

MINISTER DENOUNCES THE EVIL OF GOSSIP

Missioner Duffy Has Another Large Congregation At St. Paul's Church

Preceded by a celebration of the holy communion at 10:30 a. m. yesterday, those who had been prepared either by a visit from Father Duffy or by the reading of a prescribed pamphlet, knelt at the altar rail in St. Paul's Episcopal church and received the laying on of hands as well as holy unction, thus carrying out an apostolic injunction contained in the fifth chapter of the epistle of St. James and at the same time those participating not only obeyed the commands of Christ, but also expressed their faith in His promises to the church. It was pointed out.

The ancient practice of the church in anointing the sick for the restoration to health does not in any way violate a belief in the efficacy of medicine or the ministrations of the physician to the body. It was said, but it rather emphasizes these material means as agencies of God, asking for a blessing upon them and recognizing the limitations of the seen appeals to the Great Physician for healing which the signs can give whether the cure is accomplished through material or spiritual media.

Last night the instruction dealt with the environment of faith and in the opinion of the missioner a proper atmosphere is essential if faith shall be the great achieving force of the world. Reminding the congregation that the Christ never upbraided the individual for lack of faith but always tried to increase it, yet He frequently had occasion to denounce men collectively for this deficiency. Father Duffy proceeded to show that individual faith is seriously affected by the corporate faith and hence the church must endeavor to warm up the spiritual climate by trust, a more active knowledge of prayer, good works, and using the sacramental life. Declaring that Christ found an atmosphere of faith necessary for his work, as evidenced by setting people apart, and sending the healers out of the room before raising the daughter of Jairus, Father Duffy expressed the belief that when the church surrounds itself with a real environment of faith, what are no called wonders will become the form of experience.

In a scathing denunciation of the evil of gossip, the missioner departed from the traditional treatment of the subject by showing the manner in which it reveals and the effect it has upon the gossipier rather than the one gossiped about. Father Duffy made it very clear that gossip never injures character, though it does destroy reputation, and that his hearers should always distinguish between character and reputation.

The services today include two celebrations of the holy communion at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m., respectively, and an instruction and sermon tonight. The public is invited to attend the services at St. Paul's church, which is located at Sixteenth and Market streets.

NEWPORT CORPORATION ENTERTAINS EMPLOYEES

Gives Barbecue in Appreciation of Work Accomplished By Shipbuilders Here

The Newport Shipbuilding corporation gave a barbecue to its employees yesterday at noon, and about 300 of the shipbuilders were feasted and addressed by several prominent speakers. Lieut. Col. E. M. Anderson, chief of the concrete ship construction of the war department, with headquarters in Washington, was the principal speaker.

The barbecue was given in appreciation of the officials of the corporation for the completion of the work of finishing the outside frames of tanker No. 1, now in course of construction.

Mayor Parker Quince Moore and Col. Walker Taylor were the chief speakers expressing the appreciation of the city of Wilmington for the Newport Shipbuilding corporation in locating one of its yards in this city. Colonel Anderson discoursed on the advantages of concrete ships, stressing their advantages and the success they have demonstrated. Kirby Smith, general plant manager, introduced all of the speakers to the employees. Thomas H. Wright and A. B. Skelding were guests of honor at the barbecue.

The barbecue was served in the main dining room at the yards, and the room was gaily decorated with flags and bunting. The affair was enjoyed very much by the employees. It was said last night that the officials are well pleased with the wonderful results that have been accomplished by the company's employees. They announced that credit for the remarkable progress was due to the men who had labored so faithfully in behalf of the company.

It was also pointed out by the officials that they are well pleased with the treatment that is being accorded them in their dealings in this city.

STEAMER SAILS WITH MILLION-DOLLAR CARGO

Fagernes Carries Cotton, Coal and Grain to Genoa, Italy

With 4,000 bales of cotton, 55,000 bushels of wheat and 700 tons of bunker coal, the Italian steamer, Fagernes cleared and sailed yesterday afternoon for Genoa, Italy. The cotton was taken aboard at the Champan compress of Alexander Sprunt & Sons, Inc., cotton exporters. The grain and coal was loaded at Philadelphia. The cotton part of the cargo is valued at more than a half-million dollars.

It was said at the Sprunt general offices that no more ships for cotton are expected here by them for the next several weeks.

It was reported here yesterday that the four-masted schooner Kennebunk, bound from New York to Jacksonville, had put into the mouth of the river to await the passing of the severe weather prevailing outside.

ORIENT LODGE HOODS ANNIVERSARY SUPPER

Dr. H. M. Poteat Delivers Inspiring Address to Masonic Organization

Inspiring addresses telling of the glorious past of the present work and the beckoning future of the most ancient of fraternal orders, Freemasonry; vocal and instrumental numbers by the leading musicians of the city, and a sumptuous banquet marked the celebration of the 36th anniversary of Orient lodge No. 295, A. F. and A. M., at the Masonic temple last night.

Prof. H. M. Poteat of Wake Forest, junior grand warden of the grand jurisdiction of North Carolina, delivered the opening address with a ringing challenge to his brothers of the craft to have love as the guiding principle of their lives, the Bible as the foundation, and to let their Masonry, something more than form and ceremony, be characterized by earnest prayer and devoted study in and through the character and being of God, by giving to others a Masonic light which he declared to be the knowledge of God, and by the determination to live, and to work beyond the tiled recesses of their lodges.

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W. D. MacMillan, Jr., paid a deserved tribute to the 12 charter members of Orient lodge, four of whom are still living, two in Wilmington at the present time.

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Other speakers of the evening and their subjects were: Charles B. Newcomb, "The Universality of Masonry"; Julius C. Hobbs, Jr., "The Tiler, a Symbol"; C. J. Lowry, "The Origin of Masonry"; Fred G. Rose, "Relation of Masonry to the World as a Whole"; and Dr. H. M. Poteat, "Freemasonry as Related to the Church and Home."

The musical program was one of the features of the anniversary celebration. Delightful songs were sung by some of the best talent in the city. Those who sang were William T. Murphy, Mrs. M. A. Spooner, Mrs. M. H. Longfellow, Mrs. Hamilton Sibley, Mrs. Henry M. Ware and Miss Arline Felker. Miss Cecilia Aramburg and Nestor Aramburg rendered a delightful violin and cello duet.

Those attending the anniversary were accorded a pleasant surprise by the ladies who arranged the banquet for the occasion. At the head of the banquet table and in front of the chair occupied by Worshipful Master Carson, of Orient lodge, was placed a "birthday cake" on which were arranged 26 candles.

Not knowing just how to dispose of the cake, it was decided to give it to the singer of the evening that was adjudged the best. The new governor present was required to vote, a ballot costing 25 cents. Mrs. M. A. Spooner received the most votes and was awarded the cake. The proceeds of the voting, approximately \$50, were given to the European child relief fund.

The exercises were opened with invocation by E. O. Penny and were closed with prayer by Rev. R. E. Gibbin.

M'GIRT RETURNS FROM GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL

Makes Statement Regarding Rumors of His Seeking Office

W. A. McGirt, president of the North Carolina Good Roads association, returned last night from Raleigh after spending a week at the capital. He is interested in the good roads and other constructive legislation. Mr. McGirt attended the inaugural ceremonies and said that the governor made a great speech to a large and very enthusiastic audience.

When asked about the prospects for securing constructive legislation during the present session of the general assembly, Mr. McGirt said: "Prospects are bright indeed. The new governor has expressed a determination to look after certain fundamentals and there are enough broadminded men in the general assembly to help the governor carry out a real constructive program."

Mr. McGirt denied the report that he was after the chairmanship of the state highway commission. "That position belongs to Frank Page," said Mr. McGirt, "and I helped to draft the proposed new road law which, passed, will keep Mr. Page in that position for another four years. 'I don't have to run over the state looking for jobs,'" said Mr. McGirt, "and those who are in touch with the situation understand why I am making frequent visits to Raleigh at this particular time."

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS INSPECTS IRON WORKS

First of Series of Visits to Industrial Plants Yesterday

Sixty-five girls and boys, members of the senior class of the Wilmington high school, led by E. G. Hogan, visited the plant of the Wilmington Iron works yesterday morning, and they were conducted on a tour over the plant by Walter W. Storm, the president, who explained to them almost every detail of the operation of this large industry.

The first of a series of visitations to be made by the senior class during the remainder of the school term, plans have been conducted on a tour over the power and ice plants, the telephone exchange and saw mills and other industries in the city. Malcolm Little, principal of the high school, said last night that the members of the class would make a written report of what they saw in the iron works, and reports would also be made of the other plants to be visited by them. Mr. Little said he thought suitable prizes would be offered for the best essays.

The students expressed much appreciation for the courtesies shown them by Mr. Storm and all of the employees he presented to each and every member of the class.

ROAD SENTENCES TO RISLEY AND WOODS; M'INNERNY PAROLED

Recorder's Judgment in Liquor Cases; Fergus Not Guilty; Parole for Canady

Pratt Risley was sentenced to 12 months on the county roads, George Woods drew a road's sentence of nine months, and judgment against T. J. McInnery was suspended for two years, by Recorder George Harris yesterday morning, when the recorder also found Frank Fergus not guilty of transporting liquor and indicated that he would parole Canady, provided he can be placed among proper environments.

George L. Peschau made a strong plea for the dismissal of Risley, claiming that the evidence produced was not sufficient to convict his client of the charge of transporting whiskey. After the judgment of the court was pronounced, Solicitor McInnery told the recorder that he would not prosecute Risley on the other charge of selling whiskey, so the charge was not pressed with leave. Mr. Peschau moved for an appeal to the superior court and Risley was released from custody yesterday afternoon on furnishing bond of \$1,000.

L. Clayton Grant, counsel for George E. Woods made an eloquent speech advising that the mercy given to McInnery be accorded to Woods, but the recorder said that Woods did not admit his guilt until several days after the confession of guilt was made by McInnery. However, the recorder announced that in consideration of the belated admission of guilt on the part of Woods, he would give him a sentence of nine months, in the stead of 12 months that was given to O. C. Jones, the last road case imposed by the recorder in cases involving violation of the prohibition laws.

In disposing of the McInnery case, the recorder said he was influenced by the fact that the defendant was a first offender and that he was a member of the Woods-McInnery case and pleaded for mercy, after McInnery's mother had advised her son to tell the truth about the McInnery case. McInnery was taxed with the costs, and will be paroled to Rev. Father Dennen today. The recorder charged McInnery to appear in court on the first Monday of every month for two years to prove that he was not violating prohibition laws. "If, at any time during the suspension of judgment," the recorder cautioned McInnery, "you are caught violating the prohibition laws, you will have a road sentence imposed on you by the court."

The recorder withheld judgment in the case against Luke Canady, who was a defendant with Frank Fergus in the matter of transporting whiskey, and declared Fergus not guilty, because, he said, the solicitor announced that he did not have sufficient evidence against Fergus to bring about a conviction.

Canady claimed that he was released from custody by Officer Leon George, and the officer substantiated this testimony. However, Canady is said to have been in custody of Officer Leon George, and he was made a principal in the case, whereas, in reality, he was nothing other than a material witness, it was stated.

It will be recalled that Canady testified Wednesday that he was drunk and could not remember all of the incidents that occurred on the trip. However, in court Thursday, Canady asked for permission to tell the truth about the affair, and he reversed his testimony of the day previous and intimated that the \$50 check used in buying whiskey was given to him by J. C. King, a well-known local attorney.

Mr. King was placed on the stand in court yesterday, and he entered a positive denial that he had given the check to Canady. However, Canady had entered his office, as claimed by Canady.

Herbert McClammy, attorney of the local bar who was not appearing in the case, appeared to the recorder to give Canady one more chance, and J. C. King also requested that the recorder grant the young man another chance.

The recorder announced that he would probably parole Canady, providing he could be placed in an environment that would insure him going right from now on, and he said that it was hardly possible that a charge of perjury would be entered against Canady.

JOINT INSTALLATION HELD BY ODD FELLOWS

and Others in Charge Deputy Grand Master Moore

Many local Odd Fellows attended the joint installation of the officers of Cape Fear, Orient, Wilmington and Hanover lodges, I. O. O. F. held last night in the Odd Fellows' hall, Third and Princess streets. The installation was conducted by L. W. Moore, deputy grand master of the Carolina lodge. Prior to the installation refreshments were served and addresses were made by prominent local Odd Fellows. One of the special features of the evening were the duets and solos rendered by Misses Audrey and Eunice Williams.

In the installation, Deputy Grand Master Moore was assisted by the following: W. L. Smith, deputy grand warden; E. T. Holden, deputy grand secretary; D. F. Barnes, deputy grand treasurer; J. B. Gaskill, deputy grand herald; J. P. Wheeler, deputy grand guardian; W. H. Yopp, deputy grand chaplain.

DR. DOBYNS MAKES A SHORT ADDRESS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. W. R. Dobyms, who is conducting a series of meetings at the Church of the Covenant, spoke to the student body of the Wilmington high school yesterday. He was introduced to the students by Malcolm Little, principal, and in his talk he likened life to the paving of a roadway. He compared youth to the roadway foundation of the gravel, and said that as men improved themselves, so were their highways of life improved. Rev. J. O. Mann, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, accompanied Dr. Dobyms to the high school.

News was received in the city last night by members of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, of the death of Mrs. K. D. Holmes, who died at her home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The deceased was the wife of the Rev. K. D. Holmes, who several years ago was pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church. Mr. Dobyms was well known in Wilmington and the news of her death will come as a shock to many.

SAN LAMBERTO TO BE TANKER'S NAME

January 29 Is New Date Set for Launching At Carolina Shipyard

Construction on tanker No. 54, being built at the Carolina shipyard of the Eagle Oil Transport Company, Ltd., of London, England, is being rushed as rapidly as possible that the ship may be launched about the 29th of this month. Plans are now being made by the officials of the Carolina shipyard for the launching, and although the ceremonies will not be elaborate, a number of visitors, including representatives of the British transport company, will be present.

It was learned yesterday that the name of the two tankers to go overboard will be christened "San Lambert." The sponsor of the big ship has not as yet been made known. As the vessel will be practically complete when she takes the water it will not be necessary for her to remain long in the finishing dock at the shipyard. Following her trial trip and acceptance by the British firm, the San Lambert will sail for England, flying the English flag.

It was announced at the custom house yesterday that E. A. Chappelle, deputy collector of the Norfolk district, had arrived in Wilmington to act as local custom house officials in measuring of the San Lambert. In and outside measurements of the tankers are to be taken by government officials so that her net and gross tonnage might be officially ascertained. This work will be completed within a short while.

Shipbuilders at the Carolina yard are putting in overtime nights, Saturday afternoons and Sundays in order that the craft may be so far completed that it will not be any delay of the launching.

There is not a great deal of difference in the percentage of completion of the two tankers now on the shipbuilding ways. It is expected that tanker No. 54 will be completed probably three days after tanker No. 54.

It was the original intention of the officials of the company to launch the tankers completed and with steam in the boilers. However, it is now understood that this probably will not be attempted.

DR. JAMES I. VANCE IS COMING TO THIS CITY

Distinguished Presbyterian Minister of Nashville to Hold Services

Dr. James I. Vance, a leading Presbyterian pulpit speaker, will present a series of sermons next at the First Presbyterian church, and it is certain that the distinguished orator will be heard by large audiences throughout the course of the meetings, beginning either Monday or Tuesday, on one of which days Dr. Vance is expected to arrive in the city. During his stay in Wilmington, Dr. Vance will make talks at the Victoria theater at 1:10 o'clock every day.

Dr. Vance is one of the best known Presbyterian ministers in the country, and the fact that he will be in Wilmington daily, because of the additional interest to citizens. He is pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Nashville, which is one of the leading churches of that place, and his congregation is a large and influential one. A number of the students of Vanderbilt university, at one of the attendants of Dr. Vance's church, and the congregations regularly in attendance love to listen to his eloquent sermons. It is said.

Dr. Vance is native of Bristol, Tenn. He was educated at King college and Union Theological seminary in Virginia. His first pastorate of importance was the Second Presbyterian church of Alexandria, Va., where he became widely known for his eloquence and power as a preacher. From this place, he was called to First Presbyterian church of Norfolk, and while in that city he added to his oratorical reputation, always preaching to large congregations in the Virginia city. He was later called to the First church in Nashville, and afterwards to the First Reformed church in Newark, N. J., where he served with signal ability for about five years, and subsequently returned to his former pastorate in Nashville, his present location.

Dr. Vance is a man of commanding presence, and his facial features are classic and strong. His voice is deep and musical, and his enunciations are rounded, his diction polished and his manner is very attractive. His sermons are not sensational, but rather are they powerful presentations of the pure Gospel.

At the beginning of the late war, Dr. John M. Wells, who was then moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, appointed Dr. Vance chairman of the war work council of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Vance occupied this position with great success. Thousands of men in the camps over here heard his sermons, and an officer at General Pershing's headquarters at Chaumont, France, said that no speaker ever made there and drew such crowds or made such an impression on the officers and men, as did Dr. Vance.

Dr. Vance is not only a preacher of power and note, but he is also an author of some renown, having published "The Man Four Square" and a number of other volumes.

He was moderator of the general assembly of 1918, succeeding Dr. Wells, of this city, in that position.

CITY RALLIES TO RELIEF FUND FOR EUROPEAN STARVING

Approximately \$4,000 Secured Yesterday—Committees to Complete Work Today

Although only permitted to work a few hours because of the rain which fell at frequent intervals practically all day, canvassers for the European relief fund at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon had reported collected a total of \$3,653.03 for the millions of starving children of central and southeastern Europe.

Up 5 p. m., the hour of totaling the canvass, there had been 575 subscriptions made to the cause. In this amount is included the 25 unsolicited subscriptions amounting to \$599.56, made before the canvass was begun yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

After a short consultation at the chamber of commerce at 10 o'clock, the committees representing the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and other organizations of the city went to their work in spite of the rain, and although badly handicapped by the weather, they covered a large part of the districts that had been allotted to them.

Mayor Harris, city chairman of the relief fund, said yesterday afternoon that there were many persons in the city that the committees were unable to call upon on account of the weather, but these, he said, would be waited upon this morning. Mr. Harris said that he was highly pleased with the results of the day's campaign and that he thought when the final figures are compiled today the grand total will show an amount of approximately \$5,000.

Due to the rain the parade of school children, scheduled for 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, was not held. This was a great disappointment to the children and also to those in charge of the campaign who had arranged it as one of the big features of the day.

Chairman Harris made the following statement last night regarding the campaign: "Because of the limited number of volunteer workers and the inclement weather, many persons were not solicited for funds for the child relief today. 'I trust that no one will feel slighted by this apparent oversight, and wish to assure those desiring to give that the list will be 'open' at any time they wish to mail their checks to me, and that we will very much appreciate their assistance, which is needed immediately."

"With the returns only partially completed, we have already realized a handsome sum for these poor little waifs, due acknowledgment of which will be made through the papers. 'In the meantime, on behalf of the organizations which I am privileged to represent, I wish to assure those contributing, as well as the members of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, of my very deep appreciation of their interest. Many pathetic instances of real sacrifice were exhibited today, and Wilmington, as of old, has shown the nobility of its citizens in their response to this pathetically worthy cause."

START WORK ON RIVER STEAMERS NEXT WEEK

Newport Corporation Will Build Four of Concrete At Liberty Yard

Officials of the Newport Shipbuilding corporation announced last night that the construction of concrete river steamers would be started on an additional way at the Liberty yard here next week, it being planned to build two of those twin-screw, 150-foot steamers on one way at a time. Four of the vessels will be constructed, in addition to the three oil tankers that were built at the local yards, it is announced.

It was also announced that the company is increasing its shipbuilding force daily, because of the additional work ahead, and the concern is now reported to have in the neighborhood of 300 employees.

A 50-ton derrick is in course of construction at the yard and will be one of the largest derricks in this section. It is claimed. This derrick will be used for placing complete engines in the hulls of the river steamers.

According to present plans, the first concrete oil tanker built in this port will be launched during April. The steel work on hull No. 1 was started Thursday, and it is proposed to rush the work.

ARRANGE COURT DOCKET

The Bar association will hold a meeting at the office of Major W. N. Harris, clerk of the superior court, this morning at 10:30 o'clock, to arrange a calendar for the February civil term of court and also to discuss the question of arranging for additional terms, or longer sessions of the superior court of this county. It was said last night by Major Harris that three or four more weeks of court will be necessary to clear the docket. One week's criminal term of the superior court will begin Monday morning, and a two weeks' civil session will begin February 7.

WATCH FOR THEIF T. R. Cameron, of Lake Waccamaw, wired Chief of Police Nathan Williams yesterday to look out for a person who robbed a store at Lake Waccamaw Wednesday night, stealing shoes, hats, knives and shirts.

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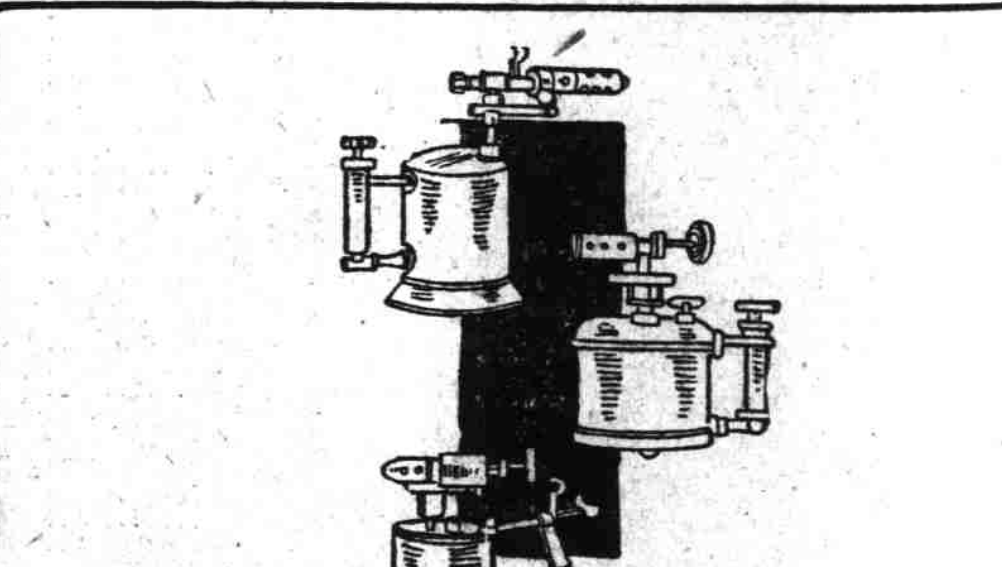
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