

# CHRISTMAS MADE JOYOUS OCCASION FOR MANY PEOPLE

The Floor of the City Have Been Generously Remembered Today

## GOOD THINGS WERE PROVIDED FOR ALL

Charitable Organizations of the City Endeavored to Reach Every Home Where There Was Need

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HEAR THIS PLEA  
Good Will Toward Men Would Be Helped By a Little Sugar Please  
On this Christmas day, when all hearts are meant to be joyful in remembrance of the advent of the Christ child upon earth, and all hearts should be uplifted in the memory of that event, there comes a call of a voice in the wilderness of despair, yet raising a hopeful tone, begging for sugar.

Now, it is known of all women, and most men, in the city that there is no sugar, or at least that there is not enough to really furnish material for any sort of conversation fit for such a day as this. The shortage continues, though the stores have obtained enough to go around after a fashion. Yet comes this plea for sugar, hooked on at the same time with a plea most in keeping with the spirit of the day.

With all due respect to everybody, and a meaning of no harm, the plea is herewith given just as received: "Look Well Upon Well Take Time and Read and Learn What you Read Don't Try to take advantage of your Friends Just Because of the War it is not-will that this War is going on and he could surfer it to be Wors on Us pray that his Will Be done on Earth As it is in heaven and he Will Bring us out more than Quonker let us Watch and pray But please let us have some Sugar."

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Contract Presented This Morning With Scenes Common in Bygone Days

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# REDCROSS GOES BEYOND GOAL OF FIVE THOUSAND

Christmas Campaign for Members Ends in Joyous Celebration

## MAY YET REACH SIX THOUSAND

Membership Goal Far Overreached and One of the Best Records in Whole State is Established

Announcing the triumphantly successful end of the membership campaign of the local Red Cross last night Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, the president, declared that by the first of the year she expected to see the membership roll contain 6,000 names. And it looks mighty like she is right, for the total membership of the Wilmington chapter this afternoon of Christmas Day is 5,525, the goal of 5,000 having been passed yesterday in a whirl as the workers, buoyed up with the knowledge of work well done, made a final spurt to reach the highest possible point.

In fitting celebration of the last day of the campaign, and in keeping with Christmas Eve, the Red Cross and the people of the city generally rejoiced last night. The chiming of the church bells, the sweet voices of the carol singers heard in many sections of the city, the lights streaming through the Red Cross Service Flags displayed in thousands of windows, all gave a real "Christmas" feeling while at the same time reminding all of the intimate relation of the Red Cross with the true spirit of Christmas.

At 9 o'clock the various bands of singers gathered at the Red Cross headquarters in front of the postoffice and in one great chorus again sang the old Christmas songs, while a large number of the thousands hurrying along Front street stopped to listen. At the conclusion of the singing Mrs. Cuthbert Martin announced the splendid result that had been attained and thanked the people of the city for the hearty cooperation which had been shown, concluding with a dramatic recital of "My Flag and Your Flag," which was heartily cheered.

Archdeacon Thos. P. Noe, who as chairman of the executive committee has so efficiently directed the campaign for new members, last night issued the following statement: "As campaign manager for the Red Cross Christmas membership drive, I desire to express my profoundest thanks and gratitude to the splendid body of workers who made the campaign so easy and especially do I thank the patriotic and loyal citizenship of Wilmington and New Hanover who have made our work a veritable 'labor of love.' It is seldom indeed that a community shows such enthusiasm in giving as our people have exhibited in this drive.

"This campaign comes after many financial campaigns in which Wilmington has made a record and yet we have gone well over the goal. We were asked for 3,000 members, and we have enrolled 5,450, including about 1,800 Juniors in the schools. A splendid record of which Wilmington feels justly proud and for which we are justly grateful.

"It is not fair to select an individual from a group of workers that have done such fine team work, yet I feel that a special word should be said for several whose record has been unusual. "Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Stover have kept the headquarters going in fine shape and have added many names while Mrs. Grainger and Mrs. Harris have made a wonderful record as division leaders with a magnificent corps of helpers.

"Special mention should be made also of Mr. W. D. McCaig for his fine work at the Coast Line offices and Mr. J. H. Curtis for the great work done among the labor organizations of Wilmington. They have written a splendid record. Mr. F. W. Dick as division leader and as treasurer has been invaluable. A special word of thanks is gladly given to the press for their generous assistance in accomplishing our big task.

"To all the workers and to co-operating citizenship of Wilmington and New Hanover we express the highest appreciation. We have gone well over the top. The books will be kept open for new members until January 1st. "THOS. P. NOE."

## SEVENTEEN AMERICAN OFFICERS IN FRANCE

(By Associated Press) With the American Army in France, Monday, December 24.—Seventeen general officers have arrived in France from the United States for a tour of the American zone and the British and French and, probably, Italian fronts. When they complete their studies, they will return to the United States better equipped, it is believed, to direct the training activities of the National Army.

## SPEED KINGS IN GREAT RACE TODAY

(By Associated Press) Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 25.—A number of well known automobile drivers were to compete today in a sweepstakes race here. In practice yesterday Louis Chevrolet drove a mile on the circular dirt track in 46 seconds clipping two-fifths of a second from the world's record time, made by Dabrow in St. Louis in 1914.

# NEW BERN HAD A BUSINESS RUSH

Merchants Did a Big Christmas Trade—Alleged Deserter Arrested

(Special to The Dispatch) New Bern, Dec. 24.—Never before has there been as many eager shoppers on the streets of New Bern during one day as has been the case today and the local merchants have had their hands full attending to the wants of the local and visiting shoppers.

Every train arriving in the city this morning brought scores of visitors who had come to the city to make final holiday purchases and these, added to the hundreds of local buyers, filled the stores to the very doors. The stock of goods on exhibit and sale here is larger and more varied at this time than ever before and the shoppers are finding every article that they desire.

In order to take care of the large amount of increased business Postmaster L. G. Daniels has put on additional help in the local office and every effort is being made to speedily dispatch all mail received there. A larger amount of mail will be handled this month than in any previous December in the history of the local office, Postmaster Daniels believes, and he is doing his best to take care of the situation.

Of course there will be delays in packages reaching the city and in the delivery of those which are sent away from New Bern, but the force at the local office is doing everything within their power to prevent these as much as possible and are asking the assistance of the public in every possible way.

The colored lawyers of New Bern are doing everything possible to aid the registrants under the selective draft service law to fill out their questionnaires and are doing this gratis, considering it their patriotic duty. Several hours each day are given to this work by the colored lawyers and their assistance along this line is proving of real worth and is appreciated by the advisory board.

Robert A. Hopkins, of Hobucken, Pamlico county, is now in jail for safekeeping until he can be carried back to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., from which place he is claimed to have deserted.

Hopkins was arrested at Hobucken by a deputy sheriff and at that time Fred Spain, from the same town in Pamlico, was in company with him but Spain agreed to return to camp voluntarily and did so. The patriotic citizens of Pamlico county are expressing themselves in strong terms against desertion and have no sympathy for the young men from that county who follow this course.

The big "drive" for one thousand members which has been waged by the local Red Cross Society, has not turned out as well as was expected would be the case and the society has several hundred members yet to secure before the desired number will be attained. The campaign will close tonight and every citizen of New Bern who has not already become affiliated with the organization is urged to do so without further delay and to assist in the great work which is being done by them.

## SPREADING INFECTION.

Keep Children at Home if Contagious Diseases Exist in Community. (Special to The Dispatch)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25.—Dr. A. McR. Crouch, State Epidemiologist, is warning mothers to exercise extra precaution during the Christmas season to keep down the spread of communicable diseases. He says that Christmas parties, public entertainments and neighborhood crowds offer fine opportunities for the infection of not only measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever and diphtheria to spread, but of even the more serious diseases of grippe, pneumonia, and spinal meningitis. He advises mothers to keep at home all of her children who have any symptoms of illness—colds, sore throats or feverishness—and to let no child leave the house if there is a case of diphtheria or scarlet fever in it, or let no child who has not had measles and whooping cough leave the home if there is in the house a case of either disease.

According to Dr. Crouch, these requests are not issued to place more responsibility upon mothers during the holidays or to deprive the children of any of their Christmas pleasures. They are only what the law requires at any time and are intended to help mothers not only in discharging their legal duties, but in protecting their children and probably saving their lives at a time when contagious diseases are most easily contracted.

Dr. Crouch says that he has a further reason for asking the mothers to take particular pains with their children in regard to contagious diseases at this time and that is, the death rate from these diseases is greater in January—after the Christmas holidays—when they are in December, or before Christmas. This increase in the death rate has been attributed to the spread of the disease by mingling the sick with the well at parties, and other gathering places during the Christmas holidays. If there's no contagious diseases in the community there is little or no danger, he says.

No More French Elections (By Associated Press) Paris, Monday, Dec. 24.—The Chamber of Deputies today adopted a resolution extending the terms of all elective officials in France until the end of the war. No elections will be held in the meantime.

# Merry Christmas To All

## Officers and Directors of

# The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

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### The Moving Picture People Find Time Between Scenes to Help the Red Cross in Its Big Winter Drive.

Busy fingers, everywhere! The yarn manufacturers have never experienced such a tremendous demand for their product, even in the balmy days when proficiency with knitting needles was more than a qualifying virtue in the society of our great-grandmothers. Today the necessity for universal skill is greater than in those other days which have left us so many beautiful pieces of handwork as heirlooms: millions of boys in khaki and blue are clamoring for the warm, worsted garments which the Red Cross is collecting from almost every household in the land, and as winter approaches, the demand increases daily. Is it any wonder that women are winning their right for suffrage?

Millions no longer gaze languidly through the plate windows of her softly-cushioned limousine as she rolls down the avenue. She is busily occupied with her knitting needles, so engrossed with the new work of mercy that she seldom looks up when the traffic policeman semaphores her car to a sudden halt. Downtown, in her husband's factory, the girls are staying a half-hour overtime each day to make these same standardized socks, the helmets, wristlets, and sweaters, and some of them may be seen on the street cars and in the subway on their way home, still knitting. It is the same everywhere, at the fashionable resorts and on the farms. Every community has been touched and is responding nobly through its local organizations.

The moving picture folk pictured above are "knitting their bit," too. Not long ago they formed a knitting circle out of the Triangle studios in Culver City, Cal., to utilize the time of ready to "bind off" a muffler, the actors between the "shooting" while the circle reveals dainty Margery Wilson making use of photoplays. The lower corner shows some of the actors grouped about in happy competition, with Jack Livingston "trying on" one is comparing results with Belle of the sleeveless creations of Bennett. And the work does not stop when they leave the studio. One and a half million knitted some "Winnie" Allen, star of the recent patriotic play, is getting "movie" folk are not slackers.

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