

NOTED HEALTH OFFICER HERE

Dr. C. W. Stiles Is Inspecting Sanitation Work in Cape Fear Township Today.

Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the United States Public Health Service, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., in company with Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer; Dr. Arnold Stovall, county physician, and Dr. George Grant, sanitary officer, are spending today at Cape Fear township, inspecting the sanitation work that has been done there. Dr. Stiles arrived in the city this morning and left in company with members of the New Hanover health force, shortly afterwards. It was announced at the office of Dr. Nesbitt that practically the entire day would be spent in Cape Fear township and it is not likely that either of the remaining townships will be visited, as Dr. Stiles' time is limited. He was very anxious to go over this particular township, for when he was here he made some highly flattering comments relative to the sanitation work that had been done there and he was very anxious to learn if such splendid conditions still existed.

Dr. Stiles may spend tomorrow in the city or rather in inspecting the sanitary conditions of other townships, but this is extremely doubtful. Very few persons other than the health officials of the county knew that he would be in the city today and many acquaintances were surprised when they saw him on the streets this morning. Dr. Stiles is no stranger in Wilmington for he was stationed at the Marine Hospital about a year ago doing research work for the government. He was very much pleased at that time with the county's sanitation and when he returned to headquarters he commented very favorably on the existing conditions in an article that appeared in the United States Public Health Journal. One of the most complimentary statements embodied in the article was the mentioning of Cape Fear township as a model township of the State and perhaps of the South.

Dr. Nesbitt and other health officials were very much pleased over the visit of Dr. Stiles and are very anxious that he inspect the work that has been done in all townships as they are confident New Hanover can be set up as a model county so far as rural sanitation is concerned and is declared by many who are in position to know, to be the banner county of the South in this respect.

BIG MATCH ON TONIGHT.

Charlie Oleson and Tom Draak Will Hook-Up to Finish.

Fans are looking forward with much pleasure to tonight's match between Charlie Oleson and Tom Draak which is to be staged at Woolvin Hall at 8:30 o'clock and indications are that Promoter Hanson will need all the available space he has to accommodate the many persons who will want to witness the battle between the two giants. Giants is right, for both men weigh over 200 pounds, and both are in splendid condition for the fray. Fans saw Hanson wrestle an unknown man last Friday night and while they are ever anxious to see the popular Fritz in action his opponent of last Friday night knew too little of the game to make it interesting for Hanson, far less the fans and the crowd is anxious for a real battle—just such a fight as will be staged this evening. All are agreed that Oleson and Draak are pretty evenly matched, which means that the match will be a lengthy one, even if it does not go three falls.

The ladies are beginning to attend just now and in all probability many of the fair sex will be out tonight for the Oleson-Draak match. There is no reason why the ladies should not attend for there is not a more orderly gathering of gentlemen to be found in the city than the clean-blooded sports who go to Woolvin Hall to witness two men battle for the supremacy. No smoking is allowed in the hall and Mr. Hanson has not had the least trouble in enforcing his rules relative to such. Of course there is a bit of hilarity at times when the fight waxes warm, yet there is nothing offensive about it and the ladies who have attended matches thus far have appeared to enjoy themselves.

Mr. Hanson announced yesterday afternoon that he had reserved a portion of the hall for colored persons who may wish to attend and while they will have as comfortable seats as white patrons they will be removed and Mr. Hanson is very anxious that colored fans attend the matches beginning tonight.

Mr. Oleson was a caller at The Dispatch office this morning and he stated that the only wrestlers of prominence that he had not yet met are Draak and Joe Stechar. His last match was with Dr. Roller, about a month ago, when the two wrestled in Springfield, Ohio, for ninety minutes without a fall. This sounds interesting for Dr. Roller is favorably known here and the fact that Oleson could stay with him for that length of time is a feather in his cap.

MUCH FAVORABLE COMMENT HEARD

Window Trimming Contest Drew Hundreds to The Shopping District.

While hundreds of persons thronged the shopping district last night, eager to inspect the display windows of the various firms competing in the window trimming contest that is being held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, it is doubtful if as much interest was manifested as was on February last when Wilmington's first window trimming contest was held. The merchants, and others who had entered the contest arranged attractive windows—displays that will catch the eye of the average patron and hold it—and these displays were inspected carefully by many persons who appreciated the novelty introduced in the set-up of many of the displays.

The decorations were in all styles, all forms and in varied colors. Many were elaborate and artistic while other competitors sought to catch the eye of the judges and the crowds by their very simplicity. Many complimentary remarks were voiced by spectators and the consensus of opinion is that the judges will experience difficulty in naming the prize winners.

Forty-three business houses of the city are competing for the prizes offered and while all cannot win, each individual is entitled to something and much credit should be given the individuals who arranged the displays for the work done showed conclusively that much time and effort had been given to their arrangement. The leading stores of the city are included in the number competing and the crowds of sight-seers expected splendid displays, because these firms carry the merchandise in stock that makes it possible to arrange catchy windows. The majority of the display windows are so built as to make decorations and displays show off to advantage and this natural condition, coupled with the merchandise carried in stock and the artists' touch insured excellent displays.

BACK FROM MEETING

Local Baptist Ministers Attended the State Convention

Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church, returned to the city this morning from Elizabeth City, where he attended the sessions of the Baptist State Convention which adjourned today at noon, after one of the most successful sessions of its history. The location of Elizabeth City kept the attendance to a minimum, but Rev. Mr. Hall announced that about 400 attended. Durham was selected as next year's meeting place after a hard fight on the part of North Wilkesboro for the honor of entertaining the delegates at the 1917 convention, but the central location of the Bull City, together with its manufacturing enterprises, all of which the delegates will be allowed to visit, proved too attractive and the convention agreed to go there next year.

Others to attend from this city were: Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church; Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Cavalry Baptist church, and Messrs. John R. Hanby, D. L. Gore and L. W. Moore. These gentlemen also returned this morning with the exception of Mr. Gore, who is expected this afternoon.

SOROSIS JOIN MOVE Will Aid Housewives to Reduce Cost of Living.

The North Carolina Sorosis, in session yesterday afternoon, decided to stand with the Housewives' League in its fight to reduce the high cost of living and, like the Housewives, declared a boycott on butter, eggs and cheese. The question now confronting the housewives of the city is how to make cake without the age-old ingredients, but an effort will be made to do this. The meeting was held in the Sorosis club room on North Third street and was presided over by Miss Margaret Gibson. It was the regular monthly meeting and a number of routine business matters were disposed of. Very little discussion of the boycott was engaged in, the members of this organization merely declaring they were in sympathy with the stand taken by the Housewives' League and would do everything in their power to reduce the high cost of living.

The movement against the soaring prices was started by the Housewives' League on Wednesday of this week when that body met and declared a boycott on eggs, butter and cheese. It was decided at the meeting to ask the Sorosis to lend their support to the movement and it is very gratifying to the organization making the initial step in the matter to learn the Sorosis were so heartily in favor with their plans. No housewife wishes to do without eggs and butter, but the prices have gone so high they realized the injustice of it and decided to purchase cheaper or do without. The boycott does not hold good in cases of sickness or where the articles boycotted are wanted for invalids, old or infirm people or infants. They will be purchased under those conditions regardless of the prices, but the good women of the city are determined to put a crimp in the ambitions of those responsible for the advanced prices of these commodities if such is possible.

HIGH TRIBUTE IS PAID WILMINGTON

Delegates to The Synod Convention Pleased With Reception Given Them.

The following is taken from The Shepherdstown Register, of Shepherdstown, Jefferson county, West Virginia, and is a splendid compliment to Wilmington and Wilmington people. It was written by a delegate to the recent meeting of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, which was held at St. Paul's church, and was loaned to The Dispatch by Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's. The article which follows pays a high tribute to the reception given the delegates by Wilmingtonians and speaks in glowing terms of the city. It also carries a resume of the convention, which is not reproduced, in view of the fact that the sessions were covered thoroughly by the daily press. The article follows:

"The people of Wilmington entertained the delegates and visitors to Synod in their homes, and offered gracious hospitality. Everything was done for the comfort and pleasure of their guests, and the latter thoroughly enjoyed their stay in these delightful homes. Saturday afternoon business was suspended so that an invitation might be accepted to visit Wrightsville Beach, a popular resort on the Atlantic Ocean, twelve miles from the city, and reached by a trolley line and a magnificent automobile road. This is a beautiful and attractive place, and we can readily believe the reports of its popularity and charm in the summer. The season was now over and no bathing suits available, so there was no opportunity to try the water. But the surf looked very inviting. A luncheon was served here and was much enjoyed by everybody.

"Wilmington, which is one of the largest cities in North Carolina, is a fine old place of typical Southern characteristics. It was founded in 1739, and has always been noted for its patriotic spirit. As early as 1765 it showed its independence by offering armed resistance to the enforcement of the stamp act. The city is located on the Cape Fear river, thirty miles from its mouth, and has a good harbor, with 27 feet of water from its wharves to the sea. During the Civil War it was a favorite port for Confederate blockade runners, and many stirring adventures took place as these daring sailormen slipped in and out and dodged the watchful Union vessels. There is considerable shipping yet, and great quantities of cotton, lumber, turpentine, rosin and other naval stores are exported. The Clyde steamship line to New York and Baltimore and the Carolina line to Baltimore have regular steamship service, and the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line railroads furnish adequate facilities by rail. Wilmington has a population of some 30,000, 'including' the whites,' as an old negro man remarked. Which is indicative of the fact that a large proportion of the population is colored. There is a very large German element here, and we can prove this by mentioning some of the names from the list of those who helped to entertain Synod: Von Der Lieth, Schutt, Doscher, Gieschen, Schnibben, Wessel, Schulken, Oldenbittel, Rehder, Genaust, Cronenberg, Tiencken, Seitter, Strunck, Vollers and so on.

"The people are progressive and prosperous. The prosperity is shown by the substantial business houses and the many handsome, comfortable homes that adorn the wide streets of the residence section. There is no crowding in these streets. The houses are all set back from the building line, with elbow room on either side, and flowers and shrubbery adorn and beautify the yards and open spaces. There is a great variety of architecture. Most of the dwellings are of frame, many showing the evidence of good taste and beauty in the use of lovely columns that add so greatly to the attractiveness of the Southern style. There are many handsome examples of colonial architecture here and there and some notably dignified structures of this sort. The progressive spirit of the place is shown by the many well-paved streets—an expensive public improvement for a city of this size, for the streets are wide and long and it must have been a costly undertaking to pave so many of them; by the excellent modern hotels and the towering skyscrapers; by its satisfactory public utilities; its fine school buildings, and other evidences of enterprise and community pride.

"The business of Wilmington is on a solid and substantial basis. It has cotton presses and cotton mills and wood-working industries, and in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line system 700 men are employed. The surrounding country is fairly prosperous. Some cotton is raised and there is a good deal of truck farming.

"At the breaking out of the great European war in August, 1914, a big German steamship was in harbor at Wilmington unloading cargo. Of course, she did not dare venture out, with British cruisers scouring the seas, and she is still there. At the same time another big German steamer was en route from Galveston to New York, and when her captain received a wireless message that war had been declared he made a bee line for the nearest port, which happened

ORGANIZE EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE

Miss Gertrude Watkins, of Little Rock, Will Speak at Court House Tonight.

Miss Gertrude Watkins, of Little Rock, Ark., will speak to the ladies of the city at the Sorosis Club room on North Third street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock and will deliver a second address at the County Court House this evening at 8 o'clock in the interest of equal suffrage. Miss Watkins, who possesses a charming voice and winning personality, is in the city in the interest of the National American Suffrage Association, with the object of organizing a local equal suffrage league which will be done under the auspices of the North Carolina Association, of which Mrs. Malcolm Platt, of Asheville, is president and Mrs. T. W. Ingle, of Davidson, is first vice president.

Miss Watkins, when interviewed this morning, stated that practically all cities of importance in the State had equal suffrage leagues with the exception of Wilmington and she is very anxious to line this city up with the movement which has grown to gigantic proportions in the last few years and which is now sweeping the country like a tidal wave. Miss Watkins has given much time to the study of the biggest question before the American woman today and is prepared to explain why Wilmington should have an equal suffrage league. She was a prominent figure in the halls of the legislative buildings of her own State when women were given the franchise and she delivered a number of addresses during the suffrage campaign in New York. During the West Virginia campaign, inaugurated by the women in their successful effort to gain the privilege of the ballot, Miss Watkins delivered a number of addresses which helped to swing the victory to the women in that State. She came here from Charlotte and she states that the Queen City has a league that is unusually strong and growing rapidly.

In speaking of the question this morning Miss Watkins declared that equal suffrage was long over-due in this city and in her opinion the time is now ripe for the organization of a strong Wilmington League. She is very hopeful that a large crowd will attend tonight's speaking regardless of their views on the question because she is confident that her argument and manner of presentation will show the question up in a different light from that in which it has been viewed by many.

Another matter pointed out by Miss Watkins was that the vote of the women of the West, California particularly, re-elected Woodrow Wilson to the presidency, and she added that all her people had always been Democrats. This fact alone is sufficient to guarantee the young lady a welcome to the city, even though all were opposed to her views. Miss Watkins stated that the great suffrage organization knew no politics; that its members were made up of women of the Democratic and Republican parties both, but women who are banded together with the purpose of obtaining the franchise and the right to cast a ballot—the privilege of helping conduct the affairs of the country.

In conclusion Miss Watkins asked that the fact that no admission will be charged to tonight's meeting be stressed. She is very anxious to have all who can possibly crowd into the spacious court room do so, for she is confident that she has a message that all ladies will wish to hear. Miss Watkins is speaking at the Sorosis Club room this afternoon and she will speak again tonight at the Court House.

to be Wilmington, and he barely reached the three-mile limit in time, for British warships gave him a lively chase. Both of these ships have been lying idle at anchor at Wilmington ever since, and their officers and crews are mighty tired of doing nothing. We visited one of the vessels, the Kiel, and were pleasantly entertained by Captain Emken, who is patiently waiting for peace to be declared. Captain Emken long ago sent to Germany for his family, and his wife, his little son and a new baby make the ship the next best thing to a home in the fatherland."

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