

## Three Concerns Give \$25 On Christmas Decorations

Suggestion Made That Civic Clubs Might Sponsor Raising Money for Beautifying Garnett Street In Holiday Attire; Belie ve Money Can be Raised

Three business concerns voluntarily announced today they would make donations to the fund for decorating the city's shopping district for Christmas if a general movement were started, which they hoped would be done. Two of them gave \$10 each and the third \$5, starting off the fund with \$25.

Suggestions have been made that one or all of the three civic clubs—Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions—might sponsor the campaign for funds as a community service, and it was understood today the matter would be brought before the Kiwanis club Friday night, which is the next meeting of either of the three.

It was believed today the merchants would willingly contribute to a fund of approximately \$400, which would be needed to put the campaign over successfully.

C. S. Stevenson, who last year headed the funds and directed the operation of the decorations, has agreed to serve in that capacity again this season. He has already received quotations from the decorators, offering to place the pennants and banners bearing Christmas greetings and colors, and also to furnish the foliage and Christmas greens to go along with this equipment. Mr. Stevenson said today he had heard further from the company that they must know right away whether or not their equipment is wanted here.

It was felt by some today that the decorations ought to be placed next week, or certainly not later than the first of the following week, which would necessitate quick action on the part of the sponsors of the undertaking.

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## Red Cross Still Active For World War Veterans

"Seventeen years after the Armistice the American Red Cross is still carrying out its obligations to veterans of the World War." Sam Alford, chairman of the Vance County Red Cross Roll Call, said today in a statement disclosing that 286,984 veterans and their families received Red Cross aid last year.

"This assistance, which is a charter obligation of both the chapters and the national organization, includes help in presenting claims to the government for war-time injuries; material relief, which is often times needed while the claim is being settled; care of the families of men in hospitals, and many other types of service," Mr. Alford said.

"The organization has a staff of workers who are thoroughly familiar with the benefits veterans may be allowed because of injury or illness incurred through military service," he continued. "These workers understand the government procedure essential in securing and presenting evidence proving the disability to be service-connected, and they have liaison contacts with officials in numerous governmental agencies to assist veterans through the local Red Cross chapter, in obtaining compensation for these conditions."

"While the veteran's claim is being considered by the Veterans' Administration, chapters often give emergency help to the man and his family," Mr. Alford said. "In most cases such assistance is needed only while the compensation claim is being decided."

"In addition to this claims service the Red Cross has a program for veterans in hospitals," he continued. "Volunteers in chapters plan recreation for all veterans hospital facilities near them. The Junior Red Cross sends gifts and greetings made in

Roanoke, Va., International President was the speaker. The Henderson club sent a number of representatives to the meeting.

their art and other classes." "In the service hospitals of the Army and Navy, Red Cross directors of medical social service help physicians solve the patients' personal and family problems," Mr. Alford said. "Many times they are able to obtain medical data from the family to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease."

"The famous Gray Lady Service in Army and Navy hospitals, embracing hostess and recreational work, has been given the highest possible endorsement by commanding officers and physicians who recognize this home touch as an invaluable supplement to their own treatment of patients," Mr. Alford states.

"In further fulfilling its charter obligations to men of the active military and naval forces, the Red Cross maintains field directors in practically all Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard stations to give assistance to service men and their families when emergencies arise," Mr. Alford added. "War service, like public health,

disaster, safety and other service the Red Cross performs, is maintained by the membership dues paid in during the annual Roll Call which is now being held in the Vance County Chapter," he concluded.

## JURY FREES NEGRO ON LIQUOR CHARGE

State Takes Nol Pros In Two Other Liquor Cases In Recorder's Court

A jury in Recorder's Court freed Henry Williams, Negro, yesterday on a charge of possessing illegal whiskey for sale, and Prosecutor T. S. Kittrell took a nol pros in two other liquor cases. They were Alvin Johnson and Johnnie Jarrell, white, and Charlie Williams, also white. They were charged with possessing illegal whiskey.

The jury that acquitted Williams was A. T. Gupion, C. M. Arrington, D. R. Hale, A. C. Husketh, James H. Hoyle and W. R. Trogden.

Williams was taken by officers when they went to his house with search warrants and found 30 gallons of whiskey, part of it buried in his yard.

Raymond Hayes, Negro, was tried on a charge of drunken and reckless driving, and was found guilty of reckless driving. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and \$40 damages to the automobile of Doc. Gooch. John Edwards Williams and J. W. Thames, alias Willie Timus, both white, were charged with possessing illegal whiskey for sale. Thames was discharged but Williams was given

prayer for judgment upon payment of a fine of \$50 if he violates the State prohibition law within the next two years.

There was no session today.

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## M. J. O'NEIL TELLS OF EARLY ROTARY DAYS

Charter Member and First President Talks to Civic Club Last Night

E. F. Shaw had charge of the program at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club last evening in the American Legion Hall, and presented M. J. O'Neil, a charter member and first president of the organization.

Mr. O'Neil spoke to the members on the organization and early days of the civic club in this city. He stated that the club was organized in Henderson Jan. 6, 1922, with the following charter members: J. H. Brodie, George E. Comer, R. G. S. Davis, B. Frank Harris, Dr. I. H. Hoyle, E. G. Landis, R. S. McCoin, Dr. H. A. Newell, Dr. B. A. Olds, M. J. O'Neil, B. H. Perry, F. B. Robards, E. F. Shaw, S. S. Stevenson, C. H. Turner and E. G. Watkins. The officers were M. J. O'Neil, president, C. H. Turner, vice president, E. F. Shaw, secretary, F. B. Robards, treasurer, Dr. I. H. Hoyle, sergeant at arms, and those officers with B. H. Perry and E. G. Watkins were the first directors.

The speaker told of the organization meeting, saying it was held in the old Chamber of Commerce quarters over Flynn's Department store, and that the club was sponsored by the Durham and Raleigh clubs, which sent a number of representatives here for the event.

A new member was added to the club rolls at this meeting, H. P. Butcher, personnel director of Rose's 5-10 and 25c Stores. He was presented the Rotary pin by R. G. Kittrell.

J. W. Jenkins gave a report of a meeting of group 5 in the Washington Duke hotel, Durham, Monday evening at which Ed. R. Johnson, of



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