

SOLDIER BOYS ASK BE REMEMBERED

Member of Company A, Says Some May Not Receive Christmas Gifts.

The necessity of cooperation on the part of the Wilmingtonians in brightening Christmas for the members of Company A, Wilmington Engineer Troops, on the border by subscribing cash or other gifts for a box to be sent to Camp Stuart, El Paso, Tex., is again set forth in a letter just received from a corporal in Company A, by a friend here.

The letter reads, in part: "As we are isolated from home and as there are a number among us who, perhaps, will not receive as many gifts for Christmas as others, I think the necessity for a public subscription amplified. Do you not?"

Further it suggests that boxes might be placed in Baxter's, Warren's and the Wilmington Cigar Company's stores, where donations might be made. The writer asks that a card reading "Make Christmas Donation to Company A, North Carolina Engineers; Your Representatives on the Mexican Border," be placed on the boxes. The letter states that Mr. D. H. Howes, Jr., of this city, has already been appointed secretary and treasurer of a fund.

Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Sr., has already come forward and volunteered to receive any and all subscriptions in cash or articles to be included in a box to be sent to "Wilmington's Own Troops on the Border," and she urges that any donation for the local soldier boys be made on or before Monday as it will require several days to make the shipment to the far-away Lone Star State. The Red Cross Society of Wilmington, too, will send a Christmas box to the Wilmington soldiers who are guarding the International line early next week.

STILL ESCAPING.

Mary McLaughlin Again at Liberty. Escaped from Farm Yesterday.

Mary McLaughlin, the ebony-hued damsel who was recently sentenced to serve thirty days at the county farm, following her conviction in Recorder's court on a charge of larceny, escaped from the farm yesterday and her present whereabouts is unknown to the police and county officers.

Whether Mary actually wants her freedom or is merely seeking to establish an escape record is the question that is now being debated by the authorities. She is succeeding admirably in the latter. She first sprang into the limelight when she was sought by the police on a larceny charge by eluding the efforts of the officer to take her into custody when she leaped from the window of a house, but she was arrested when she returned for her clothes. She was placed in a cell to await trial but pretended illness and was carried to the hospital for treatment to be later returned to jail. Again Mary protested against incarceration in prison and again she was carried to the hospital. When all eyes were turned elsewhere Mary left the institution, but was arrested at Lake Waccamaw and haled before the recorder and convicted on a charge of larceny. She was carried to the county arm to begin service of her sentence and yesterday she again walked away when the opportunity presented itself.

EARLY SHIPMENT IS BEING URGED

Southern Express Company Asks For Consideration During The Holidays.

"Do Not Open Until Christmas" is the legend in red on the attractive address labels which are being given to the patrons of the Southern Express Co., through the office of Mr. J. W. Smith, agent for this company here. This is one of the enclosures in the Christmas envelope which is being put out by this company throughout its territory urging shippers to send their express packages early to avoid the rush, and at the same time the warning will keep the secret secure until Christmas Day. Too, this envelope contains a unique post-card printed in two colors, the rhyme on which advises the recipient that an express package is on the way, but is not to be opened until Christmas Day. There is room under the poem for the sender's signature.

This is only one of the many features which the Southern Express Company has added in preparation for the unusually heavy business always attendant upon the holiday season. Extra employes have already been placed in service and are being thoroughly instructed in their respective duties, so that the high standard of efficiency of this company in the quick and satisfactory transportation of parcels, packages, etc., consigned to its care, may be maintained throughout the rush season, which is the only time many persons have occasion to use the service of the express company.

In order that the best results may be obtained, the shipping public is urged to Ship Early and comply with the following very necessary precautions:

1. Address all shipments plainly, writing with ink or crayon on the shipment; never use lead pencil. Tags should be avoided whenever possible.
2. The local address of the person to whom shipment is made should always be shown, as its absence may result in delay in delivery.
3. The shipper's name and address should be on every shipment, so that prompt notice can be furnished in case of non-delivery.
4. All shipments should be packed with sufficient care to withstand the ordinary handling in transit. Packages should be wrapped in heavy paper and tied with strong cord. Glass and similar fragile articles should be enclosed in strong wooden boxes, or corrugated paper cartons. Special labels reading "Glass" or "Fragile" will be furnished, upon request, by the express company.
5. Always correctly describe contents of each shipment and the value thereof; the contents and value are elements in determining the charge. Special rates are provided for shipments of foods, and such packages should be marked "Perishable."
6. Money, jewelry and other articles of unusual value should not be packed with ordinary merchandise. Such articles should be in separate packages, sealed, so that they can be handled in the Special Department of the express company maintains for transporting such shipments.
7. Ship early and thus avoid congestion. Do not delay forwarding Christmas shipments until the last moment.

INSPECTING PAVEMENTS.

Representative of Portland Cement Association in City.

Mr. W. P. Engel, a member of the engineering staff of the Portland Cement Association, is today conferring with city and county officials relative to highway building. Mr. Engel spent yesterday at Oleander and made a thorough inspection of the concrete streets and sidewalks that have been built there. He expressed himself as very much impressed with the durability of brick-paved streets of the city and in his opinion they have stood up remarkably well.

FAREWELL ADDRESS

Rev. O. T. Mattox Will Preach For Last Time Here Tomorrow Evening

"I will deliver my farewell address to the church and friends in Wilmington at the Advent Christian church, corner of Fourth and Church streets, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Subject, 'The Burning of the World.' "It is with regret myself and wife part with the friends and brethren in Wilmington. Our stay here has been attended with pleasantness and but for call to duty in other fields we could spend the remainder of our days with you all. Praying the blessings of the Lord on you all, I beg to remain, "Your Faithful Servant, "O. T. MATTOX."

EPISCOPAL.

St. John's, Rev. R. E. Gibben, rector—Second Sunday in Advent. Holy communion at 7:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 4 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock. A hearty welcome to all. St. Paul's, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Sunday Services—Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; the rector expects to preach. No night service. All seats free. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. E. DeF. Heald, Jr., rector.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE FORMED

A Representative Audience Heard Miss Gertrude Watkins Speak Here.

Some seventy odd persons, mostly ladies, assembled in the Superior Court room at the Court House last night to hear Miss Gertrude Watkins' views on the suffrage question and while a general air of expectancy pervaded the spacious auditorium nothing occurred that would tend to create excitement and the address of Miss Watkins' which was delightful and most refreshing, was heard with evident pleasure by her audience. Charming in gown in a pink dress the speaker would never have been taken for a suffragette because in localities where little is known of the movement on the part of women to gain the ballot the average man imagines that all women seeking the franchise are doing so in an effort to gain recognition and not because they really care to go to the polls and vote. Miss Watkins began with an Irish joke as an illustration of the fact that the women, in their fight for the franchise, are at least holding their own and concluded by saying she would be ashamed of herself if she were anything other than a suffragette.

The speaker of the evening was introduced by Louis Goodwin, Esq., who referred to the contributed article in yesterday's Dispatch that asked the women of Wilmington to turn a deaf ear to the voice urging the formation of an equal suffrage league and continued by saying that the President of the United States should thank his lucky star that the women of the West enjoyed the privilege of the ballot or else one Charles Evans Hughes would now be arranging to take up a four-year residence in the White House as the next President of this country. Mr. Goodwin declared the woman vote of the West turned the tide in favor of the President, adding that Democracy had that much to thank the lady voters for.

The first utterances of Miss Watkins was that all move closer to her for as she explained, "this is a question we all want to get together on." She traced the growth of the great suffrage movement and explained how it had grown and prospered until now it was a factor in the lives of all. The suffrage idea, according to the speaker, originated in the minds of four women and now there are 4,000,000 enlisted in the fight.

The suffrage movement is comparatively young and if as much is accomplished by the women in the coming fifteen years as has been in the past fifteen its ranks will stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico.

Miss Watkins pointed out that mankind had not always enjoyed the privilege of voting but she added "to hear them talk one would think that it was a special right, handed down from time immemorial." Another fact stressed by the speaker was that the Supreme Court had handed down decisions to the effect that women were actually people and that this great law making body later decided that woman possessed a soul. Miss Watkins declared that her sex was deeply appreciative of all this from the law-making bodies composed of the opposite sex.

Another bit of interesting information given by the speaker was that 50 per cent. more girls graduate from the High Schools each year than boys which would indicate that the girl's mind is quicker and more able to grasp things than the mind of the young man.

Miss Watkins told of the conversion of William Jennings Bryan to the cause and she quoted Mr. Bryan as saying he was obliged to change his views and align himself with those fighting for woman's freedom when he began noticing that the insane asylums and penal institutions contained fewer women and more men and that just the opposite condition existed in the churches. She stated that Mr. Bryan declared himself for suffrage for this reason and while perhaps the Great Commoner is not the powerful figure he once was there is no denying the fact that Bryan is yet a man to be reckoned with and the very fact that he is for equal suffrage will cause many skeptics to change their views relative to the question that is claiming the attention of the American people today.

In addition to making an unusually interesting address Miss Watkins answered all questions put to her, touching on chaotic conditions that existed in England while the fight was bitter there, and adding that window breaking was an English custom for getting what was wanted since time immemorial. She declared that the bombs thrown were of pasteboard and practically harmless. She declared the Miss Pankhurst possessed a beautiful character and stated that her life in her home was one that could be used as a model by anyone.

She made a strong plea for the millions of working women of the United States, who by reason of the changed economic condition have to earn a living. Miss Watkins thought it but fair that they should be given the privilege of the ballot. Miss Watkins declared that Congressman Webb would change his views when he learned that the "people back home" let it be known that they want women to have the ballot. Miss Watkins is an organizer and

DRAAK THREW THE SWEDE 2 IN ROW

The Hollander Inflicted More Punishment Than Olson Could Stand Up Under.

By subjecting Charles Olson's arm to treatment that left it in a weakened and almost useless condition Tommy Draak took two straight falls from the giant Swede at the Woolvin Hall last night before an audience that taxed the seating capacity of the spacious hall. The first fall was decided in 34 minutes, Draak using a scissors hold on the arm and shoulder together with a wrist lock while the second went but 10 minutes and 45 seconds and was decided with a plain wrist lock. The broad shoulders of the Swede were never flattened against the mat, the giant being unable to stand the punishment to which he was subjected and in each instance raps on the mat told the referee that he had "enough." It is hard to determine to what extent Referee McGurley was responsible for the Swede's early quitting in the second match but the consensus of opinion was that McGurley was responsible to a certain extent. His failure to end the first fall when Olson signaled that he had enough caused the loser to endure a lot of unnecessary punishment. Mr. McGurley explained that he did not know Olson was signalling his defeat because he was on the opposite side from the hand that was playing a tattoo on the floor but fans seated on the topmost row of bleachers heard the signal distinctly enough. He was merely off the job for a few seconds and that cost Charlie Olson untold agony and pain, made it necessary for him to ask for his full 20 minute intermission and sent him back to the second test with an almost useless arm.

While the match was not so good as the Res-Kelonis match of two weeks ago it was a splendid exhibition of brute strength and bull dog tenacity. Olson does not possess the science that is Draak's but he is apparently a much better man physically. The big Swede was handicapped because his lack of science for while he broke numerous holds that looked mighty good to the fans the treatment inflicted on his arm by Draak proved his undoing. The first fall had hardly been started before the victor began treating the Swede's arm and that treatment eventually gave him the decision.

Both men were very active, considering their immense stature and weight and both were willing to rough it up. Both are blessed with splendid wind, although the noises that emanated from their mouths at times corresponded admirably with the exhaust of a locomotive. The match savored much of a prize fight at times and Olson slapped his adversary several times—blows that were intended to irritate but which are seldom used outside a ring.

The Swede was on the defense the greater part of the time. With all due respect to his strength, which was really marvelous, he did not possess the science of the other and there could be but one ending. He broke hold after hold that many thought would prove his downfall but such could not be kept up continuously and the giant, like any other human being, was obliged to weaken as the time keeper, in his sing-song voice, called out the five minute periods. Olson put up a good fight and many of the fans were with him but there is no denying the fact that Draak is a more accomplished wrestler.

St. James, Rev. W. H. Milton, D.D., rector—Rev. George F. Hill, assistant rector. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer at 5 o'clock. Peoples' service of praise and preaching at 7:30. All seats free; all are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Speaker for the National American Woman Suffrage Association and the Wilmington League is organized under the North Carolina League. This league was organized yesterday afternoon when Miss Watkins spoke at the Sorosis club room and already 30 men and women are enrolled as members. Cards were passed round last night to give those present the opportunity of getting into line with the equal suffrage movement.

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You would be surprised at the amount you could save in this way. Having a bank account would make you think more of yourself, would make your neighbor think more of you, and would make you a better citizen and of more worth to your state.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

110 Princess Street.

EXCELLENT REPORT.

Dr. Stiles Declares Improvement Is 100 Percent.

After inspecting twenty-five homes in Cape Fear township, in New Hanover county yesterday, Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the United States Public Health Service, who is here for the purpose of studying the different methods of campaigns for improvement of sanitary conditions, announced that the homes had improved 100 per cent. in two years, which is a remarkable showing.

When here last year Dr. Stiles found that on a basis of 100 the index was 45, 14 more than the original index of 31 established in 1914. Yesterday the health officer found the index to be 60. In establishing this figure the construction and the proximity of surface closets to wells was considered and diseases that had occurred in the family due to unsanitary conditions.

IS MENTALLY COMPETENT.

Jury Finds Mr. A. S. Winstead Does Not Need Guardian.

Mr. A. S. Winstead is mentally competent to manage his own affairs, according to the verdict rendered by a jury which heard the evidence in special proceedings heard before Clerk of Superior Court Major W. N. Harris, and four additional witnesses were examined relative to the competency of Mr. Winstead to manage his affairs.

P. D. Satchwell, Esq., represented the contingent that was seeking to have Mr. Winstead declared incompetent with the idea of having a guardian appointed to have charge of same. Mr. Winstead was represented by C. C. Cashwell, Esq. While it was necessary for Mr. Winstead to use a wheel chair to attend court the opinion of the jury was that his mind was not impaired.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, corner of Fifth and Ann streets.—First mass at 7 p. m. High mass at 10:30. Vesper sermon and benediction at 8 p. m. Very Rev. C. Dennen, pastor.

AMERICANS KNOCKED OFF.

Two Teams Tied for First Place in The Basketball League.

By losing to the Tigers in an exciting game on the Y. M. C. A. basketball court last night the Americans lost their grip on the topmost position and when the Athletics humbled the down-trodden Red Sox the Detroit and Philadelphia namesakes tied for the topmost rung of the percentage ladder.

The Tiger-American contest was fast and furious at times but the latter found it impossible to go the entire distance at the clip maintained during the early stages of the game and the ending found them swinging the small end of a 34-24 decision.

The Athletic-Red Sox fray was decided by a 24-15 count, the latter putting up a splendid exhibition of the indoor sport during the first half but wilted woefully in the second or last. Following are the line-ups and scores:

Tigers (34)	Americans (24)
C. W. Davis..... F.....	Little
Huband..... F.....	Hanson
Rhodes..... C.....	Hardee
Stein..... G.....	Gallagher
Rennie..... G.....	Solomon

Substitutions—LeGwin for Huband, Myers for Little; Tiger scoring, goals, Davis 2, Huband 1, Rhodes 4, Stein 2, Rennie 4, LeGwin 3; fouls, Rennie 2, American scoring—goals, Hanson 1, Hardee 8, Gallagher 2, Myers 1. Referee, Mr. Keller.
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Red Sox (15)	Athletics (24)
Farmer..... F.....	N. Davis
Ruark..... F.....	Lipinsky
Rich..... C.....	Gerdes
K. Davis..... G.....	Lewis
Cameron..... G.....	Bagley

Substitutions—Kelly for Cameron, McManus for Bagley. Red Sox scoring, goals, Farmer 2, Ruark 1, Rich 3, Davis 1, fouls, Rich 1. Athletic scoring—goals, Davis 2; Lipinsky 2. Gerdes 5, Referee, Mr. Keller.

MECHANISM OUT OF ORDER.

Light Will Show Fixed White Until Repairs Can Be Made.

The revolving mechanism of the light at the St. Simon Light station, off the Georgia coast, was reported out of order on December 7th. The light will show fixed white without the usual 60 second flash until repairs can be made, according to a statement issued by Lighthouse Inspector H. L. Beck, of the Sixth district, with headquarters at Charleston.

MUCH TIME WASTED

Prof. Noble Urges More Vocational and Industrial Education.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, urged that girls in the public schools be given more courses in cooking and other domestic duties and that the boys be given more chance to study vocational and industrial subjects, in an address at a largely attended community meeting held at the Masonboro School house last night.

The speaker declared that too much time was given to waste in public schools by teaching subjects that have no relation to the problems of every day life. "For this reason," continued the speaker, "the pupils find no interest in their studies." Prof. Noble stated, too, that an enormous amount of time was wasted by permitting land to go untilled. He urged that people of a neighborhood co-operate in their communal interests.

Other speakers were Woodus Kellum, Esq., chairman of the board of education, and Prof. J. J. Blair, superintendent of city public schools. Mr. Kellum spoke upon the work of the city schools, while Mr. Blair made a plea against waste of the game birds and the indiscriminate slaughter of the song birds. Professor Washington Catlett presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers.

CHECKS MAILED TODAY.

Members of Banking Club to Receive Christmas Money Today.

The Home Savings Bank mailed checks to one thousand or more Wilmingtonians today. These persons are the members of a class that was organized the first of the year as a Christmas Club and who have been making weekly deposits. For fifty weeks they have been putting their savings away and now they are to draw them out for Christmas. The total amount to be paid out will approximate \$20,000.

The American Bank and Trust Company also has a large Christmas Club and will mail checks to members of their organization about the middle of the month. These checks are now being made out.

To Enter the Contest, Fill Out this Nominating Ballot, Counting 1,000 Votes

To The Wilmington Dispatch, Wilmington, N. C., I hereby nominate as a candidate in your Grand Prize Voting Contest:

Miss, or Mrs. _____ House No. _____

Street _____ Town or City _____

Business Address _____

Signed _____ Address _____

ONLY ONE NOMINATION WILL BE ALLOWED TO EACH CONTESTANT CUT OUT, FILL OUT, BRING, SEND OR MAIL TODAY, DO IT NOW..

DEATH MESSAGE RECEIVED.

Mother of Seagate Lady Died at Bladenboro Yesterday Afternoon.

News of the death of Mrs. Lennon Jordan, of Bladenboro, N. C., mother of Mrs. S. A. Jones, of Seagate, which occurred late yesterday afternoon, was contained in a telegram to Mrs. Jones last night. She left early this morning to attend the funeral services which will be conducted from the Western Prong church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family burying grounds.

The deceased, who was 74 years of age, had been in declining health for the past several months and her death was not unexpected by friends and relatives. Old age and its attendant infirmities were assigned as the cause.

BAPTIST.

Calvary—Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor—Sunday services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermon subjects, morning, "Bible Fulfillment," night, "Bible Fools." Sunday School 9:45 a. m., Mr. J. W. Hollis, superintendent. Junior B. Y. P. U., 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night, Teachers' Meeting and Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night, music class Friday night. A cordial welcome to all services.