

ATTENDANCE TROPHY TO LOCAL ROTARIANS

Take Cup At Norfolk Convention By Having Greatest Attendance—Meeting Tuesday

With the attendance prize, a silver cup, safely in their possession, the big delegation of Wilmington Rotarians will return this morning, 9:45 o'clock from the annual convention of the seventh Rotary district held in Norfolk Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The local Rotarians won the attendance prize by virtue of having two-thirds of the club membership at the convention. There are 60 odd members in the Wilmington organization and there were about 45 of the club at Norfolk. This is thought to be the largest delegation a local organization has ever carried to a convention held at such a distant point.

The Wilmingtonians are justly proud of their cup for they began their preparations for the Norfolk trip almost a year ago and did not cease then until the train with their two special Pullman cars moved out of the union station Monday night.

Such opposition for the cup was anticipated by the local Rotarians from the Charlotte and Winston-Salem clubs, but as it panned out Wilmington won in a rush and are returning with only the greatest total mileage the club members had to travel to the convention.

The first meeting the Rotarians will hold after their return will be next Tuesday afternoon. President Carl W. Polvogt has announced that on that date the new executive committee will be nominated. The election of officers who are to serve the next term will be held the following Tuesday.

FOUR REALTY TRANSFERS RECORDED ON THURSDAY

Valuable Tracts Change Ownership in Wilmington

Deeds were filed to be recorded at the office of the register of deeds yesterday transferring title to four tracts of real estate located in the city of Wilmington. While the valuation of one or two of the tracts was large, the phrase "and other valuable considerations" kept the real prices well concealed. The deeds were:

Joseph C. Bourk and wife to F. J. Gooding and wife, a lot 66 by 125 feet on Market street, \$100 and other valuable considerations.

H. M. Jones and wife to M. G. Green, a lot 33 by 99 feet on Thirteenth street, \$200 and other valuable considerations.

Annie M. Shrier and W. H. Shrier to Anderson Harrell and wife, a tract 132 by 277 feet in the city of Wilmington, being lots 20 and 21 of the McShearlin sub-division, \$50 and other valuable considerations.

M. G. Green to Stacy Adams, a lot 52 by 60 feet on Castle street, being lot one in block 81 of the official plan of Wilmington, \$100 and other valuable considerations.

PRESENTATION SERVICES FOR BOY SCOUTS OF CITY

Troop and Entire Body to Receive Awards At Gathering

The Boy Scout troop having the highest record of efficiency in this city will tomorrow be presented with a loving cup and a brass base reliefs of former President Theodore Roosevelt will be awarded to the Boy Scout of this city, the latter being a gift of D. L. Gore, of this city, who will address the members of the various troops on the subject of the greatest Boy Scout enthusiast, Theodore Roosevelt.

It is expected that every Boy Scout in the city and surrounding territory will be present at the exercises tomorrow, because the first Eagle Scout ever raised to that rank in this state will be elevated tomorrow, and while his name is withheld, it is certain that the boy receiving the high award is deserving of the honor that will be bestowed upon him.

While not definitely announced, it is believed that Troop No. 1 will win the meritorious loving cup, and it is believed that Troop No. 15 will present the award.

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN IS DEAD AT RAEFORD HOME

News of the death at Raeford yesterday of Dr. A. H. Dickson, father of R. D. Dickson, of this city, was received in Wilmington yesterday morning with deep regret by scores of friends. Dr. Dickson was one of the most prominent physicians of the eastern part of North Carolina and was widely known throughout the state. Funeral services over the remains will be held at Raeford this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with interment following in the Raeford cemetery. No details of the arrangement were available yesterday, but it was stated that some few friends from Wilmington would attend the services.

Board of Elections Stands Firm in Decision As to Voting Hours

In Lengthy Statement, City Board of Elections Makes Stand Clear—Will Not Change Schedule of Voting Hours Without Blame Being Shifted Elsewhere, Is Statement

Voting in the primary and city election shall be done between 8 a. m. and sunset.

If any change from those hours is ordered, the responsibility for what the city board of elections considers a violation of the state election laws shall rest upon others than the members of the board.

"If the city attorney and solicitor tell us that we are wrong in this position and that breaking the law will serve to prevent anyone of 35,000 people going before the grand jury and indicting us for such offense, then we will feel that the burden of blame has been shifted, and we will be guided by their advice."

Such are the sentiments of the members of the city board of elections as expressed in a statement prepared for publication in The Star for the information of the public by Louis T. Moore, chairman of the board of elections, late yesterday. Mr. Moore stated that the petition bearing the signatures of all 13 candidates for office asking that polls be kept open from sunrise to sunset instead of from 8 a. m. to sunset, had not been taken to the board of elections, which will probably be presented formally today.

The statement making clear the position of the board of elections, signed by W. N. Harris, R. C. Ferguson, W. P. McLaughlin and Chairman Moore, the other member, T. H. Ames being absent from the city, follows:

"In beginning, the board states frankly that it is their desire to do everything possible, within the law, to serve the public. Each member regrets reservedly the nature of the law in respect to opening the polls for city elections. In taking up the duties assigned us as respects the approaching primary election the board resolved to adhere strictly to the letter of the law, which it has done thus far and which it expects to continue.

"The general election laws for the state and county elections require that polls shall open at sunrise and close at sundown. The approaching primary election and general election are for the city of Wilmington, constituting a municipal election separate and apart from state and county elections. We have been guided thus far absolutely by the city attorney and will continue to follow his advice as to obeying the law.

Quotes Election Law
"The city attorney advised us several weeks ago when we sought his advice, that as far as possible the state municipal election law should be followed, and cited the law as to opening the polls as follows: Section 2960—'The polls shall be open on the day of election from 8 o'clock a. m. to sunset, and no longer; and each person whose name may be registered shall be entitled to vote.'

"We construe this law to mean just what it says, and that anyone presenting himself or herself during the hours laid out, is taking advantage of the privilege accorded entitling one to vote. We are exerting every effort to provide every legal means to accommodate the voting public.

"The city board of elections is not to blame for the fact that the change in form of city government was passed by the legislature only one or two days before the session closed, about March 7. According to law, the registration books had to open April 1. The state election law requires that 30 days' notice shall be given for a new registration. It can readily be seen that approximately only 23 or 24 days intervened between the passage of the commission-ship bill on April 1, less than the 30 days requirement for new registration. If the commission-ship bill had been passed in January or February, then the board of elections could easily have redivided the city into 12 or 15 precincts, and required a new registration. Such procedure would have eliminated any possible danger of congestion at the polls. However, the sufficient legal time was not available and the board has been compelled to proceed in the best way possible with the seven available voting places.

"Some question has arisen as to the law as to opening the polls in a city election. Solicitor Woodus Kelum, representing the state, agreed unreservedly with Mr. Duark, who informed us that we would be following the law to the letter as to city elections in opening the polls at 8 a. m., and closing at sunset.

"The form of ballot as prescribed in the commission form of government bill, and as approved by the city attorney, has been followed. It bears the caption, 'Official Ballot for Wilmington Primary Election.' Therefore, it is to be believed that it is to be an election and that we should follow the law as to city elections for opening and closing the polls.

"Some question has arisen as to the last city election, as to the time the polls opened. In prominent display type calling attention to the city election at that time newspapers said in the issue for Sunday morning, May 4, 1919: 'The polls will open at 8 o'clock in the morning—not at sunset—and will close at sundown.' We feel if the law was obeyed two years ago that it is mandatory that we obey it now, al-

though it is with general regret that we do so.

Position of Board
"Our position from the first has been that we wish to abide by the law and we say unreservedly that we intend to do so. The city attorney has advised us as to the law. His ruling has been confirmed by the solicitor for the district. Mr. Kelum has issued a warning to the candidates that it will be best for them to comply with the state laws. We feel that we will make no mistake in taking unto ourselves the same warning, insofar as observing the law is concerned.

"We positively do not intend to violate the law, nor do we feel that we should yield to any reported request or demand which will place us in the light of breaking the law. As we have stated, we regret personally that the law requires opening the polls at 8 a. m. We did not formulate the law; our duty is to obey it. We do not intend to furnish an opportunity for anyone of 35,000 persons, regardless of any reported agreement among candidates that they themselves would do so before the grand jury and indict us for violating a law of which we are fully cognizant, and which has been followed in past city elections. We certainly do not intend to place ourselves in the light of being humiliated or disgraced by possible grand jury action against us, in breaking law under a reported appeal to do so, when we have announced our purpose and intention to adhere strictly to the law.

"Every lawyer has his opinion. We have heard probably a dozen different expressions from as many lawyers. Neither of us is a lawyer, we do not follow the law as we read plain English. We construe 'shall' as mandatory, and the municipal election law says 'the polls shall open at 8 a. m. and close city attorney and solicitor tell us that we are wrong in this position and that breaking of the law will serve to prevent any one of 35,000 people going before the grand jury and indicting us for such offense, then we will feel that the burden of blame has been shifted, and we will be guided by their advice. If we have to receive criticism for adhering strictly and squarely to the law, we feel that we can bear it.

"We would suggest to the public in future, where the legislature makes a change in municipal law, that such representatives be earnestly requested to put through such changes in the first part of the session, and not during the closing days as has usually been the customary.

"It is our purpose and desire to do everything possible to facilitate voting. We request the public to go to the polls early and to follow instructions which will be posted at the door of each polling place. If delay or congestion is encountered, we state to the public that the fault is not ours. In concluding these remarks, we say that the law excuses no one. We intend to follow the law strictly, not to break it upon the reported petition of 13 candidates, nor of anyone else.

"Our association with us as out of the city, but we feel sure he will agree with us in the spirit of this statement."

GETS MEDAL OF HONOR AT PRESIDENT'S HAND

Heroic Gunner Honored At the White House

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Robert Edward Cox, of Belmont, Pennsylvania, a chief gunner in the navy, enjoyed today the unique distinction of having the President of the United States personally pin on his breast the highest award for valor—the congressional medal of honor.

The ceremony took place in the east room of the white house on the seventeenth anniversary of the day of which Gunner Cox saved the battleship Missouri from destruction by flooding her turret had set fire to powder in the adjoining nautilus room. Two other men, M. Monson and S. C. Schepke, then gunner's mates, but now commissioned officers, previously had received medals of honor for their heroic work in assisting Cox in removing injured men from the burning handling room.

Thirty men were killed in the accident. Cox at that time, held the rank of warrant officer, and was debarred from receiving the medal of honor by the law providing for its award only to enlisted men through the recommendation of the captain of the Missouri was approved by the commander in chief of the North Atlantic fleet and President Roosevelt. Not until last February, a year after the history of the event was laid before congress, was special legislation enacted permitting exception to be made in Cox's case.

SMALL BOY DEAD
Many friends will deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis, 418 North Second street, in the death of their five-year-old son, Harold, which occurred last night at 3:55 o'clock after several weeks of illness of pneumonia. The remains will be taken to Mount Olive, the former home of the parents, for interment Saturday.

'REST' THE THEME OF M'LENDON'S SERMON

Large Congregation Hears Discourse By Evangelist—Will Continue for Two Weeks

The McLendon meetings seem to gather force and secure sweeping results the longer the services of the evangelist continue in Wilmington. At the city auditorium last night he was heard by a tremendous audience and from out of the audience many went forward to profess faith in the Christ who promised rest to all who come unto Him. It was obvious that the audience was thrilled and moved by the intense and vehement appeal of the unique evangelist.

Rev. Mr. McLendon spoke on the subject of "Rest," and powerfully presented Jesus as the refuge of those seeking relief from their burdens, and His text was Matthew 11:28: "Come Unto Me All Ye That Labor and Are Heavy Laden, and I Will Give You Rest"; the invitation and promise of Christ Himself, and it was repeated with deep earnestness and effectiveness by the deliverer of the Word. Souls were stirred and scores of young and old went forward to take the hand of the evangelist who had presented the promise of rest as Jesus made in the scripture text used for the service.

The subject for this evening's sermon pointing out to the sinner as the refuge Christ offers to the penitent, the evangelist addressed himself to those in the church as well as out of it. He inveighed against lukewarmness in the church and exhorted the members to warn against the hypocritical Christianity that is content with church membership without the sincere earnestness for the salvation and rest needed for the souls' salvation and cure of all kinds and especially decried the gambling in homes where the stakes are cut glass and other prizes. "These women gamblers," he declared, "should either quit it or take their names off the church books." This is a day when people must come out and stand on either one side or the other.

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"No church, no creed, no baptism can give rest but it must come from Christ who promised it to those who labor and are heavy laden. Rev. Mr. McLendon declared that he was glad there is one who can give rest and who promises rest to Him. He roasted church members who have more "Christianity" than "Christianity." He appealed to all to heed the invitation of Jesus, who said, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." The services were preceded by a song service, a special feature of the accompaniment by Mrs. V. L. Goode, one of the most accomplished pianists ever heard in Wilmington. The music was of the most with the skill and fine technique of the accomplished pianist who accompanies Mr. McLendon. A. S. Magann, the choir director, is an adept, and his work is splendid. He has organized a boys' choir for the services Saturday night.

Miss Sarah Palmer announced last night that the home prayer meetings will be dispensed with this afternoon, as arrangements had been made for a union prayer meeting this morning at 10 o'clock at the auditorium. At 6:45 o'clock this evening women are requested to meet in the ante room at the auditorium to arrange for a nursery so that mothers with infants can have their children cared for during the service.

The evangelist announced that he would be here another week, possibly two weeks if he can get a release from Asheville, to which city he goes from Wilmington.

DEATH OF OLD CITIZEN (Special to The Star)

GOLDSBORO, April 14.—John R. Smith, a life-long citizen of Wayne county, died at his home here last night. Mr. Smith was sheriff of Wayne county for many years. He leaves a widow and two sons.

WOULD CUT MIDDLE MAN

MIAMI, Fla., April 14.—William Jennings Bryan, addressing the session of the Florida State Horticultural society here tonight, told the 350 delegates that producer and consumer should come together to devise some means to eliminating the "middle man," who, he asserted, makes more than the man who produces.

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1:30 TO 2:30 P.M. TENNIS SHOES
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2:30 TO 3:30 P.M. AMOSKEAG DRESS GINGHAMS, 15c PER YARD
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3:30 TO 4:30 P.M. MILLINERY 25 PER CENT OFF
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For Mayor and Commissioner of Public Safety	For Commissioner of Finance	For Commissioner of Public Works
<input type="checkbox"/> JAS. H. COWAN	<input type="checkbox"/> D. N. CHADWICK, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> GEO. E. BENSON
<input type="checkbox"/> JOS. H. CURTIS	<input type="checkbox"/> LILLIAN M. B. RODGERS	<input type="checkbox"/> R. C. CANTWELL
<input type="checkbox"/> WM. E. SPRINGER	<input type="checkbox"/> JOS. E. THOMPSON	<input type="checkbox"/> W. P. EDMONDSON
<input type="checkbox"/> C. D. WEEKS		<input type="checkbox"/> J. D. LOWRY
		<input type="checkbox"/> P. Q. MOORE
		<input type="checkbox"/> J. E. L. WADE

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