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OLDEST CITIZEN PASSES.

Mr. R. J. Jones Within Five Years of the Century Mark—Served in Many Offices of Usefulness.

The oldest and one of the most highly esteemed citizens—Mr. Richard J. Jones—passed away on Monday morning, April 30, at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Price, daughter of the deceased, on North Seventh street.

Mr. Jones was 95 years of age, and was born in the Myrtle Grove Sound section February 5, 1822. He had been a resident of Wilmington since he was 9 years of age.

He served for 50 years as secretary treasurer of Oakdale cemetery; held the office of Grand Treasurer of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, and was treasurer of the Tidewater Power Company for many years. He was also a member of the St. John's Lodge of Masons.

The funeral services were held at Grace Methodist church Tuesday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. M. T. Plyler.

His surviving relations have the deepest sympathy of the public.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

Subscribers will please mention this paper when making purchases.

O. D. Godwin advertises that he will appeal to the Governor for pardon on the sixth page of this issue.

Carolina Building and Loan Association announces on the sixth page of this issue a new series of 50c per share weekly building and loan stock which matures in three years. The assets of this company are \$125,000,000 and it is a strong and progressive company.

Julius Abelovitz, 219 1-2 North Front street, advertises that he is making a specialty in fine ladies' tailored-to-measure suits and individual skirts. Read his ad. on the sixth page.

Read Shands' Saturday Specials on the sixth page of to-day's paper.

Send your radiator, tender and muffler work to the Radiator Hospital, No. 8 South Second street. Klander is on the job himself and guarantees all work.

Young & Gorman are soliciting their share of slate and tin roofing and repair work. Give them a chance at your work and they will give you satisfaction. Read their ad. on the sixth page.

It is reported that the Belgian relief ship Carmetta has been confiscated by the Germans. A Danish member of her crew says the Germans ordered her crew to leave the ship and placed a prize crew on board to take her to a German port. The men were refused provisions, and after spending six days in two small boats, suffering terribly, they reached Norway.

The newspaper censorship section of the espionage bill, which had the approval of the President, was stricken from the bill by a vote of 220 to 167.

Mr. W. T. Shepherd, guard at the county stockade, has tendered his resignation by request of the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

BRITISH BREAK THROUGH VON HINDENBURG LINE.

One of the Bloodiest Battles of the British Drive Being Fought in Effort to Break Last Barrier to Germany's Richest Prize.

Late dispatches state that furious efforts are being made by the Germans to stop the progress of the British in smashing the Von Hindenburg line in northern France, but the British general has made good the most effective gains by a renewal of the drive.

Fresnoy and the captured lines north and south of it have been held firmly against counter attacks.

The Germans at Bullecourt are nearly surrounded and threatened with capture, it is reported.

The British have broken through the Oppy line and are fighting the bloodiest and sternest battle of the present offensive in a great effort to smash the famous Wotan line before the organization is completed. The Von Hindenburg line, out-flanked and pierced in several places, has failed to stop the forward surge of the British armies, and the Wotan positions are the last great barrier to the road to Douai, Cambrai and Germany's richest prize in France, the great coal and iron fields north of Lens.

French troops are on a new offensive along the Aisne, and have captured the village of Craonne and the first German line on a 21-2 mile front northwest of Rheims.

The council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates in Petrograd have accepted the government's explanation of the May Day note of Foreign Minister Milukoff as to Russia continuing in the allied struggle against the Central powers without slackening by a vote of 34 to 19, and has decided that the incident is closed.

Motive power superintendents under the jurisdiction of the General Managers' Association and representatives of mechanics employed on practically all South-eastern railroads will meet in Washington Monday to confer on questions of increased rates of pay and shorter hours that are now pending between them. Approximately 25,000 shopmen, 25,000 miles of railroad and \$12,000,000 a year are involved in the outcome of the conference. They ask for an increase of 10 cents an hour, based on an eight-hour day, and time and a half for overtime. Those working by the month ask for an increase of \$20 a month. The men state that the high cost of living has compelled them to ask for the increase.

JOHNSTON CHARGED WITH KILLING NEAL WALTON.

Mr. Frank Walton, Brother of the Deceased, Swore Out Warrant Following Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

The coroner's jury, after a thorough investigation of the killing of Neal Walton, rendered a verdict on Tuesday that Walton came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by an unknown party, and very soon thereafter Oscar Johnston, the negro who has been held as a suspect during the investigation, was placed under arrest charged with first degree murder on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Frank Walton, brother of Neal Walton.

Miss Florence Davidson and W. G. Woodcock have been held as material witnesses under bond. The preliminary hearing will be held in the Recorder's Court on Monday.

NEW COUNCIL ORGANIZED.

Mayor and Newly-Elected Councilmen Take Oath of Office.

The new City Council was organized on Wednesday and the following councilmen assigned to the heads of the various departments, on motion of Councilman Bunting, after the newly-elected members had taken the oath of office.

Public Affairs—B. A. Merritt.
Police—James M. Hall.
Water and Sewerage—W. J. Bradshaw.
Streets and Wharves—L. M. Bunting.

Finance—W. D. McCaig.
Fire Department—L. L. Shepard.
On motion of Councilman Hall Councilman McCaig was elected Mayor pro tem.

The appointive officers are as follows:
Chief of Police—Nathan J. Williams.
Chief of Fire Department—Charles Schnibben.
City Attorney—Robert Ruark, Esq.
Assistant City Attorney—Chesley C. Bellamy, Esq.
City Clerk and Treasurer—Capt. T. D. Meares.

City Engineer—F. F. Pillett.
Superintendent of Streets—C. S. Burnett.
Assistant Superintendent of Streets—James E. Holton.
Market Clerk—S. S. Harrison.

Death of Mrs. Jevens.

On Tuesday night, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Opper, 419 Red Cross street, Mrs. Mary A. Jevens died, after an illness of a few weeks. She was 68 years of age and was a consistent member of the Church of the Good Shepherd. She was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her and was of a most lovable and charitable disposition.

The funeral was conducted from the Church of the Good Shepherd by Rev. W. R. Nee, Wednesday afternoon.

The remains were interred in Oakdale.

In the regular municipal election on Tuesday P. Q. Moore was re-elected, as were Councilmen Hall and McCaig, of the Fourth and Sixth Wards, respectively. In the race for councilman from the First ward Mr. L. L. Shepard made a sweeping victory over Mr. A. Sue.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS.

Several Wilmington ministers are on the five-day programme, which the Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina will carry out in the First Lutheran church of Albemarle, beginning May 9.

The price of bread was advanced to 5 cents a loaf a few days ago, and to offset the increase the loaves have been made two ounces heavier. It is said the increase was imperative on account of the high price of flour.

The health officers have been making war on filth during "Clean-up Week," and the removal of much rubbish as well as a general clean-up has improved appearances wonderfully in the sections in which they have been working.

The many friends of Miss Ida Belle Burnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burnett, who has been ill for several days, is recovering rapidly.

The Treble Clef Club and pupils of Miss Anna Graham Harris will give a joint concert Tuesday evening, May 15, at Hemenway school auditorium.

The Sixth Street Advent Christian Church Sunday School enjoyed the first excursion of the season as guests of the Tidewater Power Company. The members of the church and Sunday School attended in large numbers.

The tax listsers now have the books open for listing and the work of listing is progressing rapidly.

Mr. E. A. Shands, the popular grocer, had the misfortune to break his left arm by falling from his bicycle to avoid running over some children who were playing in the street at the corner of Third and Church streets, on last Saturday evening. He was on the job on Monday, however, but his left wing was up in splints. Shands was making one of those 2:40 deliveries when the accident occurred. That bike ought to have another cycle.

Mr. F. M. Rivenbark, who has served as superintendent of the county stockade for three years, resigned from that position on Wednesday at a special meeting of the County Commissioners. He stated after resigning that on account of unavoidable conditions that existed at the stockade, as brought out by the evidence in the investigation held by the coroner's jury, he thought his resignation the only recourse.

The Sea Gate school held their commencement exercises on Thursday night under the direction of the teachers of the school, and a most entertaining programme was rendered, consisting of dialogues, recitations, songs and drills.

The North Carolina Bar Association will meet in Asheville June 3-4-5.

Evangelistic services will be conducted in the Topsail Presbyterian church by the Rev. William Black, D. D., beginning Sunday, to continue through May 13th.

Carelessness massacres thousands upon thousands of wage-earners every year.