

COUNCIL WILL ASK BIG APPROPRIATION

City Fathers Want State to Care For Delinquents.

Resolution Asking for Funds For Enlargement and Maintenance of the Stonewall Jackson Training School.

In keeping with the expressed sentiment of that body, voiced at a recent meeting, city council, at its regular session last night, endorsed resolutions approving the work of the Stonewall Jackson training school for delinquent boys, and petitioning the next general assembly to make such appropriations as needed for the support, maintenance and enlargement of the institution...

Whereas, in keeping with the best thought upon the subject, the state of North Carolina some years since established near Concord, N. C., the Stonewall Jackson training school as an institution for the care, instruction and improvement of youthful offenders against the law; and

Whereas, the institution aforesaid has been one of great benefit and value to the people of this state, both in an economic and moral sense, and by reason of its accomplishments, justly deserving the commendation and liberal support of the people of the state; and

Whereas, the increase in the population of the state is such that the facilities now provided at said institution are inadequate to meet the requirements of the same; and

Resolved, therefore, that the council of the city of Wilmington respectfully endorses and approves the action of the state authorities in the establishment and maintenance of said institution and the appropriations therefor, and in the splendid results thus far accomplished by it.

Resolved further, that this council respectfully petitions and urges the next session of the general assembly of North Carolina that adequate appropriations be made for the support, maintenance and enlargement of said institution and its facilities, to the end that its work may continue and be extended to the benefit of the state and its people.

Resolved further, that upon the convening of the next general assembly of the state, the council of the city of Wilmington be and is hereby directed to certify under the seal of its office and send to the presiding officers of the senate and the house of representatives true copies of this resolution and that like certified copies be furnished by the city clerk and treasurer to the senator and representative from New Hanover county in the next general assembly...

The need for larger facilities for caring for wayward boys and girls came to the attention of city council a few weeks ago when a committee appointed by a New Hanover county grand jury, appeared before the body and asked for an appropriation for the maintenance of ten boys from this county at the Stonewall Jackson school. The committee had facts and figures and were in position to show council that the need for immediate action was urgent...

At the time council voiced the opinion that the city was undertaking to carry on the work that should be provided for by the state, but they saw the need, made the appropriation and voted favorably on a motion favoring action that is taken in the resolutions.

Every pressure will be brought to bear on both houses of the general assembly to have the appropriation necessary for the accommodation of all delinquents in the state made at its next meeting early in 1919.

ETHEMVED YOUNG LADY DIES.

Miss Fannie Spencer Succumbs to Lingering Attack of Influenza.

ADDRESS OF BRITISH WOMAN STIRS INTEREST

Coming of Mrs. Burnett Smith, Noted Writer of England, Expected to Fill the Academy.

Much interest has been aroused by the announcement that Mrs. Burnett Smith, the widely known English novelist and lecturer who is now speaking in this country, will deliver an address at the Academy of Music Thursday night at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the food administration.

The administration board is engaged in preparing a program for the evening which undoubtedly will prove a source of entertainment for all who attend the meeting.

The Red Cross chapter has been invited to participate with the food administration on this occasion, and all members of the Red Cross are expected to be present. The executive committee of the Red Cross chapter and members of the county food administration will occupy seats on the stage with the speaker.

Mrs. Smith has been sent to America by the British ministry of food to bring a message of thankfulness from the people of Great Britain for the help given them by Americans in saving food for them when their own food was practically gone and the war situation, because of the lack of food, very precarious.

Mrs. Smith is a worthy representative of the war-torn woman of England. Her husband, a noted British surgeon, has been for more than two years actively engaged at the front. Her only daughter, who has been in France for four years driving an ambulance, has been many times under fire.

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MANY DEEDS FILED

Much Activity in Realty Market During Past Few Days.

The large number of deeds filed for record in the office of the register of deeds yesterday is indicative of the unusual activity in the local realty market during the past few days.

Those filed yesterday were: C. E. Pope and wife to Leslie Windham for \$100 and other considerations, lot on the north side of Rankin street, 120 feet east of Wood street.

E. I. Tinga and wife to E. R. Jones and wife for \$100 and other considerations, a 10-acre tract of land lying on the south side of Prince George avenue, 2,397 feet west from the Sycamore road.

John D. MacRae and wife to J. H. Davis for \$75 and other considerations, tract of land at Rock Hill.

Milton Calder, trustee, to R. G. Grady, trustee, for \$1,000, a 10-acre tract of land adjoining the Oleander division of the Tidewater Power company's property.

MANY NEW MEMBERS JOINED RED CROSS

Campaign's First Day Marked By Success.

Christmas Roll Call Promises to Exceed Most Optimistic Predictions—749 New Members Yesterday—Prospects Bright.

The Red Cross Christmas roll call opened yesterday with a very promising start. Canvassing committees, according to reports furnished in at headquarters on Princess street yesterday evening, met heartily and unhesitatingly in their appeals for new members.

When headquarters closed at 6 o'clock, 749 new members had been secured. This number, with 17 members who renewed their membership during the early part of the month, brings the total of those who had answered the roll call at the end of the first day to 766.

W. A. McGirt, chairman of details, forwarded the following telegram to headquarters of the southeastern division of the American Red Cross at Atlanta: "Wilmington chapter secured 749 new members today, making a total to date of 766 members."

The committee at headquarters, which is under the direction of Mrs. Henry Woolcott, was kept busy all through the day signing up new members. Thirty-four persons came in and voluntarily offered to enlist with the Red Cross.

The committee operating booths at the post office and at retail stores secured an unusually large number of new members. This committee, of which Mrs. L. B. Sasser is chairman, reported 188 names added to the roll call, with a total of \$193 received during the day's work.

The committee soliciting members in the residential sections brought in a total of 248 names and a cash amount of \$248. Mrs. M. Solky, chairman of this committee, has organized a strong working force and expects to have a Red Cross service flag in every home in the city when the roll call has been completed.

The business section under the direction of James H. Cowan, city chairman, also made a good record, securing 110 new members and a total of \$124. The church committee, headed by Dr. J. M. Latta, gained 164 new members and \$171 Sunday through various churches in the city.

No reports were received from the Atlantic Coast Line, the rural districts, the negro organization and several other committees. The executive committee estimated last night that the results of the roll call for the first day would exceed 1,000 new members if members from these committees had been sent to headquarters.

Members of the executive committee were very enthusiastic over the excellent results of the first day of the roll call and expressed the belief that today will show a big increase over the number of new members enrolled yesterday.

SHOPPERS WARNED AGAINST 'FLU'

Board of Health Suggests That Extra Precautions Be Observed.

While there is no occasion to become unduly alarmed over the likelihood of another epidemic of influenza invading Wilmington, provided the citizens use precautionary measures suggested by the board of health, health officers of the county have issued a warning against crowding in stores and on the streets while attending to Christmas shopping during the holiday season.

TO MAKE INSPECTION OF SIDEWALKS AND STREETS

City Engineer Will Locate All Places That Are Dangerous—Recent Jury Verdict the Cause.

A close inspection of every street and sidewalk in the city is to be made by City Engineer J. N. Johnson as soon as practicable and a comprehensive report of his findings is to be made to council an embodiment in the minutes of the meeting.

This will be done to ascertain the locations of places which may be termed a menace to the safety of pedestrians and the public generally, and comes as the result of the verdict of a jury in superior court last week giving judgment for \$3,300 against the city, because of injuries sustained when the plaintiff in the action fell off Front street sidewalk at a point where there is a steep grade.

Nothing was said about what action would be taken in correcting any menace which may be found to exist in the city. It is probable, however, that the property owners will be notified to make improvements at once and a notice posted warning the public of the existing menace.

A record of all proceedings looking to the correction of the glass block window menace will be of assistance to the city attorney in future damage suits, will be kept. Several places in the sidewalks in the downtown district were pointed out by the engineer, among them being a sunken water trap at the corner of Front and Princess streets, and the glass in the sidewalk on the west side of Front street just above the Peoples Savings bank, and also in front of the Mission Pharmacy.

The matter of an appropriation was referred to the finance committee with power to act, while members of the commission were requested to draw up an ordinance covering the planting of trees in the city with the idea to make tree planting more uniform.

C. H. was stated by Councilman McCaig that the Atlantic Coast Line is desirous of having the water main extended to their property line near the corner of Eighth and Bladen streets so the company can take the water and draw up on the ground to give fire protection for cars on sidings.

The possibility of getting permission of the company to extend the city main under the railroad tracks at that point and on to the Love Grove section of the city was discussed. This, it was stated, would save about four blocks of piping in extending the water main to that part of the city, funds for which have already been made available.

There was no action taken relative to permitting the sale of fire crackers in the city, which means that none will be sold since a city ordinance provided against it. Chief Charles Schibben, of the fire department, had written James E. Young, city insurance commissioner, concerning the matter, who replied strongly urging against permitting the sale or use of fire works anywhere in the city.

Councilman E. A. Metts in charge of the city department, brought up the matter of consolidating the water and sewerage charges, and providing for all service charges to be paid by the person getting the property. The city has a certain amount to be paid in 10 annual payments. After the tenth payment there would be no further charges for sewer service.

Attention was called to the request of the board of health for a supplement to the health budget and to that for an appropriation for the establishment and maintenance of a clinic for the treatment of venereal diseases. A conference with officials of the board of health is desired before the additional appropriation is made.

MEMBERS OF CO. B GO TO CHARLOTTE TO DEMOBILIZE

Leave Early This Morning For Camp Greene—65 Men in the Force.

The men and officers of Company B, 17th battalion, who have been stationed at the W. L. I. armory, leave this morning for the Camp Greene camp where they will be demobilized. The majority of them stacked their equipment at the union station late yesterday evening preparatory to leaving this morning on the Seaboard train. No baggage and baggage car having been provided for their use.

BUSINESS MEN WILL HELP DEVELOP PORT

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon.

Assurance Is Received That Financial and Moral Support Will be Given the South Atlantic Maritime Association.

The second meeting of the Wilmington business men in the interest of the South Atlantic Maritime association, a corporation formed for the purpose of working for the mutual interest of the ports of Wilmington, Charleston, Brunswick, Savannah and Jacksonville, was held in the chamber of commerce assembly room at noon yesterday at which time assurance was received that merchants of this city will stand behind the proposition both financially and from the cooperative standpoint.

A tentative organization was effected in Savannah some weeks ago, and a charter drawn calling for a paid-in capital stock of \$25,000 with 250,000 authorized. Five thousand is to be subscribed by the business men of each of the five cities. There will be no trouble in securing the \$5,000 in Wilmington. In fact one man, following the meeting last Friday, stated that he would gladly subscribe for \$1,000 himself rather than see Wilmington lose out on the proposition.

The idea is to get as many Wilmington people as possible interested in it and in doing this the promoters are asking 50 men to subscribe \$100 each. At the meeting last Friday every man present readily agreed to subscribe \$100, while the meeting yesterday was also a 100 per cent affair. The total number having subscribed thus far being 29. This \$5,000 is only a starter, but will be all the people of this city are asked to put up until the corporation is in operation and results obtained.

When ships are plying between Wilmington and Central and South American ports, as well as other ports easily accessible to the South Atlantic seaboard cities, results will have been obtained and then the remainder of the capital stock expected of Wilmington will be asked. The opinion in well-informed circles is that when this amount is called for, there will be no trouble in getting it, for by that time it is expected that it will have been demonstrated that the corporation will not only mean the greatest development for the port of Wilmington ever known, but that it will be such a paying proposition that any one will be glad to subscribe to stock as an investment.

John H. Brown presided at the meeting yesterday, stating its purpose and pointing to the advantages to be gained through the support of the movement. Matthew W. Hale, president of the corporation and vice-president of the Liberty Shipbuilding company, who conceived the idea of the corporation, was present and further explained its purpose and take what has already been done, which includes securing the promise of five wooden vessels, one for each of the five cities. Operations will begin about the middle of February with the first vessel leaving Savannah for a Cuban port.

The next ship is expected to sail from Wilmington shortly thereafter. During his remarks Mr. Hale enumerated the three most important necessities in the establishment and maintenance of the proposed steamship lines between Wilmington and South American ports. First, the terminal facilities must be provided; second, the ships must be secured; and third, arrangements must be made to provide the cargoes. He has already talked with the heads of departments in Washington and assurance has been received of the ships, while the railroad administration has made certain concessions as regards export rates.

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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.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK. Before Christmas, and you should not put your shopping off a day longer. Decide now what your gifts will be. Look over the list below. It might help you. GLOVES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. Leather, kid or Fabric Gloves in all the popular shades and combinations—are always appreciative. Men's Auto Gloves. \$2.25, \$3.00. Boys' Scout Gloves at..... 98c. HAND BAGS AND PURSES. In all the new shapes, made of leather or velvet and lined with fancy brocade. 50c to \$5. Men's Leather Purses, 50c to \$3.50. Children's Hand Bags, 50c to 75c. TOILET AND MANICURE SETS. With ebony or ivory handles, packed in neat leatherette covered cases, or in separate pieces. SILK HOSIERY. Ladies' Silk Hose in blacks, whites and colors, in suitable quality for Christmas giving, at . . . . . 98c, \$1.59 and \$2.00. Men's Silk Hose, plain or fancy, at . . . . . 50c, 75c and 98c. KNIT CAPS AND SKATING SETS. Children Knit Caps 25c, 50c, 75c. Ladies' Knit Caps 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Wool Knit Cap and Scarf Skating Sets . . . . . 98c to \$3.95. CHRISTMAS STATIONERY. White, tinted and gold edge Paper and Cards with envelopes to match, put up in attractive Christmas boxes, make useful gifts. Priced . . . . . 35c to \$1.50. BELK-WILLIAMS COMPANY.

LITTLE BROTHER RUN-DOWN. Grief and Fretted—How He Recovered. Mountainville, N. Y.—"My little brother had typhoid fever, and it left him with no appetite, weak, run-down and always crying—Vingal proved a wonderful tonic in building up and restoring his strength after everything failed."—Lucy Sherman.

—J. M. Branch has a letter dated Nov. 14th from his son, Richard B. Branch, Company M, 322nd Infantry, 84th division, A. E. F., which says that the young man was well and expecting to be home soon.

LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED. Stonewall Lodge No. 1 Named New Officers Last Night. Members of Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, at their regular meeting last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing term of six months: Vice-commander, Dr. D. P. High; chancellor commander, G. R. Smith; prelate, Rev. John Jeter; master of work, W. H. McClain; Christian: James H. Cowan and seal, R. D. Keener; master of exchequer, Christian: Thomas A. E. Baker and W. G. Hall.

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