

ROLL CALL OF RED CROSS COMMENCES

Churches Observe Today as Red Cross Sunday.

Work of Canvassing City for Members Will Begin Tomorrow—5,000 New Members is Wilmington's Goal—Classes of Membership.

With the enrollment of every patriotic American citizen as its goal, the American Red Cross Christmas roll call opens tomorrow morning and continues through the week, closing Monday night, December 23.

The Wilmington chapter has formed a strong organization and the movement in this city promises to be more successful than any membership campaign previously conducted here by the Red Cross.

There are six different classes of membership in the Red Cross, and the opportunity will be given everyone during this week to enlist in one of these classes. The first is for yearly membership. To join this class one pays a membership fee of \$1 and becomes as Private Mason, Canadian soldier, said, "a buck-private in the ranks."

The Christmas roll call organization of this city has opened its headquarters at 109 Princess street, the stores formerly occupied by the millinery establishment of Mrs. Annie Leighton.

While there is no doubt in the minds of the Red Cross organization concerning the success of the Christmas roll call, the executive committee urges that membership cards be signed as early in the week as possible by those who expect to join.

SEPA GROTTO CEREMONIAL

Will be Held Here January 31, 1919—Committees Announced. Plans are being made by the Sepa Grotto, No. 73, M. O. P. E. R. W. to make the annual ceremonial, which will be held January 31, 1919.

MEETS MUCH SUCCESS.

J. Fred Russ, formerly of Wilmington and now in Florence, is in the city today to assist in organizing the Boyd-Russ bakery in that city.

VERDICT IN POWERS CASE IS SET ASIDE

Judge Holds City Alone is Not Liable.

Plaintiff Had Been Given Judgment for \$3,800—Case Will Now Go to the Supreme Court and New Trial May Be Ordered.

Judge W. P. Stacy at the final session of the New Hanover superior court yesterday set aside the verdict of the jury in the case of Mrs. Emma Powers versus the city of Wilmington, A. G. Warren and W. H. McEachern, which gave the plaintiff a judgment against the city for \$3,800, and the case will now go to the supreme court.

In September, 1916, Mrs. Powell fell on the pavement at Front and Market streets at a point in front of property then owned by A. G. Warren and occupied by W. H. McEachern, and these two were made defendants in the suit.

The sidewalk has a steep grade at this point, which in some measure is alleged to have contributed to the plaintiff's fall and for which the city was held responsible. As for the individuals involved in the action, it was claimed that foreign matter had been allowed to accumulate on the sidewalk, which is also alleged to have contributed to the fall.

If the supreme court reverses Judge Stacy, then the verdict for \$3,800 for the plaintiff will stand. If, however, the high court upholds Judge Stacy, the case will return for a new trial with the city, Mr. Warren and Mr. McEachern as defendants.

Other cases taken up yesterday were: Camille Watts vs. the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company—judgment of the clerk of the superior court affirmed.

New Hanover county vs. Ralph W. Hedges—judgment for dismissal granted. J. G. Whitton and Son vs. E. L. Shepherd, a case in which a verdict was given the defendant Friday—appeal taken by the plaintiff.

MOOSE CHARTER WILL CLOSE

At 12 O'Clock Monday Night. Membership of Local Lodge Now About 600—Colonel Morton to Leave. Colonel Frank P. Morton, who has made his headquarters during which time he has been occupied at organizing the local lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, announces that the charter for the local lodge will close Monday, December 16, at midnight, by orders of the supreme lodge after which time it will be impossible to join the order at the low rate offered by the dispensation period of six months just closed.

The local lodge is becoming very strong and is rapidly entering into the fraternal life of the city with a present membership of almost 600. The club rooms are rapidly being fitted up for the convenience of its members, and all arrangements have been completed for the weekly dances and other social features which make the order so attractive everywhere.

GRAND SECURES SEEBURG PLAYER

Marvel in Musical Instruments Will Operate Tomorrow. The Grand theatre has just received shipment and was installing last night, a new Seeburg photoplayer which was purchased new at a cost of \$5,000. It is the most wonderful self-playing piano and motion picture orchestra combined, and which will begin tomorrow, replace the old instrument of a similar kind but of smaller pattern, which has been in use.

OBSERVE CENTENARY OF SUPREME COURT

State Bar Association Will Celebrate 100th Anniversary.

Special Session of Association is Called For January 4 in Supreme Court Room, in Accordance With Resolution.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the North Carolina Bar association at the regular meeting at Wrightsville Beach last June, Secretary Thomas W. Davis of Wilmington, yesterday issued a call to the association to meet in special session in the supreme court room at Raleigh January 4 at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the organization of the North Carolina supreme court.

The announcement is carried in an eight-page folder which contains the names of the justices in 1819, the names of the present justices, the program for the celebration and officers of the Bar association. The program follows:

Bar association will be called to order by President E. F. Aydtlett at twelve o'clock, noon, Saturday, January 4, 1919, in the supreme court room. Address by Hon. Robert W. Winston, of Raleigh: "The Law in North Carolina, as it was in 1819, and as it is in 1919." Address by Hon. Thurston T. Hicks of Henderson: "The Supreme Court of the Future."

Address by Marshall DeLancey Haywood of Raleigh: "The Officers of the Supreme Court." Response to the addresses by the chief justice.

The first officers of the supreme court during the year 1819 were: Chief justice, John Louis Taylor; esquires, John Hall and Leonard Henderson; attorney general, William Drew; clerk, William Robards.

The present court is composed: Chief Justice, Frank Clark; associate justices, Platt D. Walker, George H. Brown, William A. Hoke, William R. Allen; attorney general, James S. Manning; assistant attorney general, Frank Nash; supreme court reporter, Robert C. Strong, clerk, Joseph L. Seawell, office clerk, Edward C. Seawell, marshal and librarian, Marshall DeLancey Haywood.

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ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBER.

Fred Smith Charged With Taking Money From An Old Negro Man.

In recorder's court yesterday morning Fred Smith, colored, was arraigned on a charge of highway robbery but his case was continued until December 17, when he was committed to jail in default of \$400 bond.

The warrant was sworn out by Jack Smith, an old negro man, Friday but he alleged that the crime was committed last Monday. His story at police headquarters was that Fred Smith snatched a pocket book from his hand on that day and that it contained \$105. Knowing the accused, he declined to have him prosecuted until he had had a talk with him. But when he asked him about the affair and requested him to return the money, Fred Smith denied any knowledge of the alleged robbery and told him to "go in and get your head."

Robert Bell pleaded guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and was given his choice of paying the cost and a \$25 fine or serve three months on the county roads. Bell did not relish the idea of submitting to either so he took an appeal to superior court. Judge Darritt paid the cost for driving on the sidewalk, and James Briggs was found not guilty on a charge of larceny.

GEN. METTS HAS MISHAP

His Automobile Escapes Control and Plunges Off Embankment.

Returning to the sound late yesterday afternoon, Gen. James I. Metts, after his day's business in town, had a narrow escape from serious injury when the Ford touring car which he was driving got beyond his control and plunged down a four-foot embankment into a swamp thicket clear of the road, just beyond Delgado mill village in the Wrightsville turnpike.

General Metts had a number of packages on the floor of his car and some of them having become disarranged, he reached down to set them right when he lost control of his wheel and the first he knew, he was plunging through space somewhat after the fashion of the army aviators here the past week.

DOTS

A divorce proceeding was started in superior court yesterday by Moses Bryant against Margaret Bryant.

One deed was filed for record yesterday by Elizabeth P. Peck to Agnes MacRae Parsley for \$1 and other considerations, a tract of land in Masonboro township.

What word is there of five letters which by taking away two leaves one? Stone.

DIED

WIGGINS—John Morton, at Denver, Colorado, Friday, December 6th, 1918. Funeral this (Sunday) morning at Oakdale Cemetery, after arrival of Atlantic Coast Line train from the north. Obituaries private. (Adv.)

ENGLISH WRITER TO SPEAK HERE DEC. 19

Mrs. Burnett Smith to Talk On Food Situation.

She Was Sent to this Country by British Food Ministry to Aid U. S. Food Administration in Conservation Program.

How thousands of little English children thank America daily for their food in a short prayer which their mothers have taught them to say before they eat, is told by Mrs. Burnett Smith, the well-known British writer who is coming to Wilmington Thursday to tell of present conditions in her own country.

Mrs. Smith has been sent to this country by the British ministry of food and while here will speak at the Academy of Music under the auspices of the United States food administration. Miss Marion Phelan, of Washington, D. C., who is connected with the publicity department of the federal food administration, arrived in Wilmington yesterday and, with the assistance of J. G. McCormick, local food administrator, before night had arranged a comprehensive advertising campaign which will be put through during the next five days.

In view of the fact that this week is Christmas roll call week for the Red Cross it has been decided for the food administration officials to join in with the Red Cross officials and make the meeting Thursday night a mutual affair. The food problems and both organizations are expecting to reap more benefits than would be the case were each to attempt to stage a meeting independent of the other.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock Thursday night, and every one is invited to be present and hear Mrs. Smith. Miss Phelan stated last night that there is something about her that catches the attention of the audience and holds it throughout her address. She is quite famous as a writer and has a world of knowledge, gained through experience, that will be of unusual interest to the public.

There will be many other features of the meeting, details of which have not been worked out. A special musical program will be arranged and members of the Red Cross motor corps are expected to act as ushers.

"I bring the people of America a message of great thankfulness from my own country for their wonderful response to the out cry for food last spring," Mrs. Smith said recently in an address, "and I especially bring them a message from the mothers for saving the lives of their little ones with American food."

With regard to the food situation in her home country, Mrs. Smith said that the people of England have enough to get along with now, "but we have not (Continued on Page Seven).

COMMITTEE ISSUES FAIR PRICE LIST

Intended to Assist Housewives When Making Purchases.

Price Interpreting Committee of the Food Administration Endeavoring to Protect Consumers—Retailers' Prices Vary.

The fair price list published from time to time by the price interpreting committee of the food administration, owing to the nature of the regulations enforced by the food administration, is not for the specific guidance of the retailers but is intended primarily to assist housewives and other consumers in keeping acquainted with general price tendencies.

The right price for a given retailer to charge for a given commodity may be slightly higher or slightly lower at any given time than the price set out in the fair price list. This is true because the retailer is required to add a fixed margin to the cost of the commodity for resale. It follows therefore that unless the cost of every retailer is identically the same, the cost of the commodity to his customers need not be necessarily the same.

It should be noticed, however, that where a given retailer's figures are constantly higher than the average published in the fair price list, it is evidence of one of two things either that the retailer is profiteering or his purchasing power and management is so unsatisfactory that he should not be patronized as a creditable distributor.

Consumers should report to the fair price committee for investigation cases of unreasonably high charges for food stuffs. When no reasonable basis for such prices can be found or shown by the dealer, every citizen should be interested in having the condition remedied, not wholly in interest of consumers generally but in the interest of other retailers who are endeavoring to co-operate with the food administration in its campaign to standardize prices.

The manner of formulating the fair price list published from time to time will be to secure from representative local wholesalers, wholesale prices on the several commodities, including delivery to retailers, to which will be added the margin allowed by the food administration. The assumption of equitable standards of price in this connection will be the function of the wholesaler section of the price interpreting committee. The proper adjustment of extraordinary cases among the retailers will be the function of the retailer section of this committee.

The consumer section of the committee will have two duties. To see that the proper margin allowed by the food administration is adhered to, and to ascertain whether retailers may or may not purchase from wholesalers at a (Continued on Page Seven).

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES. We have recently installed in our vault 50 additional Safe Deposit Boxes to rent at \$1.50 per year. If you own bonds, stocks or other valuable papers, you owe it to yourself to have them in a safe place—you need a Safe Deposit Box. We invite you to call and inspect our equipment.

THE PEOPLES' SAVINGS BANK. Corner Front and Princess Sts.

NEW MONEY. During the holidays we will pay out only new currency over our counter. We are also prepared to furnish new silver coins to our customers and friends. We are glad to serve you. Total Assets Over Three and a Half Million Dollars. THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO. 110 PRINCESS STREET. Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank.

HEAVY RAIN LAST NIGHT. Shortage of Moisture Accumulated in Autumn Not So Short Now. After another cloudy and more or less dampish day yesterday, J. Pluvius made up his mind to stage a 100 per cent performance last night and what he did was a plenty. It rained, rained, continuously for hours, rained hard and lots of it. The deficiency in rainfall of the autumn months lost a good deal of its deficit during the evening.

Flowers for Christmas. Cut Flowers and Blooming Plants. "Say it with Flowers" Include them on your Gift List. Fifth Avenue Florist. Phone 1125.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF SILK DRESSES. Commences Tomorrow, (Monday) at 9 A. M. There are just 66 Dresses in this lot and each and every one of them is a new fall style, no left-overs or passe styles in the lot. They are all colors in Taffetas, Satins, Crepe de Chines and Georgette, but no blacks. The dresses are cheap at their original price, but in order to close them out before Christmas we offer them now at a tremendous reduction. Come in early so as to get first choice.

CHILDREN'S SWEATER'S. For a gift nothing could be more practical, every child needs one unless they already have it, and just now our stock is complete with sizes to fit all ages and with plenty of the colors they like. Boys' and Misses Wool and Cotton Mixed Sweater, at \$1.98. Boys' Oxford and Khaki Wool Sweaters, \$3.50. Misses' fine Wool Sweaters with belt and large sailor collar, at \$3.95 and \$4.95. Infants' Sweaters \$1.25 to \$4.95. EVERY LITTLE GIRL (AND EVERY BIG GIRL, TOO) SHOULD SEE THIS ASSEMBLAGE OF DOLLS. This great gathering of dollies is planned to prevent the disappointment of any little girl on Christmas morning. There are scores of dolls here, some costing a quarter and others quite expensive creatures; some without a stitch to their backs, just asking for the motherly care of some little girl; others are gowned from head to foot in elaborate manner. Delay means disappointment. Buy NOW.