

### DECLARE WAR ON THAT TIRED DROWSY FEELING

When a man sits down at his desk for several hours at a stretch there is a nervous strain requiring plenty of reserve vitality. A cigarette, a drape at the corner pharmacy or a walk around the room helps a little, but to stand the work day after day and year after year taxes the system to such an extent that it really becomes necessary for you to take a little tonic, especially in the Spring. Iron is the nerve tonic needed. It enriches and cleanses the blood. Drives out that achy feeling in the back and shoulders. Clears up the skin and paints the cheeks with a rosy tinge of health and vitality. Men who take it occasionally find it possible to work several hours more each day without fatigue.

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### THEATRE

As had been anticipated, Jewel's Golden Review Company played to three of the largest crowds of the season at the Royal yesterday and shows that Wilmington amusement lovers still remember one of the very biggest and best companies which ever appeared at popular prices in Wilmington.

This show, which was new on this circuit when seen here before, has been constantly at work throughout North and South Carolina and Virginia ever since and they know now even better than before just how to put over a show that will please audiences in this locality the very best.

For yesterday patrons were agreeably surprised to witness a presentation of that banner bill which this company presented when here before, 'The Golden Revue', one of the very biggest and best shows ever seen at the Royal. Leslie Golden, the marvelous impersonator; Isabella Morton, the classic dancer, presenting 'The Death of Salome'; Mack and Bennett, the 'Toothpick and the Maid'—all were roundly applauded yesterday when they first appeared.

This big show goes on for the last times today, a brand new show starting Wednesday matinee.

able occasion, bringing the rural and city children in touch.

Private donations to the Schools. "It may be of interest to note" that up to the present time the rural schools have received from private donors gifts, consisting of sites, school buildings and appurtenances, which amount in value to the city schools \$121,113 and to the rural schools \$5,520.35, a grand total of \$126,633.35.

All Schools Have Libraries. "Practically all of the schools have secured libraries, containing well selected works for childrens reading under the direction of the teachers. The number of volumes is: White, 1,941; colored, 602; total, 2,543. "All of the new school houses have been built in accordance with sanitary regulations. All of the old ones are far from affording the required amount of light, cubic space per pupil, and scientific ventilation and heating.

Fines and Forfeitures. "The fines and forfeitures from the Superior Court, Recorder's court and magistrates have been regularly reported, collected and paid to the treasurer. The amount is: Recorder's court \$2,502.35; Superior court 55.00; Magistrates 15.00.

Total \$2,572.40. "The financial report has been made in another paper, and will be filed in this office.

"In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the board for courtesies and assistance given me in the discharge of my duties.

"Very respectfully, W. CATLETT, Superintendent.

"July 2, 1917."

Secretary Daniels announced last night that for private cablegrams to officers and men on the American warships in the war zone the cable address will be simply, 'Usnavorcer, London,' with the name of the person addressed. The name of the ship or station is not to be included.

### HEAD OF WILMINGTON BEACH CORPORATION EXPLAINS.

To the Public: Had Mr. Pate, in his fight for a road into his property at Carolina Beach, not seen fit to drag Wilmington Beach Corporation into the discussion I would not have felt that it was my duty to reply to his attack on the County Commissioners and his demand for "fair play." I now propose to show that his company has had fair play and that no criticism can attach to the Commissioners, in showing this I shall have to remind Mr. Pate of certain things he has apparently forgotten.

I have long thought, and still think, and have often shown by irrefragable argument that the particular scope of County between Sunset Park and Smith's Island and including both places, was peculiarly adapted by nature for both summer and winter resorts. I do not know of any place on the coast between New Jersey and Florida that is so accessible and, at the same time, so favored by nature for the purpose and I have repeatedly but futilely recommended that all the property owners pool their interests and by means of outside capital, arrange to build up a resort or resorts that would be really creditable.

Regardless of the opposition I met, I am convinced that had it not been for the world disturbance coming on just at the time it did, I would have made a long stride in the direction of that ambitious project.

Mr. Pate is said to have referred to the Wilmington Beach proposition as a "land development affair." That statement is correct. We saw the natural advantages of a place that was normally worthless as land, in accessible and destined forever to remain dormant and idle. We bought it at a low price and intended (and still so intend) by means of roads and improvements, to bring it close to civilization and to make it so attractive that it will eventually take its place in the same class with Pinehurst and Palm Beach. We expected to reap a rich harvest from that method of procedure.

Our first effort, to which Mr. Pate's company was a party, was to get a trolley line to the place. We worked hard for this and were just on the point of success when the war began and disrupted all financial plans, so that we had to forfeit our hard earned franchise at our own time and money had been wasted. However, though disappointed, we were not discouraged and having failed on the trolley line we bent our efforts toward an automobile road, which, as a matter of fact, I had always personally favored in preference to the trolley line. On this we worked faithfully and incessantly.

We had then, and we have now, an exceptionally conservative and competent board of County Commissioners. They, very properly, took the position that, in view of the demand for good roads from other and more thickly populated parts of the County, it would not be fair to spend so much money on a road that would benefit particular interests rather than the farming element whose welfare is their first and right duty. Their meeting and their argument, they finally agreed to meet us half way—that is, if we would build the road they would pay half the cost. To this we, on my part certainly, cheerfully and gratefully assented. On this basis the road, after tribulations and trials of which the public is ignorant, was built to Carolina Beach Boulevard. Now right here comes a point where Mr. Pate's intimation that he has not had "fair play" cannot be maintained.

We were under contract to construct the road about two and three-quarter miles beyond Carolina Beach Boulevard and to use the same class of material as had been used on the balance of the road. To secure this contract a personal bond was given, to which both Mr. Pate and I were signatories. When we reached that point the time for the fulfillment of our contract was growing short and we realized that the cost of transporting this material so far, while not exactly prohibitive, was practically ruinous. I, with the understanding that I was to be permitted to handle the matter in my own way, then undertook to appeal to the Commissioners to permit us to complete the road out of such material, which was pronounced by the Superintendent of County Roads to be suitable, as was found on the Wilmington Beach property, and for which we made no charge to the other interests.

At this time Mr. Willard, whose conservatism, business acumen and fidelity to the interests of the County cannot be questioned, was Chairman of the Board. When I made my appeal he asked me if it had not been stated, when we first entered into the contract, that we would have no difficulty in completing the road of the same material, a view in which he never concurred. I, very frankly, replied that I was before them, not to demand anything, or to insist on anything, but simply to ask favorable consideration of a proposition which would save us thousands of dollars, without prejudice to the interests of the County. The Board then, as I thought, very graciously assented to my proposition, the road was completed and we were relieved from the operation of the personal bond. If, as Mr. Pate charges, the County made a profit of \$1,000 to \$1,400 out of this job, I am delighted, because this would be a mere bagatelle to the amount we would have had to pay if the Commissioners had insisted, which they had a perfect right to do, on the literal execution of the original contract.

Again: If Wilmington Beach is strictly a "land development affair," as Mr. Pate is reported to have said, I wish to call his attention and the attention of the public to our attitude toward the improvement of the road into Carolina Beach at the time they first presented their petition. Naturally our attitude would be radically different since he has deemed it expedient to cast a slur on our proposition.

With a number of other citizens I attended the meeting at which the matter was first introduced, voluntarily addressed the Board, said that I thought they were entitled to a road, hoped it would be given them and that my Company would not consider



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this as establishing a precedent. That the Carolina Beach people had progressed further in building than we had if the Commissioners saw fit to build the road to do so and that when our time came we would take up the question of a road into our property as new business, on its merits and without regard to any preceding action of the Board. The road was not built. We then, feeling that we were under certain obligations to persons who had bought lots, entered into a contract with the County to build a road to the ocean. They built us a good road and we paid for it, and so far as I can recall, this is the only spot between Virginia and Florida where one can drive over an excellent road from a sizeable city direct to the ocean front.

Mr. Pate charges the County with an agreement. I know of no written agreement, but I do know that we wrote them a letter stating that now that our road was built and paid for we would most certainly expect to be reimbursed if they built a road, for nothing to either of the other beaches. So far as "fair play" is concerned, we feel that the Commissioners have

been more than fair. They have been liberal. They have had opposition from other sections of the County. They have been restricted in their work by the unusually small number of convicts and there have been other obstacles, of which the public at large know nothing, but they have fought to the end, as they have done in other cases and, as a consequence they have ten miles of good roads as there is in this State of North Carolina and of which every inhabitant of the County should be proud.

I cannot see where the "fair play" proposition has any bearing at all on this road into Carolina Beach. For the information of the public, I will state that exclusive of the material Wilmington Beach Corporation donated and our Ocean Boulevard, we paid for our Ocean Boulevard, the several amounts furnished by the several companies was as follows: Wilmington Beach Corporation \$7,976.24; New Hanover Transit Company \$7,147.17; Kure Land & Development Company \$5,408.14.

Respectfully, C. C. CHADBOURN, President Wilmington Beach Corp.

### COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND.

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, In the Superior Court, City of Wilmington vs. J. H. Whitehead, Henry Whitehead and Rosa Spruill. Under and by virtue of the authority and power vested in me as commissioner, in a certain decree in the above entitled action, signed by His Honor W. M. Bond, Judge presiding at the April term of the Superior Court for New Hanover County, I offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover County, at Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the 3rd day of September, 1917, at twelve o'clock, to satisfy the judgment obtained in the said action, all of the following described piece, tract or parcel of land, lying and situate in the City of Wilmington, State and County aforesaid and more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Dickenson street sixty nine feet northwardly from the intersection of the said eastern line of Dickenson street with the northern line of Rankin street and runs thence northwardly and parallel with Rankin street sixty six (66) feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Rankin street one hundred and sixty five (165) feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Rankin street one hundred and sixty five (165) feet to the point of beginning, same being a part of lots 3 and 4 in block 24, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

### CATLETT MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

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regularly the schools. With the arrangement made for his full time during the coming year, more care and closer attention will be given. The work of the children and the teachers was supervised and it is believed that the pupils have been well taught and trained. Of course, in the one-teacher school, with large and numerous classes, it is physically impossible for the most thorough instruction to be given.

The per capita yearly cost for the white pupils upon a basis of enrollment, and expenditures for teachers, fuel and janitors, is \$11.30; and for colored pupils, \$5.34.

Monthly meetings have been held for white and for colored teachers. They were well attended. Besides instruction by the superintendent, lectures by several educational experts were delivered. A Teachers' Reading Circle was organized by Dr. L. A. Williams, of the State University, and some professional study was done.

Value of School Property. The value of the rural school property is \$40,782. While many of the rural school buildings are new and modern in construction, there are many that do not deserve the name of school buildings. There is no building in the Carolina Beach district. The children occupied a building, which was loaned for a school. The people are progressive and appreciative of educational facilities, and should have a suitable building.

The building in Oak Hill district is dilapidated, uncomfortable and unsanitary. The colored school in this district is more modern, but needs repairs to roof and porch. It is too small for the number of pupils. An annex should be built, with an assistant teacher.

The Myrtle Grove school for white children needs an annex. The colored school of this district was moved to the building, formerly occupied by the white children. The septic tank closet should be moved from the old site to the present site. I recommend that the abandoned property be sold.

There is no colored school building in the South Wilmington district. A one-room house has been rented for the school for the past two years. It is not suitable for a school, and has nothing but improvised furniture. The colored school grounds at Masonboro need draining badly, the water standing under the house at times.

The school building for white children in East Wilmington district is antiquated and entirely unsuitable for school purposes, and is inconveniently situated for serving the people. The colored school needs repairs and new desks.

The colored school at Wrightsville needs repairs and desks. The colored school at Middle South is in need of paint and repairs. A retaining wall should be built to prevent the wasting away of the grounds at the white school.

The Scott's Hill colored school building is old, unsanitary and unsightly. Acorn Branch district needs a new building for the white children and some repairs are needed at the colored school house.

The Castle Haynes colored school building is in bad condition. The

### Water Supply Inefficient.

The water supply at most of the schools is absolutely insufficient and unsanitary. Six white schools have deep wells; all except the Castle Haynes well, give a good, pure water.

The septic tank closets, with few exceptions, are giving poor service. The superstructure in many of the districts was not scientifically built, and these are in bad condition. Another source of dissatisfaction is the proximity of the closets for the boys and girls.

Compulsory Attendance Not Enforced. The enforcement of the compulsory attendance law has not been rigidly performed. The age limit of compulsory attendance has been raised to fourteen years. If better attendance is not secured during the coming year, it is strongly recommended that the full force of the law be exerted. A difficulty, however, will have to be met in furnishing accommodations especially in the colored schools. The seating capacity and the teaching force are not sufficient.

The enlistment of the parents in the work of improving the schools and obtaining greater interest and better attendance continues to bring great results. During the past year these clubs have raised funds to the amount of \$526 to beautify the interiors of the schools and add to the comfort and usefulness of same. They meet regularly every month. The school is thus made a community service center.

Six victrolas, presented by members of the Board of Education, have been a source of pleasure as well as instruction to the children. Lectures by prominent specialists have been delivered at the meetings, and subjects helpful to the parents and children were discussed.

The school clubs also furnished a valuable nucleus in the formation of the Food Conservation committees, which has aided in making this county one of the foremost in promoting this great need of the nation. Three canning outfits were secured last year, but they are rapidly being increased in both the white and colored school districts.

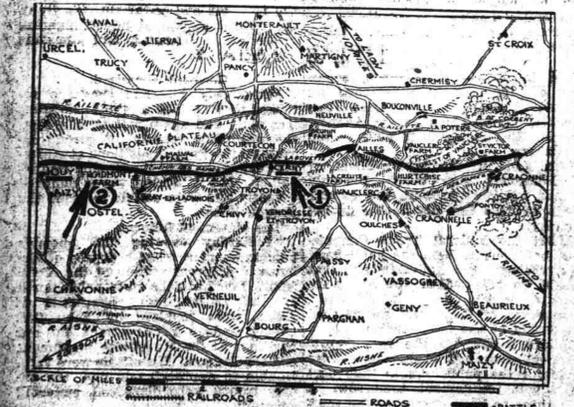
The employing of a Canning and Food Conservation Demonstrator has proven a success. The people are busy learning the art of conserving food so that every family in the future may know how to save scientifically and successfully, vegetables for the winter use; and the school children will be taught domestic science and things pertaining to better living.

Rally Day April 19th. On April 19, there was held in Wilmington what was called Rally Day. The white school children were brought from the rural schools into the city in automobiles. After a parade, passing all of the white city schools by which the children were cordially greeted, the parents and pupils met in the auditorium of the High school.

After speeches of welcome by the mayor of the city and by the city superintendent, Mr. J. J. Blair, an address was delivered by Dr. Knight, of Trinity College. Following this a basket lunch was served in the High school grounds.

In the afternoon there was a contest by the rural children in declaiming and reciting, for which prizes were awarded. It was a most enjoy-

### GERMANS RENEW AISNE BATTLE.



The scene of the greatest activity on the western front has shifted to the Aisne. There the Germans delivered an ineffectual offensive of the first magnitude in the neighborhood of Cerny (1), but the French claim that its net result was their capture of an "important salient." There was also fierce fighting at the Froidmont (2), south of the California Pla-

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