

UNION SCHOOL WILL BE ABANDONED SOON

Board of Education Gives Assurance to This Effect.

Transportation of Children From Sunset Park to School Discussed. Schools Will Give Only One Day for Thanksgiving.

There was nothing incorporated in the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held yesterday afternoon as taking official cognizance of the recommendations made last week in the report of the grand jury relative to conditions at the Union school.

However, the matter was discussed in view of the fact that plans are now under way for the discontinuance of the use of this building for school purposes. It was deemed unnecessary, to take further steps at this time, other than to have repairs made to the heating system, which H. E. Longley stated would be done.

The board held that there was no question for it to settle except as it concerned the heating system and sanitary conditions.

Mr. Longley had made an investigation and found that the valves to some of the radiators are out of commission which prevents the turning on of the steam. It was ordered that this be attended to immediately. But concerning the plumbing, the sanitation of which was called attention to in the grand jury report, Mr. Longley stated that his opinion was that it would not be proper to spend any money on this building.

The board made it plain that the members have the interest of the children who use the Union school at heart, and gave assurance that the program looking to the abandonment of the building, which was started several months ago, would be carried out as expeditiously as possible.

A letter from W. E. Price, who was secretary to the grand jury, and whose name was signed to a letter published in Sunday's Star, with that of the foreman, Louis T. Moore, and two other grand jurors, O. E. and G. B. Smith, was received and ordered incorporated in the minutes of the board. Mr. Price stated that he did not know the communication was to be used in a newspaper. The letter follows:

Letter From Mr. Price.
The Board of Education, New Hanover county, City of Wilmington.
Gentlemen: In yesterday's Morning Star there appeared an article purported to be signed by me as secretary of the former grand jury with reference to the Union high school building.

I fear that you gentlemen will get the wrong conception of my intention in connection with this article. As secretary of the grand jury, I am not over the school building and asked permission for my name to be attached to this article, which I did not read personally. I understood from Mr. Moore that he was desirous of giving this article to your board and ask him to submit it to your board at his meeting today and it did not carry my name with any purpose of putting it in a newspaper. At the time I consented I did not know that the matter had any political aspect. At any rate when my attention was called to this article I thought it was only fair to personally investigate this matter, which I did by talking to a building standpoint but from a financial standpoint. After discussing the matter with the architects, contractors, and county treasurer, I find the following interesting facts:

"Some weeks ago the contract was let for the addition of nine rooms to the present high school making a total of 23 rooms and finding that the board of education is to abandon the Union school entirely and dispose of the Union school property just as soon as they can consistently do so, the present high school building to be occupied by the Union school children and the new high school, to be erected at 13th and Market street where the site for this new high school building has already been purchased and paid for. I am told by the county treasurer that the work now being done on the high school building is being done on borrowed money as the board of education was not permitted to sell the bonds of \$250,000 which were recently authorized by the school bond election, some one, perhaps a member of the Rotarian club, filed objections to the entire bond issue but find that the capital issuing committee has authorized them to sell one half of these bonds which is \$125,000 but the county treasurer tells me that the board has been unable to realize from the sale of \$125,000 which was recently made.

"In conclusion permit me to say that I have high regard for the board of education, both the older members, Mr. C. S. Cooper and Newcomb and I congratulate them on not permitting the board of education to get into politics."
Very respectfully yours,
"W. E. PRICE"

Building Declared Safe.
It was stated that the building had been inspected by an architect and declared safe, as far as the building is concerned, and that there was no more involved than from any other building with which it is a wooden structure. It is more difficult to heat by steam, as the wind will find its way through the cracks in the building which would not be the case if it was constructed of brick.

The matter of transporting the children from Sunset Park to the city schools was discussed but no action was taken other than to instruct Supt. J. Blair to ascertain if he could have the children brought in and carried out each morning and afternoon, and Carolina Shipbuilding corporation, was present at the meeting to ask that some be done looking to the solution of the problem of transporting the children from Sunset Park to and from school, but Mr. Blair had indicated that he was going to attend the meeting and advise the council as to what effect it might have in causing a further spread of influenza. The matter was not brought up. Mr. Dr. Low merely brought up the matter.

COUNCIL REFUSES TO ALLOW ONE-MAN CAR

Declined Last Night to Amend Present Ordinance.

Petitions Signed by Several Hundred Names Were Presented Protesting Against a Change in Method of Operation.

City council, upon motion of Councilman W. J. Bradshaw, seconded by Councilman L. L. Shepherd, last night declined to permit the Tidewater Power company to operate the proposed one-man street cars.

Raymond Hunt, general manager of the company, who appeared before the body about two weeks ago and asked council to take under consideration the matter of rescinding the ordinance requiring each car to be manned by two men, addressed the body last night setting forth additional information tending to show the advantage of the one-man car when equipped with certain patented devices.

Labor union men were present representing the motormen and conductors and presented petitions protesting against a proposed amendment of the present ordinance making the operation of a one-man car permissible.

In making his motion Councilman Bradshaw stated that regardless of any improved schedule that might be made by the operators of the cars it would be to work, he was convinced that the conditions that would be put up with. He was of the opinion that the proposed plan operating cars would increase the risk of injury to passengers through accidents, and for that reason he introduced the motion that the present system be maintained. There was no other discussion by any member of council.

Mr. Hunt did not ask action last night but submitted an amendment to the present ordinance whereby the points would be gained and requested council to consider the matter further and in the meantime allow him to demonstrate the workings of a car after it is equipped with the patented devices. He said he expected opposition as it was natural that, just on the face of the proposition, one would assume that an efficient service could not be given with one-man cars as could be given by two-man cars. He stated that the two-man cars were somewhat of that opinion himself until he studied the matter. To strengthen his argument Mr. Hunt read the following letter, from the manager of the Tampa, Fla., Electric company:

"We have your inquiry of November 13 regarding the operation of safety, or one-man cars upon the street railway lines of the city of Tampa. We serve about 70,000 people and until the early part of this year practically all of our service was given with open cars, the only exception being a suburban line about 10 miles in length where double decker cars are used. We now have 23 Birney safety cars with six more en route and 10 more under order. At present 40 per cent of our car miles are being operated with these cars and when the other 16 are in service, making 59 cars, about 60 per cent of our car miles will be so operated.

"From the beginning these cars have operated on all of our most important lines. In both of these cases work has been reduced, compared with previous operation, and therefore, the public receive more frequent service. That this service is more satisfactory is shown by the increase in the number of people riding on these lines. It, of course, would have been impossible for us to give this more frequent service with the old type of equipment as riding can hardly be increased to the same extent as the number of people riding on these lines. It, of course, would have been impossible for us to give this more frequent service with the old type of equipment as riding can hardly be increased to the same extent as the number of people riding on these lines. It, of course, would have been impossible for us to give this more frequent service with the old type of equipment as riding can hardly be increased to the same extent as the number of people riding on these lines.

"As was to be expected, there was doubt on the part of some people as to whether the new type of service would prove as satisfactory as the old. I believe it is safe to say that practically all of the people served by the lines on which these cars operate are now more satisfied with the service they are getting than they were with the old service. It simply requires a few weeks of operation to convince the doubtful ones of the improvement. Patrons of lines not equipped with this service often inquire as to the possibility of a change being made on the particular line they use.

"One important matter is that of accidents. Our experience has been that we are having fewer accidents per thousand car miles with these cars than in the case with the others.

"We are firmly convinced that this type of service is a great step forward in the street railway field, and that, because of the better results from the standpoint of the traveling public, it will be adopted in many cities as rapidly as the companies may be in a financial position to provide the equipment and track facilities."

"One of the petitions was from the motormen and conductors of the Tidewater Power company while the other was signed by between 1,200 and 1,300 persons reputed to be patrons of the car line.

In regard to the condemnation of the Hayden property on Third street, which Building Inspector Charles Schnibben has recently ordered torn down and asked for an extension of time, stating that the property now virtually in the hands of the court and has been advertised for sale by public auction on December 11. The present owner, Mr. Hayden, has a life right in the property and has right to sell the building and should he have it torn down it might result in a controversy. He asked for an extension of time until after the January term of court, when the sale will be passed upon by the court, under an order of which the sale is to be made.

The request was granted and Building Inspector Schnibben stated that he would not start the building being torn down tomorrow as he had previously announced.

Dr. Charles E. Low, county health officer, upon request, appeared before council relative to the coming of influenza which is scheduled to show here this week under the auspices of the union of musicians and stage employes. It was thought that some attention would be taken from showing the arrival from showing here and Dr. Low was requested to attend the meeting and advise the council as to what effect it might have in causing a further spread of influenza. The matter was not brought up. Mr. Dr. Low merely brought up the matter.

SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL TOMORROW

Will Open Bids For Water Plant Enlargement.

Another Meeting Asked For Friday to Receive Plans for the Establishment and Maintenance of Juvenile Home.

The opening of bids for the enlargement of the city water plant and the hearing of the proposition of helping to finance an institution for the detention of wayward girls and boys, which the grand jury, in its report to Judge Stacy last Thursday afternoon, recommended be established and maintained, are two important matters that are planned to be brought to the attention of city council at special meetings this week.

The bids for the enlargement of the water plant will be opened at a special meeting to be held at noon Wednesday, while the committee appointed by the grand jury to investigate the establishment of the home has requested a meeting Friday evening, at which tentative plans will be outlined.

These plans were given been outlined at a joint meeting of council and the board of county commissioners at the meeting last night but the committee was unable to get all the information desired by that time. The committee met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Cooper at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, following which it was stated that several propositions were discussed. However, further information relative to one or two of these was desired which could not be obtained before the meeting last night and consequently the conference with council and the commissioners was postponed. If there are any further propositions which the city would like to make, relative to sites for the proposed home, they are requested to notify Louis T. Moore.

The enlargement of the water plant to comply with the specifications and recommendations of specialists from the United States public health service, will involve approximately \$50,000 and it is expected that the contract will be awarded the special meeting at noon tomorrow. The improvement include the doubling of the sedimentation basin capacity and the installation of two filtration units.

The recommendations of the health experts also call for the extension of the water main from the Northeast to the Northwest branch of the Cape Fear river, and it is understood that this part of the recommendations will eventually be carried out, but as it would involve the expenditure of a large amount of money, and as the enlargements that are to be started at once will supply the immediate demands, it has been decided to postpone the extension of the main until it can be accomplished for considerably less money.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO RECRUIT LABOR
Curtailment of Work at Government-Controlled Plants be Gradual.

The United States employment service and the community labor boards were advised yesterday that the control and responsibility for recruiting of unskilled labor for war work continues for the time being.

The employment service also stated that such of the work is continuing and that the curtailment program will be gradual. The community labor boards were probably will be called on to make the surveys and the different communities in which they are located. Efforts to secure men from non-essential industries has been stopped. This includes the work which has been carried on here under the direction of the Wilmington community labor board by the police department. Chief Williams stated yesterday that a large number of names had been secured of persons engaged in non-essential work. This work was commenced before the armistice was signed and was continued for several days awaiting instructions.

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No action was taken last night in regard to increasing the salary of city policemen, including Firemen and policeman, but Councilman McCaig gave assurance that this matter will be acted on at the next regular meeting and that any increase that may be made will date from November 1.

The water situation in many sections of the city, due to the briny condition that has prevailed through the city mains, has become a serious proposition. Councilman Bradshaw stated, and in some sections the people are really suffering for palatable water to drink. Pumps, private and public, have been drawn on during the past several days, but these are not accessible every neighborhood. The low water in the Cape Fear, due to the continued drought, has resulted in high tides forcing salty water up to the city intake, and the filtering plant is unable to remove the salt from it.

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QUOTA NOT REACHED IN WAR WORK DRIVE

Total Last Night Was \$2,381 Short of Allotment.

Canvassing Committees Will Make Effort to Carry County Over the Top Before Tomorrow Night—Ladies' Teams Disbanded.

The people of Wilmington and New Hanover county must subscribe an additional sum of \$2,500 before the unit war work campaign closes tomorrow night if the county reaches its original quota of \$57,500, and a vastly larger sum than this must be raised if any progress is made toward reaching the 50 per cent over-subscription which Director General John R. Mott, of the national war work drive, states is necessary to cover the budgets of the seven welfare organizations conducting the campaign.

When the canvassing committees met at dinner at 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening in campaign headquarters, subscriptions amounting to \$6,798 were reported as the result of the day's work, making the total amount raised to date \$55,119. This sum is \$2,381 below the county's quota. A number of industrial organizations, including both shipyard and two rural communities and some of the negro organizations had not turned in complete reports last night, and it is believed that pledges amounting to several hundred dollars have been held by these organizations, which, of course, brings the county much nearer its goal than reports made last night show.

Since the national committee has extended the campaign to Wednesday night to complete its quota, canvassing committees of the city and county organizations will conduct an intensive campaign this morning among the business men of the county in order to complete the county's quota. When the canvassing teams met at luncheon today at 1:10 o'clock, City Chairman Marsden Bellamy stated last night, the county will have gone over the top, for he believes, as do the rest of the members of the war work organization, that citizens of Wilmington and the county at large are so proud of their past achievements and of the county's reputation to fall down now and fail to give their share when they are asked to contribute to the comfort and protection of the boys who have gained the victory in a struggle that meant so much for the future happiness and well-being of American citizens.

The teams will continue without let-up until Wednesday night. After the county's quota has been reached today, the teams will continue working in an effort to raise a large subscription above the quota.

County Chairman Roger Moore read the following telegram at the dinner last night from State Chairman George W. Waits urging that the campaign be continued to the very last minute: "The United States employment service and the community labor boards were advised yesterday that the control and responsibility for recruiting of unskilled labor for war work continues for the time being. The employment service also stated that such of the work is continuing and that the curtailment program will be gradual. The community labor boards were probably will be called on to make the surveys and the different communities in which they are located. Efforts to secure men from non-essential industries has been stopped. This includes the work which has been carried on here under the direction of the Wilmington community labor board by the police department. Chief Williams stated yesterday that a large number of names had been secured of persons engaged in non-essential work. This work was commenced before the armistice was signed and was continued for several days awaiting instructions."

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MILITARY FUNERAL FOR PORTO RICANS

Ten Islanders Interred in the National Cemetery.

Bodies Accompanied From Fort Caswell by Military Escort—Red Cross Directed Funeral Arrangements—Graves Photographed.

Very impressive, as all military funerals are, was the funeral service conducted from St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock for ten Porto Ricans, former passengers on the City of Savannah. Eight of the islanders died of pneumonia between Friday morning and Sunday night at the Fort Caswell hospital; where they were taken for treatment after leaving this city; the other two succumbed aboard the steamer.

The bodies were brought from Fort Caswell yesterday morning on the steamer Morrison, attended by Col. A. W. Chase, commanding officer at the fort, and a military escort which included the fort's band. The military relief committee of the Red Cross met the bodies at the boat-landing and with a detachment of infantry from W. L. I. army and a contingent of the negro Red Cross followed the cortege to the national cemetery where interment was made.

The Very Rev. C. Dennen, of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, conducted the funeral service, reading the mass and solemn requiem. Appropriate selections, including "Rock of Ages" and the Spanish national anthem, were played by the band, and as the coffins were lowered into the grave, the bugler sounded taps. The ten men were laid side by side, enclosed in hermetically sealed caskets, so that if relatives or authorities in Porto Rica wish they may exhume the bodies at a later date and convey them to their native island.

When the last clods had been piled on the grave, the mound was covered with many floral designs, most of them contributed by the Red Cross. No less than 33 wreaths were included in the floral contributions. The Red Cross had a photographer to make a picture of the graves, covered with flowers, and a copy of this picture, together with a personal letter from the Red Cross chapter, will be sent to the families of each of the Porto Ricans, telling how they met their deaths and describing the attention given to their burial.

Approximately 140 Porto Ricans are now at the fort hospital ill with pneumonia. During their sickness, these men have been given the very best of medical attention, and Colonel Chase has provided for their comfort in every possible way. Father Winkler went down to the fort yesterday to assist in caring for the men during their illness.

Following is a list of the ten islanders buried: Gurosin Sanchez, Guayama, P. R., died at 2 p. m. November 15; Manuel Ameroco, Cayey, P. R., died 6 p. m. November 15; Modesto Car. Rosa, Manito, P. R., died 1:25 p. m. November 16; Manuel Rivera, Greelleo, P. R., died 8:30 p. m. November 16; Toro Antonio, Mayaguez, P. R., died 6:30 p. m. November 17; Modesto Car. Rosa, Manito, P. R., died 1:35 p. m. November 18. The names and homes of the remaining three were unknown. Two of them died on the City of Savannah, the third died at the Fort hospital last winter.

The Red Cross has been very attentive to the Porto Ricans while they were suffering. When the steamer was docked here the chapter contributed a supply of clothing to the men, many of whom were very poorly clothed, and assisted them whenever it could.

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"THE GROUCH" PROVED VERY POPULAR WITH WILMINGTONIANS

Large Crowds Witnessed Picture Photographed Here.

Large audiences attended the Grand theatre yesterday afternoon and last night to see "The Grouch," a moving picture with local scenes. Practically all the scenes in the first three parts were photographed at Greenfield lake and in the swamps of Town creek, where some very beautiful scenic effects were secured.

The picture was all that local movie fans had expected. The leading parts by Montagu Love and Dorothy Green were well acted. The story, written by Forrest Halsey, holds the interest to the end and is highly entertaining. Halsey based his story on material gathered by him while hunting in this section last winter. His guide, an old darkey of ante-bellum days, told him some fantastic tales in which a wild tribe of gypsies and a very dark and dismal swamp played important parts, and when Halsey returned to his home in Fredericksburg, Va., he incorporated these tales in the scenario released yesterday by the World Film corporation under the title of "The Grouch." A number of the "supers" in the play are young ladies and men of this city; 15 young ladies and six young men playing the parts of gypsies in the gypsy scene. The club shown in the picture is the country club at Buena Vista farm, a few miles from Wilmington. Carl B. Rehder, of this city, assisted Mr. Love in selecting the locations for many of the scenes.

The picture is a \$20,000 production, directed by Oscar Apfel. It is well worth seeing, and of course has a very definite appeal to citizens of this community and natives of North Carolina familiar with scenes in this section of the state. The picture proved so popular yesterday that the management of the Grand will make an effort to book it for a later date, so that those who missed the opportunity of seeing it yesterday may witness it later.

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