

### WILMINGTONIAN TO PRESIDE AT ANNUAL MEETING OF MASONS

Major Claude L. Pridgen is the Grand Master of North Carolina

### SEVERAL FROM CITY GO TO GRAND LODGE

Second Time in Its History That an Army Officer Has Presided as Grand Master of the State

When the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Ancient Free and Accepted Masons convenes this evening in the Masonic Temple at Raleigh for its 131st annual communication it will be presided over by a Grand Master who is an officer in the United States Army on active duty for the first time in more than 100 years, and the officer this time will be a citizen of Wilmington in the person of Grand Master Claude L. Pridgen, Major, U. S. A., attached to the 113th United States Field Artillery, stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. Grand Master Pridgen was elected to the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Mason in North Carolina at the annual communication held last January. During the summer he enlisted for service in the army, and his duties as Grand Master have since been performed by Mr. George S. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, Deputy Grand Master, who will succeed him as Grand Master at this communication. The annual address of Grand Master Pridgen will be one of the features of the opening session of the communication this evening.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina are of exceeding interest to a large number of citizens of this city, for Wilmington has for a long number of years been one of the strongholds of Masonry in the State. The city has the honor of having the oldest lodge within the confines of the State in St. John's Lodge No. 3. This with Wilmington Lodge No. 319 and Orient Lodge No. 395, places this city in the lead in Masonic activities in North Carolina with a large and progressive membership.

Mr. A. S. Holden, of this city, is chairman of the committee on credentials of the Grand Lodge, and he went to Raleigh on Sunday to discharge the duties incumbent upon that committee. Representing the three lodges of the city the following gentlemen left for Raleigh yesterday: Messrs. H. A. Huggins, Chas. B. Newcombe, F. H. McCullough, F. G. Rose, K. W. Jewell, P. B. Bell and F. M. Holley.

When the Grand Lodge convenes for this communication there will be absent several loved faces that have been seen at all communications for a number of years, death having laid a heavy hand upon the Grand Lodge during the past year. Included in the number who have died are four Past Grand Masters, among them Mr. C. H. Robinson, of this city. The others are Col. John T. Nichols, of Raleigh, Mon. H. A. Gudgeon, of Asheville, and Dr. Francis M. Winchester, of Charlotte. Another grand officer who has been claimed by death is Mr. Leo D. Heartt, of Raleigh, Grand Treasurer since 1905.

During the War of 1812, General Robert Williams was Grand Master of North Carolina, he then being in the service as a Brigadier General in command of North Carolina State troops. When Maj. Pridgen tonight convenes the grand body it will be the second time in its history that an army officer has so officiated.

Another unusual feature of the meeting this year is the fact that two of the chief officers of the State are serving as officers of the Grand Lodge. State Treasurer B. R. Lacy is acting as treasurer to fill the unexpired term

### WORK OF ORGANIZING SCHOOLS CONTINUING

A Thrift Society is Being Formed in Every Room of Each School

"If the grown people show the same spirit as the children, the thrift campaign in New Hanover will be a tremendous success," said one of the committeemen yesterday afternoon, in reviewing the work of the day, which had been spent in organizing the Union, Hemenway and Cornelius Harnett schools.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 at the High School there will be a meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the societies which have been formed in the schools together with representatives of the National Special Aid Society, which will work in conjunction with the school children in this thrift campaign. At that time the city will be laid out in districts, and the various school societies will be allotted their work.

The societies with their officers at the Union school are as follows: A-1—President, Margaret Garrett, secretary, Hampton Davis. A-2—President, George Farmer, secretary, Hilda Reinhold. B-1—President Hershchell Lennon; secretary, Margaret Schinberger. B-2—President, Carl Zellers; secretary, Edith Gore. B-3—President, Earl Mobley; secretary, Edythe Donnell. C-1—President, Marguerite Donnell; secretary, James Wiberg. C-2—President, James A. Meier; secretary, Thelma Herring. C-3—President, DeWitt Sidbury; secretary, George Dew. D-1—President, Carl Hill; secretary, James Center. D-2—President, Hugh Little; secretary, Winnie Byerly. At the Cornelius Harnett School three societies were organized with officers as follows: Society B—Eunice Johnson, president; Tom Batson, secretary. Society C—Kenneth Lee, president; James Grimsley, secretary. Society D—Harold Cavenaugh, president; Louise Sullivan, secretary.

### MR. SANDLIN INJURED

Wilmington Man Meets With Accident—Aged Couple Marry.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Beulaville, N. C., Jan. 15.—Mr. Edward Sandlin met with a serious accident last Friday by falling through a hole in the floor of a barn, breaking his right foot, left thumb and dislocating his left shoulder. The attending physician says it will be a month or six weeks before Mr. Sandlin recovers sufficiently to attend to his business as usual. Mr. Sandlin's home is 114 North Eighth street, Wilmington, but for some time has been conducting the Edward Sandlin Piano and Sewing Machine Company, at this place. Mr. W. M. Bishop, postmaster here, is quite ill, suffering with heart trouble, it is said.

A wedding of more than ordinary interest took place here at the home of the bride at 7:30 o'clock last Thursday evening, when Mrs. Kittie Bass, aged 79, became the bride of Mr. Willie Gresham, aged 75.

Of Mr. Leo D. Heartt, and will in all probability be elected as the next treasurer of the fraternity. Governor Thos. W. Bickett is the Grand Orator for this year, and will deliver the annual oration at the opening session this evening.

### MORE FOOD NEEDED AND FARMERS MUST INCREASE EFFORTS

Greater Food and Feed Crops Are Necessary to Win the War

### FARMERS INSTITUTE SCOTT'S HILL 19th

Experts From the Departments Will Be There to Explain How to Produce More Foodstuffs

The first of the series of institutes for farmers to be held in this section will be at Scott's Hill on Saturday of this week, and County Agent J. P. Herring is endeavoring to so impress the importance and value of the meeting upon the people of the county that there will be a large attendance. Soil fertility, food and feed crops, live stock, marketing and other topics of the greatest importance will be discussed by experts in the different lines sent here by the State and National Departments of Agriculture.

At the same time there will be held a woman's institute, conducted by Mrs. Mittie M. Henley, assistant home demonstration agent, and the county home demonstration agent, to which women are invited to come and join in the discussion of home economies, home conveniences, food conservation, war time recipes and other things pertaining to the home. A practical demonstration in cooking will be given. The women are urged to bring pencils and notebooks, and to bring a lunch and stay all day.

In connection with this institute County Agent Herring has sent out the following call for the farmers to attend:

"It is needless for me to tell you that we are engaged in the most destructive and far-reaching war the world has ever known. You know that as well as I do. But I fear there are a great many of our people who fail to realize the seriousness of the situation and are not making arrangements for large food and feed crops which will be absolutely necessary for us to win in this war. It matters not what our opinions were at one time in regard to the war, we are now in it, and must either win or lose. We can not ever think of the idea of losing it, think of nothing but winning. Every American who reads the papers and keeps posted in regard to the atrocities committed by the Germans on defenseless women and children, and compelling aged men to work for them in factories and on farms so they can send their own men to fight in the trenches against our soldiers and our allies, must be filled with indignation and be willing to do all he can to win the war for world-wide democracy and freedom of the people. We simply must win or suffer indignities unmentionable and our country made bankrupt in paying the entire cost of the war.

"To do our part in winning the war we must do everything possible to grow the best crops this year we have ever grown. Labor will be scarcer than ever before, therefore it behooves us to make every person's work count for the most. With this in view I have planned to hold some special meetings or farmers' institute, and have the promise of the cooperation of the State Department of Agriculture and the Experiment Station to send us men and women to discuss subjects in which we are all vitally interested. We want to greet these people with large audiences and get the most out of the meetings we possibly can. To do this it will be necessary for us to do personal work in seeing our neighbors and getting them to promise to attend, and also for them to see their friends and get them to attend also. I am counting on you to co-operate with me in this work. Advertise the meetings in every way you can by announcing at churches, Sunday schools and any other gatherings you may attend, also by speaking to people about them.

"Already the call has gone out asking the farmers to prepare for larger food and feed crops for this year. In a few months there will be many thousands of our soldiers in Europe. These soldiers must be fed and fed by the farmers of the United States, if we are to win the war. Neither England, France nor Italy are in a position to feed and clothe their own soldiers. We must raise enough for our home demands, our soldiers and those of our allies. The meetings that we are going to hold will be for the purpose of conferring with each other as to the best methods of growing larger crops and meet the expectations of those who are relying on us for food and feed.

"Please do all you can to make these meetings a success."

Nurse—It's time for you to take nourishment again. Patient—I'm tired of taking nourishment; give me something to eat.—Judge.

### EXPERIENCED MEN ARE WANTED IN ENGINEERS

Army Seeks Skilled Workmen for Immediate Duty in France

There is an immediate need for the foreign service of woodsmen, lumbermen and road and bridge builders, and the Engineering Department of the War Department is sending out an urgent appeal for enlistments in this branch. Repeated calls for men skilled in these lines of work have brought some results, and the training camps have been combed for available men, but still the required number has not been secured, and the government is asking for those who can serve to come forward. Registrants who are qualified may volunteer by first obtaining the permission of the local boards. The next call for men under the selective service act is still several weeks in the future, and the need of men for this special service is for right now.

It is stated that the Twentieth Engineers, familiarly known as the lumbermen's regiment, needs quick for immediate service in France 3,000 experienced woodsmen and lumbermen. These are divided as follows: For Woods Work—Woods bosses, woods sawyers, woods filers, logging teamsters, top loaders, saddlers, wagoners, skidders, blacksmiths, gasoline motor truck drivers, gasoline motor tractor drivers, gasoline motor repair men, stationary engineers, stationary firemen, log scalers, tie hoppers, pole and piling men, charcoal burners, cooks, woods laborers.

For Logging Railroads—Track bosses, track men, locomotive engineers, locomotive firemen, brakemen, machinists and laborers. For Sawmills—Saw mill foremen, construction millwrights, operating millwrights, machinists, sawyers, filers for circular and inserted tooth only, carriage men, edgermen, trimmer men, stationary engineers, stationary firemen, boiler makers, gasoline motor truck drivers, gasoline motor tractor operators, gasoline motor repair men, cooks and mill and yard laborers.

Also are needed a few all around planning mill mechanics, and a few steamboilers experienced in sawmill office work.

The Twentieth Engineers is the largest regiment in the world, consisting of 7,500 men, divided into 10 battalions of 750 men each, each battalion divided into three companies of 250 men each. Their work will be in France, where they will convert forests into the various requirements of American Engineering Corps, among which are sawn and hewn ties, bridge timbers, telephone poles, trench planks, pit props, lumber for cantonments and hospitals, firewood, charcoal and the like. Years of practical experience as woodsmen or sawmill men is absolutely necessary for those enlisting. The pay runs while abroad from \$33 to \$36 per month for the enlisted men, and of course, all expenses.

In addition to the needs of the Twentieth Engineers, 3,000 men are wanted at once to be formed into auxiliary unit battalions of highway construction men, the Forty-first, Forty-second and Forty-third auxiliary forestry battalions. To qualify for enlisting in these men should be skilled in the following work: Road building, bridge building, operating rock crushers, operating road rollers, driving motor trucks or as ordinary road laborers. A moment's thought will show the very great importance of the work which is assigned for these organizations. On account of the large amount of work of this character that has been carried on in Eastern North Carolina, it is hoped that there will be quite a number of men to volunteer for service from this section.

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