

SHRINERS TO MEET IN NEW BERN TODAY

Fall Ceremonial of Sudan Temple to Be Held.

Special Pullman Train Leaves Wilmington at 6 O'clock This Morning. Drum and Bugle Corps and Fort Band Going.

At 6 o'clock this morning between 150 and 200 Shriners, their wives and family friends, leave for New Bern to attend the fall ceremonial and business session of Sudan Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The trip will be made on a special Pullman train. There will be three stops on route—Jacksonville, Maysville and Pollocksville—where additional Shriners and "fresh meat" will be picked up. It is expected the special will reach the Craven capital about 9:30 or 10 o'clock and the task of painting New Bern red will then begin, according to statements made last night by local Shriners.

Shriners are different from most people. Regardless of any business cares they cast aside for a little outside trip when they "get aboard" they forget there ever was a care, and they usually enjoy themselves as only Shriners can during the past few days. The activities at these meetings have been curtailed considerably by reason of the country being at war, but now that hostilities have ceased and prospects seem good for an early signing of peace terms, the Shriners are planning to outdo themselves today.

There will be nothing lacking in "fresh meat" when the camels are brought up at about 11 o'clock. A total of approximately 250 candidates being on the waiting list, 35 of whom will go from Wilmington. Nobles will be present from all parts of North Carolina and many from South Carolina and Virginia. The Norfolk patrol, according to the New Bern papers, is planning to have an exceptionally large representation at today's meeting and it is certain that Oasis Temple of Charlotte, will be there in large numbers to assist in "handling" the fresh meat.

Sixteen drummers and eight bugles of Sudan Temple and Bugle corps will be present. This organization has been doing some hard practicing and drilling during the past few weeks and is in excellent shape for the festival. It will be in charge of Bert Kite, drum leader.

The musical end of the meeting will certainly be well looked after, as Col. A. W. Chase, commandant at Fort Caswell, has agreed to allow the band to make the trip with the Wilmington Nobles. This musical organization is 25 strong and one of the best to be found anywhere.

The New Bern nobles have arranged to entertain the visiting fez wearers today in a manner that is distinctly characteristic of the people of the Craven city, the closing number on the program being a "Sudan Temple" drawing tonight. The Wilmington special will leave immediately after the conclusion of the dance, which will probably be about 1 o'clock in the morning.

There is only one thing to mar the pleasure of the occasion and that is the fact that Noble W. A. French will be unable to attend the meeting by reason of sickness. The cases against French next in line and will be elected potentate of Sudan Temple at the business session today.

Visiting ladies will be the guest of the "Sudan Temple" of New Bern during their stay there.

FULL DOCKET BEFORE RECORDER GEO. HARRISS

Twenty-eight defendants were arraigned yesterday morning.

Yesterday was a red letter day in recorder's court, one of the lengthiest sessions in many weeks being necessary since Tuesday's session.

The penalties imposed ranged from two months in the case of a man charged with the county roads, to a fine of \$100 for the latter for an assault with a deadly weapon.

The specific charges against Sterling for shooting William Little in the shoulder with the coat, there was another charge against Sterling for carrying a concealed weapon but prayer for judgment was continued in this until the expiration of his road sentence.

Allison Sellers, Albert Arnold, James Mason, Herbert Anders and George Rowan, all white, were held for superior court on a charge of store breaking. They were arrested charged with having been connected with the robbery of G. C. Simmons' place at 25 South Front street during the first part of the week, probable cause being found in all five cases. All the defendants furnished a \$200 bond with the exception of Sellers who went to jail.

D. Brown and Johnnie Price were convicted on charges of carrying concealed weapons and were fined \$50 each and taxed with the cost, while a fine of \$10 and the cost was imposed on James Rivers, E. C. Carter, Moses Crawford and Bubber Shells, who were charged with discharging firearms in public places.

The eight negroes arrested Tuesday night by a squad of police officers on a charge of gambling entered pleas of guilty and were fined \$5 each and taxed with the cost. The defendants were Ben Jackson, Willie Burnett, Dave O. Herring, George Herring, Preston Herring, Ben Richardson, Tom Wells and George Franklin.

Willie Bryant and Fannie Davis were found guilty of an affair. Bryant was taxed with the cost, but being unable to pay it he was committed to the county jail. Eugene Alban was argued for trespassing, was found guilty and sent to the county farm for observation. The cases against Herbert Davis, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, and John Nixon attempted larceny, were continued.

Heal Skin Diseases. It is unnecessary for you to suffer with eczema, blotches, ringworm, rashes and similar skin troubles. A little zemo, obtained at any drug store for 35c, or \$1.00 for extra large bottle, and promptly applied will usually give instant relief from itching, burning, and redness. Zemo is a wonderful, penetrating, disappearing liquid and is soothing to the most delicate skin. It is not greasy, is easily applied and costs little. Get it today and save all further distress. The E. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

TROOPS FROM FRANCE DEMOBOLIZE AT FORT

Thirty-Eight Per Cent of 9th Anti-Aircraft Section Has Been Assigned to Caswell

The transport Rijndam sailed from France December 19 with 3,000 American soldiers aboard and is scheduled to dock at Newport News January 1st, according to dispatches received from Washington. Thirty-eight per cent, or a little more than one-third of the 9th anti-aircraft section, one of the units aboard the transport, will be assigned to Fort Caswell for demobilization, the dispatch states. They are expected to arrive at the fort on the 2nd or 3rd of January. The troops are not expected to pass through Wilmington, as in all probability they will change at the "Y" junction and proceed directly to the fort over the W. B. and S.

Announcement was made last night that the military relief committees, recreation committee, canteen and concert entertainment, and the motor corps of the Red Cross are making preparations to entertain all groups of soldiers returning to Wilmington from overseas. No definite announcement has been made, however, as to whether the Red Cross will endeavor to meet this particular force of soldiers when they reach the Brunswick Junction and offer them some sort of entertainment in acknowledgment of their accomplishments in the field, and as a small token of appreciation for the service they have rendered their country, but it is very probable that such will be the case, as Wilmington's Red Cross chapter is always eager to seize an opportunity to show some kindness to the boys in khaki. In announcing last night that the Red Cross is preparing to entertain soldiers returning from France, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin stated that the Red Cross soldiers from training camps who have already arrived in Wilmington will be expected to share the entertainment.

On board the transport Rijndam are caissons containing the 1st and 2nd brigades headquarters, coast artillery corps; 9th and 13th anti-aircraft sections; 114th ammunition train and 31 casual officers. The transport has an enlisted crew of 1,000 and was bound for Washington dispatch states.

Upon arrival at Newport News the units will be distributed as follows: Thirty-second brigade headquarters, 20 per cent to Key West, Fla.; thirteen anti-aircraft sections, 60 per cent to Fort Totten, L. I.; thirty-five per cent to Jefferson barracks, Mo.; ninth anti-aircraft section, sixty-two per cent to Portland, Me.; thirty-eight per cent to Fort Caswell, Southport, N. C.; 114th ammunition train, sixty-seven per cent to Camp Buregard, twenty-six per cent to Camp Zachary Taylor, and seven per cent to Camp Pike.

SOLDIERS' RECORD BOOK FOR THE COUNTY ARRIVES

Will Contain Complete Record of New Hanover County's Heroes

The record book in which is to be inscribed the names of New Hanover county who have been called into the service of the country since the United States entered the world-war, the purchase of which was authorized by the county commissioners several months ago, has arrived in the possession of County Auditor John A. Orrell, who will be glad to receive information of New Hanover sons and transcribe it into the book. The book contains a complete record of men who served during the great war. Mr. Orrell stated yesterday that the book is nothing like large enough to contain the names of all the men who have been called into the service and it is possible that another book will have to be secured. However, it is not expected that the record of all men will be kept as it will be impossible to get the desired information unless it is brought by the men or their relatives, and it is natural to assume that a certain number will neglect this matter, which is of vital importance to the men themselves, since it will show just what part they had in the conflict.

When properly filled out each page will contain the family record, including the place and date of birth, parents' names, occupation, married or single, the department of the service in which he served, when enlisted or drafted, company, regiment, captain and colonel of company and regiment, when he went overseas and when and where engaged, wounded or killed and when discharged from the service.

When the records are completed the book will contain much information that will be of a great deal of interest in years to come. As stated, it will be impossible for the book to be properly filled out unless Mr. Orrell is furnished the necessary information and relatives and friends of men in the service are requested to supply it.

GAMES AT Y. M. C. A.

Basket Ball and Volley Ball Exhibitions Staged Last Night

A very one-sided but nevertheless interesting game of basket ball was staged at the Y. M. C. A. last night by the Ramblers, composed of students at home for the holidays, and a quintet representing the "Y" club. The Y. M. C. A. kept open-house last night, and among the amusements of the evening, in addition to the "Y" volleyball ball league. The team captained by Peter J. VanGoy, service manager of the Liberty shipyard, defeated Captain J. B. Huntington and his aggregation.

Mr. Ek Remembers Employee Following his usual custom, A. W. Ek, a well-known local insurance man, presented every married man employed by him with a turkey as a Christmas gift, while those without families were remembered with a fountain pen. Miss Ida Stallings, stenographer for Mr. Ek, also received a fountain pen from her employer, while the home office of the Imperial Mutual Life and Health Insurance company gave her a purse and \$5 in gold. All the gifts were very acceptable and were much appreciated.

O. HENRY.

O. Henry, a native of Greensboro, N. C., astonished the literary world by his fascinating short stories, of which he is an acknowledged master. As a matter of local pride, and for intellectual enjoyment, every local citizen of the state wants a set of O. Henry; 12 fine volumes, 200 stories, \$12.50 with order and \$1 a month, express pre-paid. (Regular price \$17). The special price I now offer will be annulled at an early date. Mail me your order today. J. T. NORSWORTHY, 214 Austell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

DR. HALL AT CALVARY. Noted Lecturer Will Deliver an Address There Tonight.

Dr. Edward Hall, a lecturer of national reputation, will deliver an address, "All About Girls" at Calvary Baptist church tonight at 8 o'clock. No doubt he will be greeted by a large congregation since he is well known here as a speaker of much ability, having filled engagements here on previous occasions.

CHRISTMAS PASSED OFF VERY QUIETLY

Poor of the City Remembered by Benevolent Citizens.

Several Hundred Baskets of Provisions Were Distributed Among the Needy—There Was a Marked Absence of Fire Works

Christmas has passed, but December 25 will long be remembered by all classes of people in this city, there being additional cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving by reason that it was the first "peace Christmas" in five years. A few short months ago many fathers and mothers in Wilmington were certain that on the day of December 1918 their son or sons would be subject to shell fire from the "awful" Hun, but the sudden termination of hostilities prevented this and naturally they were in a more joyful mood, and they shared their happiness with others.

Many homes were made happy on Christmas day by the generosity of those more fortunately situated from a financial standpoint; provisions were distributed among poor families of the city, while toys were given the children. The Elks distributed several hundred baskets of provisions Christmas morning, each basket going to a family in need. Christmas eve the Woodmen of the World remembered families of the deceased brothers with baskets filled with fruit candy, etc., while the Salvation Army held special Christmas exercises in the Academy of Music, where presents were distributed to approximately 400 children following the presentation of an excellent program at 7 o'clock.

The Salvation Army also gave to poor families things of a more substantial nature than toys, candy and fruit, these being Christmas dinners, seventy-five in number. Each basket contained plenty for a dinner for five persons. There were no turkeys but a four pound chicken was substituted, one being in each basket. Benevolent citizens also contributed to the cause. Commandant George Morris of the local post of the Salvation Army, staged last night that he supplied a large number of names of persons worthy of help to citizens who desired to supply them with good things to eat, and his opinion was that practically all of the poor of the city were well looked after.

Special services were held in many of the churches during the day and evening while there was also social events during the evening.

All business was suspended for the day, even to the drug stores, which closed at 1 o'clock for the remainder of the day, and some of the cafes.

Many people thronged the streets and they were in a happy frame of mind. The usual fire chackers were lacking, and the day was only served. There was some inclination on the part of a few to use revolvers and shotguns to create a noise since they were unable to procure fire works, but the activity of the police prevented this on a large scale. There were only a few attempts to observe the day in this manner by white people, but quite a number of colored people were arrested in connection with shooting fire arms in the streets. There shooting fire arms in the streets.

LEAVES FOR RALEIGH.

W. A. McGirt Will Attend Meeting of Good Roads Association

W. A. McGirt, president of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, leaves this morning for Raleigh to attend a conference with the legislation committee of the good roads association relative to presenting a bill before the general assembly convening in January, authorizing the levy of a tax to provide a fund to be used to construct and maintain a state highway system.

Mr. McGirt takes with him an elaborate outline of the proposed bill, which will be drawn up full after the conference of the legislation committee. If North Carolina ever attains the high standard of highway in New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, California and other progressive states in the union, she must build an adequate highway system, Mr. McGirt declares.

Other members of the Legislation committee who will meet in Raleigh are Judge F. D. Warner, Jr., Raleigh; H. B. Varner, of Lexington; James A. Gray, Jr., of Winston-Salem; H. D. Williams, of Kennansville; Miss Berry, of Chapel Hill, secretary of the association, and others.

U. C. T. OYSTER ROAST.

Members of Cape Fear Council No. 374 are Outing at Whiskey Creek.

Preparations are rapidly being completed for the oyster roast and smoker to be given Saturday night at Whiskey creek bridge by Cape Fear Council No. 374, U. C. T., in honor of its members about a month ago. The "Flowers" building at 17 in front of the members. The regular meeting of the council will convene at 7 o'clock in the lodge rooms, but only a short business session will be held, as the members expect to arrive at Whiskey creek later than 7:30 o'clock. The committee in charge of arrangements is expecting a full attendance and is making arrangements to accommodate a large crowd.

Means of transportation will be supplied by members of the council owning automobiles and they are expected to have their cars at "Old Flowers" building at 7 o'clock, or as soon thereafter as possible. In addition to the members of Travelers' association, Secretary James H. Cowan, of the chamber of commerce, representatives of the best of a few friends have been invited to attend the oyster roast and enjoy a pleasant outing.

ROTARIANS MEET TODAY.

Important Session Will Be Held at the "Y" at 1 O'clock.

An important meeting of the Wilmington Rotary club will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building at 1 o'clock this afternoon and every member is expected to be present unless prevented by sickness. There is more than usual importance attached to the meeting today and President J. C. Williams has written personal letters to every member, urging that he be present, which is in addition to the usual notices mailed out by Secretary Louis T. Moore. The meeting today will close the year's work and along this line President Williams desires to have a few minutes' talk with the members. In addition to the important matter which President Williams will discuss before the meeting there will be several new members present to be welcomed into the club.

PORTO RICANS WILL RETURN TO ISLAND

City of Savannah Leaves Port This Evening With 1,300 Islanders Bound for Home.

Approximately 1,200 Porto Ricans are scheduled to arrive in Wilmington this morning from Fayetteville to embark upon the City of Savannah preparatory to returning to their native island. This group of islanders disembarked at this port from the City of Savannah three months ago and were transferred to Fayetteville, where they were used to assist in construction work at Camp Bragg.

Being no longer needed there, the government is now sending them back home, according to terms of the agreement between the Porto Ricans and the department of labor. The Porto Ricans will be taken aboard the City of Savannah immediately upon arrival here. The vessel is scheduled to leave port this evening and turn her prow towards Porto Rico.

The City of Savannah arrived in port last Tuesday afternoon, after stopping at Southport during the morning to take on 101 Porto Ricans who have been stationed at the fort since the city also arrived here this group five weeks ago with a second group of Porto Ricans destined for Camp Bragg. They arrived here just after the armistice was signed, and found awaiting them instructions from Washington to return immediately to Porto Rico.

While the vessel was in port, however, many of the islanders, who were very thinly clad and poorly equipped, contracted pneumonia. The disease quickly became epidemic and Captain Borum, of the City of Savannah, landed the sick at Fort Caswell for treatment. They were placed in the hospital at the fort and given careful medical attention, and those who had not contracted the disease were furnished with uniforms and warm clothing and taught to drill. They were forced to go through military maneuvers every day in order to keep them fit, and according to reports from the fort, they did not relish the exercise at all. Approximately 30 of the islanders died at the fort. Their remains were taken to Wilmington and interred in the national cemetery. While discussing the situation last night, Captain Borum stated that all of the Porto Ricans have now recovered and are happy over the prospect of returning to their homes. While the islanders were sick at the fort the Red Cross chapter of this city assisted in relieving their unfortunate condition by furnishing them with warm clothing and proper equipment for this climate.

The City of Savannah, a steamer of 4,738 tons commanded by Captain Borum, has been engaged since last September to transport the Porto Ricans to the United States to be employed as laborers at government shipyards and military camps. During this period she has landed islanders at Brunswick, Savannah, Ga., Fayetteville, N. C., and Wilmington. She has carried as many as 2,000 Porto Ricans on a single trip.

When the steamer leaves port this evening she will have aboard her, including the group of 100 picked up at Southport Tuesday, approximately 1,300 Porto Ricans. Not all of the islanders brought to this country by the City of Savannah, however, are really as permanent as the 100 picked up at Southport. Many of them have signified their intention of settling in Wilmington and making their fortunes in this land of high wages and wealth unlimited, as it appears to them.

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DERAILMENT ON THE COAST LINE DELAYS SCHEDULE

Freight Derailed at Wade and Sleepers at Chadburn.

The derailment of a south bound freight train on the main line of the A. C. L. near Wade Wednesday night at 9:50 o'clock necessitated detouring passenger trains via Goldsboro, Wilmington and Florence. The train arrived from Goldsboro on its southern trip. The tourist special left here on the Florence branch but could go no further than Chadburn and returned here continuing its southbound trip via Fayetteville.

The main line was clear yesterday at 1 o'clock and the Florence line about 5 or 6 in the afternoon, but not until 1 o'clock from Florence had been delayed about 7 hours.

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CHRISTMAS TREE AT ACADEMY ENJOYABLE

Salvation Army Gladdened the Hearts of Many Children.

Gifts Distributed to Approximately 400 Kiddies on the Afternoon of Christmas Day—Address by Mayor Moore

The poor children of the city were not forgotten by Santa Claus during Christmas, for the Salvation Army arranged for him to visit the Academy of Music Wednesday afternoon and distribute presents to the poorer children of the city who gathered there to enjoy the Christmas tree celebration staged by the S. A. at 3 o'clock.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Salvation Army was arranged on a larger scale this year than ever before. Heretofore the tree has been set up in the Salvation Army hall on Orange street, but last Christmas many of the children were turned away from the hall because accommodations there were insufficient to take care of the large crowd. Accordingly when Commandant George Morris began to arrange his plans for the entertainment this season he determined that preparations would be made to entertain all who attended the Christmas tree celebration. For that reason the Academy of Music was selected as the place for the entertainment, which proved to be the most enjoyable and successful celebration ever held under the auspices of the Salvation Army. Approximately 400 children were made happy through the distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree. Each of the girls in the audience was presented with a doll, and the boys were given horns, drums and similar toys dear to the heart of young America. The dolls, 200 of them were dressed by the young ladies of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Davidson, secretary of the association, further assisted the Salvation Army by co-operating with Mrs. George Morris, wife of the commandant, in decorating the stage and the Christmas tree.

The entertainment opened with the singing of "America" by the audience, and an address by Mayor P. Q. Moore at length upon the meaning of Christmas and the particular causes for joy and happiness during this Yuletide, the first peace Christmas in five years, discussed the merits of the Salvation Army and highly complimented that organization upon the great amount of good work it is carrying on among the needy and destitute people of the city.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, rector of St. James' church, at the close of Mayor Moore's address, read the story of the Magic Mantle, a little play with a moral, which was acted in pantomime by Miss George, Miss L. E. Whitman, Miss Lillian Morris, assisted by several children and Miss Clara Sackett, director of recreation at the Y. W. C. A. The story of the play hinged on the actions of a mother and three worldly daughters and a man all of whom were seeking happiness, which could be found only by gaining the

Magic Mantle. The mother and daughters sought to purchase it with their wealth, while the servant whose purse contained only a few pennies despaired of finding the mantle and devoted himself to aiding the poor and helpless with whom she came in contact. As a reward for her kindness of heart the Gray Lady, the fairy godmother of the Cinderella, presented her with the Magic Mantle. The moral of the little sketch, that happiness is gained only through loving service and kindness to others, is obvious. The part of the Gray Lady was well played by Miss Whitman, while Miss Morris capably portrayed the maid.

The lower floor of the Academy was well filled with children who eagerly welcomed Santa Claus when he appeared to distribute the gifts. Many of their elders also were present and apparently enjoyed the entertainment and entered into the spirit of the occasion as enthusiastically as the children. As the children left the Academy, each was presented with a box containing candy, fruit and nuts.

—Maj. Joseph A. Wilkinson, left last night returning to Camp Jackson, S. C., after a few days' visit with relatives and friends in the city.

The New Year Will be started in the right way if you open a Savings Account or make a deposit with this bank at the beginning of our next interest quarter on January 2nd, 1919. We invite your business. THE PEOPLES' SAVINGS BANK Corner Front and Princess Sts.

Start The New Year Right Open a Savings Account with this Bank and save regularly and persistently something each pay-day. You will be gratified at the result, while our 4 per cent. interest, compounded quarterly, will add materially to your account. Deposits made NOW will draw interest from January 1st. THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO. 110 PRINCESS STREET Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

Automobile is Stolen. R. E. Williams' Oakland automobile bearing license tag No. 4121, was stolen from in front of his home, 207 North Seventh street, last night about 1 o'clock, and Mr. Williams will appreciate any information which may lead to its recovery. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.—Psalms 33:5.

At a Meeting of Directors of the Home Savings Bank Held on Thursday, December 19, 1918, a dividend of 3 per cent was declared, payable to stockholders of record as of December 28, 1918. J. F. ROACHE, Cashier.

YEAR END SPECIALS We have given you week-end specials for the last fifty-one weeks and numbers of customers have bought freely of them and were well satisfied. This week we advertise year-end specials and we believe the last is the best. Better come in and see them: Men's Department Toilet Goods Cotton Fabrics Hosiery Sheets and Towels Wool Scarf and Cap Sets Belk-Williams Co.