides the subject of milk, the report takes a shot at local drug stores, the use of street drains for disposal of filth, spitting on the streets, smoking in street cars, the use of fire escape facilities for the removal of condemned buildings, and a reformatory for juvenile offenders, an investigation of the prices on wood fuel, which are found high as compared with Raleigh prices, and the use of the Union school for school purposes, and suggests improvements in minor particulars in handling prisoners. The report in full follows, signed by Foreman Louis T. Moore and Secretary W. E. Price:

The Grand Jury's Report.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 14th, 1918.

This Honor, Judge W. P. Stacy, President, Superior Court, New Hanover County, November term 1918.

We, the grand jury for the term mentioned above herewith present our report, based on consideration of matters presented to us for consideration. We have examined the full report of the grand jury returned 1918. We have returned one "Not a true bill." We have returned one presentment.

The greater part of our time has been consumed in the investigation of the health of the city, and the recommendations of past grand juries have been allowed to go unheeded. It is our purpose as far as possible to have the court enforce recommendations we make, and we ask that a copy of our report be presented to the succeeding grand jury for any action that body may see fit to take against any individuals or bodies for neglect, and we request that the grand jury may hereafter be referred to in this paper.

Warren's Milk Depot.

We feel that we would be recanting to our duty if we did not condemn in strongest and most unqualified terms the milk station, or depot, on Second street, conducted by A. G. Warren. This place we deem a positive disgrace and a menace to the health of the community. We consider the matter of such urgency that we trust His Honor may see fit to emphasize the importance of having our recommendations relative to this and other milk supply depots in the city, followed immediately by the health department.

Several physicians have stated to us that they will not allow any infants under their care to use the milk supplied by the Warren depot. They have their examinations in the depot, and have detected conditions unsatisfactory from every point of view. They concur with the grand jury in the statement that if milk can be dispensed under better conditions in this place, it will be better to have it closer to the depot, and the supervision of health. Housekeepers and citizens have been summoned and they have in unqualified terms the general conditions surrounding the place, and the methods of handling the milk.

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MR. WARREN'S SIDE

Owner of Milk Depot Arraigned by Grand Jury States His Case Regarding Conditions.

Following the report of the grand jury to Judge W. P. Stacy of superior court yesterday afternoon containing a sweeping indictment of the way milk is handled in the city, especially at the milk station of A. G. Warren, The Star advised Mr. Warren that it would give him space in which to make any statement he desired in regard to the matter, and he prepared the following:

"This afternoon I was very much astonished to learn that the grand jury, sitting at the present term of superior court, had rendered a report which, among many other things, my milk depot and the methods employed there for delivery of milk had been severely criticized.

"Wilmington about 18 months ago was very much in need of pasteurized milk, according to the superintendent of health, at that time Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt; and at his request I installed, at a cost of about \$5,000, the most modern machinery obtainable for that purpose, in order to provide the babies and others in the city of Wilmington with pasteurized milk. Although this equipment was expensive to operate, I would have cheerfully demanded to operate the same had the demand for pasteurized milk been so great in so doing. There was but slight increase in the demand for pasteurized milk from the date of installation of the plant to the date of discontinuing the same.

"Shortly after I had equipped my depot with the necessary expensive machinery to provide pasteurized milk, a committee of local physicians called upon me and urged me to furnish milk for the babies just as received from the dairies and without the pasteurizing treatment. Nevertheless, I continued to operate the plant for the benefit of those who desired pasteurized milk, and I continued to receive small orders to continue its operation very long.

"The methods employed for the dispensing of milk at the depot are the same as have been in use for the last five years and have never been condemned or objected to by the board of health or any member or representative of the board of health; or any one else, notwithstanding the statement contained in the report of the grand jury to the effect that the superintendent of health had repeatedly warned the proprietor of conditions.

"The depot has a good cement floor and tile walls. The individual containers used by the grand jury were sold to me by reputable people as being dust proof and sanitary vehicles for delivery of milk.

"The use of tanks equipped with faucets and faucets creating trouble by corroding, etc., was found objectionable on account of the cream remaining in the tanks by reason of rising to the top of the milk, as well as the faucets creating trouble by corroding, etc.

"My attitude of health has been to give the babies of Wilmington and others the best milk in the best way and I regret that no one has ever seen fit to complain to me instead of to the grand jury and I wish the grand jury had done me the justice to visit my depot in a body before indulging in such a severe criticism.

"I am willing to do any reasonable thing to improve either milk or service, and I endeavor to meet in the future as I have done in the past, all directions and requests of the board of health."

WOULD ESTABLISH HOME FOR DELINQUENT BOYS AND GIRLS

Grand Jury Recommends Prompt Action to Save Juveniles.

Among the recommendations included in the report of the grand jury yesterday was one urging that a temporary home be provided for the wayward boys and girls of the city and county. The idea of the jurors, as set forth in the report, is that a commission be appointed by the county commissioners and city council for the purpose of establishing a temporary school where the delinquents may be detained while arrangements are made to care for them elsewhere.

Members of city council and of the board of commissioners were summoned before the grand jury yesterday morning for the purpose of ascertaining their views on the matter, and it is understood that they heartily approved of the plan. It was agreed, after being told of conditions that exist in Recorder George Harris and Solicitor E. T. Burton, and Rev. F. D. Dean, probation officer, that a joint session of council and the commissioners be held at which a committee of citizens will be present and officially ask for the appropriation to finance the movement. The meeting will be held in council chamber Monday night at 7:30 o'clock and the committee will consist of the following: Recorder George Harris, Solicitor Burton, Mr. Dean, Mrs. W. L. Parsley, Mrs. W. B. Cooper, Mrs. I. W. Solomon and L. T. Moore, foreman of the grand jury.

It is understood that the records of recorder's court substantiate the statement, that a great percentage of the violations during recent months has been among what might be termed juveniles, and that if these juveniles are to be turned from the wayward course some means of dealing with them should be advised that will have a tendency to elevate the offender rather than to mark him as a criminal.

This is a matter of vast importance to society and the public awaits developments with much interest.

FEEBLE AGED WOMAN

75 Years Old, Weakened by Pneumonia—Vinol Restored Strength.

Winchester, Va.—"I am a farmer's wife, 75 years of age, and pneumonia left me in weak, run-down condition, so I could hardly keep about and do my work. A neighbor brought me Vinol and it built up my strength so fast that I think it is the best medicine I have ever taken."—Mrs. Jennie Chapman.

There is no secret about Vinol. It owes its success to beef and cod liver peptides, iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophosphates, the oldest and most famous body-building and strength creating tonics.

Our Saxon Salve stops itching and begins healing at once.—adv.

ACQUIT HUNTINGTON IN SLANDER CASE

Jury Announces Verdict in Few Minutes.

Grand Jury Completes Its Investigation and Submits Comprehensive Report—Court in Session Again Today.

After deliberating for only about 10 minutes the jury in the case against J. B. Huntington charging him with slandering Miss Jacoba Weyers, returned yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, a verdict of not guilty. The case was taken up Wednesday and the testimony concluded yesterday morning.

Following the arguments of the attorneys Judge W. P. Stacy charged the jury in a manner that could not be construed as partial to either the prosecuting witness or the defendant, and left the case with jury to render a verdict.

After being out for only a short time the jury returned and asked that the testimony of one of the witnesses be read and that Judge Stacy enlighten them on one other point, after which they returned and in a short time they filed back into the court room and gave their verdict to Clerk W. N. Harris, the judge having left the room.

Due to the prominence of the defendant and to existing circumstances, considerable interest attached to the outcome of the case. The verdict was received with evidence of approval by most citizens who knew Mr. Huntington had been guilty of no intentional wrong in the matter. The character of the prosecuting witness, it is pointed out, suffers no reproach by reason of the verdict of acquittal, since her innocence of charges had been established in recorder's court when the case against her was dismissed as baseless.

The Huntington case was begun Wednesday and consumed all of yesterday. Other cases will be taken up today, and the docket completed today or tomorrow.

The grand jury finished its work yesterday comparatively early, most of the cases in the past having remained in session during the first week of court, and the last one, it is recalled, continued a day or two after court had adjourned. Its report, reproduced in this morning's issue, has been established by the most vigorous documents a grand jury has ever turned out in this county, not to say sensational. Its nature was unsuspected by those in the court room, and they gave it the approval of an "splendid" report and for the services rendered in the discharge of their duties and to assure them that their recommendations would be carried out.

LOCAL MOVING PICTURE TO BE SHOWN AT GRAND MONDAY

"The Grouch," Filmed Around This City Superb in Photographs.

The superb legitimate motion picture production made in and around Wilmington, the World Film picture, "The Grouch," has just received its premiere in New York city and develops the interesting fact that Wilmington is climatically and atmospherically well as from a scenic standpoint, admirably adapted to the making of motion pictures, the following criticism of the picture from the Motion Picture News speaking of it as "one of the most markedly clear photographs made in the lowlands of Brunswick county, as follows:

"The Grouch" has some of the most unusual scenes ever seen on the screen of a picture theatre. The story centers for a trackless swamp as its background and in order to obtain exactly the proper atmosphere Director Apfel took his company to a vast swamp near Wilmington, North Carolina, where the foliage was dense, he undertook a growth rank, while the waters of the swamp covered a large area. It was the ideal location and remarkable camera work obtains in these scenes that is rare. Usually in damp climates the film becomes moist and as a result the photography is poor. In these scenes, however, it is superlative."

The Grand theatre will undoubtedly be crowded next Monday by those who are anxious to see the first really big picture ever made here.

ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED THEFT

Colored Girl is Charged With Stealing Rings and Fountain Pen.

Rosa Harrison, a colored girl, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with the theft of two rings and a fountain pen from Mrs. Baxter F. Gentry by whom she has been employed as nurse for the past three weeks. She will be given a hearing in recorder's court this morning.

Mrs. Gentry had missed small amounts of money on a number of occasions and concluding that the girl was taking it she was discharged. However, the loss of the rings and fountain pen was not discovered until after the colored girl was arrested, one of them, which had been given her by the Morrison girl. The two rings were taken from a jewelry case containing other jewelry much more valuable, including among them being a diamond ring, several several watches and several other rings with less valuable stones.

When arrested the girl denied the theft but later acknowledged it and said where the other rings could be found. The fountain pen has not been recovered.

PENNY FOR EACH CUSTOMER

United Cigar Stores Making Drive for \$100,000 for War Fund.

The local United States Cigar store, in common with the company's stores everywhere, is raising funds for the united war fund drive by giving one penny for each and every customer who visits the store. In this way the entire chain of stores throughout the country expects to raise \$100,000.

Approximately a million customers visit these stores daily. As each purchase is completed the clerk drops a penny in a receptacle. Advertising matter also asks that the customer "follow suit" and drop in a penny, too.

The drive started yesterday and will continue through today, tomorrow and on Monday, when the war work campaign ends. The stores expect to raise \$50,000 by their own contributions and as much more by inducing customers to drop a penny in the receptacle every time the clerk drops one.

WAR WORK CAMPAIGN DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Only Three Days Remain to Sign Pledge Cards.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Canvassing at Luncheon Yesterday—Speakers Advocate Publishing Names of Non-Contributors.

With only three days remaining before the united war work campaign closes, New Hanover's total subscription to the fund for the welfare of the soldiers amounts to \$35,863, leaving a balance of approximately \$20,000 to be pledged within the next three days if the county raises the allotment of \$57,500 originally assigned it and more than \$40,000 if she over-subscribes her quota as much as she has been asked and is expected to do.

Reports on the day's work turned in by committee members at luncheon at campaign headquarters yesterday showed that canvassing teams had netted during the day pledges totalling \$9,483. At the beginning of the campaign the teams were assigned lists of prospective contributors to be canvassed. These lists were completed yesterday, and during the remaining days of the campaign the teams will be allowed to canvass the city without restrictions, interviewing any and every household or office in the city of what organization or industrial group he is listed with. In this way the city will be thoroughly worked and the canvassing teams will no doubt be able to report larger work than heretofore.

The meeting of committee members and canvassing teams at luncheon yesterday was one of the most enthusiastic and spirited sessions the war workers have had since the campaign drew to a close, the teams are evidencing more zeal and intensity in the drive. They are facing the question of carrying New Hanover "over the top" to a place of honor among her sister counties or of letting her fail to live up to what is expected of her. In view of this fact, there was no mincing of words in the addresses delivered by various members of the war work committee at luncheon.

If Wilmington citizens had been told six months ago that they could end the war by contributing a certain sum of money, J. Allan Taylor stated, no one would have hesitated in paying any amount asked for it. But now that peace has been gained, they are unwilling to show their appreciation of what has been accomplished by contributing even a small sum toward the settlement of the entire world war peace. Mr. Taylor did not hesitate to name a man of prominence and means who contributed only \$5; another wealthy man was mentioned who refused to contribute "splendid" report and for the services rendered in the discharge of their duties and to assure them that their recommendations would be carried out.

As a worthy example of a man who has responded freely and gladly to all patriotic and worthy causes, Mr. Taylor cited George H. Hutaft, who, he stated, has contributed no less than \$8,000 to the work of the war work purposes during the last few years.

A man who refuses to do his duty is as much a slacker in times of peace as he was before hostilities ceased. Mr. Taylor declared. He advocated that the names of those persons who refuse to contribute to war work and refuse to do it should be placed upon a "dishonor roll" and posted where everybody could see it.

Charles Moore supported Mr. Taylor's remarks concerning the roll of dishonor, and stated that furthermore the names of wealthy citizens who refuse to make contributions toward the cause should be published in the newspapers, so that the citizens of the county and the returning soldiers may know just what persons are bearing the burden and what persons are shirking.

The speakers were enthusiastically applauded when they suggested that the names of those refusing to contribute should be made public, and it was very evident that they voiced the sentiment of the entire organization of united war workers. Such a step is being seriously considered by officials of the organization, and it is very probable that a "dishonor roll" will be prepared and exhibited at the close of the campaign.

The list of industrial organizations reported yesterday as having subscribed 100 per cent included the Wilmington Compress company, Tidewater Power company, Wilmington Lumber company, and Carolina Metal Products company. Each of these plants were presented with handsome "100 per cent" shields. It was announced yesterday that no industrial plant employing less than 25 persons would be entitled to one of these emblems. The shields are very substantial and are beautifully designed, and each one presents no small expenditure. It can readily be seen that if they are presented to the small organizations subscribing 100 per cent the cash outlay would be enormous. But this does not prevent the smaller plants having the satisfaction of knowing that they went 100 per cent just the same.

Subscriptions secured by the various divisions yesterday were as follows: Retail division, \$134; banks and corporations, \$338; wholesale, \$217; dining room, \$5,470; professional division, \$180; ladies' division, \$2,157; boys and girls' division, \$487; industrial division, \$500; making a total of \$9,483 and bringing the grand total of the campaign up to date to \$35,863.

ENOYABLE OYSTER ROAST

Over \$800 Worth W. S. Stamps Sold at Myrtle Grove Last Night.

A total of \$827 worth of war savings and thrift stamps were sold at an oyster roast and flag raising held last night at the Myrtle Grove school house under the auspices of the Myrtle Grove W. S. committee. Forty-nine dollars were collected, \$5,470 was raised from the sale of oysters and the remaining \$251.76 was the proceeds from the sale of a cake which was conducted by J. O. Brown. An inspiring address was made by J. A. McNorton at the flag raising ceremonies. The flag was won by the Myrtle Grove township committee by going over the top with its quota of war savings stamps.

The voters in the cake selling contest were as follows: Miss Edna Brown, 12,260; Miss Elsie Jones, 11,288; Mrs. Sidney McMillan, 40; Miss Susie Northrop, 57; Mrs. Addie Peiffer, 1,588.

Prominent Theatrical Man Dead.

Philadelphia, Nov. 14.—Samuel F. Nirdlinger, known in theatrical and public life as Samuel F. Nixon, died here Monday morning, leaving a wife and one of the most prominent theatrical men in the country.

PORTO RICANS OFF FOR ISLAND HOMES

Decided Not to Open Marine Hospital.

Pneumonia Victims on Board the City of Savannah Will Be Cared For at Fort Caswell While Ship is Being Coaled.

While their stay in Wilmington was not without unpleasant features, there will always be a warm spot in the hearts of the 1,900 Porto Ricans, who arrived here Tuesday morning en route to Payetteville to help build Camp Bragg, for the people of Cape Fear city. The National Special Aid society fed them, while, equally as prompt to offer its assistance, the Red Cross clothed them.

Leaving their tropical homes, many of them were clad in the flimsy garments that are worn on the islands, and felt of them had a change of climate. Naturally when they struck a colder climate and a sudden change of temperature occasioned by a storm at sea, many of them fell victims to colds, more than 500 cases of pneumonia. There were 200 cases of serious sickness aboard the ship Wednesday night, Lieut. M. S. Black, medical officer in charge, stated, and at that time Lieutenant Black and Dr. Stiles were planning to utilize the marine hospital building for the treatment of the 50 patients with pneumonia. However, yesterday morning, after plans had already been made to convert the lumber company were placed through the yard and then began to drop down to smaller amounts, finally reaching \$1.

When the City of Savannah, on which the patients were being transported, reached this port it was met by an officer from Washington bearing orders instructing the commander of the transport to return to the island with the men, as they would not be needed at Camp Bragg, since the war is over. In addition to the 1,900 who were brought up on this trip there were 200 more sent here from Camp Bragg and returned on the City of Savannah, which left here about noon yesterday for Fort Caswell and Porto Rico.

There were quite a number of the natives who wanted to remain in Wilmington but only 15 were permitted to stay. Fearing that should as many as desired to do so be allowed to remain, some would take advantage of the opportunity who did not have the funds to subsist on until employment could be obtained in the States. Bishop Darst made the statement that as many as had \$30 or more and who cared to could remain here, and only 15 could remain under these terms.

Thirteen of this number were employed by the Waccamaw Lumber company, and were taken to the Bolton plant by a representative of the company yesterday afternoon. Another went to relatives in New York, while the 15th went to Bolton to do farm work. The 13 employed by the lumber company were placed through the local office of the United States employment service. Efforts were made to retain some of them for shipyard work but the managements of the yards refused to accept them since they did not have the proper accommodations to house them.

HALLSBORO GENEROUS.

Thirty People Pledge \$205 For War Work Fund.

The Hallsboro people have shown a generous spirit in their response to the appeal of the united war work campaign for funds to be used by seven organizations carrying on social and religious work among the soldiers and sailors of the country.

At a meeting held in the Baptist church Wednesday night, attended by about 30 citizens and addressed by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of the diocese of East Carolina, the sum of \$205 was pledged for the support of this work.

Bishop Darst had never visited this little town before, but he was certainly impressed by the spirit displayed by the representatives citizens who gathered to hear him, and he has promised that he will return again when he is going to preach them a real sermon. Bishop Darst didn't have any set subject for his address, notwithstanding he was there in the interest of the war work drive. He spoke on the war, peace, the reconstruction that is to follow and explained briefly the work of the seven organizations for which the funds are being raised. And he struck a responsive chord, as was evidenced by the liberal subscriptions.

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