

SEASIDE ASSEMBLY NOW SEEMS ASSURED, NEWS FROM DR. HURT

Wilmington Pastor Wires That Appropriation Is Doubled By Committee

Contrary to reports that have been circulated in the city to the effect that there would be no session of the Baptist Seaside assembly at Wrightsville Beach during the coming summer, a telegram was received last night from Dr. John J. Hurt, president of the Seaside assembly, from Raleigh, announcing that the Baptist state convention's executive committee had doubled the annual appropriation for the assembly session this year.

Dr. Hurt, accompanied by L. W. Moore, Edwin B. Jesty, of this city, and John M. Camp, of Wallace, all prominent Baptists and greatly interested in the continuance of the Seaside assembly for Wrightsville Beach, went to Raleigh on Wednesday to attend a session of the Baptist state convention's executive committee, that matters pertaining to the assembly might be gone into thoroughly.

Dr. Hurt's telegram to The Star last night, telling of the results of the meeting with the executive committee, reads as follows: "Appreciating the high value of the Seaside assembly to all our work, the Baptist state convention's executive committee, in session here today, doubled the usual annual appropriation for the session of next summer and appointed a strong committee to consider still further improvements."

When the Seaside assembly adjourned last July some of those who attended registered against the high hotel and boarding house rates at Wrightsville Beach. Some of them were not pleased with the chautauque speakers on last summer's assembly program. Later there was talk of holding this summer's session of the assembly in the western part of North Carolina.

However, the telegram received here last night from Dr. Hurt would indicate that all of these obstacles had been overcome.

Methodist Men's Club Formally Launched

W. R. Doshier Is Elected President at Banquet Held Last Night

The Fifth Avenue Methodist Men's Club was organized last night at an elegant banquet at the Masonic hall with approximately one hundred Methodist men enrolled as charter members. Rev. George Stanley Frazer, pastor of the church, which is now represented by chapters in practically every state in the union and by chapters in Cuba, was present and made an address in which he related the history of the organization with the following purposes: Mr. Frazer emphasized the importance of co-operation in all affairs of the church and pictured the great future of the church with the men standing solidly behind every forward movement. He also told of the work that the club had done during the war in co-operation with the war work commission of the church in establishing club headquarters in the cities adjacent to the army and navy camps. He urged the men to set a definite mark in the way of advancing the interests of the church and of the forward movement now under way in the Fifth Avenue Methodist church.

One of the features of the banquet was that every man present arose, gave his name and business, thus forming a closer acquaintance with one another. Quite a number of interesting speeches were made and the enthusiasm present on every hand was very marked. The sentiment was frequently expressed that the club organization marked a new era in the church's life and work. The report of the nominating committee appointed at the recent organization meeting was read, and the following officers were unanimously elected: W. R. Doshier, president; D. P. Farrar, vice-president; E. A. Manning, secretary; L. T. Lunden, treasurer; and J. B. Smith, historian. The board of directors is composed of the aforementioned officers and Rev. George Stanley Frazer, W. H. Shaffer and D. B. Finch. W. R. Doshier presided over the meeting and his enthusiasm in leading the singing and his many expressions of life gave much life and color to the banquet. Mr. Doshier and the other officers are peculiarly fitted by former experience for the work entrusted to their hands. The club meetings will be held regularly on the second Thursday of each month. A committee on membership was appointed, composed of Eugene Dixon, Wilbur King, A. C. Dowdy, Grover Hill and LeRoy Marshall. It is expected that many other applicants for membership in the club will be received by the next meeting.

BARBECUE FOR WORKMEN AT NEWPORT SHIPYARD Will Celebrate Completion of Forms for First Tanker

Manager Kirby Smith, of the Newport Shipbuilding corporation, announced yesterday that to celebrate the completion of the placing of outside forms for the hull of tanker No. 1, a barbecue would be given at the shipyard today at noon for the employees and a number of prominent citizens of the city. Manager Smith declares that the feast is being given to the employees by the officials of the corporation as a means of showing, in a small way, the company's appreciation of the splendid efforts of the workmen.

Among the guests will be Mayor P. O. Moore, Col. Walker Taylor, James H. Cowan, Thomas H. Wright and Col. P. M. Anderson, of the construction division of the United States transport service.

STORM ALONG THE COAST A storm warning reading as follows was received at the local weather bureau office last night: "A heavy east storm warning 10 p. m., Charleston, S. C., to Boston, Mass. Increasing east to south winds, rain on the South Atlantic coast and snow on the middle Atlantic and south New England coast. Storm over Mississippi valley advancing eastward."

DEATH OF MRS. BOWMAN News has just been received in the city of the death in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday morning, of Mrs. G. V. Bowman, mother of G. A. E. Bowman, formerly of this city. Mrs. Bowman is survived by several sons.

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN FOR 'NEEDY' CHILDREN

Canvass for European Child Relief Fund to Be Inaugurated With Parade

With approximately \$600 in hand, representing more than a score of unsolicited contributions, committees from various organizations of the city, will this morning at 10 o'clock commence the one-day campaign for the European child relief fund. One of the big features arranged in interest of the campaign will be a mammoth parade of school children over the principal downtown streets. This will take place between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Meares Harris, city chairman of the campaign, declared last night that everything was in readiness for the drive today and that there was every indication of a big success and liberal subscriptions from everybody. He stated that he based his predictions on the number and the amounts of the unsolicited subscriptions that were made by firms and individuals without waiting to be called upon.

That the city might be canvassed thoroughly and quickly, certain districts have been assigned to committees. All that part of Wilmington lying between Market and Chestnut streets will be worked by the members of the Kiwanis club. The Rotarians will care for that section between Market street and the tracks of the Atlantic Coast line railroad. A committee in charge of William Ottersen will canvass Brooklyn. A special committee will take the homes south of Castle street.

Mrs. Eloise B. Burkheimer has volunteered to make a thorough canvass of the clerks in the general offices of the Coast Line. The employees of the George A. Fuller Carolina shipyard will be solicited by a committee composed of James E. W. Cook, P. Joyce and Major Seymour. General Manager Kirby Smith, of the Newport Shipbuilding corporation, will call upon the members of the Liberty shipyard for contributions.

For final instructions, chairmen of the committees, committeemen, and all others who have volunteered to work for the worthy cause will meet at 10 o'clock in the general office, on Chestnut street, this morning immediately after the parade. Reports at the completion of the canvass will be made also at the chamber of commerce. In the parade this morning will be practically every school child of the city of Wilmington. The procession will be formed at Fifth and Market streets at 9 o'clock and will march promptly down Fifth to Grace on Grace to Front, on Front to Market and thence back to Fifth street, where the line will be dispersed.

GOVERNOR MANNING SPEAKS HERE TODAY

Head of Export Corporation Will Tell of Cotton Situation

Hon. Richard I. Manning, former governor of South Carolina, arrived in Wilmington late last night, and this morning he will speak in the rooms of the chamber of commerce, to speak to the local business men with regard to the agricultural situation in the southern states. The Hon. R. Manning is president of the American Products Export and Import corporation, a concern formed by leading farmers, bankers, merchants, lawyers and doctors for the purpose of aiding the farmers in putting their cotton on the market and securing a proper price for it. In his address this morning the speaker will tell his hearers of the efforts of those interested in the corporation and will probably ask for local co-operation in the movement.

It is the purpose of those who proposed the organization of the export corporation to provide for the marketing of cotton in foreign countries, affording credit where necessary and where sound business dictates; to also market cotton in the United States, and, in fact, have no limitations as to cotton markets. It will mean that the corporation will market cotton wherever the demand is most active and credit conditions satisfactory. It will thus serve the interests of the cotton growers in a way that they are served very indifferently at present. Every bale of cotton sold on a market now being properly supplied will add to the value of all other cotton left in this country.

CAMP BRAGG TEAM TO PLAY HERE SATURDAY

Arrangements have been completed by the officers of the Wilmington Athletic association for a game here on Saturday night between Camp Bragg basketball team and a quintette of the historic city. The game will be played on the Y. M. C. A. court. Local followers of basketball know the reputation of the athletic association team and as the soldiers coming for the battle are heralded as being husky, but fast, a fierce game is looked for.

The game with the Camp Bragg soldiers will be the first of the local team has played with any out-of-town aggregation this year. However, the members of the team and their followers are confident that they will give the visitors a strenuous run for their money.

BUSINESS MEN WILL PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Y. M. C. A. Handball Team Will Fight for Title in Greensboro Today

Six of Wilmington's business men, composing what is believed here to be one of the best handball teams in New Carolina, left this morning for Greensboro where today they will battle with teams from many other cities for the state handball championship. The Wilmington team includes Secretary James H. Cowan, of the chamber of commerce; General Secretary J. B. Huntington, of the Y. M. C. A.; Harold V. Wells, John R. Hanby, Alexander Fomelle and G. L. Palmgren. Mr. Wells is acting captain of the local team.

In the Greensboro Y. M. C. A. this afternoon and tonight the Wilmington bunch will be pitted against some of the best teams from other parts of the state. Being more or less an elimination contest, the local bunch will probably play 15 games. The team that goes through all of the contests with flying colors will be declared state champions. The local team was picked from the business men's class of the Wilmington Young Men's Christian association. This class meets in the gymnasium of the association every afternoon at 5 o'clock and immediately after short class work handball is played. The class has several very excellent players and it is believed that the team that went to Greensboro today will at least make a record for the local association.

H. GILBERT FOARD NOW ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Wilmingtonian Receives Distinguished Promotion With Home Insurance Company

H. Gilbert Foard, who has for some time been special agent in North and South Carolina for the Home Insurance company of New York and who is well known throughout the insurance field of these two states, was appointed an Assistant Secretary of the Home Insurance company at a meeting of the board of directors in New York last Monday. It is understood that Mr. Foard will enter into some of the responsible duties with the home office of the company in New York some time in the near future.

Mr. Foard was requested to visit the New York office of the company last week and he is now en route to Wilmington. He spent yesterday and last night in Raleigh, and will doubtless return to the city today or tomorrow. The appointment of Mr. Foard to this high office will be the source of much interest to his many friends in this city and throughout the territory in which he has labored diligently for some years.

In a lengthy article in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, New York, a detailed account of the meeting of the board of directors was carried and the records of the men advanced were related, as follows:

"The progress of these men upwards in the Home Insurance company's organization affords considerable interest not only among the home office and field force of the company, but also among fire insurance men generally. The following paragraph in the above referred to newspaper will be read with especial interest in this city: "Mr. Foard, of Wilmington, N. C., came with the Home in January, 1918, as assistant to General Agent Smith of Charlotte, N. C., prior to which he was special agent of the Carolina Insurance company of Wilmington. His early insurance training was obtained with the latter company, and he is at this time a director of the Carolina Insurance company of Wilmington."

The appointment of Mr. Foard as one of the assistant secretaries of this large fire insurance concern is regarded as one of the finest compliments that could be paid to any insurance man in the southern field. Mr. Foard commenced his career in the insurance business shortly after he graduated from college, and for some time he was connected with the local office of the Carolina Insurance company. He continued with the local company until January, 1918, when he was appointed a special agent of the Home Insurance company of New York.

THERMOMETERS DROPPED BELOW FREEZING HERE

Registered 31 Yesterday Morning During Northeast Blow

Thermometers yesterday morning dropped one degree below the freezing point within one degree of the coldest weather that has been registered in Wilmington this winter. However, Observer Johnstone declared that the forecast for the city this morning was warmer weather accompanied by rain. Because the wind yesterday was from the northeast and laden with moisture, observers here said that it was natural for everyone to feel that the thermometers were at least 10 degrees lower than the 31 degree registered. This is always the case when the wind is from the northeast point of the compass.

Snow was predicted for the interior of North Carolina last night and it was declared at the weather bureau office that unless the temperature rose steadily, which of course would mean rain, the fleecy flakes would likely fall here this city, possibly in Wilmington.

FRIEND OF HAIR Dr. J. J. Pollard, of Spartanburg, is in the city with several assistants demonstrating his Marie-Louise hair oil at various barber shops. Dr. Pollard, who is best known as the trainer of several of the south's most famous horses, does not claim to have discovered an oil that will grow hair on a billiard ball, but he is here to prove that the b. b. is just about the only exception.

"A FAIR TO DRAW TO" With Walter Camp and Lawrence Perry engaged for an indefinite period of service, The Star believes that an unbeatable sports combination, watch for them in the Sunday Star.

RISLEY IS GUILTY OF AIDING AND ABETTING

Circumstantial Evidence Connects Him With Woods-McInerney Escapade

Pratt Risley, charged with transporting whisky, was found guilty of aiding and abetting in the transportation of whisky by Recorder George Harris yesterday afternoon. The recorder withheld pronouncement of the sentence, for reason stated previously by him that he wished to sentence all of the five liquor defendants at one time. The recorder announced last night that he would probably pronounce sentence in all of these cases today, upon completion of Luke Canady's case. Risley's trial has attracted considerable local interest, for the reason that he has been tried several times before a jury and declared not guilty of violation of the prohibition law. He was also given a recent hearing before United States commissioner, on the charge of violating the prohibition laws, but the commissioner dismissed him on the ground that sufficient evidence to hold him was not adduced at the hearing.

The case yesterday was hard fought by the prosecuting attorneys and the attorney for the defense. District Solicitor Woods Kellum assisted County Solicitor James A. McNorton, and George L. Peschau represented the defendant. The defense contended the defendant was not a party to the Woods-McInerney whisky episode, and G. E. Woods, a party thereto, testified that Risley had absconded with nothing to do with the whisky, the admitted property of T. J. McInerney and G. E. Woods, both of whom pleaded guilty before Recorder Harris Wednesday morning and begged for leniency.

Risley also testified that he had nothing to do with the whisky, claiming his only connection with the affair was in a friendly capacity, in that he claims he had a message to convey him to a point near Hampstead, for the purpose of informing Woods, whom he knew to be en route to the city with whisky, that Woods "had better quit the whisky business, or you'll be in jail as I have been." Risley also testified that he had nothing to do with the whisky, and returned to the city, Woods, in his testimony, corroborated this testimony, claiming he and McInerney returned for the whisky the next morning, without informing Risley. That Risley will take an appeal, George L. Peschau, his counsel, intimated yesterday after the recorder announced that Risley was guilty.

CHAMPION TO MEET HERCULE TONIGHT

Ed (Strangler) Lewis Comes to Wilmington for Engagement at Academy

Ed (Strangler) Lewis, the first world's champion to ever visit Wilmington, will be engaged in his own line, the man who has made the headlock famous wherever the grappling game is known, will be tonight's attraction at the Academy of Music, meeting Ed John Hercule, the modern Sampson from the Carolina yard, in a best two out of three fall finish no time limit wrestling match. The champion accompanied by his manager and trainer, Billy Sandow, the latter a notable middleweight wrestler, and bringing his famous dummy with which he has perfected the dreaded headlock, will arrive in the city this evening.

Both men are primed for the bout and while Hercule is not regarded as a winner of the fray, he is expected to prove right much of a stumbling block in the path of the famous head crusher and his strength is expected to prove sufficient to make the Kentuckian put out a lot of the stuff that he was called upon to use in wrestling the world's champion, Joe Stecher, he of the million dollar legs.

When fans look on Lewis tonight they will be watching a real champion, a man who has scaled the pinnacle of pugilism through hard work and merit alone. They will look on a man who graduated himself at the University of Kentucky at Lexington by acting as athletic instructor and a man who was among the first to respond to the call to arms when America was plunged into the war. Strangler Ed Lewis was Sergeant Ed Lewis during that titanic struggle when the armies of right fought their way through and triumphed over the hordes of the Kaiser.

Tonight's match goes on without any advance in admission. Only ringside and box seats were placed on sale in advance. The Academy doors will be opened tonight at 7:30 o'clock and one ticket will entitle one to a seat anywhere in the auditorium or up in the gallery. No free passes will be issued.

A CONVENIENT FIRE

Firemen of Engine Company No. 2, Fifth and Castle streets, were awakened about 11:45 o'clock last night by a passerby and informed that the store next adjacent to the fire station was burning. Without taking out the trucks, all members of the fire company hastened next door and "outed" the flames, not, however, until damage amounting to about \$500 had been done. The fire was in a grocery store conducted by S. Barton. The origin is unknown. The building is owned by A. E. Hillburn. Part of the building is used for a residence. The insurance was handled by James Owen Reilly.

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ARCHITECTS COME HERE THIS SUMMER

James B. Lynch and James F. Gause Elected Officers of State Association

The North Carolina Association of Architects will hold a special session in Wilmington during the coming summer. It was announced last night by James B. Lynch, who with other architects of the city attended the annual meeting of the state association held in Greensboro on Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the State Architectural association in Greensboro on Wednesday Mr. Lynch was elected vice-president of the organization. James F. Gause, prominent citizen of Wilmington, was named a member of the board of directors. Besides Messrs. Lynch and Gause, Roger McCarl, superintendent of the city, was also in attendance upon the meeting.

One of the features of the session, Mr. Lynch declares, was an address made by the architect by John J. Blair, of Raleigh, director of state school planning, who for years was superintendent of the public schools in Wilmington. The members of the association also heard several papers upon highly interesting topics.

The address of Mr. Blair, states Mr. Lynch, was to do with modern school planning. The former school superintendent of this city brought out many points regarding proper school construction that was of great value to the members of the association present. Mr. Blair also told of a number of very common errors in school planning and building.

Mr. Lynch states that at the special meeting of the architectural association to be held in Wilmington or Wrightsville Beach during the coming summer, many matters of great importance to the members of the association will be discussed. The exact date of the meeting here is to be decided upon later.

Harry Barton, of Greensboro, was elected president of the state association Wednesday, and M. E. Boyer, of Winston-Salem, was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Co-operation Urged On Local Doctors

Dr. Cranmer Declares Wilmington Should Be Medical Center of State

"We all know that our hospital facilities have been found wanting and we should not rest until we have in Wilmington several hospitals meeting every requirement of the American Medical association and the American College of Surgeons, standing as a beacon light to the whole state, inviting and meriting their patronage and co-operation," declared Dr. John B. Cranmer, new president of the New Hanover Medical society, in his initial address to the members of this organization at the regular monthly meeting of the society held last night.

Dr. Cranmer declared that Wilmington should be the medical center of North Carolina, but stated that it was perfectly clear to him, as he was sure it was to all, that the city has not yet attained that position, nor will it ever be reached unless all members of the society work together for a common end. Dr. Cranmer declared that the physicians must all work together to move the profession in every way worthy of the trust and confidence reposed in it, ever raising the standard of the physician and making better doctors and better men.

"Extra Treatment of Cancers," by Dr. E. S. Bulluck, and "Amebic Dysentery," by Dr. L. E. Farthing, were the subjects of two very interesting papers read to the members of the medical society. Dr. J. G. Murphy was elected delegate to the State Medical society meeting to be held during the summer months. Dr. J. W. Hooper was named alternate.

The officers recently elected to serve during the ensuing year are: President, Dr. J. B. Cranmer; vice president, Dr. J. E. Robertson; secretary-treasurer, Dr. R. H. Davis.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Secretary James H. Cowan for allowing the medical society to use the rooms of the chamber of commerce as a meeting place.

LITTLE DANCERS TO BE FEATURE OF BAZAAR

One of the big features of the Moose bazaar, to be held at the local Moose hall January 19, 20 and 21, will be dances on each evening of the fate by Little Misses Laura and Virginia Keene. These little girls have gained for themselves quite a reputation by their dancing and the fact that they have been added to the bazaar program should prove a drawing card for the event.

The standing of the contestants in the Moose popularity contest is announced as follows: Miss Hattie Williams 4,874, Miss May Bell Watkins 4,538, Miss W. E. Lawson 4,526, Miss Wyde Flowers 4,426, Miss Carrie Watkins 4,180, Miss Lee Meares 4,151, Miss Sadie Stuckey 3,310, and Miss Hattie John 3,213.

A FEARLESS WRITER

The war made the name of Maximilian Harden a household word in every part of the world. The fearlessness of his attack upon militarism in Germany at a time when militarism was the German's god made Harden one of the outstanding figures of the time. With next Sunday's issue, Harden's articles on contemporary affairs will begin appearing regularly in The Star.

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