

GRAND JURY CONDEMNS FEES; COMMENDS SCHOOL SURVEY

Report Indicates Knowledge of Source From Which Liquor Is Being Received.

OFFICIALS POSTED

Informs Proper Authorities In Hope of Facilitating the Enforcement of Law.

Condemning the fee system for New Hanover county officers as proposed in a bill now pending in the general assembly and criticizing the method of street improvement now in vogue; commending and confirming the school survey recently prepared for the county by Dr. Shelton Phelps, and charging that over \$200,000 was spent last year for so-called street improvements, the grand jury report submitted last night to Judge E. H. Cramer, recommended a charge of method of street repairs, six months terms for grand jurors, and that a new building should be erected for Peabody school. The report also urged that iron cells should be substituted for the wooden cages in the city prison, and that a dining room should be provided for the inmates of the New Hanover county home, which was reported in a bad and insanitary condition. The county jail was found in poor condition.

The report informed the court that the grand jury knew where much of the illicit whiskey brought to this city is distilled, but that it is not sufficient to bring about a presentment; and it recommended that a close watch on the sale of flavoring extracts for beverage purposes be instituted and maintained.

Nineteen True Bills

Four untrue and nineteen true bills were found, the report stated, and three presentments were made.

"It is a pleasure to say to you, gentlemen, that your report is full and complete," said Judge Cramer before he dismissed the grand jury, and continuing, he said:

"It has been a real pleasure to have been associated with you, gentlemen, and I can assure you that you could not do any more important work than that accomplished by a grand jury. A member of your body has more important to the community than the judge or the solicitor. It is a pleasure for me to say that you have been faithful and intelligent in the performance of your duty."

R. E. Calder acted as chairman of the grand jury and Alex. Boone served as secretary. The other members were as follows: T. J. Seiders, H. C. Byrd, R. F. Walker, C. W. Lassiter, W. F. Powell, Theo. S. Jamieson, S. Jamieson, C. S. Lewis, W. H. Alexander, A. W. Sidbury, J. E. Winstead, Robert L. Johnson, K. Merritt, W. A. Russ and G. D. Croom.

Text of Report

"We, the grand jury of this court and term, submit the following report: The solicitor has brought to our attention 23 bills and we have found 19 true bills, four not true, and we have brought three presentments.

"The grand jury believes that this work has been seriously hampered by unauthorized reports of its proceedings in the daily newspapers, and it wishes to remind such publications that the proceedings of the grand jury are strictly secret and that any hearsay reports of them should rather be suppressed than published.

"We wish to commend an editorial in the Morning Star of January 18, 1921, relative to inadequate sentences of a fine and 24 hours in jail given five confessed gamblers, especially as our investigation discloses that the jail sentences were not served out. We have discovered that the jail sentences were not served out of the afternoon of the day these five men were sentenced. Jailor Davis reported to the recorder that he did not have sufficient hammocks for all the white prisoners then incarcerated at night and the recorder ordered these five men released. We understand that the recorder has ordered steps to be taken to secure their immediate delivery.

"The grand jury is convinced that they know where a large part of the illicit whiskey is brought to this city, originates, and also where it is being delivered in the city, but such evidence as it was able to elicit was not sufficient to bring a presentment on. The jury has, however, deposited this evidence with the proper authorities in the belief that it will further the detection of this business.

Sale of Extracts

"It has been brought to our attention that the sale of various extracts containing large percentages of alcohol has reached such proportions as to clearly indicate that such extracts are bought for beverage purposes, and we recommend that a close oversight of such sales be instituted and maintained.

"From our experience this term, we are convinced that the grand jury should be kept in session for a longer period than the one term of court provided for in New Hanover county. As the grand jury is at present constituted, each one is a new jury, composed of men with but little experience in such work and spends a good portion of the first day or two learning to perform its duties, and if it makes recommendations, we have discovered from an examination of the reports of former grand juries that these recommendations are frequently lost sight of. We believe that the grand jury selected for a period of six months could render far greater service to the county than is rendered under the present system.

We recommend that the members of the general assembly from this county be requested to pass such a law for New Hanover county.

Against Fee System

"We recommend that the proposed fee system now before the general assembly for New Hanover county be dropped for the reason that we believe it to be disadvantageous.

"Your jury has made an inspection of the city school buildings, and appended a detailed report of their condition, and of such repairs found necessary.

"In the instance of the Peabody school, we found it to be so crowded that two outside halls are being rented, which halls are not suited to school purposes, and which, are, together with the main building, in very poor repair. We therefore recommend that a new building be built for Peabody school.

"In this connection, your jury wishes to say that it has had before it a school survey recently made for the county and wishes to recommend it to the earnest consideration of every citizen when it is presented by our board.

Star's Stand Against Gambling Commended

The grand jury's report submitted last night contained the following:

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of education. In few instances where our inspection checked this survey, we believe its findings to be carefully made and its recommendations carefully considered. The report is so voluminous in content to be considered in the sessions of the grand jury.

"Your jury has been petitioned by nine citizens of the Carolina Beach district in regard to the road between Seagate and the Masonboro road, which our petitioners allege is in the worst state of repair, and to be practically unusable in wet weather. Our information leads us to conclude that the representations as made are correct, and we recommend that this road be given immediate attention to the end that it is put in usable condition under all weather conditions.

"The Federal Point road from the loop to Kure Beach is full of bad holes and particularly is this true at the turn-off of the Carolina Beach road. The Federal Point road between Carolina Beach and the Wilmington Beach road is in particularly bad condition."

The report included a detailed review of conditions in and about the various public buildings and the schools of the county. Generally, conditions were found to be satisfactory, though there were a number of minor instances in which the requirements of the grand jury were not met, and recommendations were made accordingly.

DECLINES TO SURRENDER PART OF SCHOOL FUND

Request in Behalf of Police Pension Fund Denied

The recommendation recently made by Chief of Police Nathan Williams that the monies derived by the city from the sale of dog tags and confiscated automobiles be diverted from the board of education to a police pension fund, was disapproved by the board of education at a recent meeting. Chief Williams has made it known that he made this request subject to the approval of the board of education, and that if the board did not give its approval to the recommendations, he, the chief, would not pursue the matter further.

The disapproval of the recommendations by the board of education is contained in a letter recently addressed to the chief of police by the secretary of the board, in substance, as follows:

"The board of education is not in any way opposed to the establishment of a pension fund for the police force. However, in view of the fact that county supplies the entire funds necessary to provide the city schools, it seems unwise to consent to the sacrifice of any of its present sources of revenue."

JURY FINDS REEL NOT GUILTY OF ASSAULT

Indictments Against Miss Jarrell and Williams Quashed; All Freed

The jury in the case of Jim Reel, white, charged with criminally assaulting a 14-year-old white girl yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty 20 minutes after retiring. Judge E. H. Cramer granted the motion of the counsel for Miss Jarrell, Miss Julia Jarrell and Paul Williams, and quashed the indictment against these two, so the cases were not considered by the jury.

The verdict, declared by the jury at 12:45 o'clock, ended the most important trial at this term of court. There was a crowd in court when the verdict was announced.

"I feel certain the good people of Wilmington will take some steps to save this little girl from utter ruin," Judge Cramer said after the trial, "and I hope she can be sent to some good institution where her deficiencies can be overcome and her faults corrected."

Miss Jarrell, in her testimony yesterday morning, told a story that was diametrically opposite to the one told by the 14-year-old girl on the preceding day. She said the girl was perfectly aware of the automobile ride advanced by Miss Jarrell asking the girl's father to leave her to look after Miss Jarrell, that if anything was said about the ride to the girl's father, he would not let her go. She declared there was nothing unseemly in the conduct of any member of the party.

Mrs. King also testified yesterday morning, and the defendant counsel said her testimony was very important and convincing. Mrs. King, it will be recalled, was called in by the girl's parents and assisted them in examining the girl after she had returned from the ride.

The negro chauffeur, Henry Ashford, also testified in behalf of the defendant, and practically corroborated Miss Jarrell's testimony. He reported that nothing out of the way occurred during the ride. The defense also brought out testimony to prove that Williams' character was good.

The case was argued on both sides. Solicitor Woodus Kellum was assisted by Solicitor James A. McNorton in behalf of the state, and the defendants were represented by Herbert McClammy and J. C. King.

TRAVELING MEN MEET TONIGHT

Cape Fear council, No. 874, United Commercial Travelers will meet in regular session here tonight at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows hall, Third and Princess. Matters of unusual interest will be handled and all members are urged to be present.

WILL PRESENT PAGEANT AT ST. JAMES SUNDAY

"The Light of the World" to Portray History Episcopal Church

The Church Service League of St. James church will present a missionary pageant at the church Sunday night, entitled "The Light of the World." This pageant, which will be a part of the evening service, is based on the history of the Episcopal church. It traces the light of the early church which shone first at Jerusalem and which endured at the trials and struggles of the ages, has grown dim at times, but not extinguished, and is now gradually spreading to all nations.

The pageant is given under the direction of the Misses Burkheimer and Mrs. Sidney MacMillan. All are cordially invited to attend.

Those taking part in the presentation are as follows: Church of Jerusalem—Miss Florence Burkheimer; Church of Greece—Mrs. Edward Hardin; Church of Rome—Miss Jane MacMillan; Church of Britain—Mrs. Hugh Calder; Church of England—Mrs. Richard Meares; Church of America—Mrs. Harry Woolcott; Church of the Future—Mrs. Cyrus Hogue.

Acolytes—Swift Boatwright, Robert Calder, Charles Gault, Roderick Sparrow.

EMPLOYEES OF A. C. L. SUBSCRIBE LIBERALLY

Coast Line General Offices Give Almost a Thousand to Relief Fund

The European child relief fund was put over the \$7,000 mark yesterday when the final reports of the various committees who canvassed the several departments of the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line were filed with Messrs. Harris, city chairman.

The total amount subscribed by the Coast Line employees was \$990. This brought the grand total subscribed in Wilmington up to \$7,197.70, or over \$2,000 more than was originally anticipated by Chairman Harris.

The committee in charge of the canvass highly commends the fine work of Mrs. E. Burkheimer, general chairman of the committee, that collected the subscriptions in the A. C. L. offices.

Chairman Harris said last night: "I am highly grateful for the generous contributions made by the employees of the Coast Line, and while I am not surprised, knowing their quickness to respond to all calls for help, my most sanguine hopes have been realized in the splendid response which has rolled up for us. There are several other committees to report from the Coast Line yet, and feeling sure they will realize as well the intense need of these little ones, who only ask for one meal a day, I am confident of curing at least several hundred dollars additional for this splendid work."

Wilmington, as a whole, has been lavish in its response to the appeal, and while I realize the public needs no thanks for its generosity, I cannot let the opportunity pass without assuring them all of my appreciation for their noble and sympathetic outpouring of money and encouragement in the work. More than seven hundred little lives will be saved with this money—more than seven hundred hearts made glad and suffering sorrow and death will be checked; \$2,000 more to the extent to which we have given. Such a realization is reward enough for all I am sure."

Following is a list of the amounts donated by the various offices of the Coast Line: General manager \$23; motive power \$17; comptroller \$33; auditor of freight receipts \$170; freight claim agent \$63.50; auditor of passenger receipts \$11.65; superintendent of telegraph \$18; car accountant \$106; passenger traffic \$45; mail department \$18; chief dispatcher \$8; auditor of disbursements \$50; executive vice-president \$10; chief engineer \$45; general superintendent of transportation \$20; station account \$9; valuation department \$8; tax department \$1; purchasing office \$80; real estate agent \$19; fuel agent \$2.

LARGE PARTY COMING FOR SHIP LAUNCHING

San Lanberto to Take Water Next Saturday—No Elaborate Ceremonies

With steam up and ready to make the trip to the finishing dock under her own power, the San Lanberto, one of the two 9,200-ton steel tankers being built by the Carolina shipyard by the George A. Fuller company, will be launched Saturday afternoon, January 23, occupying two special cars. They will be met at the union station by officials of the George A. Fuller company and escorted to the shipyard. The launching party will return north Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

No elaborate ceremonies will mark the launching of the first craft to be built by the Fuller company on their own account. Promptly at 2:15 o'clock Mrs. DeGoyer will break a bottle of champagne over the bow of the big ship as she begins to glide down the launching way into the waters of the Cape Fear river. On the launching stand with the sponsor will be representatives of the Fuller company, the Eagle Oil company and a few invited guests.

At 12:30 o'clock a luncheon will be served the launching party in the shipyard messhall. This will be exclusively for the guests and officials of the company. The luncheon will be of the sort that is ordinarily served the shipyard officials.

When the San Lanberto takes the water she will be approximately 24 percent complete. Little will remain to be done to the vessel and it is understood that the dock trials and trial trip will be completed in a short time. The vessel is owned by the Fuller owners. The second tanker will probably be launched about February 15.

DR. VANCE'S MEETINGS WILL CLOSE TOMORROW

Farewell Sermon By Distinguished Preacher At First Presbyterian Sunday Night

The services today and tomorrow will conclude the meetings conducted by Dr. James I. Vance of Nashville, Tenn., under the auspices of the First Presbyterian church. There will be another service at the Victoria theater today from 1:10 to 1:45 o'clock. Dr. Vance's subject will be, "The Sinner's Lawyer." The subject at the First Presbyterian church tonight at 7:45 will be "The Good Shepherd." At the church tomorrow morning, Dr. Vance will preach on "The Revival Society Most Needs Today," and tomorrow night his subject will be, "The Home Call." The Y. M. C. A. has secured Dr. Vance as their speaker, at the men's and boys' meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 at the Victoria theater. Dr. Vance will also address the young people of the First Presbyterian Sunday school tomorrow morning.

Last night the sermon was especially for young men on the theme, "A Young Man's Way." The text was from Psalm 119: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word." Here we have the big subject and the big answer. The question has to do with a class of people who ordinarily do not feel the need of advice. For the question as to the way of living is for the young man, a great question. Let him ask himself, "If you keep on going the way you are now going, where will you come out?"

We assume that something is wrong with the average young man's way. He is far from being a saint, and he knows it. Youth is the time when the forbidden comes with its most alluring smile and makes the most seductive proposals. A young man's fall is never necessary, but it is nevertheless disastrous. Many a man has gone lame for a lifetime, as the penalty for a single sin. Childhood is the period of perfect trust; youth of skepticism. Youth is a period of bewilderment of egotism, of self-conceit. Youth is a period of peril. There is peril from destructive, vicious habits. Any habit that is stronger than you, is dangerous. Here men often show their wild oats, which they will inevitably reap later in suffering for themselves and others. There is the peril of losing our ideals. Youth normally begins with high ideals. A pathetic sight, often repeated, is to see a young fellow start out with magnificent ideals and end a money grubber, or become immersed in a material view of life.

This is the situation which confronts the splendid young man. What can he do about it? How can he have a clean life; how can he play the man? This takes us to the answer of the text—in the Bible. But how can the Bible help a young man to live right? The Bible shows a young man how to get saved, to get life centered right. Life is never centered right until it centers in its maker. The Bible shows us how to resist temptations. It is not necessary to yield. Those who are serene in old age are those whose lives have been patterned on the Bible. Winter may be on their heads, but eternal summer is in their hearts. A pathetic sight, often repeated, is to see a young fellow start out with magnificent ideals and end a money grubber, or become immersed in a material view of life.

When rotten standards would claim us, it says, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." When we do not see the value of things, hold on to us it says, "Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely—think on these things."

To follow the Bible, would buy in this life. But this life is not all. Dr. Vance tells of a young man who had lost his wife and who paced up and down crying, "I have faced every fight and won, but death has whipped me."

On the pages of the Bible, lives the conqueror of death to give us the victory. Rudyard Kipling was once sick. A nurse saw his lips move and bent over him, and discovered that he was praying, "I thought you wanted something," she explained. "I do," replied Kipling, "I want my Heavenly Father."

If we will stay close to the Bible and our Father we will learn to live right and to conquer.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH TO PLAN A NEW BUILDING

Congregation Will Meet Sunday Night to Discuss It

Having been told by Rev. Father P. Gavin Duffy, Episcopal missionary, that it was his belief that through cooperation with the divine will and by regulating themselves on the lines of conduct and faith taught by him during his mission here, a way would be found by which a new church could be erected, members of the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet in their church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of hearing the plans and purposes of the rector, Rev. A. M. Blackford, and the church vestry, regarding the erection of a new house of worship. At the request of the Rev. Mr. Blackford, Father Duffy met with the vestry of St. Paul's church last week while the mission was in session. At that time Father Duffy stressed his belief that through co-operation with the divine will and by regulating themselves to the lessons taught during the mission, means would be found for the erection of the much needed new church building. Father Duffy told the vestry that co-operation and persistence in prayer would bring to all a realization of their own duty in giving "so as to practice what we pray" as Father Duffy emphasized, without recourse to a financial drive, or other methods of asking.

Two years ago plans were prepared for a new church for the Episcopalians of the Eastern section of the city. However, the matter of building was left off and it has been only recently that the members of St. Paul's congregation have considered it again. If the church is erected it will cost approximately \$100,000 and will be located at Sixteenth and Market streets, facing Market. The church now owns a lot at the location, 66 feet wide on Market street, and extending almost through the entire block on Sixteenth street.

LADIES' NIGHT PROVED TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Formality Thrown to the Winds When Rotarians Gather for Annual Fete

Absolutely nothing but foolishness, but of a most amusing variety, was indulged by the members of the Rotary club, their "better halves" or sweethearts, who attended the "Ladies' Night" festivities held last night in the high school auditorium. There was not a giggling moment from the doors of the auditorium were swung open, shortly after 9 o'clock, until they closed a short while before midnight. Mirth, good cheer and joviality reigned supreme.

The committee of Rotarians who arranged the program for the annual fete did themselves proud and the members of the club all declared that the occasion was one of the best yet staged by the club. Seriousness was absolutely barred. The Rotarians, young and old, joined in the frivolities and participated in the stunts.

After all of the Rotarians and their ladies had gathered in the auditorium, the executive committee, with their wives by their sides, formed in line, and lead by President Carl W. Polvoigt and Mrs. Polvoigt, the procession marched into the auditorium, stepping to the "music" of miniature bagpipes blown by the executive committee men, who also wore paper tam-o-shanters.

All during the delightful supper and clearly after the completion of the meal the program committee was pulling off their stunts. One of the features of the evening was a "Yiddish" act staged by Rotarians E. Hardin and Jim Post, both being appropriately costumed for the event. Those present were delighted with the black face act of Jim McCoy, a member of the high school orchestra that furnished music during the evening.

The Rotarians and their guests were waited upon during the banquet by a bevy of pretty high school girls, including Misses Lisette Andrews, Lina MacEachern, Theresa Weeks, Helen Tremaine, Sarah Love, Marion Orrell, Leona Carwell and Mary Parker Fryer.

The program committee that staged the events was Rotarians Munson, Hardin, Ames, Hunt, Huntington and Harries.

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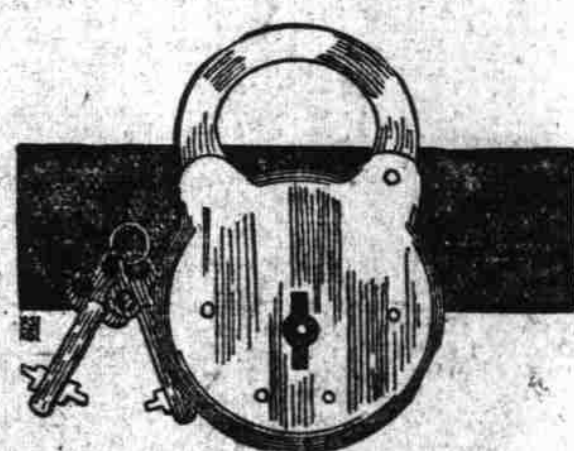
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