## CHAIRMAN M'GIRT SUBMITS REPORT

Commissioners.

Lays Particular Stress On Ferry, Mosquito Control and Activity in Road Construction and Maintenance. Other Subjects.

At a special meeting of the county commissioners at the courthouse yesand accomplished during the year, lay- steps looking to the enactment of leging especial emphasis on mosquito control, the failure of the commissioners for New Hanover and Brunswick counplishments in road construction and The report follows:

"I submit herewith my report for the in a general way what has been ac- resolution was passed by the commiscomplished during the year.

"In many respects it has been one of the most memorable years in the hisory of the county. Throughout the year the thought uppermost in the minds of the people has been winning of the war; therefore, our efforts have been mainly to hold our own, as it vere, without any attempt towards improvements on a large scale. . In addiion to this, the small force of prison labor at our disposal made it necessary to limit our operations. Nevertheless, some things have been accomplished which I deem it proper to mention. The first to which I call your atten-

Roads and Bridges.

"The county built a concrete road one mile in length, 18 feet wide, extending from the Fort Fisher highway to the entrance to the yard of the Carolina Shipbuilding corporation, at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

This road was built under the supervision of Supt. R. A. Burnett with the county convict force, supplemented by a gang of prisoners hired to the county by the state prison board.

Kerr avenue, extending from Winter Park through East Wilmington to Wrightsboro, has been completed and considerable portion of the road has home. been hardened. Most of the macadam reads of the county have been resurfaced and treated with tarvia and gran-All bridges and culverts have been

hoard the importance of giving careful consideration to that stretch of the the loop road to Fort Fisher sea-beach. This road is becoming badly worn and

should have prompt attention. "Through the state highway commispriation of \$16,200, provided by the ederal aid road act, the county approhis money, but it will be available.

County Institutions. Supt. F. J. Dempsey and Mrs. Dempounty home and farm. Since the in-

"The inmates of the home are supplied with every comfort and convenfarm has not made as good showing as necessary to purchase ferry and road we had expected, yet, when the quality and improve same and buy necessary of labor, the many varied duties and equipment. general conditions in connection with the unfavorable crop year, the final esult might have been much worse

charge of the county workhouse and have conducted the affairs of this astitution in a very satisfactory manter. Minor improvements have been made from time to time, and the welfare of the prisoners has been given

Farm and Home Demonstration Work. P. Herring continues as the faithefficient farm demonstration ome demonstration agent, are renderood conservation and home economics. at his disposal. efforts of these agents in war Work, in addition to their other duties, STANDARD SUPPLY COMPANY annot be too highly commended.

Special Health Work. n addition to our annual appropriation for health work, the county has contributed \$15,000 to the work of liminating the most fruitful cause of nalaria, the mosquito. This fund has en used and the work conducted unhealth and the United States public ealth service. The total fund provided this purpose was \$30,000, the city laving contributed one-half of the to-

possesses such splendid posbilities for the improvement of the ealth of the people of the city and as does the mosquito control ork. I do not hesitate to endorse what being done along this line and urge

was visited by unprecedented the two freight warehouses. It is of Spanish influenza, which very desirable piece of property. led for heroic efforts on the part of

war have brought forcibly to the the heavier supplies and for warehouse hinds of all those giving the subject purposes. udy and thought, the fact that veneand check the progress of the There are five salesmen on the road for In view of these facts and in or- the firm. (Continued on Page Six)

## ASK LEGISLATION DEMANDING FERRY

Brunswick to Terms.

Resolution at Special Session. Want Power to Levy Special Tax-Tax Rate.

The matter of improving the ferry service across the Cape Fear river at allotment of 5,000 members in the Red tainment which will be held tonight served in Wilmington if the weather terday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Chair- the local crossing is again in the lime- Cross Christmas roll call, and will in on the postoffice lawn under the au- conditions will permit. That is the inman W. A. McGirt submitted his re- light. Being unable to get the com- all probability go several hundred pices of the war camp community ser- dication from the unusual heavy shopport of the activities of the body dur- missioners of Brunswick county to "over the top" when all aancvassing vice was brought into the city yes- ping during the past several days, esing the past year. The report, while move, the New Hanover board, at a very lengthy, deals with all the special session held at the court house to a statement given out last night by northwest corner of the green. Strings spite the very disagreeable weather most important matters undertaken at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, took

islation bringing Brunswick to terms. There is no questioning the fact that better ferry facilities are badly needed ties to "get together" in the matter of here and the proposition that the New providing better ferry accommodations | Hnaover commissioners put before the across the Cape Fear river at the foot Brunswick board is that the latter pay of Market street, and on the accom- one-third of the cost and New Hanover two-thirds. The Brunswick commissioners have declined to take up vear ending December 1, 1918, showing that proposition and yesterday a

> sioners petitioning L. Clayton Grant, New Hanover representative in the legislature, and Senator W. B. Cooper, representing both counties, to use their influence in having passed legislation which will make it obligatory for the two counties to establish a modern ferry and maintain it upon these terms: The city\_of Wilmington to pay onehird of the cost and each of the counies of New Hanover and Brunswick one-third. The resolution contained other important matters as follows:

"Resolved, by the board of commissloners of New Hanover county that the following legislation relative to the affairs of the county of New Hanover is necessary, and that Hon. L. Clayton Grant and Senator W. B. Cooper be and they are hereby requested to introduce bills in the next general assembly incorporating the following equest and recommendation and see that said bills are enacted into law:

"First, empower, authorize and direct the board of commissioners of New Hanover county to levy a tax of not exceeding five cents on the \$100 of taxable property of the county for the purpose of keeping and maintaining inmates and prisoners at the county through today in order to carry the Mid-Night Clear," "Come and Adore," Paul's, one to be held for the benefit

"This will result in enabling the commissioners to take from the general fund of the county about \$8,300 and the county about \$8,300 and McGirt, chairman of details, in state- Sing" and many other beautiful Christ- vice will be held at the Church of the The contest last night. tion made by the board for the extermination and control of mosquitoes in

the county. "Second, in the opinion of the commissioners of New Hanover a ferry Fort Fisher highway extending from across the Cape Fear river, carrying a nominal charge is one of the greatest needs of the city of Wilmington, and the counties of Brunswick and New Hanover, and the board of commission the county has accepted an appro- sioners requests such legislation as will make it obligatory for the two counties and the city of Wilmington to riating a like sum, for road construc- establish such ferry including a road As yet, we have not received and bridges leading to the Cape Fear river, and if the present ferry and road cannot be purchased by agreement, that power to condemn be given, ey have been cotinued in charge of the the proportion of the purchase price to be paid and maintenance of the ferry stallation of lights, water and sawer- and the road after purchase to be ige, and a full equipped laundry, the borne by the counties and city as folwork at the home has been expedited lows: One-third by the city of Wiland the sanitary conditions much im- mington and one-third each by the counties of New Hanover and Brunswick. The board in such bill would desire the power to levy a tax, if found ence which the circumstances sur- to be necessary, to maintain the ferry rounding their station in life will ad- and road and bridges after purchase. Notwithstanding the fact that the as well as the power to issue bonds if

"Third, amend chapter 264 of the he home and farm are considered, and public laws of 1915, by adding the words 'New Hanover county' after the word 'Camden' in the last line of section 4 of said act.

> "This will enable the county com missioners to make rules and ordinances regulating the use of public roads

Among other matters discussed the meeting yesterday was that of an increase in the salary paid some of the county officers, but no action

mitted his annual report yesterday, which was accepted and ordered pubeffress, who succeeded Mrs. Jennie lished in part. Mr. Orrell also presentrant as county home demonstration ed a bond for \$50,000 required by state agent, and Miss Annie Lee Rankin, law before the \$125,000 of school monuccessor to Miss Mary C. Bennett, city ey made available through the sale of bonds, could be turned over to him. as valuable service in the field of The money will be immediately placed

BUYS DESIRABLE PROPERTY

The Standard Supply company, one state, has purchased from the American Bank & Trust company, the large three-story brick building at the northeast corner of North Front and fatal. Hanover streets, formerly occupied by

The deal was consummated yesterday at noon by Fred S. Burr, president of the supply company, and representa- death. He was a faithful member of ing promoted by D. R. Foster and company, real estate dealers.

The lot has a frontage of 66 feet on North Front street, extending back a completed last night, having been held be continued until this pest is distance of 165 weet. The building is up pending a message from relatives a three-story brick structure 66 by 150, is in excellent condition, having conand a part of November the crete floors, electric lights, elevators ly and county, as well as the entire etc., and is located midway between

The ever increasing business of the veryone to check its ravages. The peo- Standard Supply company has made it here responded nobly and their aid necessary for the management to seek and assistance in relief work cannot be larger quarters. The offices and show inderestimated. To aid in this work rooms will be maintained at their presunty made an appropriation of ent location 305 North Front street and a small stock will be carried there, Events arising out of the period of while the new building will be used for

This firm was established in 1902 by diseases are a serious menace to, the late Henry A. Burr, and since that nly the health and happiness of time has increased its business rapidly, copie, but actually threaten to handling all kinds of mill supplies.

to establish a clinic here for the There were two other deeds filed for pose of treating and curing such record yesterday as follows: I. H. Wells the county has made an appro- and wife to H. W. Konig for \$1 and dation to aid in the work, details of other considerations, lot No. 3 of block which are to be worked out by the lo-al health authorities, assisted by the Wilmington: A. J. Hanby and wife to Wilmington: A. J. Hanby and wife to Inited States public health service. George C. Henniker and wife for \$1 this movement should receive the untivided support and co-operation of (Continued on Page Six)

## GOAL OF ROLL CALL REACHED BY COUNTY

Tells of Activities of County New Hanover Would Bring Five Thousand Members Enroll- Program Arranged For Commu- Special Yuletide Services in Suned During Week.

> County Probably Go Well Over the Top When All Workers Have Reported.

New Hanover county has reached its 000 additional members were enrolled munity service by 7:45 o'clock tonight. yesterday, bringing the total number of new members reported at headquarters up until last night to even 5,000.

the shipbuilders at the Carolina shipyard reported a total of 417 new members gained there, stating that this number would in all probability be increased to a certain extent during today. The committee at the Liberty shipyard has not yet filed its report, but estimates that approximately 200 of the concrete shipbuilders have answered the call. The committee canvassing the shipyards have been han-

The roll call committee canvassing

The roll call headquarters, which has been kept open on Princess street during roll call week by Mrs. Harry Woollcott, closed last night, and additional reports from canvassing comsonic temple or to W. P. Sprunt, of Alexander Sprunt and Son. In discussing the matter last night, Mr. McGirt urged that all canvassing committees their fields should continue working ble.

of the Red Cross chapter expressed | tire audience may the Red Cross if they are approached the singing. by a solicitor. The canvassing commany additional members as possible." corps have rendered valuable service during the roll call. During the week preceding roll call week they aided by distributing posters and advertising matter, and while the roll call was in progress they have freely given their time and have worked faithfully in soliciting members for the Red Cross.

WILMINGTON "DEL." AGAIN. Local Business Man Calls Down New York Firm For Mistake.

There is one local business man who wants it distinctly understood that there is a "Wilmington" besides Wilhimself in the following letter written to a New York concern which has just recently made the very common mistake of mixing the real Wilmington, (N. C.) with the Wilmington in the northern state:

"Acknowledging yours of December 14th, we note that both letter and envelope were addressed 'Wilmington,

"For fear that your shipping department may send this order to the wrong point, we are writing to ask that you give instructions to have shipment forwarded to us at 'Wilmington, North

nothing against the Delaware city, we hold no brief for them but only for ourselves. We feel that the real Wilmington is 'down here,' not 'up there.' and that if any mistake is made in location it should be in our favor, not

JOHN S. POOVEY DIES.

Passes Away at His Home After Being Ill Three Days With Pneumonia.

Sixth street, passed away yesterday Line railway system and from afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after an ill- north. ness of three days. He nursed his wife of the leading supply houses of the and three children, all of whom have influenza, until Friday when he con- Dr. J. H. Honnet, Dr. A. M. Baldwin tracted the disease, which rapidly de-

> capacity of car varnisher and painter. and J. E. Thompson. He was a highly respected citizen, and leaves many friends to mourn his the Church of the Good Shepherd, hold- Child Labor Report for Wilmington ing the office of vestryman for a long

perior prior to his death. Funeral arrangements had not been of the deceased living in Hickory, N. C.

wealth or the power of its

an ideal constructive tonic-food. easily assimilated and imparts strength and promotes normal growth.

Scott's Emulsion builds up the weak and fortifies the strong.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

## CHRISTMAS TREE IS ERECTED ON LAWN

nity Celebration Tonight.

County Commissioners Pass Important Campaign Closed Last Night and Col. Walker Taylor Will Make a Brief Rainy Weather is Not Keeping Shop Address During the Exercises-War Songs and Christmas Car-

> The tree for the Christmas entercommittees have reported, according terday morning and erected on the pecially Saturday and yesterday. De-W. A. McGirt, chairman of details. of colored lights, tinsel and other ap- yesterday, occasioned by heavy atmo-The telegram wired to division head- propriate decorations will be placed sphere and drizzle of rain during the quarters in Atlanta last night by upon the tree this morning and every- afternoon, the streets were crowded Chairman M. T. Plyler stated that 1,- thing will be in readiness for the com-

> > All the school chiffren in the city, with their friends and parents, are expected to gather around the tree at that time. The Christmas tree celebration, the committee on arrangeand to sing the familiar old Christmas carols is cordially invited to at-

Groups of carol singers from the vaoned by a teacher from the respective schools, have been requested to visit will be postponed until Sunday. the hospitals and certain homes in the the Christmas tree.

tree will consist principally of musical | held at the Church of the Good Shepnumbers. A very complete program herd tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. of patriotic songs and Christmas carmittees should be handed to Chair- ols has been prepared which will un- place in several other Episcopal man McGirt, at his office in the Ma- doubtedly afford great pleasure to churches. those attending the exercises. "Keep take place at St. John's are at 7:30 this the Home Fires urning," "America," in Your Old\Kit Bag" are among the at both services and offerings will be which have not completely covered patriotic numbers to be sung, while taken for the church pension fund. Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent another at 7:30 tonight and the third Night," "Hark! the Herald Angels at 10:30 tomorrow morning. One sernot include many wealthy citizens of upon a screen where everyone may see the city who will gladly enroll with | them. The Victory chorus will lead

Col. Walker Taylor has accepted an tinue their efforts today and secure as at the exercises. The program will be opened with a selection by the The members of the Red Cross motor drum and bugle corps. The entire last approximately celebration will one hour, commencing at 7:45 o'clock and closing about 9 o'clock

In discussing the prospects for rainy day Christmas eve, the commitwould be held at the appointed time unless it is actually raining. In that event the exercises will be postponed intil a more favorable occasion.

"ALLIE" MPTCHELL AT REST.

argely Attended Funeral Held Yesterday for Beloved Young Man.

In the presence of a large assemlage of his friends, including his associates in the railway service, memnevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and friends of the deeply stricken famly, all that was mortal of the late Alexander J. Mitchell was committed to earth in the family lot in Oakdale cemetery yesterday afternoon, followng impressive funeral services at the family home, No. 113 North Fourth street, conducted by the Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Pres-

byterian church. Although the weather was very clement, the funeral was one of the most largely attended in some time and the floral tributes were many and very beautiful. The funeral hymns both at the home and at the grave were sweetly rendered by a special choir led by Mrs. George S. Boylan and Mrs. John H. Hall. "Abide With Me." "How Firm Foundation," and other selections that were a favorite with Mr. Mitchell while he lived were rendered with

most beautiful effect. A large number, of telegrams of condolence were received during the day from Mr. Mitchell's friends and associates from all over the Atlantic Coas

The pall-bearers were as follows: Honowary, P. R. Albright, J. N. Brand, Lyman Delano, C. W. Worth, James veloped into pneumonia and proved Owen Reilly and W. S. Register; active, John R. Adams, P. L. Easterling, Mr. Poovey was an employe of the Claude Murray, N. C. Shepard, Walter Atlantic Coast Line, working in the Bush, Dave Sloan, Walter P. Sprunt

MISS WOLFSON IN ERROR.

In reference to the report in yesterday morning's Star of Miss Theresa Wolfson, special investigator of the national child labor committee, of her recent investigation here, in which she stated that she found that an 11-year old boy had been allowed to sell pea-A Nation's Safety old boy had been allowed to sen peanuts, etc., in one of the local theatres on a commission basis and to clean up depends upon more than a theatre for which he received \$5 per week, Louis Goodman, of the Howard-Wells Amusement company, conmighty guns. It rests in its trollers of the local theatres, stated yesterday that no 11-year-old boy had robust children and in its strong, been employed by his company for that purpose.

On the other hand Mr. Goodman stated that three colored women are employed to put each theatre in shape, this policy having been established some time ago. Previously negro men were employed to clean up the theatres.

Miss Wolfson's entire report on "child labor" in Wilmington was considered a queer report in that she did not deal with child labor employed in brings to the system elements plants but only with boys on the streets and in occupations not usually thought of when "child labor" is mentioned. Her report was considered rather ancient, since she put the population of the city at 22,000 when every-body knows there are at least 35,000 18-20. folks here now.

# REIGNING SUPREME

day Schools and Churches.

pers Off the Streets-Indications Point to a Very Large Christmas.

Christmas is going to be fittingly obwith Christmas shoppers preparing to make the hearts of many a child glad. as well as those of the grown-ups. And the streets and stores were filled with shoppers until closing hour at 10 o'clock last night.

There has been great preparation for ment stresses, is to be a community special Christmas services in the affair and every one who loves to hear churches of the city, while elaborate plans have been made for the exercises tend the celebration this Christmas to be held at the community Christmas tree which was erected on the postoffice green yesterday afternoon. While serrious schools in the city have been vices in keeping with the occasion will organized and these singers, chaper- be held at many of the churches tonight and tomorrow, other services Special service is announced at the

city and sing Christmas carols for Church of the Good Shepherd beginning dicapped in their work by unfavorable the pleasure of the sick who will be tonight at 11:15 and continuing until weather. Yesterday had been set apart | unable to enjoy the exercises at the | midnight. Communion will be observat the Liberty yard as roll call day, Christmas tree. The singers will meet ed and everybody is extended an invibut the rain made it practically im- at 6:30 o'clock and spend an hour tation to be present and worship with possible for the young ladies on the singing carols in different sections of the members. The choir has arranged canvassing committee to solicit mem- the city. They will then meet at the a special musical program which will bership among the workmen on the postoffice and share in the musical be rendered during the service. This program which will be rendered at choir will assist in the program at the community tree earlier in the evening. The entertainment tonight at the The regular Christmas service will be

> Services have been arranged to take The services announced to evening and at 11 o'clock tomorrow "Smiles" and "Pack Up Your Troubles | morning. Holy communion will be held the carols include, "It Came Upon a There will be three services at St. We, The Kings of Orient Are." "O, of the children at 4:30 this afternoon. scension, this to take place

There will be six masses held at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral during Christmas morning, the first to take place at 6 o'clock and the last at 10:30. The others will be held at 7, 7:30, 8:30 and 9 o'clock.

The festival of Christmas will be celebrated appropriately at St. Paul's Lutheran church. Two services will be held, the principal one being at 7 ternoon at 5 o'clock the Sunday school will have its service. At the morning service the pastor will preach and a special musical program will be rendered by a very much augmented choir under the direction of the organist, Mrs. Eliza Schulken. The program for the service follows:

Organ prelude; Recessional, "Come Hither Ye Faithful"; anthem, with violin obligato; Christmas Message; "Hallelujah" sentences; "Zion's King Has Come and Died'; anthem, "Angels From the Realm of Glory"; postlude, Allegro

A native of Japan, who is preparing for the ministry, will be the speaker at the Sunday school service. There wil lbe one service at St. Mathew's Lutheran church, and in addi- the American Bank & Trust company, tion to a specially prepared musical program Rev. George Bowden, of the

Lutheran Theological seminary, of Coumbia, S. C., will preach. -Edgar P. Cardwell of the University of Virginia is at home for the holidays. Mr. Cardwell has been a member of the S. A. T. C. at the uniALL 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

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Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS THE

Opening Game of H. S. Basketball Season Was Fast and Well Played, teresting games played at the Y. M. C. ball team defeated the Click quintet, an aggregation made up of college stuwith a score of 38 to 12. Although the high school players were bucking a team outweighing them ten pounds to the man and were further handicapped the Click five are star players on 'var-

sity teams, it succeeded in piling up

a very creditable score. The game was

The contest last night marked the ally large number of basketball fans. The spectators' gallery in the gymnasium was completely filled, and the doorkeeper estimated A schedule for the season is being worked out which will include several games with high school teams from nearby towns, and the athletic association of the high school plans to finance these games with the proceeds teams. The line-up of the teams fol-

High school: W. Green, DeRosset, forwards; Turrentine, center; Bussells and Holden, guards. Clicks: W. Mahler, H. Green, forwards; Ek, center; Williams, Sprunt,

NEW SAVINGS . BANK OPENS.

Front, Begins Business Today. The Liberty Savings bank, located a 110 South Front street, will open it loors to the public this morning at 9 o'clock. Joseph Ruark, formerly with has accepted the position of cashier with the new bank, and those who know his ability feel assured that he is the proper man for the position.

The new institution will conduct a savings business, giving special attention to the Christmas savings feature which has proved such a success in the past at other banks. The bank was to have commenced business several

weeks ago, but the plans of its officials CLICK QUINTET 38 TO 12. for opening it were knocked up by the influenza epidemic.

> -According to an advertisement elsewhere, the directors of the Home Savings bank on the 19th declared a dividend of 3 per cent to all stockholders of record December 28.

666 cures Headaches, Bilious-Loss of Appetite, foul breath, or that tired aching feeling due to Malaria or Colds.

### NOTICE!

It removes the cause.

ber 25, 1918, and New Year's day, Wedcollected at the contests with local nesday, January 1, 1919, except between the hours of 9 and 10 a. m., for the delivery of perishable freight.

> SEABOARD AIR LINE RY. H. H. ELLIOTT, Agt.

At a Meeting of Directors of the

## Home Savings Bank

declared, payable to stockholders

of record as of December 28, 1918.

J. F. ROACHE, Cashier.

## No Packages Acepted For Delivery After 6 P. M. Today

Owing to the overcrowded condition of our delivery department, we cannot accept packages for delivery after 6 o'clock this afternoon and guarantee delivery.

We will do our part, but if you would make sure, you had best carry all purchases made after this hour.

BELK-WILLIAMS COMPANY