

ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR BRITAIN DAY

Exercises to Be Held in First Baptist Church.

Music Will Be Furnished by a Band—Two Speakers Have Been Secured But No Word Has Been Received From Frenchman.

The Colonial Dames, who have in charge the arrangements for the Britain day celebration to be held here Saturday, as well as in a thousand or more other cities of the nation, have completed the program, which includes addresses by two prominent speakers and possibly three.

Positive assurance has been received that Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler, president of Salem college, Winston-Salem, and Captain Curran, of the British army, will be present, but nothing had been heard last night from Senator Simmons relative to Lieutenant de Wiedzicki, a member of the French high commission in Washington, accepting an invitation to be one of the speakers.

In a telegram to a member of the committee on arrangements received last week the senator stated that he felt sure the lieutenant could be induced to come and was to have given a definite answer Monday, but further message has not been received.

The committee has written Col. A. W. Chase, commandant at Fort Caswell requesting that he have the fort band and a number of soldiers in the city for the occasion but no reply has been received from the colonel yet. However, it was stated last night by a member of the committee that there will be band music. In view of the fact that the celebration is endorsed by the government and that the colonel Chase will have the band take part if it is possible for him to do so.

The meeting will be held in the First Baptist church at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and will be presided over by Rev. W. H. Miller, D.D. It has the desire of the committee to have the exercises in the Academy of Music as it is the belief that this is the only building in the city with a large enough seating capacity to accommodate the crowd which is expected to attend. An attraction had been booked for that date prior to the announcement that the celebration would be held and the management could not secure a release from the company billed to show here.

CAMPAIN BEING WAGED FOR RAT EXTERMINATION

County Food Administration Trying to Eliminate the Pest.

The nation-wide campaign for the extermination of rats, started under the supervision of the United States department of agriculture with the object of preventing the enormous waste of food caused every year by rodents is being vigorously pushed in New Hanover county by the county food administration.

Miss Jefferson and Miss Rankin, home demonstration agents, with the assistance of Frank Smith, who is working with the North Carolina agriculture extension department, are distributing literature throughout the county setting forth the necessity for getting rid of rats and mice, and an ever-growing menace to the country, causing the loss of millions of dollars every year through the destruction of food supplies. An article taken from the farmers' bulletin says:

"The rat is the worst animal pest in the world. From its home among filth it visits dwellings and storehouses to pollute and destroy human food. It carries by its droppings and many other diseases fatal to man and has been responsible for more untimely deaths among human beings than all the wars of history." "On a farm, if the grain is eaten and wasted by rats, and mice could be sold, the proceeds would more than pay all the farmer's taxes."

"The common brown rat breeds 6 to 10 times a year and produces an average of 10 young at a litter. Young females breed when only three or four months old. At this rate a pair of rats breeding uninterruptedly and without deaths, would at the end of three years (18 generations) be increased to 359,709,482 individuals."

"For centuries the world has been fighting rats without organization and at the same time has been feeding them and building for them fortresses for concealment. If we are to fight them on equal terms we must deny them food and hiding places. We must organize our units to rid communities of these pests. The time to begin is now."

This bulletin, which gives a detailed description of the best methods of exterminating the rat, the most effective types of traps to be used, and plans for constructing buildings so that they will be rat-proof, may be secured by addressing the office of the New Hanover food administrator.

WOMEN WHO FADE EARLY.

How often we hear the expression, "How she has faded," or "Hasn't she grown old?" Her friends see it. Her husband sees it. She realizes it herself with a pang. Often she knows the reason, some female derangement has fastened itself upon her and makes it almost impossible for her to drag around from day to day. Such women should remember there is one tried and true remedy for their condition, and that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for more than forty years has been restoring women to health and happiness. Try it!—adv.

"OPEN" SUNDAYS AGAIN BEING TALKED IN CITY

Proposition to Permit a "Reasonable" Amusement Park at Park May Not Be Opposed So Stoutly.

Following the re-appearance in a city council meeting of the question of permitting certain amusements at Lakeside park Sunday afternoon, there is once more discussion in the city of the proposal, which was debated with more or less heat last summer. Some profess to believe that this time there will not be so much opposition.

The new proposition is that an outside will of considerable money in Lakeside amusements if he be allowed to operate between 1 and 7 o'clock p. m. Sundays. Objection was raised immediately at council meeting that all sides should have a hearing before the laws were changed, and there could be no opposition to that, so the subject comes up next Monday night. Besides, the city attorney was absent last Monday night.

Among opponents of "loosening" the Sunday laws are those who feel that if an inch is given, a mile may be taken; that if amusement devices are allowed they are stepping stones to such a lack of observance in bathing as will be wholly undesirable. Chief of reasons against any letting down of the bars, of course, is the feeling that the day should be strictly reserved according to religious teachings.

It is pointed out, however, that even now it is not so observed by all. One prominent clergyman yesterday, in discussing the matter, remarked upon the fact that many in the city, in bathing, bathing and golf playing, which he did not approve of, but which he could not prevent; and this being the case, those people who can not, avail themselves of such recreation, have as much right to visit a park and enjoy reasonable amusements, attend an educational movie or take a boat ride, as those who prefer and enjoy the above mentioned sports.

Opposition will develop against a reasonable open Sunday proposal, as has been evidenced in the past, and some believe council will take favorable action on the proposition in the near future. Managers of the shipyards are giving the "open" Sunday idea, it is pointed out, is a strong card for the park plan.

PORTO RICANS ASK HELP IN THEIR DIRE DISTRESS

First Earthquake and Now Influenza Have Been Sore Afflictions.

Mayor P. Q. Moore has received from A. Galanes, mayor of Mayaguez, Porto Rico, the following description of the people of the island now find themselves as a result of destruction by earthquakes and a visitation of influenza:

"For the first time since our connection with the United States we are compelled by necessity to make a call on our big brothers of the continent for help."

"On the 11th of October past, our island and especially this section of the country, suffered a tremendous and continuous shaking which destroyed most of the urban zone, including our hotels, city hall, orphanage and other public buildings. Also most of our poorer classes are without homes and therefore are sleeping under temporary shelter, which contribute largely to the propagation of fevers and the so called Spanish influenza, which is making progress amongst them at this very critical and sad moment."

"We have no time to send you pictures representing the condition of the city as it appears after the first big quake left us. Probably you have seen a few of them, as many were contributed to the city by the Associated Press just after the first relief work was started. Many firms in your city which are doing business with us will no doubt help us if you are willing to contribute a small sum for the relief of this suffering people. Whatever help comes to us, whether on the line of building material, clothes or money, should be forwarded immediately to which a list of our neighborhood is now, at this very moment, when a dollar in time will be worth a hundred later on."

"We are sure that the people of your country, who at times have sent their help to all parts of the world in far distant lands, will no doubt respond to the first cry of anguish from the beautiful American island territory which lies in your neighborhood, where the flag of the most humane people of the world waves."

"Mayaguez, the most precious city of Porto Rico, has been almost ruined, but America is rich, and has always responded to the needs of the world. It certainly will help us."

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TODAY.

Chamber of Commerce Members Will Consider Subject of Interest.

The chamber of commerce committee, E. T. Taylor, chairman, named to consider the subject of a memorial for the soldiers of the county who give their lives in the country's service, a subject that is of very great interest to the entire community, will meet this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the city hall, when plans will be suggested and discussed for establishing a suitable memorial to New Hanover heroes.

As soon as these plans are completed, the public will be given opportunity for subscribing to the needed funds and it is not expected that in this particular "war" activity, there will be necessary a vigorous drive such as the war has accustomed the city to in the various campaigns. It is expected that there will be a spontaneous response to the opportunity to help memorialize those men who went to their graves for the high ideals of the republic.

FUNERAL OF ARCHIE MELTON

Will Be Held From Residence This Morning—Funeral at Masonboro.

The funeral of Archie H. Melton, the young soldier who died in the service of his country at Camp Wadesworth Saturday night, will be conducted at 11 o'clock this morning from the home of his mother, Mrs. E. P. Bray, 408 Smith street, and interment will be in Masonboro cemetery.

Young Melton died of pneumonia at 8:30 Saturday night in Camp Wadesworth. He was in his 22nd year and a fine young fellow, with many friends who are sorely grieved over his untimely passing. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bray, two brothers, J. A. Melton of the navy, and Henry Melton of the army, stationed at Camp Sevier; and two sisters, Mesdames J. H. Luper and George H. Barr. These have the deep sympathy of their friends.

VICTORY DRIVE WAS STARTED YESTERDAY

Campaign is On to Raise County's Quota of W. S. S.

The victory drive, an intensive campaign launched for the purpose of putting New Hanover over the top with her quota of war savings stamps, was started yesterday morning and good results were obtained from the first day's work. It was first decided to make it a three-day campaign but Chairman Honnet, of the New Hanover W. S. S. committee, stated last night that he had decided to continue it until the canvassers have covered every section of the city.

The chairman made no report last night of the pledges secured yesterday, because only a few of the team captains reported to him. However, if those who failed to report did as good work as those who reported, the chairman and the committee have much to feel good over. This does not mean that the goal was reached, for unfortunately such was not the case, and it will require two more days of tireless work on the part of the canvassers to accomplish this.

New Hanover's quota for the entire year was fixed at \$701,814, and if the county is to go over the top approximately \$300,000 must be pledged during the present drive. This is almost half of the entire allotment and if it has required 11 months to raise about 60 percent it is evident that it is going to require hard work on the part of the canvassers and a hearty response by the public if the goal is to be reached in the short time remaining.

The city has been divided into blocks and today the canvassers will work block by block, starting at the middle section, which embraces the area bounded by Third and Tenth and Red Cross and Castle. There is a captain for every two blocks in this territory and the captains can secure as many requests as they see fit. The Red Cross members of the Red Cross motor corps will deliver pledge cards to the captains and will call for them again Thursday at noon and the captains are requested to have them filled out and ready to return by that time.

The Rotarians who are aiding in the drive have been assigned the business houses within the district to be worked today. Members of the club met at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and organized for the drive and did good work yesterday and expect to accomplish equally as much today.

Under the direction of Miss Simmons, the drive at the Carolina shipyard was started yesterday and today it will begin at the Liberty, the work at this yard being under the direction of the Red Cross. The chairman stated last night that he was expecting good results from both the shipyards.

Realizing the great importance of the state subscribing her full allotment of stamps Governor Eckhout has issued the following appeal to the people of North Carolina to rally to the cause and help put the state over the top.

If all the financial measures devised by the government for the winning of the war the W. S. S. is the most important. The campaign for the sale of these stamps and certificates carried the truth about the war to the people of the state and was followed by a magnificent outburst of patriotic enthusiasm. Already a great record has been made, but we are not yet within sight of the goal. The Christmas drive has been an enthusiastic success, but the call for greater speed comes to tired nerves, but I beg you to leap into the breach once more with the old motto: Give us your money and we will give you a nation that will stand with us. Make the house to house canvass one hundred percent thorough. Urge the people to let Santa Claus handle these certificates in amounts from one thousand dollars and over to five hundred dollars. Urge the families to join the limit club, and I believe that before the new year's bells ring the greatest of all our financial efforts will have been brought to a glorious conclusion."

YOUNG LADY RUN DOWN

Automobile Takes to the Sidewalk—One is Badly Hurt.

Miss Ruth Page, a young lady about 20 years of age, who lives with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sikes, at 502 Red Cross street, was very painfully injured about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when she was run over at the corner of Fifth and Red Cross streets by an automobile driven by Mrs. R. T. Melvin, of Burgaw, who was accompanied by Mr. Melvin. The young lady's injuries, which consisted of a bad cut on the back of the head and bruises on her limbs, were not thought to be serious.

According to the statement of persons witnessing the accident, conducted by Miss Page, she was going south on Fifth street and was endeavoring to reverse her course by turning around the end of the plaza at Red Cross. She made the turn too broad, however, allowing her car to strike the sidewalk at the southeast corner in front of Sikes' store. The young lady had just stepped from the pavement going across the street when she saw the car coming her way. She immediately stepped backwards but the driver, who later admitted getting excited, ran up on the sidewalk knocking the victim to the pavement.

Miss Page was carried to James Walker Memorial hospital where her injuries were given surgical attention and was then taken to her home, where she was resting well last night. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin remained in the city hall while an investigation was made, but no warrant was drawn for them.

COMMITTEES PERFECTING PLANS FOR ROLL CALL

Enthusiastic Meeting of Christmas Roll Call Workers—Prospects for Large Membership Bright.

Committees for Christmas roll call work are rapidly getting their organizations perfected and have commenced working out plans for making the coming drive for universal membership in the Red Cross which will be carried on during the week of December 16-23 a complete success, as shown by reports made at the meeting of the roll call week organization held in the chamber of commerce yesterday at noon.

Rev. M. T. Plyler, chairman, presided at the meeting, and reports were received from the various committees. The ladies, always ready to assist in an patriotic effort, were in the majority. J. P. Herring, chairman of rural teams, reported that he is getting things lined up in his division, and Prof. Washington Catlett said that the rural schools are showing much interest.

Sec. James H. Cowan, of the chamber of commerce, was selected as chairman for the city, and he expects to build up a strong organization that will carry the roll call to a successful end in Wilmington. Among teams organized for the city are those under L. D. Latta, who is mapping out effective plans for conducting the Christmas roll call through the churches; C. B. Newcomb, chairman of the committee on fraternal organizations, hopes to get every member of the fraternal organizations identified with the Red Cross who has not already become a member. Mrs. Cuthbert Martin and Mrs. H. L. Vollers are preparing plans for canvassing the wholesale and retail houses during roll call week, and the industrial division is also in good hands, with C. Chadburn as chairman of the committee. I. C. Wright, chairman of the professional men's committee, reported that he is shaping plans for the drive, and Mrs. J. M. Solly, chairman of the women's committee, stated that she has already organized a strong group of teams to conduct a house-to-house canvass. Mrs. L. E. Sasser reported that she is making arrangements for booths on the streets, where Red Cross membership cards may be signed.

Much interest is being shown in the preparations being made by the Red Cross for world relief. W. A. McGirt, secretary of the organization, stated. The goal of the local chapter in roll call week is 5,000 members, and Mr. McGirt says he believes the roll call will easily go above this figure.

DEATH OF MISS FREEMAN.

Jacksonville Lady Passed Away At James Walker Memorial Hospital.

Miss Etta Freeman, of Jacksonville, N. C. died at James Walker Memorial hospital yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock following an operation performed at 9 o'clock in the morning. The body will be taken to Jacksonville on the afternoon train today and the funeral service held and interment made in the family graveyard near there.

Miss Freeman was a member of the faculty of the school at the Masonic orphanage at Oxford, but had been in Wilmington receiving treatment for about a month. It was found that an operation was necessary, and she was carried to the hospital Saturday night and the operation performed yesterday morning.

Among those surviving are her mother, who lives near Jacksonville, and two brothers, Dr. J. R. Freeman, who was with his sister at the time of her death, and John W. Freeman, a member of the firm of Chestnut & Freeman, of this city.

IN SUPERIOR COURT

Hearing of Divorce Cases Consumed Greater Part of Yesterday.

The trial of divorce cases consumed the greater part of yesterday's session of superior court which convened here Monday morning. There were four divorce cases tried, a verdict being rendered in favor of the plaintiffs in all except one. In this one, Mary Alice Long against John Long, a motion for non suit was granted. The following were divorced: Charles Walker from Nellie Walker; Elsie D. Long from Cora E. Long; James Williams from Annie Williams.

The only other case tried was a tax suit by the city of Wilmington against L. J. P. Cutlar, a motion for non suit being granted in this.

DONATED THANKSGIVING DINNER. Inmates of Catherine Kennedy Home Feasted Last Thursday.

HOUSEWIVES URGED TO CONSERVE FOOD

"The Hun is Defeated But Hunger Reigns."

The food administration asks that the house-wives of America remain mobilized until the allies and liberated millions of starving peoples in Europe have been fed. The program suggested for use at the meetings of the various women's organizations follows:

Singing—"America." Reading—Mr. Hoover's speech. Singing—Solo, or patriotic selection, sung in unison. Conservation talk. Pledge and resolution. Thanksgiving prayer. Doxology.

A copy of the resolution passed shall be sent to the office of the county food administrator. It has been suggested that the following appeal also be read at the meeting:

"The Hun is defeated but Hunger reigns in Europe. In Poland and Serbia hardly a child is left alive. Fields are weed-choked; childless women are left alone to care for the aged and wounded. But at last each violated land lies open to our succor, and we must not fail. We must give or they will starve."

"American soldiers and American resources in food and materials of war have helped to win the war. Our men and our resources are still mobilized. The women, who are the guardians of our food resources, must remain until they are mustered out. We face a new program in conservation, one that calls for much more rigid acceptance and discipline, because it does not demand brief, dramatic sacrifices, but a steady unvarying saving of all foods and the giving up of everything beyond our definite needs. We must accept simpler habits of living and the daily yielding of indulgences, which had become woven into our lives."

The pledge all women's organizations are asked to sign, promising their continued operation with the food administration in practicing food conservation, reads as follows: "We pledge to our country our best effort to prevent waste and the selfish use of our food reserves. We pledge our loyal cooperation in carrying out the conservation measures suggested by the government. "And if economy sometimes grows irksome or if this service works unwelcome change in our accustomed manners of living, we will think of those who have offered their lives for their country and those whose homes have been devastated. We will be glad that we, too, can serve in satisfying their hunger, in renewing their courage, and in re-establishing their homes."

Mr. Hoover says there is greater need for saving food now than ever before in the history of the world, and that America holds it within her power to keep the wolf from the door of the world. This duty, he says, is wider than that of any individual himself. The matter of conservation, however, is left entirely with the individual. It is a question of whether one prefers to eat all he wants and let millions of people in Europe starve, save the food administration, or to continue to economize so that there will be sufficient food to ship overseas to the suffering countries of Europe Urging that food conservation rules be observed most carefully than ever before, the county food administration issues the following statement: "Do you know that the world is on the verge of starvation? Four million

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COUNCIL AWARDS CONTRACT

Machinery for Water Plant Extension Purchased Yesterday.

At a special meeting of city council held at noon yesterday the contract for engine, pump and condenser to be used in the enlargement of the city water plant, was awarded to Morris Machine Works, of Baldwinville, N. Y., for \$6,516. This was not the lowest bid but in view of the difference in the quality of the machinery and the lower fuel cost in operating the Morris machinery, it was decided that in the long run it would be the cheapest investment.

The Morris equipment has eight units while that of the lowest bidder has only one, and the cost in fuel per year for the equipment purchased is said to be about \$400 less than that of the cheaper machinery.

DIED IN DARRINGTON.

Father of Mrs. O. M. Maye Succumbs to Influenza-Pneumonia.

Friends of Mrs. O. M. Maye, of Wrightsville, will sympathize with her in the death of her father, A. F. Adams, aged 74, who died at his home in Darrington, S. C., yesterday, according to a telegram received during the day. Mrs. Maye left yesterday afternoon for Darrington to attend the funeral.

The message received yesterday also stated that every other member of the family is down with influenza, a complication of which caused the death of Mr. Adams. The family consists of Mrs. Adams and eight children.

Kenneth Gaylor Back Home.

Kenneth Gaylor, popular Wilmington boy, who has been since the outbreak of the war stationed at Fort Caswell and who recently was designated to attend an officers' training school, has been honorably discharged from the military service and has returned to his home in this city, resuming his former position with Alexander Sprunt & Son, cotton exporters. Mr. Gaylor was one of the original members of the Light Infantry, but being in an officers' training school when the armistice was signed and the emergency over, he was promptly returned to civil life.

Midwinter Millinery advertisement featuring Van Raalte Veils, priced from \$1.25 to \$15.00. Includes illustration of a woman wearing a hat and veil.