

THINKS CREWS SHOULD STICK TO THEIR SHIP

Harbor Master Speaks Interestingly of Schooner Ashore on Diamond Shoals

Speaking of the grounding of the big unidentified five-masted schooner upon Diamond Shoals last Sunday night and the possibility of the entire crew of that ship having been lost when they took to the small boats in the rough seas breaking on the shoal, Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master, who has had years of sea experience declared yesterday that similar instances of sailing vessels going ashore with all sails set had proven to him that it was far safer for the crews to remain with their ship than it would be for them to take a chance in the small boats during stormy weather.

Baseball Project Is Launched; Local Fund of \$10,000 Needed

Wilmington fans want league baseball and are going to have it this summer if the citizens of the city will rally to the movement that was formally launched last night at the mass meeting at the chamber of commerce. After going over the problem thoroughly, those present at the meeting appointed a strong ways and means committee charged with the duty of making the necessary arrangements to raise money to construct and equip an athletic field and to finance the expense of Wilmington in the proposed re-organization of the old Eastern Carolina League.

The meeting last night, while not so largely attended, did not lack enthusiasm and a pleasing feature of the evening was the fact that the old fans of the city who strongly supported baseball when Wilmington had it and who have at all times strongly advocated the national sport for the city. Another feature of the meeting was the presence of "Bussey and Kite," Wilmington's crack battery during the days of the old Eastern Carolina League. Joe Fox, who during the same period was this city's star fire baseman, was also there.

The ways and means committee is composed of W. A. French, Jr., H. M. Ware, John W. Bloomer, P. L. Knight and Eugene E. Graham. They will meet at the chamber of commerce this afternoon at 5 o'clock to make their plans. The mass meeting was called to order by James H. Cowan, secretary of the chamber of commerce. P. L. Knight was elected temporary chairman and C. G. Vanlandingham temporary secretary.

option on an ideally located piece of property at Seventeenth and Ann streets. He said that it was the plan to provide not only a diamond there, but also to provide for a city athletic field where all out-door sports during the winter and summer, could be staged. Secretary Cowan declared that assurances have been given by the city by several major league teams that they would be glad to come to Wilmington and play exhibition games there in the early spring. Arrangements would also be made to have big league teams come to Wilmington and train during the spring.

Others interested in the project explained that the fans of the mentioned Eastern Carolina League had assured him they were anxious to re-organize the old league for Class B ball. He also declared that there would be no doubt about getting big league teams to play here and to train at the athletic field. He said, however, that whatever the fans of the city did to get the necessary park would have to be done at once if the city is to have baseball this summer.

W. A. French harked back to the old days when ball was played at Hilton and at League Park at what is now Oleander. He also told of the efforts that have been made by himself and others to place the necessary funds to get ball for Wilmington. Mr. French said he had no doubt that this city wanted ball and that it would be strongly supported by the fans if it was secured. He said that the first step to be taken should be to learn from the citizens if they wanted baseball this summer, and if they did want it, to get out immediately to provide the necessary funds to assure it.

It is estimated that \$10,000 will be necessary to provide the athletic field for the city, to build and equip the diamond, to place the necessary deposits; when the league is formed, this amount and to lay aside an amount that will provide for the expenses of the team during the league season. The last would, of course, be returned through gate receipts. To secure this amount of money, it was agreed to place a point where all fans and business men of the city, as soon as a definite decision has been reached, the committee will ask that a league meeting be called at one of the cities which would join the league and a representative of the city will be sent there.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IN NEED OF FUNDS

Total of \$35 Raised in Campaign and Much More Is Needed

The officials of the Wilmington Athletic association are well pleased with the success so far obtained in the campaign for financial success, which the members declare is absolutely necessary in order to provide Wilmington with a first class athletic club, which the Wilmington Athletic association is striving to become.

The following business men have contributed to the Wilmington Athletic association fund: W. Polvogt, \$10.00; J. G. L. Gieschen, 5.00; E. Fred Banck, 5.00; J. H. Rehder, 5.00; H. H. Fuchs, 5.00; H. L. Vollers, 5.00.

The club members expect further results from the circular letter sent to the leading business men of the city several weeks ago, a copy of which was carried in The Star.

W. L. I. BEACH CLUB WOULD BUY SEASHORE PROPERTY

Announcement is made that on Tuesday night of next week a meeting of the Wilmington Light Infantry club will be held at the armory of the W. L. I. on Market street, for the purpose of completing plans begun the latter part of last summer to purchase the cottage and property upon which the building on the northern extension of Wrightsville Beach. The Beach club now has a sum of money and the additional amount needed to make the purchase has been promised by a well known citizen of the city.

"SUNSHINE HAWKS" TO LECTURE ON SUNDAY

Will Address Y. M. C. A. Men's Meeting At Victoria Sunday "Sunshine Hawks," a noted lecturer of the Southern Lyceum platform, will speak at the Victoria theater, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at a Y. M. C. A. Men's meeting, according to an announcement made last night. He is well known in this city, having spoken here on other occasions, and there will doubtless be a large attendance to listen to his address.

DEATH OF MR. WATKINS

A telegram received yesterday by J. Owen Reilly announced the death in Kansas City of R. T. Watkins, formerly of Wilmington. Mr. Watkins, who will be remembered by many friends here, died Thursday at the University hospital of Kansas City. The body is being brought to Wilmington for burial. Mrs. Watkins is survived by his parents who are residents of Wilmington.

VICTORY AND DEFEAT FOR LOCAL PLAYERS

Boys Lose, But Girls Win in Wilson Games

In one of the most hotly contested games they have played this season, the boys' team of the Wilmington high school was defeated by the fast Wilson high school quintette in Wilson last night by the score of 26 to 24.

In the girls' game the Wilson team never had a "look-in." At the end of the first half the score was 18 to 15 in favor of the local players. In the final 20 minutes of the contest the Wilmington girls ran up a total score of 15 points while their opponents succeeded in registering only 10 points, making the final score 33 to 14.

In the boys' game the line-up was as follows: Wilmington - Westbrook, Forward; Sheppard, Forward; Kelley, Forward; Hewitt, Center; Koonce, Guard.

ALLEGED CAR THIEVES TAKEN AT GOLDSBORO

Accused of Stealing \$400 of Goods From Car

GOLDSBORO, Feb. 4.—Jessie Boone, Tom Hynes, negroes, a few nights ago, are alleged to have broken into a box car of the Norfolk Southern at the siding here and stolen over \$400 worth of cigarettes, tobacco and other goods. The stolen property was recovered before officers and the negroes arrested. Before Magistrate Britt today they were sent on to the county court, which convenes Monday.

While a number of manufacturing plants are closed down and some working part time, the business outlook for this year is good. With \$70,000 street improvement work, a new street car line being built, and a large number of dwelling houses to be built by May 1, there should be plenty of work.

S. L. Rose has made arrangements to fill in a valuable lot on West Walnut street, and will build several stores. This will be a big improvement, as it is near the station, and there will be no fruit, grocery or drug store near the station, and the traveling public have to walk a considerable distance when they want anything in that line.

News is received here of the death of Julius G. Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitaker, former residents of Goldsboro, in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Whitaker was born and lived in this city in his boyhood.

The new chorus which has been organized and trained by Professor and Mrs. J. Oliver Brinson at the Community center, will give their first public "sing" at the Messenger opera house Sunday.

TRIAL OF PIERCE IS CONTINUED BY RECORDER

Absence of Material Witnesses for State Causes Postponement

The trial of Bennie Pierce, a young white man of Onslow county, charged with violation of the prohibition laws in this county, was postponed yesterday by Recorder George Harris until Thursday, on account of the absence of material witnesses for the state.

However, Solicitor McNorton and the recorder agreed to permit character witnesses for the defendant to testify yesterday, in order to save them from making another journey to the city Thursday. Sheriff Gurganus, of Onslow county, E. J. Rhodes, Nathan Jarvis and Mack Topp testified that the general reputation of Pierce in his community was good.

WANTS STATE TO GIVE VETS BIGGER PENSION

State Commander in Accord With Plan of Daughters

Major General James I. Metts, of the city commander of the North Carolina Division, United Confederate Veterans, also commander of Cape Fear camp, U. D. C., declared yesterday that he is highly pleased over the proposal of the North Carolina D. C. to have the legislature of this state increase the pensions for dependent old soldiers and the widows of veterans. General Metts says he is with the daughters in their effort to make along this line, and will do all in his power to aid them.

Not only does General Metts believe that the state should double the amount given to the old soldiers and widows of soldiers annually, but he is thoroughly convinced that the state should also increase the annual appropriation for the Confederate veterans that the expenses of the veterans in need of aid could be paid to and from the annual state reunions. General Metts declared that this is done in general given to the old soldiers and widows of soldiers annually, but he is thoroughly convinced that the state should also increase the annual appropriation for the Confederate veterans that the expenses of the veterans in need of aid could be paid to and from the annual state reunions.

On Tuesday of this week a delegation of prominent members of the Wilmington Daughters of the Confederacy was invited to the joint appropriations committee of the general assembly and made strong pleas for the increased pensions for the old soldiers. Presenting the case on behalf of the veterans were: Mrs. Henry A. London, of Pittsboro; Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett, of Raleigh; Mrs. Jackie Daniels, of Tarboro; Mrs. General William S. Carr, of Durham; Chief Justice Walter Clark and State Senator W. H. S. Burgwin.

It was shown the appropriations committee that besides South Carolina, this state gave the largest amount of money to their old veterans. The state budget commission has recommended that only \$650,000 be appropriated by Representative Flood of Virginia, Democratic members of the committee, with occasional questioning by Chairman Johnson, of South Dakota, and Representative Bland, of Indiana, Republican members.

STAINCH DEFENSE IS PUT UP FOR ARMY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Staunch defense of the work accomplished by the American Ligation commission in disposing of millions of dollars of war supplies to France and other European governments after the armistice, was made today by Edwin B. Park, New York lawyer, former chairman of the board, in testifying before the house committee investigating the conduct of the war.

Park declared the policy adopted in disposing of the great bulk of supplies in Europe was unquestionably wise and cited figures to prove that if the same materials were on hand today they would not bring thirty cents either in Europe or the United States that the government obtained when the bulk sales were made in 1919. His examination was conducted principally by Representative Flood of Virginia, Democratic members of the committee, with occasional questioning by Chairman Johnson, of South Dakota, and Representative Bland, of Indiana, Republican members.

OUT AGAIN, IN AGAIN, IS FATE OF DALLAS BROKER

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 4.—L. N. Hule, former Dallas cotton broker, arrested here several days ago on charges of embezzlement of \$1,500 from Dallas interests, enjoyed one minute of freedom today. Writ of habeas corpus issued in corporation court granted Hule his liberty on the ground that he had been arrested without a warrant. As Hule left the court room he was confronted by a detective with a warrant and was re-arrested. He is in jail now awaiting the pleasure of Dallas authorities.

S. A. L. Freight Is Increasing

Division Agent Reports Improvement as Having Developed During the Past Fortnight — Fertilizer Prospects Good

E. E. Hunter, division freight and passenger agent for the Seaboard Air Line railway, with headquarters in this city, said yesterday that there has been a perceptible increase in the amount of freight handled by his system in Eastern North Carolina during the past ten days or two weeks. This, according to Mr. Hunter, is very gratifying to the local S. A. L. office, because of the tremendous falling off in the shipment of freight by the Seaboard and all other railroads from about December 1 to the present time.

There has been a noticeable increase in the movement of grain from western points to this section of North Carolina, he said. Much of this has been solid carload shipments. There has also been quite a movement of rice from South Texas to Wilmington and other points on the Seaboard in this territory. The general situation regarding the movement of freight via the S. A. L. in this part of North Carolina is somewhat better and it is very pleasing to the officials of the system, said Mr. Hunter.

Although the movement of fertilizer, which ordinarily at this time of the season is at its height, is at low ebb at the present time, Mr. Hunter says that the officials of the local fertilizer plants have notified him that they are expecting this year's movement to begin within the next few days, and that they are contemplating shipments equal to seventy-five and eighty-five per cent of last year's business. At the present time the Seaboard is moving out of Wilmington on an average of five carloads of fertilizer each day. In anticipation of the movement of fertilizer beginning within the next few weeks, Mr. Hunter is having accumulated at the Wilmington terminals a large number of freight cars. This is being done so that there will not be any delay due to the lack of shipping facilities when the movement does start.

ONE KILLED AND ONE HURT IN AUTO SMASH

Gastonia Men Alleged to Have Been Drinking

(Special to The Star) CHARLOTTE, Feb. 5.—Everett McCarter, white taxi cab driver of Gastonia, was killed and James Anderson, also white, badly hurt, in an accident at the bridge on the Dowd road near Camp Greene this evening shortly after 7 o'clock. McCarter was driving and seeing he was about to hit a wagon he swerved his car and struck a brick wall in front of a yard. The car turned over, McCarter being caught under it and killed, his neck broken and seeing he was about to be killed, Anderson jumped out of the car and ran to the Third National bank, Gastonia. McCarter, 30 years of age, leaves a family. Police said the men were drinking.

Ernest Williams, deputy United States marshal for seven years, has been appointed deputy clerk of United States, succeeding Campbell Fetter. Williams was sworn in by Chief Clerk Blalock today.

INDICTED GUARDSMAN PRESENTS WITNESSES

They Swear He Was in Camp Morning of Lynching

HAMILTON, Ala., Feb. 4.—The defense in the case of Sergt. Robert Lancaster, national guardsman on trial here for murder in connection with the lynching of William Baird, a miner, on January 13, today introduced a number of witnesses who testified that the defendant bore a good reputation. Testimony was also given by Lieut. L. B. McBride and Sergt. S. B. Thompson, company clerk, that all members of company at that time present or accounted for when checked up between 4:35 and 5 o'clock on the morning of January 13.

Various witnesses had testified that Baird was shot to death at 2:30 a. m. Townley, where the company was stationed, is about 16 miles from the spot where Baird's execution took place. Sergeant Thompson also testified that he saw Lancaster asleep on his bunk between 4:30 and 5 o'clock on the morning of the lynching.

The "captain's" car figured prominently in all the cross examination today. The prosecution maintains that the small car used by the lynching party on its trip to the Walker county jail was the "captain's" car. Lieutenant McBride declared on the stand today that no car had entered the camp after 4:30 a. m. on the morning of the lynching.

Sergeant Thompson said the "captain's" car was not out front when he made an inspection that it was muddy, but that this was not unusual. He testified further that he saw Lancaster at mess and heard him talking, but declared that the defendant had made no reference to "notches on his gun" or threats against those who "squealed." Soldier witnesses for the state had previously testified that Lancaster had made such statements at mess on the morning of the lynching.

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