

HEALTH OFFICIALS DISCUSS INFLUENZA

Ask Persons With Colds to Stay Out of Crowds.

Dr. Stiles insists that postoffice patrons stand in single file instead of packing around the windows—Meeting Held.

After a conference with some of the leading business men of the city yesterday at noon in regard to influenza possibilities, the officials of the health department issued the following statements:

In addition to many other preventative measures which are now in force, requests and urges all citizens suffering with colds to stay away from places of public assembly, and those who are in charge of all places of public assembly are urged to request to see that this measure is complied with.

There is no desire in the least to hurt one's feelings, it was explained, but it would be better to permit a "carrier" to person than to permit hundreds, thus jeopardizing the lives of people who are in no way afflicted with a cough or cold.

Cooperation on the part of the people in the stores and theatres, lodges, churches and all other places of public assembly, is the best guarantee against recurrence of "flu" in Wilmington, said a member of the board of health last night.

The morning hours for shopping have been suggested by the health department, which will greatly relieve the usual evening congestion in the business section and to people will comply with the suggestion, it is declared.

When Dr. C. W. Stiles, public health officer, entered the postoffice yesterday afternoon with a party, he found the men did what they could to keep the people lined up, but they are a busy crowd and while some success was attained, the line was gone when Dr. Stiles dropped in this morning.

He declares that this is the ideal way to spread influenza all over the town. As a precaution, he urges that this packing around the postoffice windows should be stopped and people required to stand in single file, each in his turn. In this formation one who thoughtlessly liberates a bit of microbe by sneezing or coughing at least wouldn't aim "em right at the whole crowd."

Standing in single file was suggested to Postmaster M. McL. Green yesterday by the health department and he agreed to have the men do what they could to keep the people lined up, but they are a busy crowd and while some success was attained, the line was gone when Dr. Stiles dropped in this morning.

MR. WILLIAMSON'S MOTHER DEAD

Widow of Late Dr. John Lee Williamson Passes at an Advanced Age. Mrs. Fannie A. Williamson, widow of the late Dr. John Lee Williamson, who passed away at her home at Graham Wednesday morning at the age of 81, after a lingering illness.

Williamson was the eldest daughter of Edwin M. Holt and Emily Parish Holt, and was born at Locust Grove, Alamance county, July 14, 1837. Surviving are two daughters and one son, Mrs. M. J. C. Miller of Reidsville, and Mrs. J. W. Menefee, of Graham, and B. J. and Lawrence A. Williamson, of Wisconsin; Edwin H. and Banks Williamson, of Fayetteville; and Walter Williamson, of Wilmington. Two brothers, L. Banks Holt and Lawrence S. Holt, and one sister, Mrs. James M. Williamson, also survive.

The following nephews acted as pallbearers at the funeral: R. L. Holt, William H. Williamson, J. Harvey White, Lynn E. Williamson, Erwin A. Holt, and W. B. White. A large number of the funeral were of Mrs. Williamson's sons with their wives. The funeral services were held at the late residence at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, conducted by Dr. E. C. Murray, former pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Graham, of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made in the family plot in Lynwood cemetery at Graham.

DEEDS FILED FOR RECORD

Several Real Estate Transfers Evidenced by Deeds Yesterday.

Deeds filed for record yesterday include: J. B. Bell to Lennie S. Snipes for \$100 and other considerations, lot on west side of Fifth street, 132 feet south of Harnett, 33x132 feet in size. A. J. Strickland to J. D. Brown for \$100 and other considerations, lot containing one and six-tenths acres on Middle sound. Fidelity Trust & Development Co. to Lacy Williams of Robeson county, for \$100 and other considerations, lot 20, block 5, Sunset Park. O. C. Hill to J. T. Smith for \$150, part of farm 43, Winter Park Gardens. D. H. Penton to Harriet Ann Forbes for \$100 and other considerations, lot on west side of Adams street, 66 feet north of Green, 30x65 feet in size. J. H. Rehder to Henry Gantt for \$100 and other considerations, lot on north side Fanning street, 132 feet northeast of Wood street, 33x75 feet in size.

MRS. R. S. PRIGDEN DEAD

Aged Lady Died of Paralysis Last Evening—Interment at Whiteville. Mrs. R. S. Prigden, aged 76, died of paralysis last night at 8 o'clock at her home, 505 South Sixth street, many friends will regret to learn. Funeral services will be held at the residence at 2:30 this afternoon and the remains will be taken to Whiteville on the 3:30 train where interment will be made. The service will be conducted by Rev. F. D. Dean, pastor of the church of the Good Shepherd, assisted by Rev. W. R. Noe.

Mrs. Prigden is survived by one son, R. S. Prigden, of Goldsboro, and two daughters, Mesdames J. R. Nance, of Norfolk, and E. F. Noe, of Wilmington. They have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their mother, who was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

PERFECT FILMS FOR MONUMENT FUND

Organization Committee Works Out All Details.

Report Was Approved By Monument Committee Yesterday—Campaign Will Be Conducted January 17 to 20.

At a meeting of the memorial committee of the chamber of commerce, with the woman's central committee, which is an auxiliary of the chamber committee, held in the chamber of commerce assembly room at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, plans for the organization to be formed to raise the \$25,000 desired to erect a monument in honor of the New Hanover sons who have made the supreme sacrifice in the war, were submitted by James H. Cowan, as secretary of the organization committee, and were unanimously adopted.

Machinery was set in motion immediately to carry out to the letter the recommendations of the committee. The organization will consist, in addition to the two existing committees, of a finance committee, an educational committee, location, design and such other committees as the organization may deem necessary. The report, as read by Mr. Cowan, was a very comprehensive one and outlined the duties of each committee, giving the number of persons constituting each. A copy of the report will be given every member of the committees.

Under the plan adopted there will be no lost motion or "double crossing" in the work, as the duties of each committee are specifically stated and all sub-committees will work under the direction of and report to the finance committee, thus giving this body a full knowledge of what is going on and thereby affording opportunity for sub-organization moving in its proper channel.

Chairman E. T. Taylor will name the committee members, with the exception of the educational committee, members of which have already been selected, and the task of getting the organization in working order will begin at once.

There will be four general or active days for the campaign during which time the entire city and county will be given an opportunity of participating or becoming part owners of the proposed monument. These four days will be Friday, January 17 to Monday the 20th, inclusive, with a definite program out for each day.

Friday has been designated school day, and upon that day special exercises will be given in every school in the city and county. The program will be arranged by the school committee and the hour for its presentation designated. The educational committee will select every recitation, song, dialogue or anything else that may be included, supplying the teachers with the program in ample time for its preparation. The same program will be given in every school at the same hour. There will be no speaker provided for each school, who will make only a short talk, explaining to the children the object of the occasion.

The finance committee will handle if the children will be given an opportunity of making personal offerings at these exercises, but it matters not what decision is reached the children will have a chance to contribute to the money. The idea is not to have the children to seek money for contribution from their parents, but to earn it themselves, and then, if desired, supplement their contributions by contributing funds from other sources. Every child making a contribution in this manner will have his name recorded as having assisted in providing for the monument which will be a credit to his merited honor to the sons of New Hanover.

Saturday will be devoted to seeking popular subscriptions, when the public will be invited to make contributions in various parts of the city and county. It was decided that novel spectacles be placed on the streets and in other public places to receive these offerings. The character of the receptacle will be decided on later. Other means will also be devised for reaching the public.

Sunday will be given over to the churches to take their part in the big movement. The pastors and rectors of all churches and all superintendents of Sunday schools will be requested by the church committee to address the respective congregations and schools, respectively, on the subject of the campaign, and the superintendents asked to read a message from the governor of the state upon the subject. All churches will be asked to take collections for the monument fund.

Monday, January 20, will come as the climax to the four days' campaign, and will be featured with a Lee-Jackson day celebration in connection. A religious holiday in reality as well as in spirit, will be made. Possibly a parade and two mass meetings will be held, with an interesting speaker from abroad to address them. The idea of having two mass meetings at the same hour resulted from the fact that no one building in the city has a sufficient seating capacity to accommodate the crowd which is expected to attend and consequently it was decided to "split" the crowd into two groups with two meetings.

In carrying out the idea of the Lee-Jackson day celebration it has been decided to have one meeting held under the auspices of the Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy and the other the Sons of Veterans and the Children of the Confederacy.

In selecting the personnel of his committee, Chairman Taylor will use great care to name persons who are thoroughly qualified to act in the capacity of the monument committee. For instance, in naming the monument committee, whose duty it will be to select the design of the monument, he will select persons who have some knowledge of art, will work in close co-operation in view of the fact that the location must be determined in a large measure by the type of monument to be erected. Mr. Taylor is president of the Sons of Veterans of the Confederacy, was added to the woman's central committee.

The next meeting of the committee will be held January 2, at 12 o'clock.

U. C. T. Meet Tonight. There will be a special meeting of the United Commercial Travelers tonight at 8 o'clock at the lodge room in the Odd Fellows building. There is an important business and among other items, six or eight applications will be passed upon. Every member is urged to attend.

AID SOLDIERS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT

Community Effort to Assist Returning Men.

United States Employment Service and Local Organizations to Co-operate for the Assistance of Men Discharged.

The United States employment service has been designated by the government in conjunction with the council of national defense and representatives of other organizations in the community to establish a bureau for returning soldiers and sailors to assist them in every way possible to secure employment where the services of this bureau are necessary.

A preliminary meeting was held at the office of Dr. Jas. Sprunt, chairman of the soldiers' business aid committee, of the New Hanover county council of defense, yesterday at noon to discuss the plan of organization as indicated by the director general of the United States employment service. The meeting was presided over by J. F. Roache, chairman of the Wilmington community labor board, J. G. McCormick was present as chairman of the New Hanover council of defense and H. B. Branch, superintendent of the U. S. employment service.

A tentative organization was planned to represent in addition to those mentioned, the Red Cross, National Special Aid, Wilmington chamber of commerce, Rotary club, Y. M. C. A., Jewish welfare league, organized labor, war camp community service, North Carolina Sorosis, and farm demonstration work. All representative from each of these organizations, to be selected by the particular organization, will be asked to serve on the board of managers from which will be selected an executive committee to have direct supervision over the activities of this bureau. Necessary committees to carry on the work will be appointed from the board of managers.

The U. S. employment service has placed representatives at all of the demobilization camps. A card record of each man will be secured before they are mustered out of the service and the board of managers will have the director of each state in which the soldier or sailor lives. He will in turn send him to the local officers of the U. S. employment service or the bureau which are maintained by the various organizations for the placing of soldiers and sailors. The cards sent from the camps will state first, second and third choice of the soldier or sailor making application for work.

The board of managers will name the necessary committees to visit former employers of soldiers and sailors to ascertain definitely whether they will be taken back in their former positions or to interview employers to find available positions for soldiers and sailors and report them to the bureau; a publicity and co-ordinating committee to create the proper interest among the organizations and the work to be undertaken and to see that the work is given all possible publicity. It may require clerical assistance at the U. S. employment service office to carry on this work. One additional clerk will handle it, if it becomes necessary. This would have to be either volunteer or the funds for same be provided by the organizations represented.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTY CLEARED BY CORONER

Jury at Inquest Over Body of Jim Davis Exonerate Officers Who Shot Him in Self Defense.

Sheriff George C. Jackson and Deputy Sheriff A. W. Allen were exonerated yesterday by the coroner's jury investigating the case of Jim Davis, colored, whom the officers wounded Tuesday night at Rock Hill, seven miles from the city, and who died Thursday in James Walker Memorial hospital. The verdict was that Davis inflicted by the officers in self defense and in the proper discharge of their duty.

The ball that killed Davis was a .32-calibre Remington-Union, which it is believed to which officer actually shot him, because both the sheriff and Deputy Allen carried .32-calibre guns and both fired.

Dr. A. B. Croom performed the autopsy and testified that the bullet penetrated the liver and kidneys and lodged in the spine, causing death. It will be recalled that the officers went to the negro's home to get whiskey still. They were surrounded by his house when Davis appeared coming toward the house and firing as he came. One of his bullets barely missed Sheriff Jackson's throat and another knocked Deputy H. W. Howe's hat off.

Sheriff Jackson and Deputy Allen returned the fire, and one ball struck the negro in the abdomen, with subsequent fatal results. Sheriff Jackson destroyed a lot of mash, ripe for distilling, at the place, and brought back a wheelbarrow load of "empties" of all sizes. The jurors summoned by Coroner A. E. Holden to sit on the case were R. R. Christie, W. B. Schular, J. H. Morse, J. N. Wells, W. E. Price and D. H. Wilcox.

Colored People Delighted With New Discovery to Bleach Skin

Atlanta, Ga.—Says that recent tests have proven without doubt that swarthy or sallow complexion can be made light by a new treatment recently discovered by a man in Atlanta. Just ask your druggist for Cocotone Skin Whitener. People who have used it are amazed at its wonderful color or greasy appearance in a few minutes. It costs so little that you can't afford to be without it. Just think how much prettier you would look with that old dark skin gone and new, soft, light skin in its place. Men and women today must care for their complexions to enter society.

If your druggist will not supply you with Cocotone Skin Whitener, send 25c for a large package to Cocotone Co., Atlanta, Ga. For sale by Ahrens Bros. Drug Co., H. L. Pentress, the Payne Drug Co.

RED CROSS WORKERS PLANNING BIG DAY

Results Today Probably Decide Roll Call's Success.

State Director Jackson Urges That North Carolina be Picked Out of Her Low Position—Red Cross Sunday Tomorrow.

The following telegram pleading with Red Cross workers to exert their greatest efforts to bring the state to the top of the list in the Christmas roll call has been received at roll call headquarters from State Director W. C. Jackson: "North Carolina is making bad showing in roll call. For sake of the cause and for the sake of North Carolina let us re-double our efforts. Put all pep possible in the canvass. Keep canvass going until the goal is reached. Suggest that all ministers be asked to give ten minutes to the interest of the roll call Sunday, with whirlwind clean-up Sunday afternoon and Monday. Let's not quit until we go over the top."

Committees of the Christmas roll call organization expect this to be the biggest day of the week so far as number of new members is concerned. Reports are expected to come in today from the industrial committees working at the shipyards and the manufacturing plants of the city, the committee from the rural districts is expected to send in large reports from the county and the negro organizations have promised to enlist a large number of Red Cross recruits among the colored people. These reports will swell the already large total and carry the roll call much farther towards its object.

Already an imposing number of new members have enrolled. During yesterday canvassing committees gained 294 additional members, bringing the total to date to 3,089. The results of today's work, however, are expected to exceed those of any previous day in the roll call. All committees of the roll call organization are urged to send in their reports to headquarters on Princess street today, regardless of how small the figures may be, in order that a favorable report of the work may be maintained by headquarters in Atlanta, Wilmington is competing with Charlotte, Raleigh, Fayetteville and other of the larger towns of the state, and the roll call organization is anxious that the "City by the Sea" should lead all her sister cities in her response to the roll call of the Red Cross.

The flying squadron of the roll call is interviewing employers to find available positions for soldiers and sailors and report them to the bureau; a publicity and co-ordinating committee to create the proper interest among the organizations and the work to be undertaken and to see that the work is given all possible publicity. It may require clerical assistance at the U. S. employment service office to carry on this work. One additional clerk will handle it, if it becomes necessary. This would have to be either volunteer or the funds for same be provided by the organizations represented.

Tomorrow will be observed as Red Cross Sunday at all the churches in the city, and those who do not add their names to the roll call today are urged to do so tomorrow. The roll call will be carried by the Red Cross workers to carry their dollars to church tomorrow and give them to the young ladies who will be stationed at the church doors in exchange for a Red Cross "badge of honor."

At the Red Cross booths and the house-to-house canvassers were most successful yesterday in securing new members. The roll call will be carried by the Red Cross workers to carry their dollars to church tomorrow and give them to the young ladies who will be stationed at the church doors in exchange for a Red Cross "badge of honor."

Lieut. Terry Brady, an American who was wounded and gassed while fighting with the Scotch-Canadian troops at Ypres, will visit several sections of the city this afternoon and speak in the interest of the roll call. Lieutenant Brady was killed in action, but he will relate this afternoon. A large truck will convey him through the principal streets, applying the color, while the committee at Masonboro reported that 36 persons in that township had been enrolled.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS WITH ENJOYABLE EXERCISES

Hemenway Students Give a Whole Wagon Load of Toys to S. A.

Informal but very enjoyable Christmas exercises were held yesterday in the city schools, marking the close of the term for the holiday season. The programs included carols and recitations.

The Hemenway Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells spoke the invocation at 9 o'clock when the grammar grades held their exercises. Christmas carols were given with Mrs. George S. Boylan as director. At 12 o'clock the primary grades gave a similar program.

The Hemenway students filed a two-horse wagon with toys as their contribution to the Salvation Army for the little folk of the city who might be overlooked by Santa Claus. The load of toys "beat" anything those who saw it had ever seen. It was novel and a bit illuminating. Hemenway students were highly praised for it. The school has 538 paid-up memberships in the Junior Red Cross.

Supt. John J. Blair, who goes to High Point today for the Christmas vacation, said yesterday that during the holidays the school buildings would be cleaned up and put in fine condition for re-opening school January 6.

HOSIERY MEN WILL MEET AT CHARLOTTE JANUARY 8

Charlotte, Dec. 20.—A special meeting of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, which all manufacturers are invited to attend, was called for January 8, and is being announced here today. The announcement said matters pertaining to post-war readjustment of business would be considered. T. Johnston, of Knoxville, Tenn., is president of the association, which has headquarters at Philadelphia.

SAFETY RALLY WAS STAGED LAST NIGHT

Interesting Program Presented At Academy of Music.

Shipbuilders and Railroad Employees See "Safety First" Pictures and Hear Addresses—Methods of Accident Prevention.

The first definite step toward creating a sentiment favoring safety practices and educating Wilmington's industrial workers and residents in general of the city in the primary rules of accident prevention was taken last night when a safety rally was staged at the Academy of Music under the auspices of the service department of the Liberty shipyard and the safety branch of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Features of the program for the rally included six reels of moving pictures showing how great a percentage of all accidents is due to carelessness on the part of the individual, and how easily the majority of accidents may be prevented by using care and fore-thought; and addresses by several prominent representatives of industrial and business organizations of the city.

Robert J. Van Geyt, service department manager of the Liberty shipyard, in his introductory remarks at the opening of the entertainment called attention to the fact that statistics have been compiled showing that one person is killed every four minutes during the war, exceeded the total number of casualties among American soldiers in Europe, Mr. Van Geyt declared.

At the end of the first reel, James L. Price, safety engineer of the Liberty shipyard, gave a brief talk on safety, declaring that safety begins at home and that the wife of the industrial worker should aid her husband in putting into practice rules for accident prevention.

George P. Galvin, general manager of the Carolina Metal Products company, as third speaker on the program discussed a few of the principles of industrial safety. Carelessness, Mr. Galvin declared, takes a toll of thousands of lives each year. While laws have been enacted to prevent carelessness accidents by punishing the man who throws a banana-peel on the sidewalk, or spreads tuberculosis by spitting on the streets or spreads influenza by sneezing and coughing in crowds, he added, the law exists only through the will of the people, and if carelessness is to be blotted out and thousands of deaths prevented each year, each individual must observe the simple regulations of safety by using their eyes and heads while at work and of being careful in the little things every day. A screw placed in a machine in the wrong way or a bolt out of place on a wheel has caused many deaths, he stated. Mr. Galvin urged that all industrial employes should co-operate with their employers in preventing accidents by calling attention to dangerous conditions existing at the plants and suggesting methods of correcting them.

Col. Walker Taylor, made a short address following Mr. Galvin's talk in discussing municipal safety calling attention to ways of preventing accidents on the streets. He declared that no individual can live to himself, and that ever man owes it to his family, his friends and the community in which he lives to observe every care in preventing needless accidents. He suggested that children should not be allowed to play or skate in the streets where they are liable to be struck by automobiles or trolley cars; pedestrians, he continued, should cross the streets only at the corners, and should not cut diagonally across as such procedure is confusing to motorists and increases the danger of accident. It is bad enough to have men return from Europe maimed, Mr. Taylor stated, but it is a positive hardship upon

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CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES ON POSTOFFICE LAWN TUESDAY

Community Service Arranging Entertainment—"Song Feast." The war camp community service of this city is planning to make the celebration of the community Christmas tree this season one of the most enthusiastic community meetings ever held here, feeling that the occasion should be one of special celebration and joyfulness because of the victory won by the Americans who went to France and made it possible to enjoy this Yuletide in peace.

The community Christmas tree will be held on the post office lawn Christmas eve night. The program of the entertainment will consist principally of Christmas carols and patriotic songs. The school children of the city have been invited to assist in the singing around the tree, and the committee urges that every child in the city meet at the post office Tuesday evening and participate in the celebration, which will commence at 7:45 o'clock. The musical program for the evening is under the direction of Prof. W. G. Robertson, Mrs. G. S. Boylan and Miss Nellie Bowden. The Victory chorus will lead the singing, and the Hemenway drum and bugle corps will also add to the pleasure of the entertainment by rendering several selections. Mrs. A. M. Waddell will accompany the singers with instrumental music.

A chorus of school children has been organized under the direction of Supt. John J. Blair. This chorus will sing carols Christmas eve at the homes of sick persons and at the hospital, and in this way a little of the Christmas spirit will be imparted to those who can not leave their homes to take part in the "song feast" at the community Christmas tree.

A large cedar or pine tree will be brought in from the woods and set up in the northwest corner of the post office green, just behind the post office, sometime during Monday. This tree will be strung with colored electric lights and decorated with all the finest and attractions which go to make up a real Christmas tree. The committee on arrangements hopes to make the entertainment a community affair in every sense of the word, and every body is invited to be present at the post office lawn at 7:45 o'clock Tuesday evening.

KILLS WHITE MERCHANT.

Green County Negro Murders Man He Owed \$5—Posse Searching. (Special Star Telegram.) Kingston, Dec. 20.—A Green county posse is searching for James H. Warren, colored, who yesterday afternoon shot and fatally wounded J. Denver Hughes, a white merchant, at Lizzie. The men could not agree over a claim of \$5 held against Warren by Hughes. The negro purchased gun shells from Hughes left the store, returned shortly with a gun and shot the merchant while the latter was serving a customer. Hughes died on route to a hospital here. Negroes charged with trying to conceal Warren's tracts are reported to have been held in custody last night and released today. Feeling which was high for a time, was somewhat subsided.

—Dr. Fordyce Coburn of Welton, N. H., is spending some time in the city with friends.

Give Furs for Christmas. We have just received a special Christmas shipment of FURS that in style and quality are superior to any we have had this season. These were selected by our New York office with special care, for gift purposes, and there can be no doubt that the recipient of one of such handsome furs will be highly pleased. Price range \$13.95 to \$50.00. Belk-Williams Company