

ROLL CALL OF THE RED CROSS CLOSES

Final Reports Wired to Atlanta This Afternoon.

Wilmington Chapter Lacks Approximately 1,000 Members of Having Reached Goal—County Will Go Over the Top Today.

The Red Cross Christmas roll call closes this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock when the final report of the Wilmington chapter will be wired to Red Cross headquarters in Atlanta.

Chairman M. T. Plyler, who returned to the city yesterday morning, urges that all canvassing committees, the manufacturing plants and the roll call committees at the shipyards send in their complete reports before 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The New Year celebration of the Moose club will undoubtedly be one of the most elaborate social affairs ever staged here by a fraternal organization.

Music for the ball will be furnished by an orchestra which will be engaged for the evening. Music for the last dance given by the Moose club was furnished by the Whittlock-West orchestra.

METHODISTS ARRANGING PLANS FOR CENTENARY

Campaign to Raise \$35,000,000 Among Churches of South April 27 to May 3.

Returning early yesterday morning from Memphis, Tenn., where he went last week to attend a convention of general conference secretaries of the southern division of the Methodist church, Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace church, reports that plans are well under way for the inauguration next spring of the Methodist centenary movement to raise \$35,000,000 to be expended for missions and in charitable work.

Mr. Plyler, as chairman of the board of missions for the Eastern North Carolina conference, was among the representatives of this district at the session in Memphis, which opened Wednesday last week and continued through the night.

The centenary movement, according to plans developed at the conference in Memphis, will be conducted along the same general line of recent campaigns for securing funds for patriotic and humanitarian projects.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WYLIE

Held Yesterday Afternoon From the Residence—Lovely Floral Tribute.

The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Pennell Wylie was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pennell, 807 Market street.

Among those attending the service were Miss Mary Hardison of Rocky Mount; Herbert Wyche and Colonel James, of Greenville, N. C.

MOOSE GIVE DANCE NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Preparations Being Made For Elaborate Entertainment.

Lodge Will Keep Open-House New Year's Day for Members and Visiting Brothers—Big Masquerade Ball.

The Wilmington lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose is preparing to entertain royally and in a manner appropriate to the season on New Year's day.

The climax of the day's celebration will be a masquerade and fancy-dress ball which will be given in the club rooms in honor of the lodge members and their friends.

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With an already large membership that is increasing almost daily, the Moose lodge is planning to extend its club rooms to include another floor of the building in which it is now housed.

ENSIGN SHAW AT REST

Fine Young Naval Officer Buried in Oakdale Yesterday.

The remains of Ensign Harry Faison Shaw, who died of pneumonia in New York Thursday, arrived on the train from the north yesterday afternoon and the funeral service was held at 2 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, pastor, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and interment was made in Oakdale.

A detachment of men from the naval reserve station here acted as pallbearers, the honorary pallbearers being John Wells, Jr., George Mitchell, Ensign Bernard O'Neill, Edwin Josey, Gray Hicks, Lawrence Wright, E. B. Reynolds and Louis J. Poisson.

Present at the funeral besides many friends were Mrs. W. M. Shaw of Southport, Ensign Shaw's mother; his sister, Miss Ruth Shaw, who had been with him in New York, where she had stopped enroute overseas; his brother, Prof. Heman Shaw, of Haverford college, Pa., and Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Faison, of Goldsboro.

THIEVES LOOT A CHURCH

St. John's Mission at Fourth and Howard Streets Is Robbed.

Thieves, supposedly young ones, at some time recently entered St. John's mission at Fourth and Howard streets and ransacked the entire building, stealing a number of articles of more or less value and certain vestments that had been the property of Rev. R. E. Gribbin, rector, who is now in France.

Rev. J. H. Taylor, rector-in-charge, discovered the theft yesterday afternoon when he visited the church and found the building open.

Among those attending the service were Miss Mary Hardison of Rocky Mount; Herbert Wyche and Colonel James, of Greenville, N. C.

COMMUNITY TREE ON POSTOFFICE GREEN

Preparations For Celebration Christmas Eve Nearly Complete.

Entertainment at Community Christmas Tree Commences at 7:45—Tree to Be Erected Today—Loan of Decorations Asked.

Much interest is being shown in preparations for the community Christmas tree and entertainment which will be given tomorrow evening upon the postoffice lawn under the auspices of the War Camp Community Service.

A very complete selection of Christmas carols and patriotic songs has been prepared for the occasion by the Victory chorus. The school children and the community as a whole have been requested to join in the singing around the Christmas tree and assist in making the celebration a "community affair" in every sense of the word.

The committee arranging for the community Christmas tree on the postoffice lawn and the many friends helping to make it a success hope that this will be a real tree. Everybody who has anything that would be of use in decorating the tree is asked to bring it to the Army and Navy club building today or better yet, come and put it on the tree.

The tree will be brought in from the country by T. C. Morris, of East Wilmington, who says he expects to have it on the postoffice lawn by 11 o'clock this morning.

"Now, the tree alone would not be Wilmington's expression of her Christmas spirit. It takes Wilmington's voices raised in song to do that. This is also being provided for," F. P. Harrill, president of the Liberty chorus, will provide a piano for the occasion.

The entertainment will be opened Tuesday evening by the boys' drum and bugle corps. Upon this occasion, school boys and girls will have a very prominent part. They have been singing carols at their school for several weeks and will be able to lead well. Children will be requested to stand in groups according to their schools.

WE'VE A FEW FINE RUGS

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In sizes from the small 27 in. width to the full room cover and we know of nothing that will appeal to the home lover more.

Better just come in today and buy one of these rugs and cease your pondering over the question of what will I give mother.

Small Rugs, 48c to \$6.50. Room Size Rugs, \$6.50 to \$85.

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FINAL FIGHTING WAS SANGUINARY

Lieut. Salling Writes of 81st Division Losses.

Speaks in Highest Terms of Captain Loughlin and Lieutenant Davis. Lieutenant Isaac Tillery Writes of His Experiences.

A letter from Lieut. J. H. Salling to his wife describes the final fighting of the 81st division up to 11 o'clock November 11, as horrible in its losses, and speaks in highest praise of the bravery and efficiency of Capt. J. J. Loughlin and Lieut. Gregory Davis.

Lieutenant Salling, who was with the Applegate reality agency, and whose recent promotion to first lieutenant has just been learned, says under date of November 13:

"No mail from you for almost two weeks now, but guess it is somewhere in France and will catch up with me the first time we stop for a few days. I have not written to you myself since the middle of last week, but when you know of the hell we have been through I know that you will pardon me, and some day when I am home again and the horror of it all and the sadness have worn off, I will try to tell you the whole story.

Several young girls are employed in the 5-and-10-cent stores, but the drug stores and department stores do not employ children except in delivery service. The manager of one of the large stores said: "We can't use young boys and girls, they are not capable."

Robert, a little lad of eleven years, attends school in the forenoon and after 2:30 goes to work in a moving picture house. He has been carrying peanuts and soft drinks until 10:30 every night. He works on a commission basis and if he cleans up the theatre after the show or early the next morning, he can earn \$5 a week.

"How happy I will be when the word is relieved to go home! There is one consolation: We were going forward to the last minute, and in this respect we were better off than the morning ground than any other division on the entire front.

"In these last and most strenuous days of the fight, 'Dry' was in the hospital with the grippe, and the captain, who is still with us, and who probably remains there, took Sunday and Sunday night with the same complaint, leaving the whole job up to me.

Lieutenant Tillery's Letters. Lieutenant Tillery, of the machine guns, says in his first missive that his travels since he left camp here been extensive, beginning at Halifax, N. S. thence through England via Liverpool, London and Dover to Ypres in Belgium, and over a good deal of France. He went into the trenches first on June 16.

In a letter of November 8, Lieutenant Tillery sends word to "Jesse Roach that if he wants excitement not to join the engineers, but get into a machine gun company, he says he is obsessed (Continued on Page Six).

CHILD LABOR HERE IN VISITOR'S EYES

Report on Wilmington by Child Labor Investigator.

Local Condition as Seen by Agent of the National Committee Studying Child Labor Conditions in State.

Miss Theresa Wolfson, special investigator of the national child labor committee, has submitted the following report on Wilmington conditions, appearing in yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer, in connection with reports on other North Carolina towns:

This is a seaport town and railroad terminal of about 22,000 inhabitants. It has an excellent boys' club division of the Y. M. C. A. and a capable secretary who has come into intimate touch with the 2,000 boys of the city.

There are about 100 boys in general city clubs. A Newboys' club has been organized which counts in its membership 70 active newbies ranging in age from 8 to 14. The boys meet about three times a year and once a year a dinner is given to them by the newspaper managers and city clubs.

Children engaged in blind-alley jobs—unregulated occupations which lead nowhere but which keep them on the street at any time of the day or night—derive no benefit from their employment. Juvenile delinquency decreases as the degree of child labor regulation increases.

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The other moving picture houses employ boy ushers. One had a 14-year-old boy as operator who learned to run the machine by helping a former operator.

Messenger Service. Messenger service does not hold boys. Of the 15 in the employ of the Western Union, few have been in the service more than a year and over half have been there but three months or less.

The spirit of adventure and the promise of easy money leads young boys into this work. Its irregularity and constant association with street life and newsies' handling morning and evening newspapers are numerous. Many (Continued on Page Six).

ALL NEW MONEY In Silver Coin and Currency at this Bank. As the government has requested the banks not to distribute Gold Coin for Christmas Gifts, we suggest the use of new silver coins or currency for those who desire to Give money this Christmas. After All a pass book of the "People's" with a deposit entered on same is the best of gifts.

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

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VENERABLE MAN PASSES. Dr. O. M. Knight Dies After Illness of Two Days—Remains to Richmond. Dr. O. M. Knight, grand-father of Mrs. C. A. Himmelman, Died early Sunday morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Himmelman, 1902 Perry avenue, after an illness of only a few days. He was 95 years old. Mr. Knight came to Wilmington from Nottoway county, Va., last February and since that time has lived here with his grand-daughter and her family. He seemed in good health until two days ago, when he contracted slight cold which grew worse quickly, developing into pneumonia and proving fatal. Dr. Knight was the oldest graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, of Lexington. The remains were taken last night to Richmond, where funeral services will be conducted and interment made. Surviving the deceased, besides his grand-daughter here, is his daughter, Mrs. Cyrus De Camp, of New York city. (Continued on Page Six).

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