

REV. M. S. HUSKE ACCEPTS CALL TO NEW CHURCH HERE

Will Fill Pastorate of the Church of the Covenant

FIRST SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED SUNDAY

Large Congregation Heard Young Minister Deliver Splendid Sermons

Large congregations yesterday worshipped at the Church of the Covenant, the new Presbyterian church recently organized in the beautiful house of worship presented by the Messrs. Sprunt as a memorial to their parents. The services were conducted by Rev. M. S. Huske, of Fayetteville, who has charge of the pastorate for a year, and he made a deep impression upon his listeners.

Rev. Mr. Huske was recently extended a call by the new congregation, and he has accepted for a period of three months. He is a gifted young minister, a graduate of Davidson College and of the Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond, receiving his degree at the latter institution last June. During the past few months he has been serving in Western North Carolina. He plans to leave for the foreign mission field in the early summer, hence his temporary acceptance of the pastorate here.

On Sunday morning, speaking upon the subject, "The Enrichment of Life," the young minister delivered an impressive sermon, his remarks being based on the tenth verse of the eighth chapter of the Gospel of John. He spoke in part as follows:

"The coming of Christ has given us a new conception of greatness. Before the coming of Christ into the world, the possession of wealth, the holding of political power, or unusual gifts of intellect were looked upon as the true indications of greatness.

"But now the world has come to place a different measure upon the claims of a man to be called great. More and more do we realize the fact that the truly great man is one who serves and loves and lives for his neighbor and his fellow man.

"A vivid realization of this fact was brought to me in reading Captain Dawson's book, 'Carry On.' Captain Dawson left New York, where his success as a novelist and his brilliant gifts of intellect had won him large popularity and a comfortable place among the life lights of the day, and enlisted in the Canadian army. He fought through the most grueling stages of the first year of the war, serving not himself, not his own country, but doing his bit to free the world from the plague of autocracy.

"He found that in losing oneself in a great cause, suffering, and if need be, dying, in serving the great cause which he had espoused, was the highest joy and the deepest satisfaction. He has discovered the great truths that Christ has been teaching the world since his life of devoted service and devoted ministry ended on Calvary.

"This change in the thinking of the world has been brought about by the rich, though poor for our sakes. (Continued on Page Seven).

MEMBERS OF BOARDS NOW WEARING INSIGNIAS

Handsomeness of Bronze Buttons for Exemption Officers Received

Members of the County and City Exemption boards have had conferred upon them badges of a distinguished service order in the shape of handsome bronze buttons supplied by the government designating them as important officers of the war machinery of the United States. The wearing of them is required under orders from the War Department, though the members of the local boards are modest men and not given to the display of decorations.

The emblem chosen is an attractive bronze button which are worn in the coat lapel. Upon it are the words: "Selective Service U. S." As an insignia of office, all the men engaged in this work are required to wear it. In this connection a local citizen who is familiar with Biblical history points out that the United States did nothing new when Congress adopted the selective service system for getting men for the vast army of the country. This citizen points out that way back yonder in the early days of Israel, as is fully recorded in the Book of Numbers.

At that time there was conducted the first census of any people that is recorded in written history. Moses "numbered" the children of Israel, and he had a selective service system, with its exemption boards, not at all unlike the very same system that is now selecting men for service from the nearly 10,000,000 men between the ages of 21 and 21 in the United States.

THE ELKS HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETS

Boston, Mass., Jan. 21.—A committee headed by John K. Tener met today to approve plans and open bids for the hospital to be erected in this city by the fraternal order of Elks. The other members of the committee are Joseph T. Fanning, of New York; Judge Jerome B. Fisher, of Jamestown, N. Y.; and James R. Nicholson, of Boston, all past exalted rulers, and Fred C. Harper, of Lynchburg, Va., exalted ruler of the order. The hospital where soldiers who have lost arms and legs will be treated and instructed in useful trades will be known as the B. P. O. E. Reconstruction Hospital No. 1.

MANY COAL TRAINS TO THE TIDEWATER

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 21.—More trains were started for tidewater in the last 36 hours than were moved in a single week of the coal shortage, according to railroad men. At least 5,000 cars, their capacity ranging from 50 to 20 tons, railroad officials estimate, are strung out along the mining districts.

Both the Pennsylvania and Reading roads gave coal trains the right of way over passenger traffic yesterday. The Lehigh Valley road cancelled all Sunday passenger traffic on branch lines.

An embargo on passenger service from two to five days on branch lines is advocated by railroad men as the most effective means of relieving the congestion.

ROTARY PREPARES TO MAKE POPULAR "SMILEAGE" BOOKS

Local Club Will Enter Heartily in Efforts of Campaign

SHARE FOR CITY IS PLACED AT \$1,750

Movement is one of biggest Yet Undertaken To Provide Entertainment For Soldiers

Drafted into service again by the forces of the government, the Rotary Clubs of the United States will next week make a success of the "Smileage" book campaign, which is considered one of the most important movements yet undertaken for the entertainment of the soldiers now serving in the training camps throughout the country. Rotary means "service" in an applied sense, so it was perfectly natural that the committee appointed by the Secretary of War to make this a success should have turned to Rotary for the work. The Wilmington Rotary Club will do its part in this, as in all other movements where it has been called for duty.

Rotarians Milton Calder and L. Shrier last week attended a meeting of Rotarians at Raleigh for the purpose of planning the work in North Carolina, and these plans were explained at the regular meeting of the local club today. The decision was unanimous to throw the weight of the club behind the movement.

The week beginning January 28 has been designated by the Military Entertainment Council, appointed by Secretary of War Baker, as "Smileage Book" week.

The Military Entertainment Council is a special commission appointed by Secretary of War Baker as a branch of the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities. The work of this council is to provide high-class entertainment for the officers of the men in the uniform of the United States, now in National Guard and National Army Camps.

It is the purpose of the council to present at Camp theatres now being built by the government at National Army camps, and to be known as "Liberty Theatres." Broadway companies in the best theatrical success of the season. Lectures of the highest excellence and the best musical and vaudeville programs.

Ordinarily the cost of booking such attractions would be prohibitive, but the best performers and managers of the United States have met the council with such patriotic cooperation as to put these productions within the reach of every soldier of the United States. As a result of this co-operation and patriotic effort the money cost of these high-class productions will range from 10 cents to 25 cents a seat.

As an indication of the class of entertainment offered, four companies have already been assigned to this field and are arranging to present in the Liberty theatres in the camps throughout the country such accepted Broadway successes as "Turn to the Right," "Cheating Cheaters," "Here Comes the Bride," and "Inside the Lines." Other companies and stars of nationwide reputation are volunteering to fit themselves into the plans of the Council, as did Miss Maude Adams and William Faver.

CONVENTION OF FARM AGENTS IS CALLED OFF

May Be Held at Later Date if it Can Be Arranged

The convention of farm demonstration agents which was scheduled to begin a three days' session in this city on Tuesday has been indefinitely postponed, and probably canceled entirely, because of the general disturbed conditions arising from the war. This information was received in a telegram to Secretary H. B. Branch, of the Chamber of Commerce, on Sunday from Mr. R. W. Frooman, who is Federal supervisor of farm agents for Eastern North Carolina. This decision will be the cause of much regret in the city, where arrangements had been made for the entertainment of 50 or more delegates and speakers for the convention. Among the plans was a big oyster roast, a trip over the famous good roads of New Hanover to some of the progressive farms of the county and a big public meeting at the Court House on Thursday afternoon that was planned to be a big boost for the raising of more hogs in this county.

It may be that arrangements can be made for the holding of the convention early in February, but this is not at all certain at the present time. After the first of next month the farm agents will be so busy with their work in the various counties that they will not be able to leave for such a gathering, and it therefore appears likely that the convention will not be held at all.

sham as soon as these two leading actors heard of the "Smileage" project. Mr. Marc Klaw, possibly the greatest theatrical producer of the country, has volunteered to act on the executive committee and will have direct supervision of all theatricals which will be presented.

Vaudeville bills have been assembled by General Manager E. F. Albee, of the Keith Circuit, and the routings will be so arranged as to prevent an unvaried succession in any camp of any one kind of entertainment.

Although the money cost of these performances has been reduced to a minimum, ranging from 10 cents to 25 cents per seat, the actors practically, volunteering their services in this cause, it still remains that many soldiers will not be able to attend many performances even at these prices, as thousands of them are sending home practically all of their pay.

On the other hand, practically every soldier has those at home who strongly desire to contribute to his camp life something of wholesome and cheerful entertainment. Many big industrial companies are now doing different things for employees who have entered the service to make their idle hours in camp more pleasing and uplifting.

In order to provide a practical, inexpensive way for the "folks at home" to "do their bit," the Military Entertainment Council has originated the "Smileage Book," which contains coupons somewhat similar to the Mileage Books of the railroads.

These books will be sold in two sizes. In books of one size 20 coupons will be sold for \$1. In books of another size 100 coupons will be sold for \$5. These coupons will be given in payment for seats at any performance in any Camp theatre. As gifts these "Smileage Books," whether received from home, from friends or from former employer, will have a distinctive character.

Every book will constitute a connecting link between the men at the front and the "folks back home" and at the same time will enable many of our patriotic boys to see high class performances which otherwise would be denied them.

The outstanding idea of the Military Entertainment Council in arranging for his kind of high class entertainment is to change a danger period in the life of a soldier into a period of healthful relaxation and refreshment. Committees have been appointed and an organized, intensive effort will be made by these committees to explain the purpose of the "Smileage Book" campaign throughout the United States, beginning January 28th.

The allotment of these "Smileage Books" for each city is 5 per cent. of the population; in other words, a city like Wilmington, with a population of (Continued on Page Seven).

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company. Condensed Statement to the Corporation Commission of the Condition of the Company at the close of business on December 31st, 1917. ASSETS: Loans and Discounts, other than demand \$2,017,999.44; Demand Loans 515,760.32; North Carolina State Bonds 123,500.00; All other stocks, bonds and mortgages 48,900.00; Building 50,000.00; All other real estate owned 2,300.00; Cash, and due from banks 420,019.81; Trust Investments 143,500.00; Liberty Bond Account 107,835.15; Total \$3,429,814.74. LIABILITIES: Capital \$100,000.00; Surplus 200,000.00; Undivided Profits 87,395.77; Dividends Unpaid 5,128.26; Building Reserve 49,000.00; Unearned Discounts 25,000.00; Deposits 2,963,295.72; Total \$3,429,814.74.

RED CROSS BULLETIN. The Red Cross can use any old silver trinkets, thimbles or broken silver articles, and will be glad to have all you can send as they net us quite a neat sum, and everything can be made to serve some purpose in these days of conservation. Forty-one new members have been added during the week and still they come in.

We are glad to have reports this week from all our units, as all have gotten back to work in earnest, and they do a splendid work. The following donations are most gratefully acknowledged: A splendid gift of linen and \$5 from a friend of the Red Cross; old linen has been sent in also by Miss Annie Kidder and Mrs. W. H. Sprunt.

Knitted squares for Belgian babies were donated by Mrs. C. James (3), Mrs. H. C. Brock (4), Mrs. J. A. Thompson (5), Mrs. Sara James (14), Loula Blalock (4), Ligette Andrews (4).

Motte Business College, stenographic work done, value \$10; all are enthusiastic members of the Red Cross. Magazines for the fort have been donated by Mrs. H. O. Burgwin and Mrs. Cuthbert Martin and Mrs. Armstrong. Mr. J. K. Williams, pneumonia plasters.

Mrs. Andrew Harris and Mrs. Smallbones sent in silver trinkets, also Mrs. J. H. Perrin.

Donations in cash: Mrs. W. H. Sprunt, \$5; a friend, \$5; Mrs. Stover, \$1; Mrs. Jacobi, \$5; Junior membership, \$2.75; donation from Junior Red Cross, 25c; from Tom Henderson, through J. R. C., \$1.

Masonboro Unit: Donated one dozen hospital shirts. Carolina Place Unit: Twenty-four bags, three shirts and two pairs of pajamas.

St. John's Unit: One set pajamas; four bed shirts; two pairs bed shirts. Winter Park Unit: Five shirts, 14

When the Skin Seems Ablaze With Itching and Burning

There's just one thing to do. If your skin seems ablaze with the fiery burning and itching of Eczema, real and lasting relief can only come from treatment that goes below the surface—that reaches down to the very source of the trouble. So-called skin-diseases come from a disordered condition of the blood, and the proper treatment is through the blood. Search far and near, and you can not find a blood remedy that approaches S. S. S. for real efficiency. It has been on the market for fifty years, during which time it has been giving uniform satisfaction for all manner of blood disorders. If you want prompt and lasting relief, you can rely upon S. S. S. For expert advice as to the treatment of your own individual case, write to your Chief Medical Adviser, Swift Specific Co., Dept. C Atlanta, Ga.

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Hot-water bags, 64 tri-bandages; four wipers (knitted). High school students did typewriting to the value of \$10, at least, for the Red Cross. Report of the work room attendance from January 11th to 18th: Paper back pads, 100; 4x4 wipers, 1-600; 2x2 wipers, 2,927; oakum pads, 228; compresses, 7,850; T-bandages, 10; pneumonia jackets, 2; heel rings, 32. Large box of books and magazines sent to the fort this week. Report of Knitting Chairman. Mrs. Balzer's Unit: Miss Rowe Wiggins, 1 pair socks. Mrs. Cressy's Unit: Mrs. Robt. Ruark, sweater; Mrs. St. George, sweater. Miss Northam's Unit: Two sweaters. Mrs. A. C. Kenly's Unit: Mrs. A. C. Kenly, sweater; Mrs. Fred Pearsall,

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New White Goods and Gingham Arrived Recently. Several large shipments of white goods and colored wash fabrics have been received and these are merely forerunners of the ones to come. Among the arrivals last week were Mikado Nainsook, 36 inches wide, priced at 35c a yard. Colonial Dame Nainsook in ten yard pieces, 36 inches wide, a special value for quick selling at \$2.48 a bolt. Chimosa Nainsook in checks and plain, 42 inches wide, soft, beautifully finished fabric, priced at 45c a yard. 32 inch striped, checked and plaid gingham, in all colors, priced at 29c a yard. Romper cloth and galatea in new striped effects, a splendid fabric for boys clothes, priced at 30c a yard. A New Stock of Spring Silks. Last Saturday morning when the water was still pouring down upon our silks, we telegraphed to our New York representative to rush out the entire order of silks. Most of these came in on Saturday and will be shown for the first time tomorrow—TUESDAY. In the assortment is a complete line of black silks, including Dutchess satin, messaline, taffetas and peau de soie. We want everyone to know that our stock of silks will soon be in condition to handle your every want and the newer Spring effects predominate. The new shipment of silks includes all colors priced at \$1.25, \$1.50, 1.75 and \$2.00 a yard. Bon Marche (Incorporated)

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