

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 the Sudan Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The trip will be made on a special Pullman train.

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.

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.

Sixteen drummers and eight bugles of the Drum 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.

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.

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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 the cost in the case of 18 months on the county roads, to a fine of \$100 and the latter for an assault with a deadly weapon.

The specific charges against Sterling for shooting William Little in the shoulder with the revolver. 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.

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.

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.

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SOLDIERS' RECORD BOOK FOR THE COUNTY ARRIVES

Will Contain Complete Record of New Hanover'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.

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 banks 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.

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.

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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.

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 crackers 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.

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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.

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 left Savannah. This group of Porto Ricans destined for Camp Bragg, 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.

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 from the island. Several 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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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.

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.

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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.

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 Belk-Williams Co.