# FORMER GOVERNMENT Postmaster Praises ENGINEER DECIDES

Lewis L. Merrit, Late of Emergency Fieet Corporation, Opens Office

Much interest is attached to an nouncement that Lewis L. Merritt, a well known civil engineer, has opened ah office, room, No. 30 Odd Fellows building, and will conduct an engineering business in this city on his ow

Mr. Merritt for some time past has been practicing as a civil engineer in Wilmington, but he has not been giving his full time to same, and his friends "from them. will be interested to know that he has courteously." decided to apply all of his time and energies to this line of business.

with a bachelor of engineering degree, and he has since had wide practical experience as an engineer, having been in the employ of the United States Emergency Fleet corporation. the Newport Shipbuilding company the Newport Shipbuilding company until late of nights, in order to give From June, 1918, to October, 1920, Mr the people of Wilmington the very Merritt was again in the employ of the best postal service possible. U. S. shipping board in the capacity of Citizens commenting on the splendid assistant to the supervising plant engineer at the Liberty shipyards, this office during the Christmas season this

He also was engaged in hydrographic surveying and drafting in connection with the Charleston harbor improvements, at this time serving with the United States engineering department, and prior to 1918 was in the employ of the United States district engineer's office here.

office here.
Mr. Merritt worked as an assistant in connection with the triangulation of the Cape Fear river by the United States Coast and Geodetic survey. He was promoted to the grade of junior engineer by Maj. H. W. Sickle, former district engineer at Wilmington.

Ranking high as an engineer, Mr Merritt also has many friends who will be creatly interested in his advance-ment in his profession.

#### Christmas Pageant is Staged at Wrightsville

Friday night at the home of Mrs Morrison Divine, on Wrightsville sound, the Sunday school of Lebanon Episcopal chapel presented a Christmas pageant, "The Nativity," which was beautifully staged.

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The program follows:
Processional, "Joy of the World":
annunciation, "Magnificat": manger
scene, "Silent Night," "Oh, Little Town
of Bethlehem"; shepherd's watch, "It
Came Upon a Midnight Clear": "Angels
Adore Him," infant class; recessional,
"Onward Christian Soldiers."

Music was rendered by the full

Music was rendered by the full vested choir. "Mary" was essayed by Elizabeth Taylor, and the "Angel," by

#### Christman to Talk at Red Springs Tomorrow

Raymond D. Christman, district deputy grand chancellor Knights of Pythias, will deliver an address Tuesday night before the Red Springs lodge Knights of Pythias, on the occassion of the installation of officers there. leave Wilmington Tuesday morning, and expects to be away for several days.

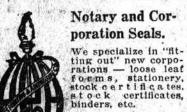
#### Brigade Juniors to Meet Fremont "Five"

Eight youngsters of the Boys Brigade are looking forward to Saturday, when they journey to Fremont for a basket ball game with the cage stars

been working hard for this game and expect to bring home the bacon, with a safe margin to spare. If the practice game they played with an All Star team from the Co. C league means anyto 3 score against the All Stars last

The following junior stars of the brigade will make the trip; James Wen- | rections. burg, James Brady, Fred Jewell, Joe Kerr, Leo May, Robert Newton, Ernest Beale and Fred Grotgen. The team will be in charge of W. C. Montgomery. The trip will be made through the country in machines, driven by Kiwan-ians W. A. French, I. W. Solomon and W. C. Montgomery.

Rolling stones reach the bottom. Do you realize poetry for spring magazines is being written now?



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Postal Workers and Thanks the Public

TO PRACTICE HERE Warren G. Elliott Says Holiday Mails a Third Heavier Than Last Year

> Reporting that the Christmas mails were more than a third heavier this season than last year, Warren G. Elliott. postmaster, stated yesterday that he desired to thank the public for the excellent manner in which the people in handling the mails during the holi-

Postmaster Elliott expressed himself as greatly pleased with the loyalty shown by the postal clerks and carriers during the rush period, saying "I could not have asked for any better service from them." "To a man," he said, "fhey served faithfully, efficiently and courtered."

nergies to this line of business. He reported that the public took adnergies to this line of business. wantage of the "man early" slogan, He graduated from State college in thereby relieving to a great extent the 913, with a backleton of engineering congestion in the mails that otherwise would have obtained.

Five trucks were kept running daily

during the holiday period, and deliveries were made from early morning

year, said that it has never been ex-

## HIGHWAY BOARD **PUBLISHES DETOURS**

Motor Traffic For Week Announced

Road detours for the coming week vere announced yesterday by the state

highway commission: Durham-Roxboro Northbound traffic turn to right at intersection with Ba-hama road and follow detour to Bahama road and follow detour to Bahama and follow detour through Bahama and follow detour through Rougemont to intersection with main road at Lew's Store, 1 mile beyond railroad crossing. Turn to right and continue on main road, route No. 13. Southbound traffic follow reverse order. South Carofina line to Tryon-Columbus—Northbound traffic will follow route No. 19 to one half mile of Tryon, detour sign, then turn to right up Godforks of road, turn sharp to right. Con- lights were thrown on specially Meta McGowan.

A neat sum was realized through a Lynn bridge to route No. 19.

Southbound traffic will follow route and 3

No. 19 to Lynn bridge, turn to right, follow Howard Gap road to Cantrells orchestra, and eight students com-Mill, sign, turn to right, follow Hendersonville road one mile. Detour sign, sharp turn to left, follow route No. 19 into Tryon, up Trade street to railroad crossing. Thence turn to left up Godshaw hill, detour sign, turn to right one block, detour sign. Turn to right cross railroad, follow route to

route No. 19.
Through Forest City: Follow detour signs through town of Forest City.
Whiteville - Chadbourn: Westbou traffic turn to the right about one mile west of Whiteville, thence three-quar-ters of a mile turning to the right thence one mile turning to the left; thence two miles turning to the left at school house; thence to route No. 20 turning to right. Eastbound traffic tollow reverse of above. This detour is The local Princeton alumni in clare was marked with traffic detour signs and is in fair condition.

Wake Forest-Raleigh: Southbound of the following: Lawrence Springer traffic proceed through Wake Forest B. Grainger, Walker Taylor, Jr., by route No. 50 to Forestville, which is Chadbourn, Herbert Latimer. Wake Forest-Raleigh: Southbound two miles sout hof Wake Forest, turn A picked team composing the Varsity left and follow detour signs to Louis-from Co. C, averaging 120 pounds, will burg road. Turn right and follow lock horns with the fast Fremont Louisburg road to Central Filling sta-"five," and the youngsters are keyed to tion, turn left and follow asphalt road a high pitch of excitement. They have to Raleigh. Northbound traffic follow reverse of the above.

Louisburg-Castalia: Eastbound traffic turn to right at road three-quarters mile north of court house in Louisburg and follow detour to its inthing, they will be able to take care of tersection with Louisburg-Castalia themselves, the Yarsity piling up a 75 road, called Stallings crossroads. Turn to left and continue along route No. 56. Westbound traffic turn to right at Stallings crossroads and follow reverse di-

Local detour: Louisburg to end of hard surface road ending at route No. 56. Eastbound traffic turn to right at road 0.4 miles north of court house, Louisburg, and follow detour to its intersection with Louisburg-Sastalia road, route No. 56. Turn to left and continue along route No. 56. Westbound traffic follow reverse directions

Bridge detour: Road closed around bridge on account of water and mud, traffic detoured around from Maple-ville to end of hard surface in Louis-

Mapleville detour: Mapleville Louisburg. Westbound traffic leave main road one-quarter of a mile east of Mapleville, turning to left into Margaret-Spring Hope road and follow signs on detour to intersection of detour with main road, at end of hard surface in Louisburg. Then follow local detour described above into Louis-Eastbound traffic reverse direc

J. H. MALLARD ILL

Seventh and Ann Sts.

Friends will be glad to learn that some improvement was noted yester-day in the condition of J. H. Mallard who suffered a slight stroke of paraly sis several days ago.



## COLLEGIANS MAKE HIT IN FINE PLAY

Man From Earth at Victoria Saturday Proved Distinct Itrionic Triupmh

That Wilmington furnished one of the most opreciative audiences of 15 cities in which the Princeton Triangle club has shown on its present tour, was co-operated with the postal employes declared by members of the club just prior to the departure of the 76 collegians on a special train Saturday night, after the production of "The Man From Earth," which is regarded by everybody as the finest show that has ever been staged in this city. Ticket sales in Wilmington were \$750 in excess of tickets sold when the club showed in

Savannah last week.

Brilliant artistic, and humorous, with enhancing stage effects, "The Man From Earth" entertained Wilmington society as it has hardly before been entertained; and there was not the slightest amateurish element about the entire performance, so near professiona perform. Then, too, the acting was done by students of Princeton, and even the "girls," 20 in number, were

Princeton Princeton boys.

And the 18-piece orchestra certainly struck a responsive chord among the music lovers, because never has such music been heard in this city, for there were strains of the ultra-modern school, with orchestration of the sort indulged in by DeBussy and Richard Strauss. Only grand opera could surpass the Princeton club orchestra, and the applause following each rendition must have convinced the Princeton players that they were in a land that

players that they were in a land that appreciated mood music.

The book prepared by five of the undergraduates is filled with clever lines and timely expressions, without so much as a stale jest. The Martian scene furnished opportunity for unique List of Routing For Guidance of and colorful settings and custumes, and the complicated story concerning the flurry caused among the inhabitants of Mars by the sudden appearance of an earthly visitors.

of an earthly visitors.

The song's were of happy measure, the words being the wittlest ever set to music of high order, alternating snappy and tuneful compositions of the latest popular type with others in which strains of the ultra modern with school, and they were received with

ers of surpassing ability, who had the support of a finely drilled chorus with detour sign, then turn to right up God-shaw Hill into Tryon. Thence through Tryon to Trade street, to one-fourth shally attractive idea was introduced mile out of Tryon, turn to left follow at the conclusion of the show in the Hendersonville road one-half mile to "Violet Ray", ballet, in which purple tinue to Cantrell's' Mill sign, thence pared clothes giving a unique radium

There were 14 members in the cast and 36 in the chorus, this number, together with the 18 members of the prising the staff, making a total of 76 Princetonians, were delightfully enertained during their short stay in Wilmington.

Immediately after arriving in Wilmington Saturday morning, the stud-ents were escorted to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walter, "Airlie-on-the-sound," where they were entertained at dinner. A tea dansant was given in their honor in the afternoon at the Cape Fear Country club, and a stag supper was served in their hono at the Cape Fear club Saturday night. Princetonians expressed themselves s having been better entertained in Wilmington than at any point they had heretofore visited, and Wilmingstonians gave high opinion of the honor reof making arrangements for the pre entation of the show was con

Latimer and Hugh Calder. Mr. Grainger has served as manager for the alumni, and much of the credit for the successful presentation of The Man from Mars" is due him, alumni members state.

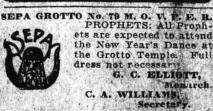
MRS. JENKINS HERE Mrs. T. J. Jenkins, of Goldsboro, spending New Year's with Mr. a. Mrs. J. W. Fleet. Mrs. M. M. Sellers, of Latta is also the guest of Mr. and

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#### "Up in Mabel's Room" to Show at Academy

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The Pickert Stock company opens their second week engagement at the Academy of Music today by presenting to the people of Wilmington that beautiful comedy, "Up In Mabel's Room." The matinee will start at 3:30 o'clock and the evening performance

will begin at 8:30. When Wilson Collison and Otto Harbach settled down to write "Up In Mabel's Room," the world-famous farce comedy that is to be the feature at the Academy today: Tuesday and Wednes day, they must have determined to crowd into it all of the legitimate fun they could concoct and get in with reason. That they accomplished this, even better than they could have known, is evidenced by the reception that this bill had first in New York and afterwards on its road tour. It stands as one of the funniest farce

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omedies that has ever been written. The manner in which the Pickert Stock company is planning to present it will insure a production well above the average. Manager Kermon has given orders that no expense be spared to make the presentation one that will not be forgotten for some time to come, from a scenic as well as an acting standpoint.

standpoint.
"Up In Mabel's Room" is based on a harmless gift to an attractive young woman by Garry during the days before he was married. The compilea-tions that arise as a result, centering in Mabel's room, provide unlimited merriment.

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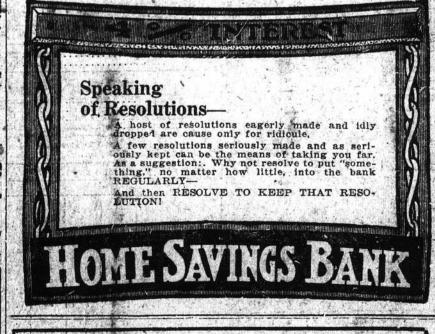
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