

STEAMER STRUCK BRIDGE ABUTMENT

Slow Order Issued For Passing Trains Until Damage Was Investigated

When being winched from its berth at the docks of the Navassa plant, of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, the vessel's setacomfw... company's plant at Almont, where... is being discharged, the British... Wignate rammed an abutment of the railroad lift-bridge there... a slow order to be issued... until the damage could be investigated.

It was reported from the general offices of the Coast Line this morning that an expert bridge engineer had made an investigation and reported that the damage was trivial and that trains could resume their normal speed across the structure with all safety. The steamer was being moved from the dock and through the bridge by the tug Navassa.

The Italian steamer Edillio, which was at noon yesterday pulled off the ground at the mouth of the river where it went ashore while trying to make port in the early morning several days ago without the service of a pilot, is in port this morning, docked at the wharves of the Champion Press where it will take on a part cargo of cotton. The steel cargo which was lightened from the big vessel in order to get it off the ground is also being reloaded.

Only after much of the steamer's cargo of steel had been removed was the cutter Seminole and the tug Gladiator able to pull it into deep water.

TIGERS CLIMB ON TOP

Win From Red Sox While American Defeat Athletics.

By defeating the Red Sox while the Athletics were getting theirs at the hands of the Americans the Tigers went into indisputed possession of first place in the Y. M. C. A. basketball league last night. The Tigers defeated the Red Sox 15 to 9 and the Americans trimmed the Athletics to the tune of 24 to 20. Both games were hotly contested affairs and furnished the spectators with something really worth looking at.

The Americans and Athletics staged the first game and while the winners had things pretty much their own way in the first half the name-ake of Connie Mack was showing flashes of dazzling form that threatened to overwhelm the commanding lead taken by the winning contingent while the going was good. Spohard, for the winners, played a brilliant game at center, but Davis, although he got going late in the game, was playing a brand of ball seldom un-erkered on the local court when the referee's whistle announced the close of festivities.

The battle between the Tigers and Red Sox, which was the second event of the evening, was a beautiful exhibition of the indoor sport. Both teams appeared to be pretty evenly matched and the result was in doubt until the last minute of play. A false step on the part of the Tigers or a sudden spurt from their opponents would have changed the appearance of things in a jiffy. The teams lined up in the following order:

First game—
Athletics (29) Americans (24)

Lewis	Center.	Shepard
N. Davis	Left Forward.	Hanson
Lewis	Right Forward.	Solomon
Little	Left Guard.	Gallagher
McManus	Right Guard.	Gallagher

Goals—C. W. Davis 5, N. Davis 2, Lewis 1, Little 1, Myers 3, Shepard 8, Gallagher 1. Goal from Foul—Lewis 2. Time of Halves—15 minutes. Referee—Keller.

Second game—
Tigers (15) Red Sox (9)

Applewhite	Center.	Farmer
LeGwin	Left Forward.	Cameron
Huband	Right Forward.	Whitehead
Rhodes	Center.	Rich
Shinn	Left Guard.	K. Davis
Rennie	Right Guard.	Kelly

Goals—Applewhite 1, Huband 2, Rhodes 1, LeGwin 1, Farmer 1, Cameron 1, K. Davis 2. Time of Halves—15 minutes. Referee—Keller.

BEGAN WORK TODAY.

Mr. W. L. Best Will Be Connected with the Wilmington Hotel. Mr. W. L. Best entered upon his duties as chief of the catering department of the Wilmington Hotel this morning. Mr. Best has been connected with the Monticello, of Norfolk, Va.; the Langren, of Asheville, and the Harborough, of Raleigh, and is well qualified for the duties he assumes at the Wilmington. He expects to move his family here within the next few days and will make this city his permanent home.

SPECIAL CAR SERVICE

to Circus Grounds. See Advertisement in this paper.—Adv.

INSTITUTE NEW FORM OF SERVICE

Fall and Winter Night Service to Begin at St. James' Episcopal Church.

Beginning the fall and winter night services, St. James' church is instituting a new, and what promises to be an attractive, form of service. Designating this service as the "People's Service of Praise and Preaching," the rector, Dr. Milton is endeavoring to provide a service which will appeal not only to the members of his own congregation, but equally and perhaps even more, to those who are unfamiliar with the regular form of service peculiar to the Episcopal church. With this aim in view, the service will be of such a character as not to require any knowledge of the Prayer Book, a service in which those outside his own communion may feel as much at home as his own congregation. Especial attention will be given to the praise service, which, beginning at 7:30, will consist of a short period of sacred songs by the trained choir of the church, both chorus and solo, followed by an equal period of congregational singing of the old hymns of the Christian church, led and supported by the choir. The prayer service will be short and the sermon will aim to deal with the practical problems of the every-day life. For the present, the sermons will be alternately on "The Social Message of Jesus," by Dr. Milton, and "Personalities of the Bible," by his assistant, Mr. Hill.

All the pews in St. James' church are now free by recent consent of the congregation, assigned to the regular attendants in the morning, but entirely unassigned at these night services; so that visitors may sit where they choose, or be shown by the ushers to any part of the church they desire. With the help of their visitors, the men of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will try to make every one who comes within their doors feel as much at home as possible. And the rector, congregation, choir and Brotherhood all join in asking the people of the community at large to aid them in making these services a real contribution to the religious and social life of the city.

DONATIONS MADE.

Friends of Catherine Kennedy Home are Very Generous. The following donations have been made to the Catherine Kennedy Home and were deeply appreciated. A friend, coffee; Mrs. Tom Bagley, groceries; Mrs. S. A. Schloss, ice cream, cake and fruit; Mr. Clayton Giles, barrel of flour; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, groceries; a quantity of fruit from the Trinity Auxiliary and the St. James' Junior Auxiliary, Messrs. Bunting and Bellamy, drugs; Independent and Plate Ice Companies, ice daily.

MAURICE MOORE HONORED.

Wilmington Boy President of Freshman Class at Washington and Lee. Mr. Maurice H. Moore, son of Mayor and Mrs. Parker Quince Moore, who is a student at Washington and Lee University, has been elected president of the Freshman class, which consists of 195 members, according to an article in "The Ring-Tun Phi," the college paper. The Wilmington boy is singularly honored. The article speaks of him in highly complimentary terms.

THE BOYS IN TEXAS.

Number Have Adopted Animals as Company Mascots. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 4. The North Carolina troops arrived in El Paso, Texas, October 1. We came here to relieve the Pennsylvania troops. We occupy their camping grounds. We found it a little different from what we expected, as it is very windy and dusty. It was hard on us at first, but we soon got used to it and are getting along fine. The only thing we dislike is that when we go to bed at night we never know when a companion will creep in and occupy a part of our lodging. One of the boys was awakened the other morning by something heavy on his feet. You can imagine his surprise on seeing a large rattler curled at the foot of his cot. After killing the rattler it was measured by one of the boys. He measured six feet one inch and had seven rattles and a button. The boys have grown fond of the horny reptiles of the West. They have as pets horned toads, centipedes, prairie dogs and snakes.

Wilmington is represented in Texas as the majority of the boys in Company G, Second Infantry, are from Wilmington. Company G is from Raeford, N. C.

SERGEANT L. W. TINDAL

Co. G, Sec. Inf., N. C. N. G.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Church Edifice, corner of Seventeenth and Market streets—Services Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject, "Adam and Fallen Man." Sunday School at 12:15. Wednesday evening services at 8:15 o'clock. Reading Room in the Murchison Bank Building where all Christian Science literature may be read or obtained open daily except Sundays and holidays from 4 to 6:30 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend all services and to visit the reading room.

MANY EXPECTED ATTEND MEETING

Hon. E. L. Travis Will Speak at County Court House Tonight in Interest Party.

Democrats are looking forward with a good deal of pleasure to this evening's rally which is to be staged at the County Court House at 8 o'clock for they will be given the privilege of hearing the Hon. E. L. Travis, chairman of the Corporation Commission, discuss and explain the political issues of the day. Coming at the shank end of the campaign and with interest at the boiling point a full house is confidently expected by local Democratic leaders. Because of the position he occupies Mr. Travis is qualified to speak with the highest authority and some one has said that he is fuller of facts and figures than any man in the State. In addition to this Mr. Travis is a pleasant speaker and his address should prove of a very high order. Interest is running riot in the campaign at present and while perhaps a big majority of the voters have already made up their mind as to how they intend voting Mr. Travis may be able to drive home to a greater degree points made by speakers who have preceded him.

INAUGURATE EXTRA SERVICE.

Accommodations For All Who Wish to Visit Circus Grounds. To afford adequate accommodation for the crowds visiting the circus grounds extra car service will be provided by the Tidewater Power Company over its lines tomorrow and Monday.

Extra trains will be operated between Front and Princess streets and Seventeenth and Castle streets via Princess street every ten minutes.

Cars will also be operated on Tenth Street running from Tenth and Fanning to Seventeenth and Castle every thirty minutes. These cars will connect with the Red Cross cars at Tenth and Red Cross streets.

Tomorrow this special service will begin as soon as the show arrives and will continue until 6 p. m. Monday. It will begin at 12:30 p. m. and continue until after the last show.

FUNERAL THIS MORNING.

Remains of Mr. H. A. Colvin Interred in Atkinson Cemetery. The funeral services over the remains of the late H. A. Colvin, who passed away at his home at Atkinson, yesterday morning, were conducted from the Atkinson Presbyterian church this morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. E. B. Carr. Interment was made in the Atkinson cemetery. The many lovely floral designs at tested in some measure to the esteem the deceased was held in by friends and intimates.

LEAVES THIS EVENING.

Mr. S. A. Matthews Will Conduct Services at Chinquapin.

Mr. S. A. Matthews will leave this afternoon for Chinquapin, fourteen miles from Wallace, where tomorrow he will conduct the services in the Presbyterian church of that hamlet. Rev. Robert King is pastor of the Chinquapin church but is in Charlotte at the present time and in his absence tomorrow services will be conducted by Mr. Matthews.

MAY FINISH TODAY.

Sam Merrick Case Is Being Threshed Out—Night Session.

It is thought that the cases of Clara Merrick against James Spells and others, in which an effort is being made in Superior Court to establish the near-est relative of Sam Merrick, colored, who died a little more than a year ago leaving an estate of about \$15,000 will be completed this afternoon. Judge Connor last night conducted a session of court in hopes that the case might be completed today and thus bring to an end this present two-week term of court.

SPOKE AT NORTHWEST.

Large Number of Brunswick Heard C. C. Cashwell, Esq. C. C. Cashwell, Esq., secretary of County Democratic Executive Committee, addressed a large number of voters of North-west township-Brunswick county, at Northwest, last night. Mr. Cashwell states that everything in that section of Brunswick is looking fine for the Democratic party and that he believes that the county will cast its vote for Wilson on next Tuesday.

Deeds Filed Today.

Following are the deeds filed for record today: Henry Hore and wife to V. Sidbury, for \$100 and other considerations, on Church street between 14th and 15th streets, lot 33x88 1-2. J. F. Roache and wife to Frederick Allen, lot 34x66, on Klidder street between Sixth and Seventh. J. Henry Gerdis to R. L. Johnson and wife, lot 39x155, on Seventeenth street, between Dock and Orange. George B. Applewhite to Henrietta McNeil, lot 30x75, on Eleventh street, between Orange and Ann. W. H. Yopp and wife to Charles R. Yopp, lot 33x165, on Sixth, between Grace and Chestnut.

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THE BATTLE CRY IS NOW OR NEVER

Wilmington Wilson Campaign Activities Attracting At- tention All Over State.

Three hundred and fifty-four dollars will round out the sum that the Wilmington Wilson Club, in conference with Mr. Hugh MacRae, treasurer of the State Finance Committee, agreed was the proper amount New Hanover should give towards the return of President Wilson to office and if the dream of local Democrats is to be realized quick and effective work must be done. It is not known whether any effort will be made to get subscriptions on Sunday, but who is there to criticize if such an arrangement were followed out? No one will dispute that the cause is a worthy one and many look upon the question as almost a matter of life and death to the American Nation and the American people. Barring Sunday and counting today there are two days yet remaining in which one can contribute to the Wilson fund. Tuesday is election day and Wednesday morning contributions won't be worth a continental.

Some one has very aptly used the expression, "Now or never," and surely this expression applies to the present campaign to raise funds for the purpose of advertising Mr. Wilson's campaign. Unless contributions are made now there will be no necessity for them hereafter. Those persons who have given nothing want to understand that this is their last opportunity for the two-term precedent set by George Washington has never been violated, and those who don't vote for Mr. Wilson and contribute to his campaign are letting pass the last opportunity they will have for doing so.

A contribution from McNair and Pearsall for \$25 helped to swell the fund appreciably yesterday and gave the committee headed by Mr. J. A. McNorton an excellent foundation on which to build up a creditable report for the day. Had the remaining ten committees equalled the report of the committee headed by Mr. McNorton it would be all over but the shouting this morning.

Thirty-five dollars and fifty cents represents the activities of this team, which was the only one to report last night. The citizens of Boardman forwarded \$6 to the treasurer and \$1 came from Asheville, through The Citizen. Yesterday's contributions and contributors were as follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$4,603.50
J. A. McNorton's committee	25.00
McNair & Pearsall	25.00
G. A. Huggins	2.50
H. A. Huggins	2.50
Sam Lee	2.50
W. B. Thorpe	2.00
Jos. H. Watters	1.00
Total	\$35.50
Citizens of Boardman, N. C.	6.00
W. R. McKellar	1.00
Dr. H. F. Munt	1.00
L. L. Dempsey	1.00
A. T. Larrabee	1.00
W. E. Stone	1.00
J. E. Porter	.50
S. C. Fields	.50
Total	\$6.00
P. R. Allen, Asheville, N. C.	1.00
Grand total	\$4,646.01

CAMPAIGN CLOSED.

Franklins Bested the Fords in the Race Conducted by W. C. A.

The membership campaign, conducted by the W. C. A., came to a close last night and all interested are very much gratified with the results. The Franklin autos outdistanced the Ford machines but the latter put up a game race and was traveling on the high gear when the wire was reached. The winning team was led by Mrs. Ashby Curtiss and the losing contingent was captained by Miss Mary Vann. The Franklins secured 197 members and turned in \$212.50 and the Fords are credited with 146 members and \$156.

Mrs. C. C. Covington was awarded the banner for the best individual showing. He made the splendid showing of securing 44 members during the four days the race was on. The association now has a total paid up membership of 543. This is considered a fine beginning for the year's work. The canvass for new members will be continued for a number of days as the canvassers found a number of ladies during the campaign that were not prepared to renew or join at that time but who will do so later.

STILL FIGHTING.

Governor Will Be Asked to Commute Merrick's Sentence.

Attorneys for Thomas Merrick, colored, of this city, convicted of and sentenced to death for the murder of Leon B. Hudson, a young white man of this city, have not yet given up their fight to save the life of the convicted negro and Governor Craig will be asked to change the death sentence to one of life imprisonment. Merrick's attorneys are Burke H. Bridgers and William J. Bellamy, Esqs. Merrick was twice convicted of the murder of Mr. Hudson but the third effort to obtain a new trial failed, the Supreme Court finding no error. Sentence was passed on Merrick by Judge W. P. Stacy.

Service That Counts

For many years the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company has served the people of Wilmington faithfully, and well; every class of business or tradesman being represented on its books, and balances of various amounts being carried. And be it known whether capitalist or day laborer, progressive business man or man of leisure, the customer has always received the very best of service. His needs have received careful attention and every accommodation within the bounds of sound banking has been afforded him.

We Can Serve You To Advantage.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

1887 110 Princess Street 1916
Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

STORE REACHES FIRST MILESTONE

Belk-Williams Celebrates First Anniversary—Many Visi- ted Store Yesterday.

Yesterday marked the first anniversary of the Belk-Williams company. This popular store opened its doors in Wilmington for business, November 3, 1915, and since that time has grown to be one of Wilmington's most substantial mercantile establishments. It would be difficult to find a more attractive and better stocked establishment devoted exclusively to department store merchandise. Ever since they threw open their doors in 1915 this store has been the gathering place of many thousand patrons, locally and from the surrounding territory. In celebration of their first anniversary yesterday many attractive and timely merchandise offerings had been arranged for this auspicious occasion. The Belk-Williams store is strictly up-to-date in every minute detail. The stocks are kept new and fresh. Many hundred men, women and children attended the anniversary sale and as had been advertised attractive bargains were offered throughout every department of the store, and the visitors were quick to take advantage of the event to supply their many and varied wants.

There was no bustle or hustle, the shoppers taking their time in order to inspect thoroughly the immense stocks from the perfumery counter, as you enter the store, to the heavier merchandise on the third floor. An air of politeness pervaded the entire corps of courteous and efficient sales-force, and one's visit to the store was made welcome.

In reviewing the past year's business Mr. J. C. Williams, manager and part owner of the store, stated that their business for the twelve-month period had been quite up to their expectations and he attributed their success in a large degree to their unexcelled buying facilities and connections. It is recalled here that the Belk-Williams store in Wilmington is one of a chain of a large number of similar stores located throughout every hamlet and city of the State; therefore their purchasing power is to be reckoned, as they buy their merchandise at the lowest possible cost. Truthfulness in advertising is another reason advanced by Mr. Williams for their remarkable growth during their first year's business in the city. It is a known fact that this store advertises what it sells, and sells what it advertises. It has the gift of making its advertising breathe sincerity.

Another highly important feature of the Belk-Williams store is its bona fide and iron-clad guarantee of satisfaction with each and every purchase. A customer, if he or she can be satisfied or would like to have the novel experience of finding a store that cares whether or not it pleases, will find just such an experience awaiting them at Belk-Williams. As an example of their guarantee of satisfaction to customers it is here recalled that recently one of the sales-ladies of the store purchased a raincoat and on wearing it out for the first time it was noticed that the dye came out. The management immediately notified all customers who had made raincoat purchases to return the garments and have them replaced.

It has been said that the purpose of business is selling for a profit, the acme of business that of selling more and better for a greater profit. Today in the general line of merchandise selling service and specialization are important elements of selling. This importance is fully realized in the Belk-Williams store as elements of their business life indicating the milestones of progress. A feature of this store's service is a school conducted by the management every Wednesday and Thursday mornings for thirty minutes from 8 to 8:30 o'clock for the benefit of the sales-force. The purpose of these meetings is to instruct the salesforces in merchandising and salesmanship. In speaking of this feature of the store Mr. Williams declared: "Specialized service means efficiency—specialized service means prosperity and suc-

TO ATLANTA CONVENTION.

Wilmington Physicians Will Attend Southern Medical Association.

Dr. J. G. Murphy and Dr. R. B. Slocum are among the Wilmington physicians who will attend the meeting of the Southern Medical Association, which convenes in Atlanta, Ga., November 13th. Many social evenings have been arranged for the large gathering of physicians. The convention will be held in the auditorium-armory, one of the largest buildings of its kind in the country. The meeting will be divided into sections for consideration of special subjects such as railroad surgery, public health, surgery and diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

The knowledge which is imparted at these meetings is essential in department store selling. These meetings teach practical merchandising in such a way that it may be grasped and easily understood. It is brought out that clerks cannot sell or serve profitably to their business organization unless they are genuinely interested in the thing they are selling, or the service they are rendering.

Altogether the Belk-Williams store is conducted along the lines of a modernized metropolitan establishment, and their present growth after one year's business bespeaks the success which they have met in Wilmington's merchandising field. The Dispatch congratulates Wilmington that she is the home of this firm, and we join with thousands our best wishes for their continued success.

ROUSING DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

District Attorney Carr Was the Prin- cipal Speaker in Bladen County.

One of the principle speakers of the big Democratic rally held in Clarkton Thursday night, was District Attorney J. O. Carr, of this city, who delighted a large audience, gathered in the Pythian hall, in a rousing speech for Democracy. J. Bayard Clark, Esq., of Elizabethtown, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, of Bladen county, also made a strong address. Hon. O. L. Clark presided and those called upon for addresses were: Messrs W. J. Davis, clerk of Superior Court of Bladen county; A. McA. Council, of White Oak, candidate for Legislature; R. J. Hester, register of deeds; and Mr. G. H. Currie. All of these speakers made excellent talks which brought forth rounds of applause.

INSTRUCTOR NAMED.

Capt. Willis G. Peace Selected for This Work by War Department. Capt. Willis G. Peace, Coast Artillery Corps, on detached duty, has been appointed inspector-instructor of the Coast Artillery companies of the State. He will have headquarters in Raleigh. Governor Craig has been notified that Captain Peace has been ordered to North Carolina but it is not known when he will arrive. The announcement was noted with interest by Capt. James B. Lynch and members of the Wilmington Light Infantry.

CELEBRATED ARBOR DAY.

School Children Carried Out Interesting Programs. Interesting programs were carried out by the pupils of the various school throughout the city yesterday in observance of Arbor Day. The exercises in the local schools consisted largely of singing suitable songs, the planting of shrubs and trees with the idea of beautifying the playgrounds and the reciting of poems appropriate to the occasion.

Bon Marche

Incorporated.

Wilmington Asheville

Special Values for Saturday

Below we mention a few of the many Good values that may be found here Saturday.

Specials From Our Ready-to-Wear Department

On sale today and tomorrow you will find a nice collection of Suits; Special at \$25.00
\$3.50 Silk Petticoats; Special Friday and Saturday, at \$2.98
\$4.00 Tub Silk and Crepe de Chine Waists, in flesh, black and white; Special Friday and Saturday, at \$2.98
\$2.50 Silk Waists; Special for today and tomorrow at \$1.95

Specials in Millinery

\$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00 Hats, special for Friday and Saturday at \$3.95
\$8.00 and \$10.00 Hats, special at \$6.95
Only a few of the \$15.00 Hats left, special at \$9.95

Our Buyer Now in New York

The first of the week our Asheville buyers went on to the market, so we thought it best to have our Wilmington buyer meet them there. Our stock is all new, and we needed very little Merchandise, but in order to give Wilmington women the latest and most up-to-date line of Dry Goods and Ready-to-Wear Garments, we thought it best for our buyer to make this trip. A wire received this morning stated that good merchandise was both scarce and prices high.

Pictorial Review Patterns

You will find that we have a complete line of Pictorial Review Patterns on hand. Glad to have you call and look through our pattern styles at your convenience.
Pictorial patterns 10c, 15c and 20c