

AWARD CONTRACT PART OF EQUIPMENT

City Purchases Four Filtration Units.

Bids for Other Equipment for Water Plant Enlargement Rejected and New Ones Asked—To Be Opened December 2.

City council, in special session last night, accepted bids for part of the improvements to the city water plant and rejected others and instructed the city clerk and treasurer to advertise for new bids to be opened at the regular meeting December 2.

The bid of the Pittsburgh Filter company, Pittsburgh, Pa., of \$15,500 for a four-unit filter equipment was accepted against a bid by the American Water Softening company of Philadelphia, of \$15,700, both of these being alternate bids. The bids for engine pumps were rejected.

The original bid of the Pittsburgh Filter company, based on the specifications of the city engineer, was \$18,500, while that of the American Water Softening company was \$19,200. However, the latter company enclosed an alternate bid and after executive session of council a request was made that the Pittsburgh Filter company representative be permitted to submit an alternate bid also, and by mutual agreement between the representatives of the two competing companies this was allowed, and after preparing his bid those of both the companies were read.

That of the American Water Softening company was \$16,700, while that of his competitor was to the effect that with the certain substitutions asked for he would deduct from his original bid \$2,400 with an additional deduction of \$200 by substitution of the simplex controller for Hart controller. The simplex controller was accepted which reduced his bid to \$15,500.

These were the only bids for the filter equipment, other bids being as follows: Morris Machine Works, Baldwinville, N. Y., turbine engine, \$3,210; condenser, \$4,908; vertical compound engine, \$2,960; condensers, \$5,210. DeLaval Company, New York, turbine engine, \$3,580; condenser, \$4,900.

There were no bids for general construction. However, there was a representative of the Charleston, W. Va., Concrete Construction company in the city yesterday prepared to make a bid, but for some reason no bid was submitted. Woodus Kellum, representing this concern, appeared before council last night and asked that a bid for a turn-key job be considered on a basis of cost plus 10 per cent. The council could not consider the proposal since the advertisement calling for bid specified that all bids must be in by noon yesterday.

An advertisement will be inserted at once calling for bids for engine, pumps and condensers and for general construction. It is understood that if satisfactory bids are not received the city will proceed with the construction, the contract for the filter equipment being awarded with the understanding that the city was to have time to advertise for other equipment and construction work, but at the same time giving the bidder assurance that the work would be expedited all possible.

There is no way of figuring out the amount of enlargement of the plant as the contract for all the material was not awarded, nor for the work of installing the equipment.

The motion to reject all bids except those for the four filtration units, was made following an executive session of council and the reason for their rejection was not made public.

MAY ESTABLISH CLINIC TO TREAT VENEREAL DISEASES City and County Asked for \$1,500 Under New Order.

The agitation for an institution in Wilmington for the treatment of venereal diseases, which had to be abandoned for a time on account of the outbreak of influenza in the city, has been resumed and plans are underway for the establishment of a clinic for the treatment of persons affected with these diseases.

The matter has been taken up by the state board of health and by the United States public health service through the state board, and a proposition made to local health authorities by which a clinic may be established at a very small cost to the city. Lieut. A. K. Rieger of the United States public health service, working under the direction of the state board of health, is in Washington in the interest of the establishment of this clinic. The proposition that will be made to city council and the county commissioners is that the two bodies appropriate \$1,500 and the state and federal health departments will make available a similar amount and in addition furnish the medicine for the treatment. The clinic will be in charge of the treatment of the disease. It is stated that this amount will keep the work going until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1919.

Under the plans the clinics will be conducted by a local physician, which will require about two hours per day of his time.

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN CLOSES

New Hanover Well Over the Top When Drive Ended.

County Over-Subscribed Its Quota Nearly \$2,000—Shipyards and Atlantic Coast Line Lead the City With Largest Contributions.

The united war work campaign closed last night with New Hanover county well over the top. Its allotment of \$57,500 was raised Tuesday, and final reports coming in at campaign headquarters yesterday carried the total to approximately \$59,000, according to statement made at campaign headquarters last night by District Director J. E. Huntington.

All the rural districts had not sent in their reports last night, and there are still two or three townships to be heard from. The grand total arrived at last night was \$58,982.

The shipyards, particularly, and the industrial organizations which wholeheartedly contributed very freely to the campaign. The Carolina shipyard led the county in giving the largest sum. It contributed \$12,500, and the shipyard at New Hanover contributed \$4,470. It followed by a few points short of the 100 per cent mark, 99.91 per cent, its force having contributed a day's pay, and in some instances a much larger sum. One young lady at the steel shipyard pledged \$100, and a few others gave as much as \$25.

The Atlantic Coast Line came second in the list of largest contributors, and the Liberty shipyard third. The total amount reported from the A. C. L. last night was \$27,700, and there are a number of divisions which are stated which have not yet been reported that will be sufficient to raise the Coast Line's total to \$4,000. The purchasing department of the A. C. L. made an unusual record by subscribing 100 per cent of its allotment. The shipyarders at the Liberty yard contributed \$2,000.

The negroes did remarkably well in the drive, according to reports received at campaign headquarters. In the rural districts they raised more than 200 per cent of their quota. Asked to give \$500, they pledged \$1,168. The negroes in the city did equally as well, and the colored division of the campaign had a record of \$11,100 to its credit. All divisions have done remarkably well. The fertilizer plants in the county also did unusually good work, each of them subscribing 100 per cent. The Almon Fertilizer company contributed \$180; Swift Fertilizer company, \$300; Navassa factory, \$171; and the American Agriculture and Chemical company, \$480.

In individual records of the various divisions conducting the campaign, the ladies division surpassed all others, raising \$17,033 during the eight days they assisted in canvassing the city. The flying squadron came second with a record of \$12,500 and the industrial division third with \$11,100 to its credit. All divisions have done remarkably well. Director Huntington stated last night, and the county's success in the war work drive is due in a large measure to the efficient manner each carried out their respective parts. The campaign organization also extended a vote of thanks to Misses Voshall, Loman and Hall for the excellent service rendered by doing the clerical work at campaign headquarters.

Contributors signing pledge cards may call at campaign headquarters today and make their first payments. Director Huntington announces that he will be at headquarters all day to receive these payments and answer all reports from the townships that have not yet reported in full. After today payments on pledges should be made at the Home Savings bank, 50 per cent of the amount pledged must be paid on or before December 2, 1918; 25 per cent on January 15, 1919 and 25 per cent March 1.

FOUR MORE BURIED Another Military Funeral of Porto Ricans in National Cemetery. Four more bodies of Porto Ricans who had died of pneumonia at Fort Caswell were brought here yesterday morning at 10:30 on the government steamer Morrison, accompanied by Col. W. Chase, commandant at the fort, officers and a detachment of 10 men and the military band.

They were met at the dock by Company B, stationed here, and a committee of the American Red Cross, Rev. H. F. Parris, rector St. Mark's Episcopal church, colored, and representatives of the colored Red Cross organization.

Father C. Dennen conducted the funeral service. The graves were covered with wreaths made of galax and tied with red, white and blue ribbon, red carnations and flags given by the Red Cross and large wreaths of flowers, while the government sent wreaths of flowers. The fort band played "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Rock of Ages," "Nearer My God Thee" and the Spanish national anthem. The music being extraordinarily sweet and impressive.

These make 14 bodies of Porto Ricans buried in the national cemetery, the men having died at the fort and being placed there for treatment for pneumonia.

RED CROSS ISSUES LABELS. Permits For Christmas Packages For Soldiers Distributed by Chapter. Relative to sending Christmas packages to soldiers overseas, the war department has issued a new ruling authorizing the American Red Cross to issue a quantity of labels exactly similar to those received from soldiers abroad to be furnished on request to persons who have not received labels from relatives in the service, or whose labels have been lost or destroyed, according to information received by the local Red Cross chapter.

This arrangement will insure that every soldier receives his bit of Christmas cheer from home. Applicant for a label is required to make affidavit similar to that required for parcels addressed to war relief organization workers and to file with the chapter official issuing the label.

"Fit" in Launvale. Returning from Brunswick county last night, A. E. Croom, Jr., reports that Launvale is suffering from a second epidemic of influenza. A greater number of cases have been reported there than during the previous epidemic. Mr. Croom states. This is only one of several towns over the state where the "flu" is reported as having "come back."

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT. Mr. A. S. Holden, local district agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Newark, N. J., has received notice from his company that it has to cancel all war conditions attached to any of their policies and that all extra war premium paid on account of the war will be returned to the insured.

MUTUAL BENEFIT. This company not only in name, but indeed, and has paid many extra special dividends to do other company was ever known to do. It is also the first company to pay the beneficiaries of B. A. Merritt, Herbert and Edward P. Bailey.

This company writes the most liberal policy known in life insurance. A WORD TO THE WISE. THE WISEST INVESTMENT.

CARNIVAL IS SENT TO HEALTH BOARD

Council Declines to Take Action in the Matter.

Vigorous Protests Were Made by Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and by Various Women's Civic Organizations.

City council, in special session at noon yesterday, passed the responsibility of action barring the carnival billed for Wilmington next week by referring the matter to the board of health with the request that a special meeting of that body be called to take action.

Following the meeting the organization interested, representatives of which were present and asked that the carnival be not allowed to show here, conferred with officials of the board of health and a meeting was called by Chairman W. A. McGirt to be held at noon today in the office of the county health officer.

The meeting of council was called for the purpose of opening bids for the enlargement of the city water plant, but those adverse to having the carnival come here took advantage of the opportunity to enter their protest. Bids were opened for the water plant improvements but an adjournment taken until last night to give time to consider the bids.

The carnival matter was presented to council by James H. Cowan, secretary of the chamber of commerce, who read a communication signed by himself as secretary of the chamber, and Louis T. Moore, as secretary of the Rotary club. The communication included a resolution protesting against the attraction coming here which was adopted at a joint meeting of the executive committees of the chamber and Rotary club held in the chamber assembly room yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. This is the communication:

"At a joint meeting of the executive committees of the chamber of commerce and Rotary club, held this morning the matter of permitting attractions known as carnivals to hold forth in Wilmington was presented and thoroughly discussed. It was the universal opinion of all that carnivals are detrimental to the best interests of the city. The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the joint bodies and which resolution is respectfully transmitted to you for consideration, viz:

"Resolved, That carnivals are a detriment to the community, being considered a menace to health, morals and business, and that the executive committee of the chamber of commerce and Rotary club do earnestly protest to city council, that stands to protect the best interests of the citizens, and to the board of health, that is organized to protect the health of the people, against the proposed carnival (understood to be scheduled to appear in Wilmington next week) and against the holding of any other carnival, and urge both bodies to the limit of their ability and capacity, to prohibit the appearance of any carnival in Wilmington, whether such be next week or years hence.

"Resolved, further, That the executive committees of the chamber of commerce and Rotary club appear before the mayor and city council, and (Continued on Page Six.)

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SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE ORGANIZED

To Form Local Units of U. S. School Garden Army.

Frank Harper, of Raleigh, Here to Assist in Perfecting Organization to Help Feed the Peoples of Europe.

Frank M. Harper, for 11 years superintendent of the Raleigh schools, but who has become associated with the United States department of education, of the department of the interior, is in Wilmington for the purpose of promoting the government's plan of organizing local units of the United States school garden army. The purpose of this army is to encourage school children to plant and cultivate "back yard" gardens with the end in view of increasing the food production of the country.

The school children are being organized into a school army throughout the country having already enrolled more than a million and a half. The drive that is on now is for five million "soldiers" and "a child for every garden and a garden for every child" is the motto. The organization has been perfected in the schools in several cities of the state, but on account of existing conditions here it has been decided best not to attempt the organization in Wilmington until following the Christmas holidays.

This movement was started last March, but officials of the government and Food Administrator Hoover are now urging a more intensive campaign since the demand for foodstuffs has been increased greatly by the cessation of hostilities. Practically the whole of Europe has got to be fed, Mr. Harper stated, and we have got to supply the greater part of the food. With the return of peace the United States is called upon to feed the starving peoples of the nations that have been arraigned in battle against her, and to be able to send the needed provisions to Europe and retain enough for home consumption it is going to be necessary for the production to be greatly increased.

It has been expected now that peace has been restored, that the price of foodstuffs would be reduced, but according to a statement credited to Mr. Hoover those who have entertained such an idea are destined to be disappointed, for his opinion is, that instead of going down, next year is going to see a rise in prices of food commodities over prevailing prices during the past 12 months. This increase in price, of course, will be the result of an increased demand through the opening of the way for exports to countries that could not be reached before the war ended.

Through the medium of the school garden army it is planned to have the children of the nation produce approximately \$62,500,000 worth of foodstuffs. Statistics show that the value of the product of the average war garden is \$12.50, and this multiplied by five million, the number of children that the officials expect to enroll, will add considerably in supplying the home needs and releasing much for export. The school garden army will be organized and the work carried on under the supervision of school authorities. It is an educational measure as well as one to increase production, and

expects to see great results from the work among Wilmington school children.

Mr. Harper resigned as superintendent of the Raleigh schools about a month ago and was made assistant regional director of the school garden army and assigned the two Carolinas as his territory. Yesterday he visited the schools of the city and he complimented everything he saw from Superintendent Blair down to the janitors. He said he never saw cleaner buildings; better kept yards; and the pictures on the walls of the schools he said could only have been selected by an artist. However, what impressed him most, he said, was the personality of the children he saw in the school buildings. In fact, he said, he had visited schools in all parts of the country and that he had never seen any which impressed him more favorably than those in this city.

Bar Association Meets. The Wilmington Bar association meets Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the court house to arrange the calendar for the December term of court, convening December 2. Judge Stacy will preside at the term. The December term will continue in session two weeks for the trial of civil cases.

PULLMAN SERVICE. Commencing November 16th, all requests for Pullman sleeping or parlor car space from Wilmington should be made to C. M. Acker, Ticket Agent, phone 1102-W. no 15-5t.

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THE PEOPLES' SAVINGS BANK. Corner Front and Princess Sts. How Long Will It Last? You never can tell when your prosperity may change to adversity. Therefore, now is the time to safeguard your future. The best way to protect yourself against adversity is to open a Savings Account in this bank and deposit a definite amount at fixed intervals. A new interest quarter begins December 1st.

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO. 110 PRINCESS STREET. Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank. It should be conducted by the educational authorities. The work will be directed by grade teachers, and according to the plan, these teachers will be retained 12 months in the year, getting \$10 per month extra for this work during the school session and \$40 per month during the vacation period. This money is to be appropriated by the board of education. Mr. Harper stated that in Raleigh where the organization has been perfected, it required six of these teachers, who will be known as teacher-directors, but he believes that it will require eight in Wilmington. The superintendent of the city schools will be at the head of the army, and under him will be the teacher-directors and a captain, first and second lieutenants, selected from each company of from 20 to 150 children. All the members will be given badges by the government, those of the captains to have three stars, first lieutenant, two, and second lieutenant, one. The badges for the privates will have no stars. The government will send experts here every month to instruct the teacher-directors and it is planned to have information of value to gardeners, whether members of the army or not, published each week. President Wilson has been made honorary president of the United States school garden army, and he has appropriated of his emergency fund \$250,000 for promoting the work. Mr. Harper states that he expects to enroll at least 2,000 members here, and in view of the excellent soil conditions that he states exists in this section, he

Give Useful Gifts. BUY THEM while the assortments are complete and while we can wait on you. Place a "Shop and Ship Early" sticker on them and mail at once. They'll reach the destination on time. Children's Knit Sweaters, Caps and Scarfs. Infants' Knit Toques in plain or fancy colors, light or dark shades at 25c to 50c. Children's knit toboggans, light or dark shades suitable for school wear 50c, 69c and 75c. Boys' heavy weight Toboggans, dark school shades at 75 and 98c. Children's Skating Sets, consisting of wool scarf and cap to match, at \$1.25 and up to \$3.95. Infants' high grade Wool Knit Leggings, white only, at \$1.98. Infants' red Wool Leggings, at 48c and 98c. Marabou Neck Pieces. New shipment of these popular Marabou Neck Pieces in black or natural, small, medium and large sizes, at \$6.50, \$8.50 up to \$12.75. MACKINAW S. Make Ideal Gifts for Men and Boys. Boys all-wool Plaid Mackinaws, with large shawl collar, flap pockets and stitched belt, sizes 12 to 20 years \$9.95. Men's all-wool Plaid Mackinaws in a variety of nice color combinations, with large shawl collar, flat pockets and stitched belts, sizes 36 to 44 \$12.50. Kid, Leather and Fabric GLOVES. In All The New Shades For Men, Women and Children. Ladies' Dress Kid Gloves in plain and combination colors, real French quality at \$2.50 and \$3.00. Ladies' Cape Kid Walking Gloves, in gray and tan. \$2.25 and \$2.50. Ladies' Kid Gauntlet Gloves for auto driving, in tan only at \$3.50. Men's Dress Kid Gloves, in gray, tan and black, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Men's black Auto Gloves at 75c, 98c. Men's and Women's Silk and fabric Gloves 69c to \$1.50. Handsome New Furs. Animal Scarfs in Taupe, Black and Red Fox, Poiret, Lynxcat and Wolfhound in a large variety of qualities, new shipment just received. Prices range \$14.95 to \$47.50. Children's Fur Sets. Children's Fur Sets, in black, brown, white and combinations, in sizes for children 3 to 12 years. Priced \$2.95 to \$12.50.