

### EXPLANATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR DEPENDENTS MADE

Much Misunderstanding Exists Among People Regarding This Matter

### GOVERNOR BICKETT ISSUES STATEMENT

Local Exemption Boards Enter Upon the Last Week of Work of Mailing out Paper to Registrants

The city and county boards this morning entered upon the last week of their work in mailing out questionnaires to registrants under the selective service act, the last quota of papers to be sent out during the latter part of the week. The county board has been detained in its work by failure to receive certain stationery supplies which are expected in today. The city board today mailed papers to men from 2,348 to 2,483 inclusive. While the work of mailing out the questionnaires will be completed this week the work of classification will probably take another ten days or two weeks, and perhaps a little longer. The members of the board are working as speedily as possible, but it is necessarily a slow job. The local boards today received a message from Governor Bickett, with regard to a misunderstanding that seems to exist as to allotments for dependents of men called into the service, and for which the widest publicity is asked. The relief commissions all over the state have been finding the same trouble. Dependents who come to them through misapprehension go away sorrowfully, and think that somebody has deceived them. It is very little understood that the government supervisors wages paid to soldiers who have wives and children, and sends aid to the latter direct, but that dependents other than wife and children must get their pay through the soldier who directs the government how to send the money.

There is another misunderstanding that is general. The government not only pays a portion of the soldier's wages to the wife or children, or both, dependent upon him, but it supplements this allowance from its own treasury up to \$50. Many dependents think they have received their full when this partial aid is sent them, but they will receive more.

The following is the statement from Governor Bickett in the effort to straighten out this matter: "To all Local Exemption Boards, Gentlemen:

"Complaints are constantly coming to me that indicate that dependents of soldiers do not fully understand what is necessary to be done in order to secure the allowance made by the government to such dependents. "In the case of a wife or child the law compels an allotment of a portion of the soldier's wages and this is supplemented by a schedule of allowance with which you are familiar. "With respect to dependents other than wife or child, it is necessary for the soldier himself to make a voluntary allotment of his pay and then request the additional allowance made by the government. In other words, the dependents must seek their relief through the soldier. I have no doubt that in many instances soldiers are collecting their entire wages and sending a portion of these to their dependents. This is a fatal mistake, for it cuts the dependents out of receiving anything from the government. If the soldier will go to the officer in the camp and make an allotment of his wages and ask that the additional allowance provided by the government be sent to his dependents this will be done. Please give this the widest

### NEW BERN TO RECEIVE FOUR CARLOADS COAL

Senator Simmons Comes to City's Rescue—Razing Buildings for Fuel

(Special to The Dispatch.) New Bern, Jan. 7.—Four carloads of coal, en route to some other point, have been diverted to New Bern for the use of the people of this city, according to a telegram which Mayor Edward Clark has received from Senator F. M. Simmons who was in the city last week and who had seen at first hand the suffering which has been endured by local citizens during the present cold weather. Just where this coal is coming from or when it is expected to arrive is not known but it may roll in at any time and as soon as it reaches the city it will be placed on sale. Mayor Clark, upon receipt of the message from Senator Simmons, telegraphed the appreciation of the people of New Bern and assured the Senator that his efforts to relieve the fuel shortage here were greatly appreciated.

**Razing Buildings for Fuel.** Hundreds of cart loads of dry wood are being furnished to New Bern people as the result of the razing of the old Condon mill, which work is now in progress, and many local residents are today warming by fires which were made from this.

The Condon mill has for years been unused and has been absolutely worthless and its utilization as fuel is the best method of disposing of it. There are a number of other buildings in New Bern that are worthless so far as occupancy is concerned and, if necessary, these will also be torn down and turned into fuel for the benefit of the people of the city.

The county committee continues to cut wood and this is greatly adding to the existing situation and there is not so much suffering now as was the case a few days ago. **Walked Across Neuse River.** For the first time in history, so far as is known, Neuse river, five miles wide at Oriental, has been walked across by pedestrians, this being done Friday by Miss Alice Brite, Harry Bowen, Alvin Traut and Levin Carraway, of Oriental. The river was covered with ice from three to five inches deep and this was strong enough to hold the weight of the heaviest man and walking across that body of water was as easy as walking on terra firma.

### MASS FOR AMERICAN AND FRENCH DEAD

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Jan. 6.—Masses for both American and French dead were said in the churches of France today on the occasion of the national celebration of the birthday of Joan of Arc. At her birthplace, the little village of Domremy, many pilgrims who had come miles to worship at the little church where France's saint was baptized were unable to gain entrance during the services and knelt in the snow while mass was being celebrated.

### UNION SERVICE DAY.

The weekly union prayer meeting will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock, at Grace Methodist church, Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor. Rev. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will conduct the services, and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

### SAME TRAINS TO RUN.

That there will be no curtailment of trains in and out of this city on account of the government cutting trains off from many schedules, is the optimistic view expressed by a Coast Line official yesterday. It is also thought that the Florida tourist special will not be interfered with.

publicity possible and call this information to the attention of all dependents of soldiers in your county. "Very truly yours, "T. W. BICKETT, "Governor."

### ORGANIZATION OF NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IMPRESSIVE

Handsome new Building Formally Presented to the Congregation

### LARGE AUDIENCE AT SERVICE LAST NIGHT

Elders and Deacons Elected and Ordained and New Church Launched into Religious Life of City

The new Presbyterian congregation of the Church of the Covenant was formally organized last night with impressive services in the beautiful new home of the congregation, and the house of worship was formally presented to the congregation by Dr. James Sprunt and Mr. W. H. Sprunt as a memorial to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, and as a thank offering for 50 years of success in business. Other Presbyterian churches of the city suspended services for the evening in order that all the congregations might join in the services at the new church, and there was a very large audience present to participate in the launching of the new organization, which begins its life most auspiciously.

The following were chosen as the officers of the new congregation: Ruling Elders, Messrs. W. D. McCaig, C. W. Woodward, Jos. Sharrack, Fred L. Pearsall, H. Lacy Hunt and W. A. Woods; Deacons, Messrs. J. O. Carr, W. P. Sprunt, L. E. Hall, W. W. Love, J. F. Mann, J. Holmes Davis, W. S. Johnson, O. L. Brown, D. C. Jones and C. P. Gorman; Board of Trustees, Messrs. R. B. Slocum, Warren L. Jones, E. R. Hart, W. H. Moore and William L. Hall.

Just preceding the services the special commission named for the organization of the church met in the pastors' study to receive new members. A total of 103 members transferred from other churches of the city to the new church, and eight were received on profession of faith, making a total membership of 111 charter members. While the commission was in session a splendid organ recital was given by E. H. Munson, organist of the First Presbyterian church. The choir of the latter church led the congregational singing and rendered a number of special selections during the services.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and chairman of the commission on organization, presided at the services. Upon motion of Mr. W. D. McCaig the name of the Church of the Covenant was adopted as that of the new edifice. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who selected a portion of the eighth chapter of the Gospel of St. John, and prayer was offered by Rev. John J. Howell. Dr. Wells then delivered an inspiring sermon, taking as his text, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make ye free."

Dr. Wells pointed out that the Presbyterian church holds the Bible to be the inspired word of God, and makes it the only rule and guide of faith, containing the truth of the revelation of God to man through Jesus Christ, who is the truth referred to in the text. Through faith are men justified, and in the truth of Christ made free.

The influence of the church upon civilization was illustrated by the examples of the Greek church in Russia, the Catholic church in Italy and Spain and the Presbyterian church in Scotland, Switzerland and Holland. The government of the latter was shown to be that of a republic, a form of government for which the church has stood since the days of the Reformation. The growth of the democratic form of government was briefly traced, and Dr. Wells showed that when the fathers established this government of ours they turned to the church for the model. Today three-fourths of the world is under a democratic form of government, with the remainder rapidly changing to the same form, and this, he pointed out, is largely due to the influence of the church which received it through the New Testament.

Following the sermon the new elders and deacons were ordained and the building was formally presented to the congregation by Dr. McClure on behalf of the donors. Dr. McClure announced that the dedication services would be arranged for an early date, and the services closed with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

### President Enjoys Glaze Storm.

Washington, Jan. 7.—President Wilson went to golf this morning in the worst glaze storm the capital has suffered in years. Although the streets were so icy that the usual motor cycle escort had to be left behind and all Washington slid rather than walked or rode to business, the President insisted on his morning recreation and the White House automobiles crept out to the links. The President evidently enjoyed the ice covered course.

### NEGROES OBSERVED EMANCIPATION DAY

Good Attendance at Meeting and Patriotic Resolutions Adopted

At the annual meeting of the Emancipation Association held on January 1st, 1918, there was an unusual large attendance of the colored people of the city. The usual order of business was transacted and many interesting addresses made.

The following resolutions were adopted: "Mr. President and Members of the Emancipation Association: "The mills of God grind slowly but surely.

"Since last we met in this manner many changes have taken place. And in view thereof, we your committee beg to submit the following:

"Whereas: Many of our comrades have since passed into the beyond due to death from natural causes, diseases, accidents, suicides, murder, hanging, lynching and mob violence, whilst the war—the most atrocious of all times—has claimed its toll; and

"Whereas, many of our homes have since been torn asunder, large numbers having emigrated North enticed thither by industrial advantages denied them at home, a fact clearly demonstrated during the Selective Draft Campaign of May last when it was found that there was a dearth for men between the ages of eighteen and thirty-one; and

"Whereas, January first 1917, found our country a neutral one so far as the World War was concerned, but is today one of the biggest factors in the war which must be reckoned with until the consummation of things and the readjustments of the affairs of the earth, in which readjustments the Negro seems destined to play a conspicuous part; and

"Whereas, The scales of justice time and again, during the year, apparently had been weighted down by injustice to, and indignity of, the race, such as the St. Louis outrage, the Tennessee disgrace, the Houston misfortune, and the like; and

"Whereas, there are men of all races who, despite positions, opportunities and advantages of civilization agencies, allow their feelings to dominate their being in actions and words thus constantly leading them into trouble;

"Therefore be it resolved:

"First: That we the proud and grateful heirs of Emancipation, on this the fifty-fourth year of our freedom put ourselves on record as a community of the people who will reason dictate our policy that we will look well to our speech and action in all matters, that we will ourselves endeavor to weave added fibers into fabric of government protection and fan into a flame the spark of respect and consideration shown us by the opposite race.

"Second: That we fully recognize and highly appreciate the many evidences of willingness on the part of the government through its many agencies to enlist our sympathy and co-operation.

"Third: That we pledge our financial and moral support to the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. movements, that we identify ourselves with the conservation campaign, that we help to reduce to a minimum the arduous task of the present registration campaign of the government by lending all the advice and service we can, and by personal self sacrifice, and that we stand by the government now, as we have always stood, and will forever, ready to defend its cause.

"Fourth: That we place on record our earnest desire to see ignorance and poverty removed from our midst and pray that it will not be long before the government through our own municipality will so enlarge our educational and industrial facilities that our hopes may be realized.

"Fifth: That we feel very keenly the sufferings and deaths of so many of our comrades in one form or another during the past year and extend our sympathy to their bereaved ones.

"Sixth: That our slogan for this year for future years shall be, "Let us get together for Health, Justice, Co-operation, the dissemination of knowledge and a sound and stable government, a government of the people, a government that will insure to every man, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

### NOTICE

The annual meeting of stockholders in The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, will be held at 10 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, January 9th, at the offices of the Company, No. 110 Princess Street, Wilmington, N. C.

J. L. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

"Resolved, further, That this Association extend a hearty vote of thanks.

"First: To the Pastor and Trustees of the St. Luke A. M. E. Z. Church for their very cordial hospitality.

"Second: To the Choir of Central Baptist Church for the very excellent music rendered.

"Third: To Carrie Hazel for her most timely and eloquent address of welcome, an address the delivery of which would have done credit to one of maturer mind and much riper years.

"Fourth: To Rachel Howard, Dudley for the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation.

"Fifth: To Rev. H. A. Parris, M. D. of the St. Mark's P. E. Church who as orator of the day not only captivated his audience by the depth of his knowledge of natural philosophy and human history which at intervals he punctuated so masterly from his fund of happy and terse utterances, but also inspired it with hope in the race's ultimate advancement.

"And last, but not least: To our remaining veterans for being with us today under such unfavorable weather conditions.

"D. C. Vinco, J. E. Jackson, J. A. Bonner, W. H. Moore, F. W. Avant, R. Boisveaux, J. E. Taylor.

### ROBERT SCHREIBER DEAD.

Passed Away at James Walker Memorial Hospital Last Night. Mr. Robert Schreiber, of Audubon, for many years a master painter for the Tidewater Power Company, died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital at 11:45 o'clock last night, after a short illness. Mr. Schreiber was about 50 years old and had lived here for about 25 years. He was a painter of ability and his work has often been the subject of most favorable comment. He was of a retiring disposition, but had many warm friends who will remember his kindness and goodness of heart. He leaves one brother living in Hamburg, Germany.

The funeral will be conducted from the establishment of Mr. James F. Woolvin, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

### RECORDER'S COURT.

Several Cases Disposed of at This Morning's Session.

In the Recorder's court this morning Odie Hannah, a colored boy charged with stealing a bicycle, was sent to the farm to serve out an unexpired term, from which he had been paroled. Alex Blizell, another colored boy, was up for firing a rifle within the city limits and was paroled in the custody of Probation Officer Johnson for the period of 60 days.

Virginia Chestnut, colored, charged with maintaining a disorderly house, was let off with the costs and prayer for judgment was continued for six months.

It is kinder to say that a man or woman is ignorant than that they are so selfish as to disregard the pitiful cries of starving humanity on the other side.

DIED—Robert Schreiber, died at James Walker Memorial Hospital 11:45 last night. Funeral tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon 4 o'clock from Woolvin's funeral establishment. Friends are asked to attend.



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