

NEW YEAR FINDS CITY CONFIDENT OF FUTURE

Wilmington Officials and Business Men Are Optimistic As 1921 Arrives

SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Prominent Men, in Interviews, Express Good Wishes to People of City

In interviews given yesterday prominent Wilmington business and professional men pointed with pride of the accomplishments of the city during 1920, and spoke with confidence of the outlook for 1921. The majority of the interviews, obtained from officials of various organizations, heads of big businesses, members of the ministry, and others, contained a note of optimism. Particularly noticeable in the interviews was the warning against idleness, waste and extravagance during the period of reconstruction now faced by the world.

The interviews follow:

H. G. McQueen, president of the Murchison National bank—"The business situation while not as good as we would all like it, is hopeful. The readjustment going on had to come and doubtless, in the long run will be beneficial. The lesson, because everybody must feel the losses caused by the sudden decline, is not likely to be forgotten soon. Idleness, waste and extravagance never fall to be followed by hard times of short or long duration. Opinions are no better than guesses, but I can not help believe that business will improve by or before the spring months."

Charles C. Chabouras, of the Chabouras Lumber company—"If we can all keep our heads, the process of emerging from an era of extravagant thinking, talking and living, into a state of 'normalcy' can be successfully accomplished, but it will necessarily be accompanied by some sacrifice and loss. The darker is the apparent unwillingness to be the first to break the 'vicious circle.'"

"As a rule, the average American is a safe and sane thinker, and my belief is that within the next 60 days manufacturers will awake to the realization that their products must be placed on the market at a lower figure. Labor must recognize the fact that it must cooperate by being satisfied with smaller wages, and merchants must forget some high priced goods still remaining on their shelves and sell their newly purchased stocks at a reasonable profit."

"Assuming these three things as accomplished facts, there is an era of prosperity ahead of the United States, and of this city in particular, of more magnitude and longer duration than we have ever enjoyed."

R. W. Polvogt, president of the Rotary club—"No business man with ample capital and an established trade has any reason to feel worried about the future, and most of all the future merchant who is destined next year to do the best business in his history."

"In the spring I am satisfied that building will be resumed on a larger scale than any time in the last five years."

"It requires courage to be an optimist in an era of lack of courage, to be a pessimist, you are out of business the same as out of life, just what you put into it. If you expect business to go to the bow-wow, it probably will, but you are concerned but if you have faith in yourself, your store, your city, and your country, you will probably find business better than you had anticipated."

Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, asks the question: "What will the New Year bring?" and says:

"Perhaps the wish is father to the thought, but at any rate, I believe the New Year will bring many hard, helpful, cleansing things to America and to the world."

"We have become somewhat deadened to finer influences on account of the artificial atmosphere which we have been living, and many of us have lost all sense of values."

"I believe the New Year will bring to us a finer sense of values, and cause us to emphasize again the things that really count in the building of character."

"I believe it will bring problems that will demand solution, questions that will be answered; and I believe that we will, in the face of those problems and questions, come back from our restless, selfish wanderings, and, standing squarely upon fundamental foundations, solve those problems and answer those questions to the Glory of God and the honor of the race."

O. E. Taylor, president of Wilmington Savings and Trust company—"Owing to low prices received for farm products the purchasing power in our section has been greatly reduced as compared with prices of three or four years ago."

"Collections generally are bad because of the inability to market crops. We are passing through an inevitable period of readjustment and deflation that will ultimately affect all lines of industry, commerce and labor."

"Best opinion apparently does not anticipate a long period of depression. It is unquestionably a time for hard work, efficiency and rigid economy in our private and governmental expenditures."

"I believe the latter months of the new year will witness higher prices for certain commodities and securities and improvement in business generally."

James S. Williams, president of Kiwanis club—"The two things that will benefit Wilmington most in 1921 are: First, foster the industries that we have induced to locate here by helping them produce on a parity with their competitors of other cities; second, to get every new industry we can."

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"To compete successfully, these plants must keep their production costs below, or at least not exceeding, that of their competitors of other sections."

"The cost of living is the main element in cost of production. Lets everyone help our manufacturers produce efficiently and continue the prosperity outside money alone can give to our community."

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Chamber of Commerce Thanks City Fathers For Co-operation During 1920

3 LARGE PROJECTS

Organization Rejoices in Big Record Made By Wilmington Last Year

Mayor Parker Quince Moore and each member of city council have been sent New Year's greetings by President Herbert E. Boney, of the chamber of commerce, and in the same letter the city fathers were thanked for their co-operation in putting across three projects for Greater Wilmington during the past year. The projects referred to are: the acquisition by the city of the Liberty shipyard; the placing of a traffic and advertising man in the middle west; and the conversion of the city market into a public auditorium.

The letter sent the mayor and each councilman follows:

"The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce wishes to express to you and other members of the City Council a happy New Year, and rejoice with you over the big record made by Wilmington during 1920, and the bright prospects for an even greater record during 1921."

"The Chamber also wishes to take occasion to thank you and your fellow members of Council for co-operation and hearty support given it in several big projects, which undoubtedly made for the progress and prosperity of the city, and will continue to do so, even to a larger degree. Your enterprise and help in these matters must be appreciated. Three projects making for Greater Wilmington stand prominently to the fore."

Municipal Terminals

"First—Acquirement by the city of the old plant of the Liberty shipyard for the ultimate utilization as municipal terminals. This project, as is well known, has already added to the development of Wilmington and affords a potentiality that will not only greatly help the city in the future but that is already aiding in showing that Wilmington is progressive and means to be prepared for increased commerce that should come to the port. The Chamber of Commerce has a committee named to study the terminal question and it will place the information obtained and suggestions deemed important at the disposal of your body."

"Second—The placing of a traffic and advertising man in the middle west. This should not only be the means of increasing the volume of the port, but especially making Wilmington better known to the business men of the middle west and more widely advertising the city as a whole. It has been engaged and enters upon his duties tomorrow."

New Auditorium

"Third—Inversion of the old city market, at the city hall, into a public auditorium, thereby providing the nucleus for a modernly appointed building of such nature, providing something that Wilmington has long needed and which has already advertised the city in most advantageous manner. It is hoped to be able to equip this building with the latest in motion picture equipment, and the chamber of commerce committee from the chamber of commerce some time having worked upon plans along such lines. When so equipped, the building can then be used in the cold weather months, as well as during the spring and summer. Then it will become a most valuable asset. Without such a structure Wilmington would not be a leading port and manufacturing city, and it is hoped that the past year have been able to have presented an automobile show and poultry exhibit, both of which widely advertised the city. With the addition of seats and a heating plant it can entertain at all seasons and other entertainments at a season of the year when such events are generally held."

"The above are three notable accomplishments for the city of Wilmington and the quick conception of their importance by Council, and their presentation to it, and the hearty support given made them successful without delay."

"Again expressing best wishes for a happy New Year, I remain,

"Very truly yours,

"H. E. BONEY, President."

Y. M. C. A. BOYS WILL HAVE MOTHER'S NIGHT

Mothers' night will be staged in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 8 o'clock that the parents of the younger boys, who have been attending regularly the physical development classes, might have an opportunity to see their sons in action.

Under the direction of Physical Director Powers the following program will be carried out: March, wand drill, Juniors and Y. B. boys; apparatus, Juniors and Y. B. boys; dumb bell drill, Int. and O. B. boys; window jump, Juniors and Y. B. boys; Elephant, Int. and O. B. boys; mat exercises, Junior leaders; parallel bar pyramids, Int. and O. B. boys; mass games, Juniors; Junior leaders; basket ball, Int. vs. O. B. boys.

POSTOFFICE HOURS

The following holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice, New Year's day, it was announced yesterday: General delivery, registry and stamp windows open from 11 a. m. to 12 m. only. One delivery and collection by the carriers.

1921 Blows In—New, Novel and Welcome

The year 1921, fresh and happy and keyed up for pleasure, stepped into the postoffice, New Year's day, and special last night to turn a sleeping Wilmington into a city of frolicous noise. The old year, 1920, was driven from the city on the tide of humanity that swept over the dance and the midnight waltz parties, and there were shouts of "The Year is Dead—Long Live the Year."

The year, 1921, like most things new and novel, succeeded glorious ovation at the hands of the postoffice. Whistles of steamships and factories; bells, shouts and the roar of motors greeted him as he came, something fresh and new and different from the old.

For nearly an hour the streets of Wilmington were filled with automobiles and noise, and the year, 1921, happily drank in the applause which was his for those few short minutes when he could claim that he was something new and novel and different from the old.

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WILL POST PRICES CHARGED FOR FOOD BY LOCAL DEALERS

Fertilizer Representatives Protest Against Alleged High Prices Charged Here

Acting independently of any other organizations but along the same line as that pursued by the price investigating committee of the Wilmington Kiwanis club, representatives of each of the several large fertilizer plants located in this city met in the Masonic Temple last night and after discussing for several hours the alleged higher prices charged here for food-stuffs as compared with the costs of the same articles in other similarly located cities, adopted strong resolutions protesting against the local situation.

Each week the steering committee of the fertilizer plants present at the meeting last night this move was begun by the employees of the several plants immediately after the full report of the price investigating committee of the Kiwanis club was made public through the press. The employees of each plant named a committee of three to attend the meeting called for the meeting last night were: Swift & Company, fertilizer works; Morris fertilizer works; Navassa Guano works; Virginia-Carolina Chemical company; and the American Agricultural Chemical company. The steering committee named last night are: L. V. Gue, chemist, R. L. McKethan, L. G. Wolf, Neil W. Russ, and M. H. Hilburn.

The resolutions adopted follows: "We the representatives of the employees of the fertilizer industry in Wilmington, in meeting assembled; the most important industry in Wilmington, which offers more for the advancement of the city as an industrial center and a port than any other; and

"Whereas, this industry with a payroll of over \$1,000,000 per year (not to mention the thousand of dollars expended in the purchase of supplies), employs 1,200 to 1,500 men; an industry that pays more money in freight to the railroads and terminals than all others combined; an industry with more capital invested than all others combined, including the shipyards; and whose finished products are valued at millions of dollars each year; and

"Whereas, it is well known that the chamber of commerce is even now trying to induce other concerns of a similar nature to locate plants here, and thus increase this city as a manufacturing center and port; and

"Whereas, we believe that this city should be a leading port and manufacturing center, and that it can only be made so when living conditions in this city offer the employees of any concern locating here the chance to live as cheaply as they can in other cities which have similar industries, with which those locating here must compete; and

"Whereas, we are certain after reading the published report of the Wilmington Kiwanis club's special committee that the price of food-stuffs in Wilmington are fully 25 per cent higher than in other cities; therefore be it resolved, that we as representatives of the employees of this industry do go on record as offering a most vigorous protest against this condition; that we offer a vote of thanks to the Kiwanis club for their initial action in this matter, and call upon all civic organizations to take up the cudgels in the fight which has been instituted against the high prices now being paid for food-stuffs, and be it further resolved, that we believe that the chamber of commerce, which has done so much in bringing new industries here, should take immediate action upon the facts that have been presented to the public and make a vigorous attempt to bring conditions here more in line with what they are in other parts of the country, and be it further

"Resolved, That we call upon our newspapers here to exert their efforts in this crusade, as the papers in hundreds of cities are doing, and spare no

effort in this work to maintain and build up city as a great manufacturing center and seaport."

"Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be furnished the newspapers of the city, the Kiwanis club, the chamber of commerce, the Rotary club, the city council, the county commissioners, the Allied Trade council, the Master Builders' association, and the Sorosis club."

Spence's Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem," will be rendered by the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fenley, of the Church of the Covenant, at St. Andrew's tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

While this oratorio is in reality a Christmas cantata, it is postponed from the Yuletide season in order that music lovers of other churches might have an opportunity of hearing it. It is expected that a large audience will attend the services tomorrow night.

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REEL IS ARRESTED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Gives His Version and Denies Statement Made By Fourteen-Year-Old Girl

Jim Reel, charged with criminally assaulting a 14-year old white girl last Sunday night, is in the county jail without bail, pending a preliminary hearing before Recorder George Harris next Wednesday.

Reel is a young man, 23 years old and weighs about 145 pounds. He says he is a native of Grifton, Pitt county, but that he has been working on a farm about three and a half miles from Fair Bluff, Columbus county, and that his employer is named Leon Shelly, who operates a one-horse farm at that location.

In his cell yesterday afternoon, Reel told his story of what occurred on the night he is alleged to have assaulted the little girl. He said: "We were in the machine that drove up and stopped on Eighth street after sunset, and Lulu Garrell, my half-aunt, and another girl were asked to go to ride with us. The girl voluntarily got in the machine, being assisted by Williams. She never at any time indicated that she did not want to go riding."

He said that somewhere down the road, exactly where he does not know, because he claims to be almost a stranger in this section, the girl said she "wanted to get out of the car and get some brushes, and she and I got out of the car and walked a short distance from the car. We got four brushes, and returned to the car, laughing and talking. Nothing happened between us when we were away from the car. When we returned to the car, the girl sat in my lap and kissed me several times."

LEGION MEN HONOR SOLDIER WHO DIED DURING WORLD WAR

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The body of Cook James Glass, the first returned to this city from overseas, was interred with military honors in Oakdale cemetery yesterday morning. The impressive services were conducted by Rev. R. E. Gribbin, chaplain of the Wilmington post of the American Legion and rector of St. John's Episcopal church, and several hundred persons assembled at the grave to pay their respects to the soldier who died in the service of his country.

Forming on Princess street, near Third, the funeral cortege marched slowly down to Second and to Market, proceeding out Market to Fifteenth and to Oakdale. There were not many in the "last parade of James Glass," but there was a uniformed squad of well-known local former service men and a squad of active service men from Fort Caswell, as well as three squads of Legionnaires. They honored their dead comrade, who "went, never to return, but who, for the time being, was among them."

Along the line of march, a few viewed the "last parade of James Glass," and, apparently, some viewed the passing cortege with indifference; some stopped reverently, perhaps unforgetful of the supreme sacrifice that James Glass made for the world, and possibly some forgot that James Glass, either as a former citizen of this city or a soldier in the United States army, ever lived.

But there were several hundred in the group at the graveside awaiting the arrival of the funeral procession. Young folk and old folk, of both sexes were there, and the men bared their heads when the casket containing the body of James Glass was placed over the grave.

Six former service men, uniformed and ranking from corporal to captain, lowered the casket into the grave, and the armed guard from Fort Caswell sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Chaplain R. E. Gribbin then began to read the burial office from the Book of Common Prayer, although he deviated from the ritual several times, using the well-known words, "greater love hath no man than this—to lay down his life for his friends," and reciting the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Upon conclusion of the impressive services, the uniformed service men shoveled the dirt that sealed the grave.

Then the bugler sounded "Taps," so softly that the sad notes accentuated the sadness of the occasion and filled many eyes with tears.

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