

WILL ASK COUNCIL WHAT HOPE EXISTS FOR GOOD STREETS

Rotary Committee Will Request Definite Policy Regarding City Street Improvements

City council, at their next regular session, will be waited upon by a committee of Rotarians, who will ascertain from the city fathers just what policy is being pursued by the municipality with regard to constructing new improved streets and maintaining those that have already been built.

Rotarian Meares Harris, at the regular meeting of the Rotary club held yesterday afternoon, brought out the fact that nearly a year ago the club took up this matter regarding the city streets, but little was done towards getting some definite understanding from city council. The motion by Rotarian Harris received a hearty second from Rotarian Skelving. It was passed unanimously by the club. President Polvogt appointed the following committee to wait upon council: Rotarian Meares Harris, chairman; Rotarian Skelving and Rotarian L. W. Moore.

The Rev. Robert E. Gribben, pastor of St. John's Episcopal church, who was elected by the members of the Rotary club to the ministerial membership of the club a few days ago, succeeding Dr. John M. Wells, was present at the meeting yesterday and was administered the Rotary oath by President Polvogt. Rotarian Gribben, in a short talk, declared that it was a great pleasure for him to be elected a member of the organization and that it would be a still greater pleasure to serve to the best of his ability.

Rotarian J. E. Huntington, chairman of the Ladies' Night committee, announced that the fête would be held Friday night, January 21, in the high school auditorium. He said that the committee had decided to "let the boys down" to a certain extent and instead of only allowing each Rotarian to bring one lady as was the original intention, some of the Rotarians who are notorious "ladies' men" will be allowed to be accompanied by more than one of the fairer sex.

Rotarian M. M. Riley, chairman of the committee making arrangements for the trip to the district convention soon to be held in Norfolk, informed the members of the club that the time for the trip was growing near and that he was anxious for those who intended going to let him know that he might make arrangements accordingly.

'DAD' LECLAIR TO SELL TICKETS IN RUSH HOURS Will Assist Passengers to Board Cars Quickly

"Dad" LeClair, switch turner for the Tidewater Power company at Front and Princess streets, has been given the additional duty of assisting patrons of the car lines during the rush hours by selling tickets and making change so that patrons may board the cars quickly when they arrive at the junction.

Additional methods by which patrons of the street cars can co-operate in improving the service are announced by the company this morning. In this attention is called to the fact that the service will be facilitated if passengers have their fares or tickets ready when they enter the cars.

ATTORNEYS WILL REPORT SCHOOL FINANCE PLAN

County Boards Hold Joint Meeting Tuesday

County Attorney Marsden Bellamy and Attorney Herbert McClammy, representing the board of education, were appointed yesterday to work out details of a plan to provide funds necessary for the operation of the school system during this year. The matter was placed in the hands of the two attorneys following a joint session of the board of county commissioners and the board of education held yesterday afternoon in the office of Major W. A. Graham, superintendent of instruction. A report probably will be made at a similar meeting to be held later today. The funds requested by the board of education constitute the deficiency existing between the estimated tax levies and the approved budgets for schools. A complete study of the situation will be made to determine what state appropriations will be forthcoming to make up this difference and what steps can be taken by the county to obtain a loan to take care of the schools for the next five years.

YEGGMAN IS POLITE; LEAVES \$8 IN SAFE

Police are somewhat mystified by the action of the person who early yesterday morning entered the Service garage, 8 South Second street, worked the combination on the safe, took about \$40 and left about \$8 in currency.

Plainclothesman D. W. Coleman, who made an investigation of the affair, stated that the combination on the safe was worked and a sum of money taken from a small box and that the small sum was left by the robber.

The back door of the building had been opened from the inside, but there was no evidence of any person having broken into the place.

RURAL DISTRICTS CONTRIBUTE

The amount of money given to the colored community hospital fund in the recent rally held at St. Stephens church, colored, by the rural districts, was reported last night to be as follows: Wrightsville, \$200; South, \$100; subscriptions; Scott Hill, \$70 in cash and \$250 in subscription; Myrtle Grove, \$50 in cash and \$150 in subscription; East Wilmington, \$200 in subscription.

WILL ELECT OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Officers of the Associated Charities for the ensuing year will be elected at a meeting to be held this morning in the office of the charities. All members of the organization have been re-

Y. M. C. A. MEMBERS TO MEET TUESDAY

Program Is Being Formulated for Annual Membership Meeting of Association

J. B. Huntington, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, announced yesterday that the regular annual membership meetings of the association will be held at the Y building in Market street Tuesday night of next week as provided by the constitution of the organization.

Although the program of the affair has not yet been fully mapped out, Secretary Huntington stated yesterday that he is making a strong effort to get for the occasion a speaker of wide reputation. Last year's membership meetings are said by Secretary Huntington to have been the best ever held by the local association, but strong efforts are being made to have the meeting next week to break all records.

Mr. Huntington said that every member of the association is cordially invited to be present at the meeting, which is provided for in the constitution of the Y. M. C. A., that the members may gather and hear the reports of the various standing committees of the association.

Jesse Roach, president of the local Y. M. C. A., will preside at the meeting and act as toastmaster. He will call upon a number of the members of the board of directors for talks. Secretary Huntington will submit his annual report and the chairman of the various standing committees will also submit reports covering the year's work.

Secretary Huntington said that the work accomplished at the Y. M. C. A. during the last 12 months has been as good, if not better than the local association has ever known. He said that wonderful strides have been made in the religious, boys' work, physical and educational departments.

PILOT'S SUIT WILL GO ON TRIAL TODAY

Case Brought by Pilot Morse Will Be Heard in Recorder's Court

Local mariners and pilots of the lower Cape Fear river are displaying unusual interest in the civil suit for the recovery of several hundred dollars pilage which was filed by Pilot Thomas M. Morse against Pilot J. J. Adkins and which will be heard today by Recorder George Harris.

In the suit filed some time ago by Pilot Morse it is stated that in violation of the state pilotage laws, Pilot Adkins boarded a vessel in Charleston harbor and brought her to this port, attempting to collect the pilotage fee for this service.

It is contended by Pilot Morse that the pilotage regulations specifically state that a pilot offering his service to a vessel attempting to enter this port must board the same from a regular recognized pilot boat and within established bounds.

Pilot Morse maintains that he boarded a Standard Oil tanker from a regular pilot boat and within the specified bounds only to find Pilot Adkins in charge of the vessel. He, however, claims the pilotage fee. The case is being heard at the office of the Standard Oil company here.

The plaintiff will be represented by John D. Bellamy and the defendant by Harry H. Runkel. The attorneys in the case have agreed to have the case begin this morning at 11 o'clock. However, Recorder Harris must be present at the court today's session of court the case will hardly begin before the afternoon.

'ADAM AND EVA' WELL RECEIVED AT ACADEMY

Play Gives Modern Setting to Old Story

"Adam and Eva," presented last night at the Academy of Music by an able cast, was a play of unusual large audience, and, while light and possibly improbable in the actual scheme of life, it was a good vehicle for the roles of Adam and Eva, essayed by Coates Gwynne and Miss Lois Bolton, respectively.

The play deals with the family of a rich man, who ruled his family with a check book and who could not inculcate in his children and wife the necessity of economy. The home life was not the happiest, and the children conspired to get their father to take a long trip. This he did, leaving Adam Smith, his business manager, in charge of his business and his household, with the commission of foster-father. Adam, a young man without any home ties, had an ideal conception of what a home should be, but this was dissipated after he took charge of the King family. However, he finally translated his ideal into the family life of the Kings and the son-in-law and would-be-son-in-law of that family, by making them believe that the fortune of their father had been lost.

Eva, with her cheery personality and charm of beauty, captivated the audience, and throughout the play her heart was pursued by two of the characters, but it remained for Adam, who of the apple the same as the Adam of old, to win her heart in love. The curtain fell before he won her hand in marriage.

Charles Horn, as James King, the rich father, acted the part in fine fashion, as did also Charles E. Bird, the Scotch fortune hunter, and Romana Weaver, Corintha, the parlor maid, essayed her part well.

MAGOULAS CHALLENGES WILMINGTON WRESTLER

Charleston Greek Would Wrestle Hanson Here

Jerry Magoulas, Charleston wrestler, has issued a challenge to Fritz Hanson of Wilmington in a letter addressed to The Star by G. R. Evans, his manager. Magoulas, it was stated, weighs 165 pounds and has some good victories to his credit.

The letter from his manager follows: "Sporting Editor, Wilmington Star. Dear sir: I would like to issue a challenge through your paper for Jerry Magoulas, strong Greek boy of Charleston, who defeated Allen Jones today and is booked to meet Silent Olson next week. He would like to meet Fritz Hanson in your city."

"Respectfully, G. R. Evans, manager, 2 Sires place, Charleston."

MAN TAKES POISON; DEATH IS EXPECTED

Italian Workman Takes Handful of Mercury Tablets—Dependent, Says Landlady

As a result of having taken a number of bi-chloride of mercury tablets, evidently with suicidal intent, A. Olivero, an Italian about 26 years of age, lies in a very critical condition at the James Memorial hospital.

Physicians, at a late hour last night, declared they did not expect the man to live until this morning.

Found desperately nauseated in his room at the home of Mrs. E. E. Spicer, 119 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, Olivero was first escorted across the street to the office of Dr. E. J. Wood. From there he was sent to the hospital. In the man's clothes was found a half-emptied bottle of mercury tablets. Asked by the physicians if he had taken any of them, the man replied that he had swallowed them out of his mouth. He would answer no other questions, however.

Mrs. Spicer, at whose boarding house the man had a room, declared last night that Olivero came to the city Tuesday of last week. She said she was looking for work at one of the local shipyards. She says that he deposited \$20 with her and gave her the address of his brother in Oakland, Cal. She is notified in case anything happened to him.

Mrs. Spicer stated that the man appeared somewhat dependent on account of being unable to get work soon after he arrived here. She said that he left the house early yesterday morning hunting a job. He returned about 3 o'clock and entered his room. Mrs. Spicer says. Soon one of the servants found him on the floor of his room very sick and vomiting.

However, he got off the floor and walked to the steps leading from the street to the house. Passersby noticing him took him into the house and brought him to the office of Dr. Wood. At the office of this physician the man gave no indication of having taken mercury tablets, but when the half-emptied bottle was found in his pockets at the hospital that this fact became known.

The address given by the man to Mrs. Spicer was "A. Olivero, 986 South 12th street, Oakland, Cal." This person, says Mrs. Spicer, who claims to be the stranger to be a brother. The hospital has telegraphed this address of the man's condition.

SAFETY-FIRST COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTES CIRCULARS

Employees Given Article by Col. Walker Taylor

As a part of the work of the safety first committee of the Tidewater Power company copies of a short article written by Col. Walker Taylor on the subject of "Personal Responsibility" are being placed in the pay envelopes of all employees of the company.

The article, which calls attention to the fellowship which should exist among men, follows: "We should feel our personal responsibility towards our fellowmen and neighbors more keenly now than ever before, and should use every agency at our command to conserve that which has been built by our fathers and ourselves to the highest extent."

"Most people act as though they felt that their own personal habits and the condition of their own premises concerned no one but themselves. This short-sighted, self-limited view of personal responsibility, has been getting the world into trouble for many thousands of years, and will continue to get the world into trouble until the people gain a new and truer viewpoint. What a man needs today is a recognition of his moral responsibility to his neighbor."

"Fire in its service to humanity stands for much that is good. Fire in its destructive capacity is a symbol of evil. It is self-propagating and spreads with startling swiftness whenever it finds fuel. It is the enemy that warms our touches. It seizes upon beauty and leaves ugliness behind it. In all of these respects fire typifies the spread of evil throughout the world."

MANY VOTES CAST IN POPULARITY CONTEST

Miss Hattie Williams Is Leading Contestant

Participants in the popularity contest of the Wilmington lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, received many votes during the last week, and the report of the contest committee shows that Miss Hattie Williams leading with 4,359 votes.

The contest will close on January 22, at the last night of the bazaar to be given by the local lodge. And prizes will be awarded at that time. The winner will be awarded a diamond ring valued at \$150 and the contestant receiving the second largest number of votes will be awarded a manure set valued at \$50.

Due to the fact that the contestants still have nearly three weeks before the close of the contest members of the committee estimate that the present standing of the young women by no means determined the position of the contestants on the last day. Quite often, it was stated, some contestant new to the bottom ranks during the last few days of the contest and comes out winner.

The standing of contestants as announced last night follows: Miss Hattie Williams, 4,359; Miss Carrie Wilkins, 4,180; Miss May Bell Watkins, 4,053; Miss Lee Meares, 3,951; Miss V. E. Lawson, 3,902; Miss Miss Wyde Flower, 3,770; Miss Sadie Stuckey, 3,205; Miss Annie Rives, 2,276; Miss E. W. Mills, 2,245; Miss Sadie Rogers, 2,180.

B. R. COSTIN DIED SUNDAY AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

FAYETTEVILLE, Jan. 4.—Information has been received here of the death of Benjamin Robinson Costin at his home in Little Rock, Ark. Mr. Costin was the son of A. J. Costin, formerly of Wilmington, but who resided in Fayetteville at the time of his death, and Anna Robinson Costin. He was about 52 years of age.

Mr. Costin went to Arkansas when quite a young man and first engaged in farming near Little Rock. He later moved to that city, where he was engaged in business at his death. He married Miss Lizzie Pemberton, youngest daughter of Calvin Pemberton, who went to Arkansas years ago from North Carolina, and was a brother of William Pemberton, of that state, and Edmund L. and John A. Pemberton, of Fayetteville. He is survived by his wife and a number of relatives in Fayetteville, among whom are a niece, Mrs. S. Ruffin Horne, and two nephews, John R. and Costin Garrison, and a cousin, Miss Joanna Robinson.

ROTARIANS TO HEAR REPORT ON SURVEY

Members Agree to Attend Meeting at County Courthouse, Friday Night

Dr. Shepton Phelps, professor of educational administration of George Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn., under whose direction a complete survey of the New Hanover county school system was made several weeks ago, will make a complete report of the findings of the party of experts, at a public meeting to be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the courthouse.

Announcement to this effect was made by Maj. W. A. Graham, county superintendent of public instruction at the regular weekly luncheon of the Rotary club held yesterday afternoon at the courthouse. After Rotarian members had impressed upon the club a matter in which every citizen in the county should be very interested, because it is of vital importance to all, practically every Rotarian agreed to be present.

Rotarian Graham explained that much of the report of the findings of the survey will be statistical, but he declared that it will be of such a nature that it will be absolutely necessary for any persons wishing to get their bearings as to the present and future of the county school system to be present and hear it rather than wait for printed copies that will be distributed later. He said that Dr. Phelps will be in position to explain all matters pertaining to the survey in a way that everyone present will readily understand.

"Dr. Phelps," said Rotarian Graham, "will tell exactly what good and bad features he found in the New Hanover county school system, and he will also tell just where improvements are needed and how they should be made. At least four of the party of experts who made the survey here are of national reputation, and any recommendation they make will be dependable."

Rotarian Graham, in his talk, told the members of the Rotary club that when he came to Wilmington several months ago he was told upon his arrival that he was to give New Hanover county the best school system possible. He declared that he was not instructed to model the local system after that of any particular city or county in the country, but to give the county the best system obtainable. He said, however, that a school system could not be developed any larger than the public would permit, stating that public opinion controls appropriations and if the people of this county want a better system than they now have they must be educated up to it.

Although New Hanover county ranks much higher in educational matters than do the other counties in North Carolina, Rotarian Graham said, the state, according to the Russell Sage foundation report, stands in 45th place in the list of states, just three from the bottom of the list.

LIBERTY SAVINGS BANK RE-ELECTS ALL OFFICERS

Annual Stockholders Meeting Held Tuesday Morning

All officers of the Liberty Savings bank were re-elected at a meeting of stockholders and directors held yesterday morning. The report of Joseph C. Rourke, cashier, showed a net profit for the institution of \$6,000 during the last two years, or about 24 per cent. He reported the payment of two semi-annual dividends of 3 per cent. It was stated also that the Christmas club handled more than 2,500 customers last year, or a total of more than \$60,000.

The stockholders elected the following directors: J. W. Brooks, Charles E. Hooper, U. A. Underwood, W. B. Cooper, Thomas E. Cooper and Joseph C. Rourke. The officers re-elected at the directors meeting were: Thomas E. Cooper, president; Charles E. Hooper, vice-president; U. A. Underwood, vice-president; Joseph C. Rourke, cashier; Carr, Polsson and Dickinson, attorneys.

KIWANIS OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED TODAY

Secretary J. C. Hobbs, of the Kiwanis club, announced yesterday afternoon that practically the entire session of the regular weekly meeting of the organization to be held at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock would be taken up with the installing of the newly elected officers and the selection of the personnel of the various standing committees.

Kiwanian James S. Williams, who on last Wednesday was elected president of the club to serve during the present year, will be installed, succeeding Kiwanian C. C. Chaddourn. The new board of directors will also be installed.

CHURCHES TO JOIN IN SERVICE SERIES STARTING TUESDAY

Two Congregations Will Unite in Hearing Sermons by Birmingham Minister

Commencing Sunday night, January 9, and continuing for two weeks, a series of union evangelistic meetings bringing together the congregations of the Church of the Covenant and Trinity Methodist church, will be conducted at the first mentioned church, it was announced last night. It is understood that it has been many years since two Wilmington churches have joined in a series of services of this nature.

Dr. W. R. Dobyns, pastor of the South Highland Presbyterian church, Birmingham, Ala., will conduct the evangelistic meetings. It was after several conferences between the officers and members of the congregations of the two churches that Dr. Dobyns was decided upon to conduct the union meetings. Dr. Dobyns readily accepted the invitation.

While not an evangelistic minister, Dr. Dobyns has made for himself an enviable reputation as a pastor. He has for a number of years been pastor of the church in Birmingham and prior to going there was pastor of Westminster church in Chicago, Ill. In both places he is regarded as a minister of unusual ability.

Dr. Dobyns will arrive in Wilmington until Tuesday of next week. Preparatory services will be conducted by local ministers at the Church of the Covenant Sunday and Monday nights. Rev. V. P. Scoville, pastor of Trinity Methodist church will speak Sunday night and Dr. John M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church will speak Monday night.

Rev. J. Oscar Mann, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, stated last night that wonderful spirit is being shown by the congregations of the two churches. He said that since Monday night of this week the officers of both churches have been attending joint prayer meetings at the Church of the Covenant. Tonight, he said, the prayer meeting will be held at Trinity Methodist church. The ladies of the congregation have also been holding prayer services each evening. These meetings will continue until Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Mann said last night that one of the features of the union services will be the choral singing. He said that arrangements are now being completed for a choir of 50 voices. This choir will be composed of the choirs of the Church of the Covenant and the Trinity Methodist church, assisted by the choirs of the other Presbyterian churches of the city.

ALUMNI HOLD BANQUET AND HEAR EDUCATORS

Lee County College Men Elected in Campaign for Schools

(Special to The Star) SANFORD, Jan. 4.—About 35 Lee county alumni of the university and of the A. and E. colleges held a joint alumni banquet in the new Banking Loan and Trust building Monday night, with Dr. Withers, of A. and E., and Prof. W. S. Bernard, of the university, and Dr. A. A. Monroe, representative of this county at the legislature, as guests of honor. Clawson L. Williams was master of ceremonies.

Dr. Withers pointed out the overcrowded condition at the A. and E. with three and four boys in a room, and the inadequate dining room and class room facilities. "Back in the eighties," said Professor Bernard, "there was a campaign for primary education. Early in this century there was another campaign for the high schools, and these have grown. The next step in our educational development is providing for higher education, taking care of our colleges. This campaign, he said, is not merely a drive, but it is a belief North Carolina will not deny to her sons and daughters the privilege of an education, once they are made acquainted with the facts. Last year 2,300 of them were turned away from the college doors of the state, and this was because the people had not become awakened to the situation."

Representative Monroe assured the alumni that all he wanted was the facts and he would discharge his duty to these institutions in the light of the facts. Ex-Senator A. A. F. Seawell, of this place, also spoke.

The banquet, which was served by the class in domestic science of the Sanford high school, under the direction of Miss Jamison, was quite a success. Members of the class acted as waitresses, which was a pleasant feature.

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