# Wilmington Morning Star Local News Social News FOUNDED A. D. 1867 .--- VOL. CXI .-- No. 49. WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 22, 1923. SCHOOL ABSENTEES



Walter Blair to Be in Charge -Opening Will Be on Thursday Next

Announcement was made yesterday by Efird's department store that the ow furniture department that the management has been contemplating installing for some time will be opened next Thursday. A furniture department in a depart-

store of the size and type of Efird's is something of an innovation and as far as can be learned no other depariment store has a similar depart-Efird's is the pioneer in this ine and from his announced policy of selling for cash and as cheap as is con-

sistent with good business policies, it appears to the outsider, according to opinions expressed by many, that the new department will be a most pronounced success.

## Blair in Charge

Walter Blair, native Wilmingtonian, who is well known throughout the enthe city, will be in charge of the new partment and will have complete control in all respects over the furniture end of the Efird store. Mr. Blair is an experienced furniture man. Formerly he was with W. J. Bradshaw and company, but resigned his position there to take charge of the new Efird department. Mr. Blair will be assisted v a corps of three assistants, who will give their entire time to the furniture

department. "It will be our policy to sell goods | for cash and at as low a figure as pos-

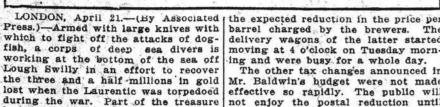
sible." Mr. Blair declared yesterday afternoon. Continuing he said: "We will buy our goods for spot cash, take advantage of every discount possible, and therefore will be able to sell our goods at a much lower figure than is the case with those who buy on credit and necessarily have to pay a higher price for goods. Every cent saved through the purchase of furniture for cash and every cent saved by taking advantage of discounts will ultimately go to the person who buys the furniture, for it will be the policy. of the new department to give the cusomer every advantage possible."

A complete delivery service will be established and goods bought will be delivered just a short while after the purchaser leaves the store.

#### Mail Orders

Mail order trade will be catered to n the new department and those orders that are received by mail will be customer himself selects and at-The packing of all goods tends to. that will be shipped will be carefully supervised and the new department is up a mail order trade that will comstores in much larger cities. The stock of the new store will-be

all that can possibly be asked, Mr. Blair says, and to judge from the amount of varied and different kinds furniture that has already arrived this statement can be taken at its face value, for already a mammoth stock on hand and more will arrive before to any one line to the detriment of an-



has already been salvaged. Heavy weather has torn the Laurentic to pieces and strewn the gold along the ocean floor. The task of the divers is made especially difficult because of

LONDON NEWS LETTER

By Cable to the Associated Press

the great depth of the water in which they are obliged to work, and the strongest of them are frequently overcome. The wreck is well covered with sand, which must be removed by steam suction pumps operated from the salvage vessel. An audience that taxed the capacity

of the Old Viv theater this afternoon saw "Hamlet" played in its entirety. production which required five hours for presentation, was the annual offering of the London players whose mission is to keep the national bard's

works before the English public. In the abridged version of the play usually seen in London or American theaters during the Shakespearean revival of last winter, "Hamlet" appears as a collection of fine spheres that may be enjoyed in the space of three hours time; but to see the dramatist's work as it was written, one must take a half day off.

The

The British workman, stopping at his favorite "pub" for an appetizer on the way home to supper last Monday night enjoyed the full benefit of the reduction of the penny a pint in the price of beer, which had been made possible by the announcement of the chancellor of the, exchequer in the house of commons only an hour before. The machinery of British law enjoys a reputation for swift movement. Chief Justice Taft came to England last year to investigate the rapidity of legal procedure here; but the courts of justice move at a snail's pace as compared with the synchronized action of the house of commons and of the brewers aland. in putting in force the beer tax reduction as soon as Mr. Baldwin had spoken

the word. Many publicans had let their stocks run low in order to take advantage of

been given over to the new department. The main hall of that floor will be occupied for general furniture and already there is on display all winds as carefully attended to as those which and quantities of furniture from modest well-made sets to the most handsome of mahogany and overstuffed

living-room and bed-room suites. In the room that was formerly used of the opinion that it can soon build as a tea-room, the new concern has a line of sun-parlor and porch furniture pare favorably with that of furniture that is second to none in the state. A specialty will be made of this kind and class of furniture, for it is thought that a complete line of this kind of furniture will sell rapidly and be in constant demand.

While porch furniture will be stressed at the opening of the new depart-ment, the store has not confined itself her and a prospective purchaser can No shoddy furniture of any kind will easily furnish his home from top to Carolina Beach road who are planning furnishing a home the prospective purchaser. some big fish." HE LIKES EXCITEMENT.

barrel charged by the brewers. The delivery wagons of the latter started moving at 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning and were busy for a whole day. The other tax changes announced in

Mr. Baldwin's budget were not made effective so rapidly. The public will not enjoy the postal reduction until June, and those who are groaning under the income tax must wait several months before their burden is lessened si xpence a pound. Meanwhile, the laborites' spokesmen say they are still listening intently for the word that would mean a reduction in food prices.

One war organization which is still as hale and hearty as ever, is the "reunion of British war missions to the United States,' 'which holds its fourth annual dinner on Tuesday. 'The society is composed of those

military men and civilians who went to America before and after the states entered the war on various missions connected with the conflict. They enjoyed what they remember as "the great American hospitality" and they are maintaining their organization both to display their feeling toward the country that received them so warmly, and to maintain the ties of

war-time. Apart from the annual dinners, the society is carrying out various forms of practical work. For instance, its members are endeavoring to make

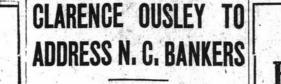
American students at Oxford and Cambridge feel at home in England by introducing them in English homes and by entertaining them during holidays. The society also offers prizes to school children for essays on Anglo-American history and relations, and is organizing a campaign for the acquisition by public libraries of books inter-preting America to England and is colecting all sorts of books from history to representative American flotion and government publications. The earl of Reading, as president of the society, has given a silver cup to be awarded to the winner of a golf contest be-tween members of the society and American golfers who reside in Eng-

Reason women don't dress sensibly is perfectly obvious. It would make them

Language Contest is

R. L. Hooke, teacher of the Myrtle Grove sound school, last week conducted a language contest with the idea of determining which pupil in the school was most proficient. The writings were to be in regards to general news subjects, and the paper of Mar-Southerland is reproduced guerite herewith "Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, of Wilming

Grove sound April 19, 1923. neighborhood is a concrete bridge Thursday evening which is now being built near the tions will be held:



State Convention to Open at Pinehurst May 3-Getting **Ready For the Association** 

PINERUFST, April 21 .-- & idrosses by Clarence Ousley Fort Worth, formerly Ousley, Fort Worth, Texas, formerly assistant secretary of agriculture; Gen. Laurence D. Tyson, Knoxville, Tenn., and C. E. Brooks, president, will feature the 27th annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' association here May 3-5, according to the program made public tonight.

Conferences of North Carolina chap-ters of the American Institute of Banking, Asheville, Charlotte, Greens-boro and Raleigh being among those represented, and members of the American Bankers' association in the state also will be held during the associa-

tion convention. The first session Thursday, May 3, will open with an organ recital in the New Carolina theater, followed by the call to order by President Brooks, vice president of the Citizens National bank, Hendersonville The address of welsons, Rockingham, with a response by J. W. Simpson, Greensboro. The annual address of the president, appoint-

order. A meeting of members of the Amerat 8 o'clock in the evening, while at 9 a reception by association offificers and their wives will be tendered at

the Carolina hotel, with a favor dance following. During the afternoon the qualifying round in the golf tournament, bridge parties, automobile rides, polo games and horse races will be cffered as entertainment features.

Reports of the treasurer and secretary will open Friday morning meeting. General Tyson's address will be followed by another by Mr. Ousley. Reports of group chairman and election of executive committeemen will be held next, with a general discussion of branch banking following, according to the program.

A mule race between representatives ment card. In the evening, a banquet will be served, after which a fiddlers contest will be staged.

cers will consume the time until ad-journment at noon.

In the afternoon a baseball game be tween Wake Forest College and North Carolina State will begin at 3 o'clock. At 4:30, a tea in honor of the ladies of the convention will be given by Mrs. Leonard Tufts, at Pinehurst Country club. The awarding of the gold tour nament and putting prizes will take place at the club house at 5:30 p. m., and at 6, a golf driving contest for men and women will be tendered at the Pinehurst country club at 9 in the

"A much needed improvement in our eighborhood is a concrete bridge Thursday evening the following elecevening.



The farmers and manufacturers of trade, and their facilities and advantages must be utilized to their capacity the middle west are seriously concernin developing the south and the middle ed regarding the transportation prob-

lem in connection with both domestic and foreign commerce. The Mississippi valley produces 70 per cent of the total export trade in the United States, consisting of food and manufactured products, or more than twice as much as the rest of the country put together. A manufacturer of the middle west ing situation on account of the blockcompeting in the same line with a

manufacturer of the east close to ocean transportation, when bidding on foreign orders, must always figure an extra freight cost from the Mississippi valley to seaboard in his bid. situation.

During the season of the grain move ment from August to November, the people in the east do not receive the local transportation service to which they are entitled on account of the abnormal through freight business; and the people of the middle west, who are anxious to get their manufactured come will be delivered by W. L. Par- products through promptly to their foreign and eastern customers, are also handicapped. On account of the congestion of the railroads, abnormal conment of committees, reading of reports ditions exist preventing the delivery of and announcements then will follow in their goods into the eastern and foreign markets. A similar condition exx-

ists in connection with the transportaican Bankers' association will be held tion of eastern products into western markets.

Every manufacturer knows that un less his goods are delivered promptly, it requires more capital to provide for the slow turn over, so that the question of outlets from the great Mississippi valley is most important, not only to the people of the middle west, but to the people of the east who are handi-

capped by this congested traffic going through their section of the country, precenting them from receiving ade quate service.

There is a maximum as to what the north Atlantic ports can do, and they have about reached that maximum.

Although they are making improvements, the increase that the improveof each of the ten groups will be the chief eevnt on the aftrnoon ntrtain. vide that service in connection with the vide that service in connection with the growth and development of the middle west which we need. Expansion of the

ports of New York, Boston, Philadel-E. S. Parker, Jr., Graham, will speak phia, Baltimore, etc., without expan-on State and Federal taxation at the Saturday morning session. Reports of the adequate movement of freight from the middle west into the eastern and ments, election and installation of offi- New England states, which have a population of about thirty million, must rovide for the domestic produce required from the middle west, as well as the exports and imports. This pre-sents a serious problem of not only adequate service to the middle west, but to the 30.000,000 people in the east who suffer when an abnormal through freight condition exists. This also seriously affects the delivery of our for-

eign shipments. Unless the railroads are permitted to expend and develop their facilities, the

only temporary relief for the next few years, as with the increase in popula-

development and expansion, but we must plan for tomorrow. The ports of Wilmington, Charleston Savannah, Brunswick, Jacksonville and other southern ports, are ready to serve the Mississippi valley. Their docks and facilities are not being used to their capacity, and any demands will be met promptly. The great south, which produced our cotton and other farm products, has made rapid strides in manufacturing

> of our country will be in the southern states. HOTEL ARRIVALS

> > **Hotel Wilmington**

Chas. K. Simon, New York; Millard Taylor, Nashville; R. E. F. McCann, Richmond, Va.; Saml. M. Vauclain, Philadelphia; G. Greenough; Philadelphia; Wm. A. Garrett, Philadelphia; Mrs. Samuel M. Vauclain, Miss Anne Vauclain, Mrs. S. M. Vauclain, Jr., Miss Amelia Vauclain, Miss Pabricio Vauclain, Philadelphia; William B. Keys Richmond, Va.; Russel A. Hey, Houston; Mrs. J. L. Hutchinson, Sumter; C H. Johnston, Birmingham, Ala.; D. D Hamblin, Chicago; G. P. Jones, Macon Ga.; W. R. Walker, Greensboro; W. T. Hassell, Charlotte; W. F. Johns, Atlanta; Edwin Bird Wilson, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey and children, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McKoy, Kinston; Mrs. C. Oettinger, Kinston; W. E. Boney, Kinston; Y. P. Chick, Charlotte: R. M. Watson, Nor folk, Va.; R. S. Brooks, Jr., Norfolk, Va.; W. R. Ethridge, Atlanta, Ga. Horace Upshur. Richmond; J. B. Clute Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor Atlanta: O. D. Brinser, Richmond, Va.

Frank DeLay, Atlanta; J. Max Isaac provements to the ports may give sohn, Atlanta; J. A. Hanlon, Atlanta, Samuel Dubois, New York City; R. E tion and manufacture in the New Eng-land and eastern states as well as in Hallsboro; D. E. Lawson, Florence; E. the middle west, the port facilities J. Waddell, Fair Bluff; Tanerede Huot, must go way beyond the present plan of improvement. St. Louis; Thos. Shelby. Jacksonville; F. B. Parrish, Jacksonville; J. D. of improvement. It is therefore absolutely essential Skeels, Plant City, Fla.; L. C. Houston that the south Atlantic ports be de- Thomasville, Ga.; M. C. Hayne, Washveloped. These ports have advantages ingi n, Ga.; D. B. Roberts, Norfolk, Va.; A. J. Branner, Balto.; G. A. Notfor relieving the eastern congestion ting, Jr., Richmond. that should be given immediate consideration, such as climatic conditions. Ignoring troubles makes them feel advantages for South American and African trade, as well as 'European pretty small.

OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.



Was Case Last Term

Speaking in regards to attendance at Let us not forget that we could not have gotten our materials out of our northern Atlantic ports nod served the people in that great section during the War if it had not been for our souther war if it had not been for our souther have souther been for our souther have the various city and county schools intendent of consolidated schools of New Hanover county, said that there Let us not forget that we could not war if it had not been for our southern had been fewer absentees and tardy ports. During the war the people of New England experienced a very try-case last term, and while the exact figures were not available, Major Graham ade of the railroads carrying war ma-terials, thus preventing them from se-record for the season of 1922\_1928 curing sufficient coal. The shipping would be a good deal less than the board placed in service ships from Nor- 1921-1922 period.

folk to Boston in order to relieve that Pupils who are absent from school or who arrive after school has convened My thought in advocating the develare always required to bring an excus opment of the south Atlantic ports is from their parents. Major Graham said adding that but few parents objected to sending in these reports. result of my confidence in the future

development of our country. It will be In a few cases parents have objected but when explained the reason for the hysically impossible for the northern Atlantic ports to take care of our forruling have in all instances gladly written the report. The co-operation eign commerce. There is no use in denying the fact that they have perthat the school officials have met with both from parents and pupils has been formed, and are now performing a great service to our country, in their about all that could be asked, the su perintendent said.

> New Building on Third Street Near Completion

The new garage and service station being erected on North Third street for MacMillan and Cameron is rapidly goand shipping, and I predict that in the ing forward and the structure has alnext decade the greatest development ready assumed such shape that the ordinary layman can look at it and tell that it will be a credit to the business

houses of the city. The building will be amply large to care for all business that the company will do and it is thought that much new business will be attracted to the firm by the stragetic location that has

been secured. MacMilllan and Cameron is one of the most progressive firms in the city and is constantly increasing in size and business done.

KINSTON CHIEF NOT TO SUCCEED HIMSELP

KINSTON, N. C., April 21.-George Everington, chief of police here, will not be a candidate for the office after the expiration of his term next month, he stated today. Everington said he had no idea that the place would be tendered him again. He has held the office two years, and a few of his predecessors have done better. He will be a foreman carpenter after he hands in his badge, if he can get such a job, he stated.

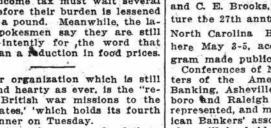
The office of police chief here has been "in politics" since its inception. Everington has construed the political winds to blow adversely to him.

# FLYING AMBULANCE.

PARIS, April 21.-When an invalid became ill here and needed to be transported to her physician in England, an airplane was quickly rigged flying ambulance and rushed the pa-tient across the channel. She will re-

look so foolish. Held at Myrtle Grove

ton, moved into the section of Myrtle



he handled by the Efird establishment bottom in the new department. Those that will cater to high class trade and will sell goods at a medium price, only are invited by the store to confer with high enough to secure a small profit. Mr. Blair or any of his assistants, who for the management believes that the will gladly give advice, price, and in volume of business that will be done all ways use helpful suggestions to will be enormous.

## Efird's Pioneer

inaugurate a "cash only" furniture sale and it is thought that it will prove a most thorough success for by buying for cash a prospective customer can save a rather large propert that is a plained he did it because he liked to Efird's is the first store in town to save a rather large percent that is not see the fire department rush to the possible if the credit plan or pay "soblaze.

The entire fifth floor of the Efird Harding got sunburned in Florida, building, Front and Grace streets, has where he had a hot time.

A member of the executive "Rev. C. N. Phillips is holding a' re-vival meeting at the Bethany Metho-dist church, on the belt road. "Messrs L. Southerland and T

dist church, on the belt road. "Messrs L. Southerland and E. Southerland, of Myrtle Grove sound section, have been fishing for the past few weeks and have been catching A member to serve on the nominat-in a dia National Bank, High Point. A vice president for the A. B. A. (to serve one year) to succeed A. M. Du-may. A member to serve on the nominat-in a dia National Bank, High Point. A vice president for the A. B. A. (to serve one year) to succeed A. M. Du-and E. A member to serve on the nominat-in a dia National Bank, High Point. A vice president for the A. B. A. (to serve one year) to succeed A. M. Du-and E. A member to serve on the nominat-tion a dia National Bank, High Point. A vice president for the A. B. A. (to serve one year) to succeed A. M. Du-A member to serve on the nominat-

WOLF PACK EATS TWENTY.

more than 20 human beings. Soviet authorities have sent machine-guns, mounted on sleds, to fight them.

A vice president for the A. B. A. (to

ing committee An alternate member of the nominat

ing committee. Vice-presidents for North Carolina RIGA, April 21.—Great packs of (to serve for one year) for the follow-wolves, some numbering 50, are rang- ing divisions: Trust Company, Savings ing throughout the Simbirsk region of Bank; National Bank and State Bank. southeastern Russia and have devoured In addition to President Brooks, th In addition to President Brooks, the officers of the North Carolina Bankers association are John D. Biggs, Wil-mington; S. A. Hubbard, Asheville; T. A. Uzzell, New Bern; Alan T. Bowler,

secretary, Raleigh, and Willis Smith, counsel, Raleigh.

able Timberland Has

**Been Burned** 

yet unsuccessful.

FOREST FIRES ARE

OLDER'N METHUSELAH. SUVA, Fiji, April 21 .- Roman Catholic nuns on the island of Mua in the Tonga group have as a pet a turtle which is authiritatively known to have

cover.

been presented to the island king in 1773—and the reptile was old then!



When Business is Good-

-as it is with us now, there is not the same incentive to advertise as when sales are few and far between.

However, experience has taught that persistent advertising, backed up by "the goods," is in a large measure responsible for good business.

We are busy, and happy, but not TOO busy to take care of YOUR order in the usual CLARK-LYNCH way!

# Clark-Lynch Lumber Co.

"Famous for Service"

is said, but havoc is being played with the trees and shrubbery in that sec-LETTERS IN DEATH PLOT. BERLIN, April 21.-More than 500 letters are being read in court here as evidence in the murder trial of Frau Rippe and Frau Klein, young women

charged with poisoning their husbands. In their letters they reveal intimate details of the alleged death plot, says the prosecutor. HOUSE OF MANY DOORS. LONDON, April 21 .- When the baliff vent to evict a family of squatters,

they broke in the rear door only to find another door erected behind it. In all they broke through seven doors. Then the squatters escaped through the front

ORGANDIE MODELS The organdie frock for this season is a bouffant model with ruffles and ribbons galore. Frequently it has a wide bertha or the drop shoulder line, so popular in the Victorian age.

CHEF'S LOVE-\$1,500. LONDON, April 21.-Catherine Daly waitress, said in court Constant Wil-liam, a chef, wooed her but proved inconstant. She got 61,500 for breach of omise.