

LYON'S MEASURE TO SELL MARINE HOSPITAL INDORSED

House Committee and Treasury Secretary Favor Sale of Property to City

The house committee on public buildings and grounds yesterday reported favorably on Representative H. L. Lyon's bill, authorizing the government to sell the Marine hospital and grounds at Wilmington to the city government, according to press dispatches received last night.

The treasury department has given its approval to the bill, and it is felt certain that the measure will be enacted, so that negotiations by Mayor James H. Cowan and Commissioners Joseph E. Thompson and R. C. Cantwell, Sr. may be started soon.

The treasury department recently had a representative in Wilmington and he appraised the property at \$20,000, for the purpose of a park and playgrounds. However, he made it plain that the value of the property for other purposes would be considerably in excess of this figure.

There are about six blocks that would be available for playgrounds, in event the city government purchases the property from the federal government. Mayor Cowan explained last night that the Robert Strange playgrounds, comprising about two blocks, are leased by the city, but that there is a proviso in the lease, that the government may cancel this lease on 30 days notice. He said that this contingency caused the commissioners to be dubious as to the advisability of installing permanent playground facilities, but that, in event the city secures a deed to the land, the city government will equip the park with the very latest park devices.

If the city should buy the property it would eliminate any possibility of conflict between city and governmental authorities over the operation of the park. As it now stands, it is illegal for any admission fee to be charged to any football, baseball or other games played on the reservation, and the sports of the city have been handicapped by this ruling, in that financial losses have been sustained by the team organizations through patrons failing to contribute sufficient money to defray expenses.

"What's Your Husband Doing?", at Academy

The Pickert stock company presented at the Academy of Music last night and will continue throughout the week with a special matinee on Saturday. George V. Hobart's beautiful farce comedy, "What's Your Husband Doing?"

That is a question that has been asked over and over for generations past and will continue to be talked of for generations to come. What would you do if you found your wife on a perfectly innocent mission to a road house with your best friend, especially when you were there with your friend's wife? This and other ridiculous situations confront the audience in "What's Your Husband Doing?"—full of laughter from beginning to end.

Goldsboro Officials Inspect Pumper Here

City Manager Grantham and Fire Chief Yelverton, of Goldsboro, accompanied by A. J. Scott, an automobile dealer of that city, were in Wilmington yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the Packard pumper of the Wilmington fire department.

Fire Chief Schnibben yesterday afternoon had the local laddies give a demonstration of this apparatus at the foot of Chestnut street. None of the visiting officials expressed any opinion one way or the other as to what they thought about the machine, but it is thought that they were favorably impressed with the efficiency of the Packard pumper.

The Goldsboro city officials are negotiating for the purchase of motor fire apparatus.

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Naval Seaplane Fleet Observed at Southport

The fleet of naval seaplanes bound south from Newport News for Guantanamo for winter maneuvers, passed over Southport yesterday and left Georgetown, S. C., at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The main body of the fleet was delayed for several hours at Georgetown while awaiting stragglers who could not keep up with the schedule between Morehead City and Georgetown.

EVANGELIST GILL MAKES FINE PLEA

Services at Immanuel Presbyterian Church Continue to Draw Crowds

Evangelistic services, conducted by the Rev. Leonard Gill, at Immanuel Presbyterian church continue to draw large audiences, the services last night being the most largely attended and the most successful of the series.

The Rev. Mr. Gill preached a powerful sermon, using as his text second Corinthians, 5-20 verses, "We are ambassadors for Christ." He developed a theme out of this text regarding the dedication of life to Christ, and made a stirring appeal to church members to dedicate their lives to Christ.

Many members of Immanuel church and members of other churches came forward after the sermon and gave their hand to the Rev. D. T. Caldwell, the pastor, pledging that they would dedicate their lives to Christ. Several persons made confession of faith in the church for the first time.

The meeting was the most successful that has been held in the church. Another meeting will be held tonight at 7:45 o'clock, and the Rev. Mr. Gill will preach.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in Immanuel church, the Rev. Mr. Gill will preach a special sermon to women only and it is certain that there will be a large audience to hear this message of the evangelist to the women of Wilmington.

The song service, led by Andrew Burr, continues to be a big feature, especially the singing of the young people.

Coast Liners Defeat Infantrymen, 39-36

The City league games at the Young Men's Association seem to be getting faster and faster as the season opens up. The Atlantic Coast Line-W. L. I. game last night furnished thrill after thrill as first one team and then the other would make a spurt and cage three or four much needed baskets. At half time the field basket total was tied at 12 each, but the W. L. I. led, because they cashed in better on their free tries. In the second half the W. L. I. was not allowed to do much scoring, while their opponents made hay while the sun shone. The line up follows:

A. C. L.—Westbrook, forward, Horne, forward; Gora, center; Holden, guard; Skipper, guard.
W. L. I.—Geischen, forward; Brittain, forward; Purlong, center; Bremer, guard; Taylor, guard.

PENSION FOR OLD TIME SLAVES LATEST

Colonel Beasley Would Remember Negroes Who Remained Loyal During War of '61

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—While Congressman C. M. Stewman, of the Fifth North Carolina district, an officer of the Confederate army, is asking congress to erect a monument on public ground in Washington to the memory of the "faithful colored mamnies of the south," another Civil War veteran is endeavoring to interest the general assembly here in a measure providing a pension for slaves who followed their masters into the southern army and remained faithful to them.

Colonel W. F. Beasley, of Plymouth, is the advocate of this plan. He told the Associated Press that about one hundred of these faithful former slaves remain alive in North Carolina and that the cost of a pension for them during the remainder of their lives would not be a heavy drain on the treasury.

During the years in which the state has paid pensions to the white Confederate soldiers, contribution to this fund has been collected regularly by taxation from the negro citizens of the state, he said. The fact these tax payments have been met without complaint, stated the veteran, is an additional reason why the state should pass the measure he has proposed.

The bill would require the testimony of two fellow soldiers to corroborate the claim of service in the army to make it eligible.

OFFER FOR DEMPSEY
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—An offer of \$50,000 pounds sterling, about \$250,000, to meet Joe Becker in London, June 4, was received today for Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, by Dan McKeitric, his eastern manager, from George McDonald, English promoter, representing Captain Golding, a British sportsman.

Many a man looks run down because of the bills his wife runs up.

DR NESBITT SAYS PROGRESS OF CITY GREAT IN 4 YEARS

Former City and County Health Officer Visiting His Sister Here

"Wilmington is the best place on earth, and I am coming back to stay here some day," Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, former city and county health officer, but recently of Chicago, declared last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. P. Cline, 1320 Chestnut street.

Dr. Nesbitt, who has not visited this city since leaving here four years ago, stated that "Wilmington has developed tremendously. He noted the many changes that have taken place, declaring that Wilmington's progress speaks well for the city government and citizens.

He advised that he heard very good reports at Washington concerning the work of Dr. J. H. Hamilton, present county health officer, and said that he was more than interested in health conditions here. He was instrumental in establishing a number of measures for the advancement of health in this city and county.

Dr. Nesbitt has been in charge of the government hospital annex, No. 20, in the city of Chicago, but reports that he is on leave now, preparatory to taking station at some other point.

This is the first leave Dr. Nesbitt has had in four years, and it is very probable that he will remain in Wilmington for several weeks, during which time he will be greeted by many friends.

Brigade Seniors Will Play Two Games Tonight

What promises to be two of the season's best basketball exhibitions will be played by the Boys' Brigade seniors tonight when they lock horns at 8:15 o'clock. There is no admission to the games and a large crowd will doubtless turn out for the fray.

The first scrap of the evening will be between the husky Giants and the fast Pirates. This game promises to be interesting from start to finish. Both teams are in good shape and a close game will no doubt result.

The second game will be between the league leading Reds and the Braves, who are only one game behind. This exhibition should be one of the best seen at the Brigade in some time. Fans who witnessed the game between these two teams several weeks ago are eager to see them meet again tonight. This game is one of the most crucial of the series, for should the Reds win they will have a two game lead. However, the Braves are bent on winning, so they will tie for top, and the final result will perhaps remain in doubt until the last minute.

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Nurses Held Annual Meeting Yesterday

The Nurses' association held its annual meeting yesterday, with Miss Sue McQueen presiding, and reports showing progress for the year just closed were read by the various officers.

A nominating committee was named to select officers for the current year, composed of the following: Mayor James H. Cowan, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin and Mrs. E. K. Bryan.

Oil Stove Explodes; Child Burns to Death

(Special to the Star.)
NEW BERN, Jan. 11.—A fire caused by an oil stove explosion was responsible for the death of a 3-year-old negro infant, and the serious burning of his aunt, Hattie Hardison, on Carroll street early tonight. The house which was owned by Mary Bell, grandmother of the child, was a complete loss.

Efrem W. J. Dismay, and S. L. Harrison, accompanied by Deputy Insurance Commissioner Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, who arrived here tonight for a meeting with the local fire board, discovered the burned child. The Hardison woman is in St. Luke's hospital, her injuries undetermined so far.

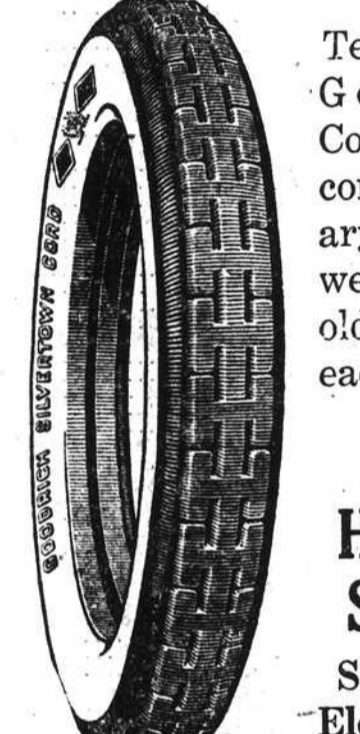
LETTER CARRIERS CHOOSE TWIN CITY

Postal Workers Will Meet There Beginning Monday

WINSTON-SALEM, Jan. 11.—The annual convention of the North Carolina branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers will be held in Winston-Salem, beginning Monday, January 15.

Several representatives from the postoffice department in Washington will attend. Delegates are expected from all parts of the state.

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Judge Grady Exiles Alleged Negro Burglar

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NEW BERN, Jan. 11.—William Henry Bryant, negro, the third defendant to be brought before Judge Henry A. Grady in superior court here for burglary, has been banished from the state. The prisoner pleaded guilty to breaking into the home of John Guion, a member of the New Bern bar, several months ago and a sentence of ten years in the state penitentiary, capias not to issue for ten days, was imposed by Judge Grady.

The case against S. E. Tilton, former superintendent of county roads, was quashed today when the judge allowed motion of attorney. Mr. Tilton was arraigned on a warrant charging neglect of duty in connection with the county road gang during his term as superintendent.

The longest sentence imposed by Judge Grady in his first week as superior court judge was imposed on "Doc" Stamps, a negro, convicted of highway robbery. The prisoner drew three years on the county roads. His companion in the crime, Dave Murphy, negro, drew six months.

RECOMMENDED FOR OFFICE
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Representative Abernethy was today notified by the postoffice department that the following eligibles have been chosen for consideration at Burgaw postoffice: Annie B. Learned, James G. Carlton and Don S. Saunders.

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