

COUNTY OFFICERS BEGIN A NEW YEAR

Those Elected in November Qualified Yesterday.

Henry Horne is Appointed Register of Deeds on Condition That He Assign When the Register-Elect Returns.

Yesterday marked the beginning of a new year, insofar as it affects the county officers elected in the November election. On the first Monday in December the term of office expires and a new one begins, but that date saw little change yesterday in the New Hanover courthouse, where all the county officers are quartered. There were two new members added to the board of commissioners, a new register of deeds qualified, and the deputy register of deeds moved across the hall to become deputy clerk of the court, and two new members of the board of commissioners are W. P. McGaughon and George W. Trask, who qualified for the office yesterday and took their seats around the table in the auditor's office, where all meetings of the board are held. The first business to be transacted was the reorganization of the board, W. A. McGirt being elected chairman and George W. Trask vice-chairman without opposition.

By reason of the register of deeds-elect, Walter H. Blair, being with the colors in France and unable to qualify, the office was declared vacant, and Henry Horne, deputy clerk of the Superior court, was appointed to fill the office, the appointment being made and accepted upon the understanding that when Mr. Blair returns he would resign and permit the appointment of the nominee. In accepting these terms Mr. Horne requested the board to ask Mr. Blair to appoint him his deputy, which the board consented to. L. L. Meyland was the only other applicant for the office, but he had already accepted the position of deputy clerk of the court, succeeding Mr. Horne, before the board convened to pass on his application. The following reappointments were made: Thos. K. Woody, clerk to the board, salary \$135; R. A. Burnett, superintendent of roads, salary \$175; B. J. Ramsey, superintendent of county home and farm, salary \$85; Mrs. F. J. Dempsey, matron of home, salary \$40; Bellamy and Bellamy, attorneys, salary \$85; T. J. Brown, superintendent of stocks and bonds, salary \$75; L. L. McCott, court stenographer, salary \$75; H. C. Davidson, keeper of Northeast river lock, salary \$50; Ed. George, janitor, salary \$40; E. W. Carney, superintendent of county cemetery, salary \$40; J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, salary \$30, and \$10 per month allowance for upkeep of automobile; G. C. Simmons, station keeper, salary \$30; E. L. Egan and James Johnson, probation officers, salaries \$20 each; Dennis Dupree, colored, farm demonstrator, salary \$25; J. B. Hewlett, fish inspector, salary \$20.

The following donations were continued: Rest room, \$10; Red Cross, \$150; Associated Charities, \$200; milk station, \$10, with request for an annual statement of the activities of the station. The following salaries were fixed: Public defender, \$50; jailer, \$88, with an allowance of \$15 for a cook. The contract for keeping the clock was not awarded. All the county officers qualified and every one required to do so gave bond with the exception of Corporation A. E. Holder and Cordeable Silverman, an unavoidable delay in the arrival of the bonds necessitating the board granting them further time. The clerk of the court, W. E. Yopp, received three amounts to \$40,000; auditor, \$10,000; register of deeds, \$10,000.

The report of Maj. W. N. Harris, clerk of the court, showed that the order court during the past year had receipts between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in excess of the cost of maintaining it. There was no routine matter transacted yesterday of importance. Charles E. Low, county health officer, explained why it was necessary to supplement the department budget and asked for additional funds in the amount of \$2,612. The board appropriated its pro rata part, which is one-fourth, on the condition that the city makes available the other three-fourths. The following is the board of health: Permanent roads: W. A. McGirt, chairman; Addison Hewlett, W. E. Yopp, bridges; W. P. McGaughon, chairman; Geo. W. Trask, W. E. Yopp, county roads; Addison Hewlett, Geo. W. Trask, W. P. McGaughon, courthouse and jail; W. E. Yopp, chairman; Addison Hewlett, W. A. McGirt, county farm and home; Geo. W. Trask, chairman; Addison Hewlett, W. A. McGirt, Oak Grove cemetery; W. E. Yopp.

SUFFERERS SEVERE WOUNDS. Corporal R. D. Waddell Wounded in Battle November 10. Corporal R. D. Waddell of this city, has been severely wounded in action according to information contained in a letter received from his father, C. B. Waddell, of Selma, by a friend in Wilmington. Mr. Waddell receives this information in an official telegram which stated that Corporal Waddell was wounded November 10, which was but a few hours before hostilities broke out.

Corporal Waddell was president of the Cape Fear Hardware company, of this city, prior to entering the military service and had lived here about five years. He was inducted into service by the city draft board four or five months ago, going to Camp Sevier for training.

He has many friends in Wilmington who regret to hear of his wounds and trust that he may be fully restored to health.

NIGHT OPERATOR--ALL IN VINOL Made Him Feel Better, Look Better, Sleep Better. Shingfield, Mass. "I am a night operator--was all right until I couldn't sleep. Had no ambition I had tried blood and nerve tonics without help. I thought I would try Vinol and I have had it built me up so I feel better, look better and sleep better." Charles T. Harder.

The person Vinol was so successful in Harder's case, is because it contains beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese peptones and Elixerophosphates, the very elements needed to build up a weakened, run-down system, make rich, red blood stream, strengthen.

Stop scratching, our Saxon Salve stops itching. We guarantee it.

FT. CASWELL PROBABLY TO QUARTER MANY MEN

Removed That Detachment of Overseas Men Will be Stationed at the Cape Fear Post.

Plans are under advisement by the war department to maintain a large force of soldiers at Fort Caswell permanently, according to unofficial information received here yesterday. The war department is working out plans for operating the fort on a peace basis which will be much more extensive in scope than the extent to which it was used before the war. According to information received here, approximately 500 men are to be quartered at the fort after their return from overseas, and will constitute a permanent garrison there.

Officials at Fort Caswell have held telegraphic correspondence with officials of the war department and the matter apparently is still unsettled, but from reports received here it is very probable that after the war the fort will have a larger force stationed there than during the war or before its outbreak. Prior to America's entrance into the world war two companies were stationed at the fort, and after the break between Germany and America the force was increased to approximately 800. The prospects now are that Fort Caswell will have a detachment of troops after the war almost double the force stationed there during hostilities. The matter owned by the war department that the fort would be used as a convalescent hospital for casualties returning from France. With thousands of wounded soldiers coming back from Europe, it seems very probable that some of them will disembark at Fort Caswell and remain there until they have completely recovered from injuries received overseas. If this should be the case, Wilmington would be vitally interested, as a large garrison of soldiers stationed at the fort will mean much for the city in a business way. Col. A. W. Chase, commandant at Fort Caswell, was mentioned at last night and while he said that such proposition was under advisement he was unable to give any estimate as to the number of men to be stationed there.

JUSTICE FURLONG AND L. F. CONGLETON HAVE ENCOUNTER

Altercation on Princess Street Growing Out of Law Suit. Growing out of a decision made in a law suit Saturday by Justice John J. Furlong, the latter and L. F. Congleton had an altercation at the office of the justice on Princess street yesterday. In the case Saturday Mr. Congleton was defendant. Suit had been brought against him by E. B. Williams, for placing window glass in a house owned by Williams, which the latter declining payment of the bill on the ground that it was excessive. When the case came up Saturday, witnesses said to be qualified to speak on the matter of the charges, testified that the sum charged, \$35.00, was not excessive for the work done, and the justice gave a verdict against Mr. Congleton.

Yesterday morning Mr. Congleton went to the justice's office on Princess street to take an appeal. Justice Furlong informed him that he had a perfect right to appeal but it would cost him \$5 cents according to the regulations made by witnesses. Whereupon, it was stated, Mr. Congleton said he would appeal but would not pay the \$5 cents. He is also said to have accused Justice Furlong of "raising up" with the plaintiff in the Saturday suit. This accusation was resented to the extent that Mr. Furlong invited Mr. Congleton to leave his office, which he did it being stated that upon reaching the door he called the justice a "d--- liar." According to his own statement, Justice Furlong slapped Mr. Congleton in the face, and when he testified the sidewalk the latter, it was stated, called the justice a much worse name, and when he did this, Justice Furlong stated that he hit Mr. Congleton in the face several blows, bringing the blood.

Justice Furlong was arrested before Recorder Harris in recorder's court yesterday morning on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Congleton against Justice G. W. Bernemann, charges were that of assault and the case was held open until this morning.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

Chairman E. T. Taylor Calls Session at 3:30 Wednesday. The committee appointed by the chamber of commerce to devise plans for erecting a memorial to the men of New Hanover county who fell on the battlefields of France and who died in the army camps on this side of the Atlantic will meet at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, according to announcement made yesterday afternoon by E. T. Taylor, chairman of the committee.

The movement to set up a memorial to the county's dead heroes has created much interest and although no action has been taken to secure funds, many residents of the city have already expressed themselves as being more than willing to contribute, and a donation of \$25 was handed to a member of the committee yesterday by Miss Hannah Bolles, 411 Orange street, who has the honor of being the first woman to contribute to the memorial. Others are expected to follow Miss Bolles' example as soon as they are given an opportunity by the committee.

BUILDING LOAN MEETING.

Officers and Directors of City and Suburban Association Elected. The annual meeting and election of a board of directors of the City and Suburban Building Loan association was held in the office of the secretary in the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon. Following the election of the directors the latter for their selection of officers, all the old officers being re-elected. The annual report of the secretary was read, showing that the association is in excellent financial condition and the stockholders were very much pleased with it. The officers re-elected are: Milton Calder, president; J. W. Brooks, vice president; W. A. McGirt, secretary-treasurer.

The stockholders are: Milton Calder, J. W. Brooks, A. O. Schuster, M. J. Cowell, John C. Heyer, W. R. Butler, W. J. Hutter, A. W. Palmer, Henry Heyer, J. W. S. Clayton, Martin Schnibben, W. H. Hale, Marshal Shrier, A. M. Chiniss, W. A. McGirt.

Mr. Sell Improving. Friends of L. T. Sell, formerly of Wilmington but now residing in Asheville, will learn with pleasure that he is showing some improvement in his condition. Mr. Sell has been suffering from attack of influenza-pneumonia. His father, Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church, of this city, has gone to Asheville to attend him during his illness.

WOULD HAVE SUNDAY ORDINANCE CHANGED

Amusement Interests Want to Open on Sabbath.

New York Man Will Improve Lakeside Park if Council Will Permit Amusement Devices to be Operated on Sabbath.

City council last night declined to take action permitting the operation of amusement devices in the city limits on Sunday, after those seeking to have the ordinance prohibiting such attractions amended seemed within grasping distance of their goal. Action was deferred on the ground that members were unwilling to change the laws of the city in the absence of the city attorney who was unable to attend last night's meeting.

The matter was brought to the attention of council by Woodus Kellum, attorney for the management of the company controlling Lakeside park. Mr. Kellum stated that a New York man of wide experience in conducting public amusement parks was ready to spend a good sum of money at Lakeside provided he would be permitted to open at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoons; but the business that could be secured during the six working days of the week would not be sufficient to justify the expenditure. The New York gentleman, who was represented here last night by his son, Mr. Kellum stated, has an option on a park amusement outfit which expires this week and for that reason he asked that action be taken last night with respect to the approval of city attorney. Mr. Kellum submitted an amendment, to the ordinance desired changed, but it is understood that its broad terms would not do what he had in mind adopted as had been expected. The matter was deferred until the next meeting. In presenting the matter Mr. Kellum set forth the need of a clean park attraction for the poorer classes of people, those who are not able to go out for an automobile ride Sunday afternoons. The proposal was challenged by Councilman W. D. McCaig who said Mr. Kellum took his seat, Mr. McCaig was unalterably opposed to establishing "a Soney Island in a suburb of the city" open Sundays, as it regards parks, are opposed by a certain class of people, he stated. He was also opposed to taking snap judgment on this class by passing upon the matter without giving them a chance to be heard.

Councilman W. J. Bradshaw defended the proposition, stating that he felt that the poorer class of people should be given the privilege of such amusements, where they can spend a few cents on a Sunday afternoon in pleasant and wholesome diversion. C. F. Lawrence, of the Liberty Ship-building company, addressed council, urging that action to taken permitting amusement devices to be operated on Sunday afternoons, stating that the men employed at the shipyards demand such diversion, and some skilled workers have actually left Wilmington because it could not be obtained here.

Attention was called that other cities in this and many other states have the open Sunday laws and parks remain open and amusement devices are operated as on any other day. Mr. Lawrence, who has many years in Durham, stated that he had heard a minister of the city state from the pulpit that the Durham park was a God-send to the factory workers of that city. Mr. Luper being questioned by Councilman McCaig Mr. Lawrence stated he was speaking for the Liberty yard and for the shipping board.

H. Stone, representing organized labor, spoke in favor of open Sundays. Bids were opened last night for the part of the work in connection with the establishment of the city water plant which was not awarded at the meeting November 20, but a considerable time was needed to go over the plans it was deferred until a meeting to be held at noon today.

The bids opened were as follows: Bidding on engine, pump and condenser, Henry Walke and company, Norfolk, Va., \$3,953.26; J. R. Purser, Charlotte, \$4,237. Morris and company, Balausville, N. Y., \$4,100.00; turbine engine and condenser; Henry Walke and company, \$2,590.28; J. R. Purser, \$6,290; Morris and company, \$9,036. The following bid was submitted by the Charleston Concrete and Construction company, of Charleston, W. Va.: Reservoir, \$26,790; laboratory annex, \$8,250; all other work on a cost plus 10 per cent basis.

A formal request of city council was made by Dr. Charles E. Low, health officer, for a supplement of \$2,612 to the board of health budget, this added amount being necessary to carry on the work of the department during the next six months. Dr. Low was before the board of county commissioners on the afternoon and presented the matter to that body with the result that the county's prorata will be forthcoming provided the city appropriate a proportionate part, which is three-fourths of the amount. The matter was referred to the finance committee for consideration and recommendation.

Dr. Low explained why it would be necessary to exceed the original budget, attributing it to the necessity of increasing salaries of employees in order to retain them, and to the advance in cost of material.

BODY SHIPPED TO CHINA

Remains of Fook Lee, Who Died Last Night, to be Shipped to China. The body of Fook Lee, a Chinaman formerly connected with the Sam Lee Laundry, 126 Market street, whose death occurred July 13 when the sky-lift in the laundry caved in, during a storm, was shipped last night by Woolvin's undertaking establishment to Canton, China, via Washington, Chicago, and San Francisco. The body was accompanied by Sam Fook Tuck, a relative of the dead Chinaman. The death of Fook Lee was due to loss of blood and exhaustion caused by injuries received when the glass in the sky-lift fell upon him. A piece of the glass penetrated his right arm, severing the main artery, and death followed a few hours later. Since the demise of the Chinaman, almost five months ago, the body has remained at Woolvin's undertaking establishment. Fook Lee was a native of Canton, coming to Wilmington several years ago to engage in the laundry business. His body will be laid to rest in the shadow of a temple of his native gods in old Canton.

TALENT BAZAAR PROVES BIG FINANCIAL SUCCESS

More Than \$1,500 Raised From Sale of Articles and \$242 in Contributions Received.

The National Special Aid society realized more than \$1,500 from the first two days of the talent bazaar, which opened in special aid headquarters in the Woolvin building Saturday afternoon. Owing to the unusually heavy sales Saturday the stock was so badly depleted that it required all day yesterday to get it rearranged for last night's selling. Nearly all of the stock was sold out last night and consequently there will be no sale tonight. However, the rooms will be open today, morning and afternoon, and the few remaining articles will be disposed of at a sacrifice.

The net profit of the bazaar will be used in helping defray the expenses of erecting the Army and Navy club on the postoffice green. In addition to the sales contributions were received amounting to \$242.

ARCHIE H. MELTON DEAD.

Victim of Pneumonia at Camp Wadsworth--General and Burial Here. Archie H. Melton, son of Mrs. E. T. Ply, 209 Smith street, died of pneumonia Saturday night at 8:30 at Camp Wadsworth, where he was stationed. The news was received here with sadness among the friends of the young man and his family, who have the sincere sympathy of all.

The deceased was 21-years of age in February and was a bright, promising young man. Two other brothers of the family are in the national service, Mrs. Ply having given three sons to the country. Surviving besides the brothers, who are J. A. Melton, navy, and Henry Melton, Camp Sevier, are his mother and two sisters, Madames J. H. Luper and George H. Barr.

BUGLE CORPS ELECT OFFICERS

Business Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon--Thanks to Mrs. Harris. At a business meeting of the Home-way drum and bugle corps yesterday afternoon at the Home-way school building the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Kenneth Scott, president; Jack McCarley, vice-president; Dave Harris, secretary; Oliver Hutter, treasurer, and George Leftwich, drum major.

A set of constitutional by-laws were passed for the government of the business meetings of the organization, while the military rules of the drill are to be patterned after the army regulations. A resolution of thanks was unanimously voted Mrs. Andrew Harris for providing the entertainment in their honor at the armory last Friday night.

VICTORY DRIVE TO OPEN THIS MORNING

Rotary Club Will Canvass City's Business Section.

Strong Organization Lined up to Conduct Intensive Campaign to Secure Pledges for County's Assortment of War Stamps.

The victory drive to carry New Hanover over the top in her allotment of war saving stamps opens this morning. The day has been set apart by the war savings stamps committee as "Rotary day." All members of the Rotary club will meet at 9:30 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A., and it is planned at that time to hold an enthusiastic rally preparatory to canvassing the business section of the city.

The Rotarians are to be divided into groups of solicitors who will canvass the retail stores and business offices on Front street and on the cross-streets in the retail sections. No other parts of the city are to be canvassed today, but tomorrow Chairman Honnet says he will loose his workers on the town and it will be quickly covered by pledge solicitors.

The city has been divided into 91 sections, and each section has been assigned to a captain and team of workers. Between 90 and 100 teams will be canvassing the city Wednesday and Thursday, calling and every home and giving every citizen an opportunity to sign a pledge to purchase war savings or thrift stamps and help raise New Hanover's quota of 70,514. The members of the canvassing committee, Mr. Honnet says have shown great willingness to assist in the drive, by organizing a large force of canvassing teams, the work has been evenly divided so that it will not be burdensome on any set of workers; also, the organization effected by the central committee will make it possible for solicitors to cover every section of the city in a very short time.

The three-day campaign is being conducted to secure pledges only, but those who wish to purchase war savings stamps may do so. The state is watching New Hanover, Chairman Honnet says, and if she should fall reach her quota in the W. S. drive a black mark would be placed against her patriotism.

Miss Gibson and her statistical committee composed of volunteer workers are compiling at the request of Secretary McAdoo a complete report of the county's standing in the sale of war savings stamps. This report will be forwarded to the treasury department until after the close of the victory drive and will include the work accomplished during the campaign opening this morning. For this reason, the W. S. committee is very anxious to have pledged the county's complete allotment of stamps by Thursday night, so that Secretary McAdoo may be notified that Wilmington and New Hanover have gone over the top.

Clarendon Pythians Tonight.

There will be an unusually interesting session of the Clarendon lodge, Knights Pythias, in Castle hall, Princess street, this evening beginning at 8 o'clock. State Organizer Harry M. Roberts of Fletcher, is in the city and will be on hand; and there is work in the third degree, amplified form. Every member is urged to be present, assured that there is a large evening in store for him.

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The First Question is it a..... Safe Bank? That is the first one thing you want to know when depositing money in the bank. THIRTY-ONE years of successful experience, conservative management, capital and surplus over \$400,000.00--these features assure unquestioned security for funds deposited in this bank. We pay 4 per cent. interest, compounded quarterly. THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO. 110 PRINCESS STREET Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION High School Forms Body to Direct Athletic Activities. Members of the three upper classes of the high school met yesterday and organized an athletic association, electing Graham Farmer as president; Marsden DeRosset, secretary and manager, and William Holden, treasurer; with Professor Cox as representative of the faculty. The athletic association is at present particularly interested in arranging its basket ball schedule for the season. A basket ball team has been organized, with Wesley Turrittine as captain and Neil McEachern acting as manager, and an effort is being made to secure games with high school teams in nearby towns, including Fayetteville, Wilson, Greensboro, Durham and Smithfield.

\$50.00 Ladies' Cloth Suits \$34.50. These charming suits are made of Fossman & Hoffman's finest chiffon broadcloth, velours and silvertones, in all the popular shades, and lined with fancy Pussy Willow Taffeta or Belding's Messaline. Every suit is brand new. The shipment just reached us yesterday and are priced at \$34.50 only on account of the manufacturers all wanting to close out their stocks now, and our buyers are on the job picking the cream for the Belk Stores. The styles are the very latest produced and combine many new features that have not been shown before. You'll surely want one of these new suits and we suggest that you come in today. New Marabou Neck Pieces \$6.50 to \$12.50

Sale of Fancy Towels That Make Ideal Gifts. 17x34 Plaid Turkish Guest Towels, at... 30c 20x36 Plaid Turkish Bath Towels, at... 60c 22x44 Plain White Fancy Weave Turkish Towels, at... 48c 17x32 Plain White Fancy Weave Guest Towel, at... 29c 22x44 Fancy Border Turkish Towels, pink, blue and lavender, at... 95c 22x40 Fancy Fancy Weave Turkish Towels, with pink, or blue border, at... 70c 23x45 extra fine fancy woven Turkish Towels, at... \$1.50 Turkish Towel Sets, consisting of bath towel, guest towel and wash rag to match, all packed in box for... \$1.25

Gift Handkerchiefs. All packed in especially decorated boxes and folders and make attractive as well as useful Christmas Gifts. Packages are in various sizes and contain from one to one dozen. Ladies' or children's sizes, and priced, per package, 15c to \$1.50.

Men's Gloves For Dress or Driving. Men's Cape Leather Dress Gloves, in tan or gray, at... \$2.50 Men's best grade Cape Leather Gloves, black, tan or gray, at... \$2.25 Men's tan buck Dress Gloves, flannel lined, at... \$2.00 Men's Undressed Kid Gloves, khaki and gray, at... \$1.75 Men's woven fabric Gloves, in tan or gray, with contrasting stitching, at... \$1.00 Men's khaki Wool Knit Gloves, at... \$1.50 Men's black and gray wool knit gloves, at... 75c and 95c Men's black Auto Gloves, at... \$2.95 and \$3.50 Boy Scout Gloves, with gauntlet wrist, at 75c Boys' Dress Kid Gloves, at... \$1.25

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