

## MAKE PLANS FOR BIG U. C. T. MEETING TO BE HELD HERE JUNE 3-4

Cape Fear Council Appoints Committees to Make All Arrangements

Preparations for the annual convention of the Grand Council of the Carolina United Commercial Travelers, to be held in Wilmington June 3 and 4, are now being made by members of the local council of the organization, Cape Fear Council. Committees charged with arranging the various details for the gathering were named yesterday and the instructions were issued to be all in readiness well in advance of the time of meeting.

Elaborate arrangements are to be made for the entertainment of the travelers and their wives and it is expected that upwards of 500 visitors will be here for the sessions. Coming just at the start of the summer season, the convention has unusual importance, since it will be a medium of invaluable advertising. The local council was backed in its invitation to the grand council by the Rotary club and the chamber of commerce. The first session of the council will be held Friday morning, June 3, and the entire day will be given over to business, while the visiting ladies will be taken in hand by the ladies of the local committee for entertainment.

Saturday morning, June 4, will come the annual parade, always a notable feature of the convention, and it is planned to make the street parade in Wilmington the biggest and most brilliant ever presented. Following the parade will come a boat ride on the Cape Fear, visits to Fort Caswell, and other points of interest along the river, and at night will come a glorious climax in the form of a banquet at the Oceanic hotel, Wrightsville Beach, with a dance at Lumina following.

Cape Fear council as host to the gathering, will ask all business houses to decorate for the occasions and the decorations are expected to be one of the big features of the event. It is the tentative plan of the reception bodies to erect a huge arch across Front street that will serve as an initial welcome to Wilmington to the delegates and their wives.

The various committees handling the arrangements for the convention are named yesterday are as follows:

Finance: D. H. Burnett, chairman; W. C. Page, A. B. Croom, J. W. Smith, J. L. King, and John W. Brown.

Transportation: E. L. White, chairman; W. K. Stewart, H. E. Tapp, and F. L. Mills.

Hotels: A. B. Croom, Jr., chairman; W. O. Page, C. E. Haskett, and E. L. Matthews.

Reception: J. W. Brown, chairman; C. E. Haskett, Oscar P. Peck, W. C. Smith, P. M. Holmes, F. J. Pate, R. C. Sloan, and L. F. Burnett.

Publicity: J. W. Blomme, chairman; Harry Solomon, P. Heinsberger, E. B. Edwards, L. C. Loftin, and Lehman Wood.

Ladies' entertainment: A. B. Croom, Jr., chairman; Mrs. L. H. Burnett, Mrs. J. W. Blomme, Mrs. J. H. Mallard, Mrs. C. O. McNair, Mrs. J. W. Brooks, Mrs. L. C. Loftin, Mrs. T. A. Wiley, and Mrs. J. C. Williams.

## He Suicides For A Living

A professional suicidist was in the city the past week, according to information from local sources. Aaron Siegel, white, who was arrested Friday afternoon on the charge of vagrancy and who failed to appear before Recorder George Harris yesterday, is the party who is alleged to have played upon the sympathy of the citizens of Fayetteville, where he is reported to have faked an attempted suicide and to have succeeded in procuring funds and a ticket to transport him to San Antonio, Texas.

Siegel was arrested Friday afternoon by Sergeant W. R. Applebury, on a warrant sworn out by a local party, who happened to be in Fayetteville at the time the man is reported to have faked an attempted suicide, and he was recognized by the police for his appearance in the recorder's court yesterday. However, when called for trial yesterday by Recorder Harris, he failed to appear in answer to the charge, and the supposition is that he has left the city.

It is reported that Siegel entered the store of a merchant in downtown section Friday afternoon, and requested the proprietor to assist him in converting a ticket from Fayetteville to San Antonio into cash. It so happened that the proprietor recognized the man as the same party who faked the citizens of Fayetteville out of some money a short time ago by faking suicide, and the proprietor is reported to have charged Siegel with this offense, which was not denied.

The proprietor then had a warrant drawn against Siegel, because he regarded him as being dangerous to the community, and the man was subsequently arrested on the charge of vagrancy.

It is said that the man feigns suicide, by buying a bottle of poisonous medicine and pouring a portion of the part-empty bottle down, he places the bottle in his hand in this predicament immediately conclude that he has attempted suicide.

At Fayetteville, it is reported that he was found in this condition and a physician was called. He was given medical assistance, and, on "recovery," the citizens furnished him with money and a railroad ticket to San Antonio, Texas.

Siegel informed Sergeant Applebury at the time of arrest that his address was 1310 East Main street, Richmond, Va. Sergeant Applebury reported that Siegel was about five feet, seven inches tall, and weighed about 160 pounds. He was clean shaven and his hair was dark. Sergeant Applebury reports, and he wore glasses with thick lens. He said that the man was fairly well dressed.

## SCHOONER NISSEGOQUE INTO PORT AFTER BAD GOING OFF N. C. COAST

With Six Feet of Water in Her Hold, Ship Makes Port—Had Narrow Escape

Only heroic efforts and efficient seamanship on the part of the officers and crew of the four-masted schooner Nissegoque, saved that vessel from sinking, which would possibly have meant a watery grave for the men, when the craft's seams opened while she was battling with rough seas off the North Carolina coast early last week. The Nissegoque made Cape Fear river bar Thursday morning and was towed to Wilmington yesterday. She is now lying at the docks of the Wilmington Iron works with two tugs alongside endeavoring to clear her hold of water.

With her steam pumps out of commission and the water fast gaining on the hand pumps operated by the crew, the schooner brought up off the river bar late Wednesday evening. The seas being rough and an adverse wind blowing, Capt. S. G. Berglund, skipper, did not attempt to enter the river, preferring to wait until morning. During the night, however, the wind changed, causing the seas to become a great deal rougher, and with several feet of water in the hold of the ship, the crew made preparations to take to the small boats as it seemed sure the schooner would sink.

Several hours of supreme battling with the elements proved successful, and shortly after daybreak Thursday the master of the tug Blanche, lying at Southport, noting the sailing vessel in distress off the bar, went to her aid. When the tug got a line on the Nissegoque, the schooner's steam winches being out of commission, the two craft could be taken in tow. Captain Berglund buoyed the Nissegoque, leaving them in order that they might be raised.

The Blanche towed the leaking schooner to Battery where she caused her to be beached that she might be cleared of some of the water. Yesterday morning the Nissegoque was towed to Wilmington by the Blanche. She was placed in charge of David H. Scott, manager of Heide and company, ship brokers. A survey will be made of the schooner Monday to ascertain if sufficient repairs can be made to the disabled craft in order that she might proceed to Baltimore, discharge her cargo and go into drydock for a general overhauling.

On board the Nissegoque yesterday, Captain Berglund stated that his ship was bound from Cienfuegos, Cuba, to Baltimore with 1,000 tons of pyrites aboard when he ran into a rough sea about 30 miles off Cape Lookout. After fighting the waves for some time, the schooner began to leak and Wilmington being the nearest port, the skipper turned about and made for here. However, before reaching Cape Fear bar the schooner was leaking badly and the steam pumps refused to work. The crew was put to work on the hand pumps but the water gained on them. The water in the hold reached such a level that a few hours outside would have meant that his vessel would have gone to the bottom as the cargo, being nothing more than rock, was like so much iron.

The Nissegoque is a vessel of 559 tons and is a comparatively new ship. She was built in Brunswick, Ga., in 1917 and is now owned and operated by a New York firm. She is manned by a crew of white men and negroes.

## WALKER TAYLOR MEMBER LIFE INSURANCE BOARD

Local Man Continues Official Jefferson Standard Company

That the assets of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company increased \$2,800,000 during 1920 was a statement made to the stockholders of the company at their annual meeting at Greensboro Thursday. The company, according to the president's report, witnessed the best year in its history. Julian Price is president of the company.

At this meeting it was necessary to elect eight new directors, the newly elected being G. A. Holderness, Tarboro; P. C. Rucker, Greensboro; Julian Price, Greensboro; C. W. Gold, Greensboro; John A. Kellenberger, B. B. Adams, Four Oaks; John A. Kellenberger, Greensboro, was named to fill the unexpired term of one director.

The board of directors, in addition to those named at the annual meeting, is composed of Walker Taylor, Wilmington; W. P. Holland, Clarksdale, Miss.; C. W. Causey, Greensboro; R. C. Dunn, Enfield; J. E. Latham, Greensboro; S. H. Anderson, Wilkes; Julius Cone, Greensboro; Dr. Albert Anderson, Raleigh; P. C. Lindley, J. W. Fry, Greensboro; R. E. Buck, Charlotte; T. Hurst, Smithfield; W. G. Clark, Tarboro; W. H. Austin, Smithfield; A. G. Myers, Gastonia; R. P. Richardson, Reidsville; W. A. Blair, Winston-Salem; and J. Elwood Cox, High Point.

The entire staff of officers was elected, they being Julian Price, president; J. E. Latham, vice-president and chairman of the board of directors; J. E. Latham, general counsel; J. E. Latham, Julian Price, C. W. Gold, A. L. Brooks, G. A. Holderness, J. Elwood Cox and W. A. Blair.

The report of the president showed that the increase in business amounted to \$4,000,000, and the total amount of business in force to be over \$163,000,000. The amount paid to policyholders during 1920 was \$13,300,000.

Several of the stockholders made brief talks and expressed themselves as being highly satisfied with the showing of the company during 1920. The report was that 1921's record. The stockholders were informed that work on the company's new home will be started as soon as the legal question as to the rightful owners of a small part of the lot is settled. The company purchased the old Guilford county courthouse property, on which adjoining property owners claimed to have a permanent easeway and this must be settled before construction starts. Plans call for a building about 15 stories high, the most modern office structure in the state.

**HAVE MEETING FRIDAY**  
The directors and stockholders of the Southport Fish Scrap and Oil company held a meeting at Southport Friday. Following the meeting, the directors and stockholders were entertained at a sea food dinner at the Hotel Miller, and T. H. Lindsay acted as toastmaster.

## FAMOUS EVANGELIST IN CITY TODAY



"Cyclone Mack", the southern evangelist, whose real name is Rev. E. F. Mack, will preach at the Victoria theater this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association. He will make a short talk this morning at 9:15 o'clock, at Cavalry Baptist church, and will also preach at this church at the 11 o'clock service this morning and the 7:30 o'clock service tonight.

The singing at the Victoria theater

will be led by Mr. Jones, assistant pastor of the Southside Baptist church, and Silas Sheets will preside at the piano. The St. Andrew's Presbyterian church quartet, which gave several selections at last Sunday's meeting, will sing this afternoon.

"Cyclone Mack" has quite a reputation as a speaker, and it is certain there will be a large crowd to listen to his preachings in the city today and tonight.

## Workers in \$100,000 Drive for Walker Memorial Hospital Named

Personnel of Organization That Will Manage Canvass in City for Improvement of James Walker Memorial Hospital Named By Division and Team Leaders—Twenty Teams to Make Thorough Canvass of City for Funds

With a splendid and enthusiastic organization and every man and woman engaged in the cause full of "pep," the campaign for \$100,000 for the James Walker Memorial hospital is ready for the big start on Tuesday of next week. All teams have been completed, each worker not only signifying her or his willingness to enter the campaign, but strong determination to make it a success and to wage a vigorous drive, in keeping, they declare, with the big objects and great needs of the hospital.

Not only are the needs and special objects of the campaign apparently appealing to the people, but the fact that it is the first time the hospital has ever sought public aid is also making a powerful plea. It is being appreciated, the workers set forth, as heretofore Wilmington has been the beneficiary, fortunately so, of the beneficence of a few citizens, beginning with the gift of the hospital structure by the late James Walker. Therefore it is time the public gave a helping hand.

Tuesday night at 6:30 o'clock all workers, including division leaders, captains and team workers, will gather at the Variety lunch room for supper and then for a general rally, to buckle on their armor for the inauguration of the drive on Wednesday morning. At the rally further details will be explained and several prominent speakers heard from.

The organization that will wage the fight is made up of the following: General chairman, George B. Elliott; executive committee, Rev. Frank D. Dean, chairman; J. V. Grainger, treasurer; Jas. M. Fisher, secretary; Edward Ahrens, Henry C. Bear, H. Blumenthal, James H. Cowan, D. C. Love, Mrs. J. V. Grainger, Daniel H. Penton, Dr. J. G. Murphy, James C. Reilly, Jesse Roache, Mrs. S. Solomon, W. H. Sprunt, Walker Taylor.

Division No. 1, H. Blumenthal, chairman; Team No. 1, W. I. Baxter, captain; C. W. Polvogt, J. E. Platt, W. B. Campbell, John C. Wagner, Robert E. Henly.

Team No. 2, George Honnett, captain; E. E. Graham, Hargrave Bellamy, J. M. Solky, Edward H. Hardin, Fred E. Little.

Team No. 3, John R. Hanby, captain; D. H. Wilcox, C. Van Leuven, P. L. Knight, John Hall, A. B. Croom, Irving Bear.

Team No. 4, E. H. Munson, captain; Clayton Giles, Harry Lattimer, M. M. Riley, Fred Polson.

Division No. 2, Dr. J. G. Murphy, chairman; Team No. 5, E. T. Hancock, captain; S. L. Schulken, A. M. McKay, H. L. O'Neill, F. E. Hershagen.

Team No. 6, D. M. Hodges, captain; David Oliver, W. E. Perdue, J. E. Thompson, W. A. French, W. M. Glaugthon.

Team No. 7, Louis J. Polson, captain; B. F. Brittain, T. L. Cromartie, E. Z. King, Herbert Lynch, H. W. Wells.

Team No. 8, William Struthers, captain; E. V. Davis, H. E. Boney, Sig Goodman, W. R. Dasher, W. B. Thorpe.

Division No. 3, Mrs. S. Solomon, chairman; Team No. 9, Mrs. Lawrence Sprunt, captain; Mrs. Theodore Empire, Miss Marguerite Walker, Mrs. Richard Meares, Herbert Blumenthal, Miss Jennie Gluchist.

Team No. 10, Mrs. W. H. Whitehead, captain; Mrs. A. M. Hall, Mrs. J. F. Roache, Mrs. Edward Munson, Mrs. Herbert McClammy, Mrs. C. C. Covington.

Team No. 11, Mrs. I. W. Solomon, captain; Miss Marguerite Solomon, Mrs. J. Irving Bear, Mrs. Charles Parnelle, Mrs. Edward Hardin.

Team No. 12, Miss Jennie Murchison, captain; Mrs. James S. Williams, Mrs. Levi MacMillan, Mrs. J. R. Murchison, Mrs. Cyrus Hogue, Miss Helen Menzies.

Team No. 13, Mrs. Henry Taylor, captain; Mrs. George Benson, Mrs. S.

## MEETING OF TRI-STATE MEDICAL BODY CALLED

Doctors to Meet At Spartanburg for Two-Day Session During Next Week

The 23rd annual session of the Tri-State Medical association of the Carolinas and Virginia will be held at Spartanburg, S. C., next Wednesday and Thursday, February 16 and 17, according to programs received by members of an association in this city from Dr. James K. Hall, of Richmond, Va., secretary-treasurer of the organization. The program quite a lengthy one, indicates that the physicians and surgeons attending the two-day session will be kept busy, since some event of interest is scheduled from Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock through an afternoon session on Thursday starting at 2:30 o'clock. Some few Wilmington medics will attend the session.

The sessions of the convention will be held at Hotel Cleveland which has an auditorium adequate to the needs of the gathering. Among the events planned for the doctors is an automobile ride to Cedar Springs, four miles from the city, where an entertainment will be given by the deaf and dumb students at the state institution for mutes, Wednesday evening, starting at 10:30, a buffet luncheon and smoker will be given at the home of Dr. H. R. Black, a member of the committee on arrangements. Every doctor is urged to take his wife to the Spartanburg meeting, as a special committee is working on plans for entertaining doctors' wives. Especially appropriate will this be if it happens the wife was educated in the Spartanburg splendid institutions.

Outstanding events on the program are: "Chronic Brain Injuries and Allied Conditions," a lecture by Dr. William Sharpe, of New York, an invited guest; "Some Suggestions which Psychology has to offer to the Understanding of Chronic Disease," by Dr. W. A. White, Washington, invited guest, these two coming during the first day's session. On the second day, "A Lantern Slide Demonstration of Bone Graft Operation Using Bone Strips and Bone Shavings," by Dr. Michael Hoke Atlanta; "On the Treatment of Pelvic Manifesting High Blood Pressure," Dr. Lewellys F. Barker, Baltimore, invited guest, and "The Relation of the Eyes to Systemic Diseases," Dr. Ben Witt Key, New York, invited guest.

The groups and their divisions, as outlined in the program, are: (1) Gastro-intestinal, medical and surgical; (2) Genito-urinary; (3) Mental and nervous; (4) therapeutic, radium and roentgen-ray therapy and chemical and other therapy; (5) endocrinologic; (6) orthopedic and reconstructive; (7) cardio-vascular; (8) gynaecologic; and (9) ear, eye nose and throat. Quite a number of North Carolina physicians are on the program, but none from Wilmington.

The officers of the association are Dr. J. M. Munroe, Charlotte, president; Dr. John A. Williams, Greensboro, vice-president; Dr. J. W. Fennell, Rock Hill, S. C., vice-president; Dr. H. S. Hedges, Charlottesville, vice-president, and Dr. James K. Hall, Richmond, Va., secretary-treasurer.

## NEGRO BELIEVED TO BE DROWNED IN SMITH'S CREEK

According to a report filed with the police department Bud Blocker, colored, 1220 North Sixth street, was reported to have been drowned in Smith's creek yesterday afternoon, following the capsizing of a row boat. The man's hat and coat were discovered in the river, and the boat in which he is reported to have been seen a short time before, was found drifting. However, nobody is known to have seen the boat capsized.

Police Officer B. W. Jacobs reported to headquarters that he had been informed that the man had drowned, but no particulars were available last night.

**TO SPEAK AT "Y"**  
Rev. B. F. McLendon, better known as "Cyclone Mack" who is speaking in the city under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association, will make an address at a mass meeting for boys at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. A special feature will be a solo by Billy Muse. A cordial invitation is extended to all young men of the city.

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