

PLANS FOR BRITAIN DAY CELEBRATION

Noted Speaker From Winston-Salem to Deliver Address.

Dr. H. E. Rondthaler, President of Salem College, Accepts Invitation to Speak at Celebration Dec. 7.

Much interest has been shown in the preparations for the celebration of the Great Britain day December 7. The Colonial Dames are rapidly rounding up plans for the celebration into shape, and within a few days an announcement of the complete program will be made.

Assurance was received yesterday by the committee on arrangements that Dr. H. E. Rondthaler, of the Winston-Salem college, who had been invited to deliver the address at the celebration, would be in the city Saturday to speak at the celebration.

In answer to the invitation extended him Dr. Rondthaler is expected to arrive in Wilmington Saturday morning with his family.

This message was read with no small amount of interest by members of the Rotarian club, as Dr. Rondthaler is district governor of the Rotarians in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

The Colonial Dames are fortunate in securing Dr. Rondthaler, and the announcement that he is to be on the program will undoubtedly be received with great deal of pleasure by those in the city who are acquainted with his ability as an orator.

Dr. Rondthaler is the son of Bishop Edward Rondthaler, of the Moravian church, of Winston-Salem, and is president of Salem college. As a speaker he is known better, perhaps, in the central and western part of the state than in this section. He is also well known in adjoining states, and has gained a reputation as a polished orator and logical thinker.

The great Britain day celebration will be held Saturday afternoon. The exact hour has not yet been announced, neither has the place of the meeting, but arrangements are under way to secure the Academy of Music, also an accepted invitation to deliver one of the addresses at the exercises.

Efforts are being made by the Colonial Dames to secure Frenchman to deliver an address and represent France at the celebration.

On December 7 gatherings in all parts of the United States are going on to honor to the most powerful of nations by celebrating their day.

The nation-wide celebration was initiated by the Sulgrave Institution in association with the national committee of patriotic societies, the national security league, and the American defense society.

In view of the great part which Great Britain bore in the war against Prussian world domination, protecting American interests, and the fact that it is declared the plainest justice to acknowledge the debt.

Decision was reached yesterday to discard plans for the masque for roll call week. This was to have been a very elaborate affair, involving tableaux and perhaps a pageant.

Members of the executive committee and the chairman's staff for Red Cross roll call week met in the chamber of commerce at noon yesterday further to perfect plans for enrolling every citizen of the county as a member of the Red Cross during week of December 16-23.

The principal business of the meeting was the appointment of special committees to assist in carrying out the city and county during roll call week. It is planned to make a house-to-house canvass to secure the names of new members, and committees will also be sent out to work the rural districts.

Members of the chairman's staff will meet again at noon next Tuesday in the assembly hall of the chamber of commerce to discuss further plans.

Health Officer Charles E. Low Planning Trip to Chicago. Beginning the 6th of December the American Public Health association will hold its annual convention in Chicago and health experts from all over the United States and Canada will assemble.

One of the chief topics of interest this year will be influenza and much time will be given to a discussion of this disease, its characteristics, causes and measures that may be taken to prevent it.

Dr. Charles E. Low, health officer here, hopes to have his work in hand in such manner that he will be able to attend the meeting. He said yesterday that present health conditions in the city were fairly good, but that influenza in the epidemic. A few new cases are constantly coming up.

FINED \$25 FOR AUTOING WITHOUT PROPER LIGHT

Whereupon John Markiton Appeals to Court—Hansen Hassen Pays \$54 Tax To Peddle—Other Cases.

Lightless automobiles figured chiefly in recorder's court yesterday and in one case a fine of \$25 and costs was assessed, this against John Markiton, who appealed and gave \$50 bond. It was stated that he had been warned only the night before to see to his lights.

Others who had no lights or only one on their machines were J. H. Bryant, William Swann, Andrew Green, J. D. Howe, S. Jones and R. L. Jackson. In the case of Swann, judgment was continued on payment of costs, as other cases were held open for judgment December 3.

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THANK OFFERINGS WERE VERY LARGE

Churches Received Liberal Contributions for Orphans.

Approximately \$6,500 Donated to Orphanages of Various Denominations Thursday—Gift of \$5,000 for Barium Springs.

A very fitting evidence of the community's gratefulness for many blessings bestowed upon it during the year was the liberal response to the appeal made through the churches of the city for special Thanksgiving contributions for orphans. Thursday was set apart as thank-offering day for orphanages, and contributions on that day were very generous.

It has been estimated that approximately \$6,500 was contributed. This, of course, does not represent the entire amount raised for the orphanages this month. Several of the churches collect their regular Thanksgiving offering each year on the first Sunday in December, so that contributions coming in next Sunday will raise the total considerably.

The First Presbyterian church leads all other churches in the city with the largest thank offering. Thursday morning a generous citizen who does not care to have his name published handed to Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, pastor, a check for \$5,000 as a contribution to Barium Springs orphanage.

The donor of this gift specified that it should be used to finance the construction of a new dormitory. Other contributions received at the Thanksgiving service amounted to \$351, making the total offering of the First Presbyterian church \$5,351.

Members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, of which Dr. A. D. McClure is pastor, contributed \$167.43 toward the support of Barium Springs. Contributions made by members of Methodist congregations of the city were also very liberal. Grace Methodist church gave a thank offering of \$250, and Fifth Avenue Methodist church contributed \$57.47. This money will be forwarded to the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh.

A liberal offering was received from the congregation attending the first Thanksgiving service held at the First Baptist church at 5 o'clock Thursday morning, when \$240 was contributed. This is a remarkable contribution in view of the fact that an offering for the orphanage is collected at the First Baptist church every Sunday through its Sunday school department; also, next Sunday's contribution will be included with the thank offering for the orphanage. Dr. John Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, says that the church's total thank offering will be above \$300 when all contributions have been received. This goes to Thomasville orphanage.

The Thanksgiving offering raised at Calvary Baptist church amounted to \$28, but this does not represent the total amount this church will send to the Baptist orphanage as its thank offering, as the regular Thanksgiving offering will not be received until tomorrow.

The Thanksgiving offering at St. James church, while it is not yet complete, is a very large one. At the Thanksgiving service Thursday \$304 was contributed, and other donations are expected to come in tomorrow. The Episcopal churches of the city are supporting the Thompson orphanage at Charlotte.

In some churches of the city no special request was made Thursday for a contribution to the orphans; but in spite of that fact several offerings were sent in to the pastors to be forwarded to the proper orphanage. Of these, the largest contribution to the churches were exceedingly liberal and many a homeless waif will be able to live through the winter with greater comfort, warmer clothing and better food because of this generosity.

TALENT BAZAAR OPENS. This afternoon at 3 o'clock visitors will be admitted to Hall. The talent bazaar given under the auspices of the National Special Aid society opens this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the hall on the third floor of the Woolwin building on Princess street. Funds derived from the bazaar will be used in carrying forward the construction of the club for children.

Many handsome articles have been contributed to the bazaar, including exquisite embroidered work, canisters, boxes, fruit, and many other useful articles. The hall has been beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and artificial flowers and Japanese lanterns. Many handsome booths have been arranged, and the affair promises to be highly successful. The bazaar may continue through Monday and Tuesday.

NATIONAL GUARD CAMPS TO BE ABANDONED AT EARLY DATE. Washington, Nov. 29.—The 16 so-called tent camps originally constructed as training centers for national guard divisions, will be abandoned as soon as practicable. General March, chief of staff, announced today in a war department circular. No additional tents or supplies will be sent to these camps, nor will any further construction be undertaken at them, not absolutely necessary for the care of troops now there or to be sent there hereafter for demobilization.

The only exception will be the base hospitals at the camps, and such the circus redrecks be maintained.

COST OF THE GOVERNMENT DURING ONE YEAR OF WAR. Washington, Nov. 29.—It cost \$6,645,000,000 to run the American army during the year ending June 30 last; \$1,368,000,000 for the navy and \$1,516,000,000 for the civil government proper. The shipping board spent \$382,000,000 and \$181,000,000 was paid out in pensions.

The figures are shown today by the annual report of John Burke, treasurer of the United States to Secretary McAdoo. The report showed the public debt on June 30 was \$12,396,000,000.

McAdoo at Salisbury. Salisbury, Nov. 29.—Secretary McAdoo was apparently much interested in visiting the former Atlantic coast city during a half hour stop-over here today on his return to Washington from a tour of the south. He was met by Senator Overman, who is a citizen of this town, and shown about the streets.

LABOR SURVEY PLANNED THROUGH LABOR BOARDS

Department of Labor Requests Community Labor Board to Ascertain Requirements of Leading Manufacturers.

The department of labor, through its branch offices of the United States public reserve and employment service offices, is planning a national survey of labor conditions. In this state three districts have been marked out, with Wilmington, Winston-Salem and Raleigh as headquarters. The three supervisors of the employment offices in these three cities met in Raleigh recently for a conference with labor officials from Washington and plans were mapped out at that time for putting labor survey into effect.

State District organizer H. S. Grant has been assigned to the Wilmington district, and with his co-operation the United States employment bureau here is preparing to make a complete survey of labor conditions existing in the principal industrial plants in this district, which includes four neighboring counties. Mr. Grant arrived in the city yesterday morning, and accompanied by H. B. Branch, manager of the local United States employment bureau, inspected several of the city's industrial plants. A full-scale surveying evening he addressed the members of the community labor board and discussed plans for carrying out the proposed labor survey.

The labor board is to ascertain the number of men employed by the leading industries of the district and their labor requirements for each week. A weekly telegram sent to the department of labor in Washington defining local labor conditions and giving a general view of the labor situation in this district. In this way the department of labor may keep in close touch with conditions as they exist in every state in the union, and in states where there is a congestion of man-power a portion of the labor supply may be drawn upon to remedy labor shortage in other states. This of course will tend to keep labor evenly scattered and will relieve many difficulties caused by labor shortage.

PULLMAN RATES COME DOWN. Effective After Close of Business Today War Extra Goes Off. After today it will cost no more to ride on a Pullman than a day coach, save and except for the space occupied. The war extra tacked on the h. c. of traveling in a Pullman is off. The order was received yesterday from C. B. Ryan, general passenger agent, S. A. L., at Norfolk, by E. B. Hunter, district passenger agent, S. A. L., at this place and reads as follows:

Effective on and after close of business November thirtieth no additional charge will be required for the privilege of riding in sleeping or parlor cars; the only additional charge in sleeping or parlor cars over and above charge for riding in coaches will be for space occupied. Circulars and tariffs recently issued transferring the collection of the additional charge for riding in sleeping or parlor cars to the Pullman car line agents and conductors and others interested. Please see that this is given the widest publicity.

In Casualty List. Included among the "slightly wounded" in today's casualty list is Case Hall, colored, son of Balaam Hall, 1011 South Seventh street.

DRAFT BOARD MAKES A DETAILED REPORT

Compiles Complete Record of Work Accomplished.

Total of 7075 Men Registered With City Board Since June 5, 1917—Of These 767 Were Inducted Into Service.

The city draft board is engaged in winding up its work preparatory to closing its office. It has just completed a detailed report of its work, reducing the immense amount of labor expended during the last two years in connection with the registration and induction of draftees into military to concrete figures showing just what has been accomplished. This report will be forwarded to the adjutant general's office in Raleigh today, and from there it will be sent to Washington where it will be kept on file as a permanent record testifying to the service rendered by New Hanover in giving her sons to the nation in its time of need.

Since the first instructions from Provost Marshal General Crowder were issued for the registration of men 21 to 31 inclusive on June 5, 1917 until the last registration on September 22 men 18 to 45, the report prepared for the adjutant general shows that a total of 7075 were registered by the city draft board. In other words, approximately one fifth of the city's population offered itself for service in Uncle Sam's army.

Of this number 2,760 were registrants of the class of June 5, 1917; in the class of June 5, 1918, 118 men filled out registration cards. This included the registrants of August 24, the special registration day set aside for youths becoming 21 since June 5. On September 12, when Provost Marshal General Crowder ordered the registration of all men from 18 to 45 years old, the draft board registered a total of 7,075. Records are on file of the deaths of 21 men from the June 5, 1917, class.

Out of 7,075 men registered, only 767 were inducted for military training and given an opportunity to fight for their country; and several of these were rejected and sent home from camp because of physical disability. From the class of June 5, 1917, the majority of registrants were drawn for service, 698 men having been inducted from this class. Of these, 273 were white and 425 were negroes. Only 69 of the class of June 5, 1918 were inducted for military service, and of this number 31 were white and 28 colored. All calls for induction of registrants of September 12 were cancelled before any of this class were inducted.

The boys' dormitory was discovered on fire one night, but the flames were extinguished. The next night the main building of the institution was burned to the ground. Several days later the new boys' dormitory was discovered to be on fire, but saved.

Mr. Jordan followed several clues, the strongest pointing to Keyton. The latter was placed under arrest and a preliminary hearing probable cause was found and he was bound over to court.

Keyton bears a bad record at Morganton, and is believed to have set the buildings on fire for spite, not wishing to study or obey the rules of the institution.

Charles Must Get Out. Asheville, Nov. 29.—Former Emperor Charles has been informed by the government at Vienna that he must leave Austria because of the counter-revolutionary movement there, according to a Leipzig dispatch to the Politiken.

ELLIS—In this city, Thursday, November 28, 1918, KENNETH GRAY ELLIS, 8 years, 10 months of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Ellis, 820 Dock street.

Funeral from the residence this (Saturday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends respectfully invited to attend.

Interest From December 1st. If your deposit is made with this bank on or before December 2nd it will draw interest from December 1st and will receive credit for four months' interest on April 1st. We invite you to deposit your savings here. THE PEOPLES' SAVINGS BANK Corner Front and Princess Sts.

December 2nd. Our Regular Interest Quarter will begin December 1st. All deposits made with us on or before Monday, December 24, will draw interest from December 1st, receiving 1 per cent. interest in three months—at our March 1st period. We invite and appreciate your business. THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO. 110 PRINCESS STREET Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

YANCEY SCHOOL STUDENT INDICTED FOR ARSON. Destructive Fires at Baptist Institution at Burnsville Laid at Door of Morganton Boy. (Special Star Telegram.) Asheville, Nov. 29.—Grey Keyton, of Morganton, a student at Yancey institute, the big Baptist school at Burnsville, is being held to the March term of court at Burnsville on the charge of burning the main buildings of the institute. The arrest was made by the deputy state insurance commissioner, F. M. Jordan.

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Thanksgiving Sale of Hosiery. A new pair of hose is almost a daily demand in the average family. No one ever had a surplus supply on hand and with the continued scarcity of good quality cotton, lisle and silk hose, it looks now like the old darning gourd must come back in style. Never in our mercantile career has it been so hard to keep our stocks well supplied and properly assorted. However, we have succeeded better than most stores and offer you for the Friday and Saturday selling. A Thanksgiving Sale of hosiery that is within the spirit. You'll be thankful, too, if you attend this sale. LADIES' SILK HOSE. 75c Black Seamless Silk Boot Hose, 69c. 60c Silk Boot Hose, seamless, white, sky, pink and tan, 39c. \$1.00 Silk Fiber Hose, lisle top, seamless, black, grey and brown, 89c. \$1.25 High Boot Silk Hose, with mock seam, and in black, white, battleship gray, pearl and brown, 98c. \$1.25 Gordon Silk Fiber Hose, full fashioned seam, all shades, 98c. \$1.59 Ladies' Thread Silk, full fashioned Hose, blacks and all colors, \$1.39. \$1.75 Ladies' Thread Silk, full fashioned Hose, black and all colors, \$1.59. \$2.00 Gordon No. 300 Thread Silk Hose, full fashioned, all shades, \$1.79. MEN'S HALF HOSE. Men's low grade cotton Half Hose, black or white, 20c quality, 10c. Men's 25c lisle finished Half Hose, black or colors, 19c. Men's 25c lisle finished Half Hose, black or colors, slightly second, 15c. Men's mercerized lisle Half Hose, black or colors, 50c quality, 29c. Men's 50c silk fibre Half Hose, black and colors, 29c. Men's 65c heavy weight silk fibre Half Hose, black only, 47c. Men's 75c fancy silk Half Hose, 59c. LADIES' COTTON AND LISLE HOSE. Ladies' low grade cotton hose, black or white, 20c quality, 10c. Ladies' lisle finished seamless hose, black or white, slightly seconds, 19c. Ladies' heavy weight black cotton hose, all sizes, 19c. Ladies' lisle finished seamless hose, black or white, 35c quality, 27c. Ladies' 50c mercerized lisle Hose, black or white, 39c. Ladies' outside lisle finished Hose, black or white, 50c quality, 39c. Ladies' 60c full fashioned, mercerized lisle Hose, black only, 49c. BOYS' HOSE. Boys' heavy 1x1 ribbed black Hose, 50c quality, all sizes, 39c. Boys' heavy 2x2 ribbed Black Hose, 50c quality, all sizes, 39c. MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSE. Misses' fine ribbed black lisle finished Hose, seconds, all sizes, 19c. Misses' fine ribbed black lisle finished Hose, first quality, all sizes, 27c. Misses' 50c mercerized lisle hose, very fine ribbed, all sizes, 39c. Children's fine ribbed black hose, small sizes only, 25c quality, 15c. Belk-Williams Company

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