

LIONS TO PRESENT DECLAMATION MEDAL TO SCHOOL STUDENTS

Club is Anxious to Promote Oratory in New Hanover County High School

To encourage oratory among the senior students of the New Hanover county high school the Lions club on yesterday decided to offer each year two medals, one to the boy and one to the girl, chosen by a committee as being the best declaimers for that year in the high school.

The idea was presented to the club by Lion D. A. Caldwell, who explained that little or nothing was being done in Wilmington to promote oratory among the local high school students. After the club had acted favorably in the matter a committee was named by President M. O. Eird to investigate the matter more thoroughly with a view of making the official announcement at the high school.

Lion Caldwell also reminded his fellow members that the executives of Motte's business college had offered a free scholarship to any deserving boy or girl whom they represented. Lion Caldwell stated that he knew of a girl very desirous of taking a business course, but without means of so doing. Lion Caldwell was instructed to notify the girl of the club's willingness for her to take advantage of the scholarship offered by the business college, which is to be known as the "Lion Scholarship."

Lion C. C. Brown reported that an election would be held in Wilmington on June 19 to decide if the citizens were willing to have their property taxed to a very small extent to provide a fund for advertising Wilmington. He urged every member of the club to take an interest in the election and to work for a favorable vote.

Lion Walter Blair stated to the members of the club that he representing the Lions club, J. F. Roache, representing the Rotary club, and R. C. Cantwell, Jr., representing the Kiwanis club, had visited the plant of E. W. Godwin on Smith's creek in the movement to establish closer relations between the citizens of the city and local industries.

Lion George C. Jackson, high sheriff of the county, reminded the club of the recent action of the negro Bender, who gave to county officials a list of 40 prominent persons to whom, he, Bender, had sold moonshine whiskey, and stated that he was under the impression that the name of Lion Tom Croon was on the list.

Entertainment was furnished the club members by a quartet composed of Gus Darden, Charlie Lynch, Ken McKenzie and Gray Hicks, who performed on string instruments.

Septic Tanks Ordered for Beach Residences

The aldermen of Wrightsville Beach met Thursday morning at the office of the mayor, Thos. H. Wright. At this meeting the subject of jetties was discussed at length, and the officials felt that this work will do much for the building and improvement of the beach.

An ordinance was passed requiring all property owners who may build on the beach on or after May 1, 1928, to install a septic tank at their own expense, to be installed under the regulations of the board and subject to its approval.

The affairs of the beach were found in highly satisfactory condition and the outlook for the new season is most gratifying, it was said.

STRONG ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PORT

Chamber Committee at Work on Brief for Port and Terminal Commission

In the brief now being prepared for the state port and terminals commission by a special committee of the chamber of commerce, strong arguments are being set forth as to why the port of Wilmington should be recommended to the General Assembly by the commission as the logical location for the terminals of the projected state owned steamship line.

Louis T. Moore, secretary, and C. C. Chadbourn and Capt. C. D. Maffitt, members of the chamber of commerce, on yesterday spent a considerable period mapping out the type of data to be contained in the brief, which is to be many pages in length, and which the committee hopes to file with the port commission within two or three days.

Numerous reasons are being given why Wilmington has the call over all other North Carolina ports. Among the substantial facts being mentioned are the railroad advantages the Cape has to offer; the fact that the Cape Fear river now has a channel depth of 26 feet, which no other state port has; the fact that a movement is now on foot for a 30 foot channel from the ocean to the city; the fact that there are now several ocean terminals here; that there are located here marine works and marine railways; the fact that the river is always clear of ice, and does not contain the tories; the fact that a railroad belt line serves the entire waterfront; and scores of other reasons.

Just as soon as the chamber committee completes the brief it will be filed with the commission, but when commissioners meet in Raleigh next month to consider the briefs it is not unlikely that a committee will be sent by the chamber to offer additional verbal arguments.

Four Deeds Filed For Record Thursday

Deeds filed yesterday for record included: Co-operative Building and Loan association to Home Realty company for \$1 and other considerations, lot on Rankin street, 39 feet west of Bay street, 33x66 feet.

H. C. Blake and wife to A. M. Blake and wife, for \$100 and other considerations, lot on west side of north Tenth street, 67 feet south of Grace street, 66x130 feet.

Ed Mercer and wife to Barnes-Harrell company, for \$1 and other considerations, lot No. 2, block 19, Wilmington beach.

L. T. Rogers and wife to Robert Ennett Owens and wife, for \$100 and other considerations, lot in Tennessee avenue, 66 feet east of Elm street, 66x132 feet, in Summer Hill tract.

BUSINESS WOMEN WILL HAVE OUTING TOMORROW

To contribute to the fund, that is being raised to build a club house, the members of the Business and Professional Women's clubs will give an automobile ride and oyster roast tomorrow afternoon.

This entertainment feature has been arranged by a committee headed by Miss Ellie White. Although practically the entire membership of the club will go on the ride, the affair is not confined strictly to the organization, and many outsiders are expected to participate.

Automobiles will leave the corner of Fifth and Market streets promptly at 2:30. After a ride through the country, the party will go to Grainger's Point, where an oyster roast will be served.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

A big audience is expected to witness the mystery entertainment to be put on at the high school auditorium this evening by the Murphy-Mitchell entertainers for the benefit of the high school athletic fund. Tickets for the entertainment can be purchased from any high school student. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the high school orchestra.

GEODETIC STEAMER TO TAKE SOUNDINGS OFF CAPE FEAR BAR

Lydonia Will Make Port of Wilmington Her Headquarters During Summer Months

That the United States steamer Lydonia would come to Wilmington shortly and make her headquarters here during the summer while engaged in coast and geodetic survey work off Cape Fear river bar and along the North Carolina coasts, is announced in a letter just received by the chamber of commerce from the treasury department.

Whether or not the engineers aboard the Lydonia will engage in some special geodetic work near Cape Fear, or simply make regular periodical soundings of the ocean bottom in near-by waters, is not definitely known. However, it is believed that the coming of the Lydonia is in connection with soundings that will be made necessary on account of the proposed changing of the channels of Cape Fear river bar.

An effort was made by Louis T. Moore, secretary of the chamber, to secure the coast guard cutter dock at the custom house for the use of the Lydonia, but a telegram from Washington indicated that the use of the wharf for such would be only temporary. The city commissioners have offered the use of the docks at the Liberty shipyard.

The Lydonia is a vessel of 338 net tons, 151 feet in length with proportionate beam and draft. She is mastered by Capt. A. M. Sobieralski, and has a crew of seven officers and 48 men. The monthly payroll is approximately \$6,000, and approximately \$7,000 is expended each month for provisions, coal, fuel, etc.

The master of the Lydonia has been furnished with a list of local ship chandlers, coal and fuel dealers and ship repair plants. It is possible that the vessel will undergo repairs here immediately upon her arrival.

CONNOR TO REVIEW BOND CASE PAPERS

May Render Decision in Case of Southport vs. Commercial Bank Next Week

Judge H. G. Connor of the United States district court, has written Cleves M. Symmes, deputy clerk of the court, to forward to him at New Bern the latter part of the week, all papers and the testimony in the case of the city of Southport against the Commercial National bank, the Liberty Savings bank, J. W. Brooks, C. A. Underwood, T. C. Cooper and J. C. O'Rourke.

This case was tried here April 2, and Judge Connor ordered that briefs of attorneys be sent to him within ten days. The case involves \$40,000 worth of municipal bonds issued by the city of Southport, but the city contends that as it has never received the proceeds of the sale of bonds, it is not liable, and the bonds should be cancelled.

The clerk anticipates that Judge Connor will render a decree in the case while at New Bern. He is at Washington this week, holding the regular spring term, from which place he goes to New Bern Monday for two weeks.

Southport interests have been making a hard fight in the case, and the citizens of that place, as well as local business men, are manifesting an unusual interest in the matter. The decision of Judge Connor will, therefore, be awaited with keen anticipation.

Community Program William Hooper Tonight

There will be a community service entertainment at the William Hooper school tonight at 8 o'clock.

The program includes community songs a violin solo, a negro sermon, spring play by a school class and a black and tan monologue by local artists as well as many other entertaining features. A very enjoyable evening is promised all who attend and the public is cordially invited.

BENDER FOUND GUILTY IN RECORDER'S COURT

Sentenced to Four Years on County Roads, Judgement Suspended Two Years

D. W. Bender, negro, was adjudged guilty in recorder's court yesterday of receiving, selling, transporting and having in his possession intoxicating liquor in violation of the prohibition law and confessed and plead guilty to manufacturing intoxicating liquor. He was sentenced to four years in jail to be assigned to the county roads, but judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs and the defendant required to give bond of \$500 and to report to the court the first Monday in each month to show good behavior and that he has not violated any part of the prohibition laws.

If at any time, during the suspended sentence, of four years, Bender violates any of the prohibition laws, Recorder Harris warned he would be brought into court and required to put into effect.

Other cases disposed of were as follows:

Running disorderly house, Mrs. Ruth Jones, continued until the 20th; P. L. Huffman, embezzlement and forgery, open until the 20th, bond \$500; Henry Michaels, receiving stolen goods, no pros with leave; J. C. Cox, violation prohibition law, not guilty; Rosa Collins, violation health law, guilty, judgment suspended costs; John Foy, violation sanitary law, guilty, judgment suspended costs; L. C. McDaniel, violation auto tax and reckless operation of automobile, waived appearance and plead guilty, judgment suspended on payment of \$20 fine and costs; J. C. Cox, operating auto while intoxicated, guilty, fined \$50 and costs, and 30 days in jail, jail sentence to be suspended provided defendant does not operate an automobile in New Hanover county for 12 months; George Rountree, Jr., speeding, waived appearance and plead guilty, judgment suspended on payment costs.

STATE TREASURER MAY TAKE ACTION TO RECOVER \$25,000

State Had This Amount in Commercial Bank When Institution Failed Recently

To secure the return of \$25,000 in state funds on deposit in the Commercial National bank, of this city, when that bank failed some time ago, State Treasurer B. R. Lacy will likely resort to the courts, according to information which has been received here from Raleigh.

Treasurer Lacy is not disturbed over the matter, if the information reaching here from Raleigh is to be believed. The only question in the mind of the treasurer relative to the reimbursement of the state is that of whether it shall be made good from one surety bond of \$40,000 or prorated between it and a personal bond of \$125,000 signed by W. B. Cooper and four other citizens of this city.

Speaking of the matter in Raleigh recently the state treasurer said that he had declined to make a deposit in the institution of which T. E. Cooper was president; on the personal bond of \$125,000 which had previously protected state deposits and required a surety bond. This bond was given in the amount of \$40,000 by the Royal Indemnity company, of New York, covering deposits totaling \$25,000. When demand was made of the bonding company to make good, the concern hedged with the contention that the \$25,000 should be prorated between the personal bond, which had not been returned to the bank, and the surety bond. The treasurer and the attorney general contend that the bonding company alone is responsible.

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Meeting Cape Fear Poultry Association

The meeting of the Cape Fear Poultry association was held last night in the customs building and the regular business being finished, the association was addressed by P. C. Eglemyer, of Greensboro, and a member of the American Poultry association. He made a most interesting talk on poultry matters to the association, which was very much enjoyed.

The president and secretary of the club also made short talks.

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