

AQUATIC FESTIVAL ARRANGED FOR AT Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT

Business Boys of City Are Promised Unusually Good Time

REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED ALSO

"Grasshopper Tragic Cantata" a Grand Opera Burlesque Promises to Be Rich

The Business Boys of Wilmington will be given a social and aquatic meet under the auspices of the Business Boys' Brotherhood of the Boys' Division of the Y. M. C. A., 7:30 to 10:00.

An unusually attractive program will be carried out consisting of a presentation of the "Grasshopper Tragic Cantata," which is really burlesque on Grand Opera; a number of selections from the Jubilee Quartette, one of the most noted negro quartettes in eastern North Carolina; some thrilling and exciting stunts by the boys; and a swimming exhibition. The feature of the program will be the Grasshopper Cantata. The following boys will take part as soloists: William Powell, playing the role of the bereaved widow; Wilbur King, the basso profundo; playing the role of the Turkey Gobbler; Cecil Appleberry, the preacher; Harry Toked as the Maiden Aunt; Houston Merritt, the Hermit.

The Cantata will be directed by Mr. David Struthers. Perhaps the most notable scene will be that in which the Black Bugs take part. The boys playing the role of the Black Bugs are Archie Parker; Hugh Hardison, Henry Geschen, Clark Huggins, Page Russels, Robert Tate. Much of the interest of the cantata is centered in the chorus of eight voices. The chorus consists of Harry Tucker, Charles Cavanaugh, George King, William Powell, Wilbur King, Cecil Appleberry, Calvert Hall, Houston Merritt.

Those who have heard the Jubilee Quartette will be assured of a treat in this. Rarely does one hear such rich melody and fine harmony in a quartet. For those who are not musically inclined the swimming exhibition and the free-for-all swim in a heated pool will afford them plenty of amusement and entertainment.

The program for the swimming exhibition includes the following events: fancy diving, 22 yard swim, 16 yard swim, dive for distance under water, weighted candle race, life saving, contest in removing clothes in the water, 18 yard swimming on back, four relay race of 22 yards, obstacle race. While this is given especially for the business boys of the city all people who wish to come are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. An admission of 25 cents will be charged.

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URGE CO-OPERATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Yesterday's Telegram Will Be Given Executive Committee Today

An earnest appeal is embodied in telegram received yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce from the New Orleans Cotton Exchange for cooperation with the Farmers' Union and agricultural commissioners of the Southern States in the campaign for increased production of foodstuffs and this matter will be presented at this afternoon's meeting of the executive committee of the chamber and action taken. Following is a copy of the communication from the cotton exchange:

"Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington, N. C.

"New Orleans Cotton Exchange earnestly appeals to the exchanges, boards of trade and other trade organizations and the bankers, individual merchants and traders of the South to cooperate with the officials of the Farmers' Union and the agricultural commissioners of the Southern States in the campaign now being waged for greater production of food and feed stuffs in the South. At two meetings of the Farmers' Union, Presidents and market commissioners and also the agricultural commissioners of the various Southern States held in New Orleans in January last, it was recognized that the most important of all questions now pending is the production of food necessary to carrying on the war, the feeding of our armies, the armies of the Allies, our civil population and the population of the Allies, that all other matters must give way to this imperative necessity.

"We simply cannot win the war unless the food question is promptly and properly coped with. Much has been said in public press by speakers and officials in and from Washington about Southern food crops, and while these sayings have not given us proper credit for what we have actually accomplished there is need for more strenuous efforts to assist in meeting the crisis which now confronts the nation. History records no instance in which the South has failed to do her share of patriotic duty full measure and running over, and we are certain that it need only be the truth be put before her people to secure their hearty co-operation.

"We may have been a food producing country, but we can and will be producers of food to the full extent of our duty in protecting the nation. The period is too short to call a meeting or convention of the exchanges. As suggested to us by the Augusta Cotton Exchange, no time should be lost, as the next two weeks will largely determine the acreage of foodstuffs in the South. For that reason we urge that the cotton exchanges and other commercial bodies of the South immediately put themselves in communication with the Farmers' Union presidents and also the State Commissioners of Agriculture in their respective States, and that each and every farmer be communicated with.

"Let the slogan be, 'Food and Feedstuffs Full and Running Over.' Where necessary let all else stand that our people may do their part in feeding their families, their boys who are now facing death for them, and their Allies who are sacrificing their all that they and their children may continue to enjoy the blessings of liberty of thought, word and action. We know if you appeal to your people history will repeat itself, that individual interests will give way to the necessities of the whole, and it will be found that everyone in the trenches or on the field of battle, the men of the South will be found doing their whole duty. We urge that you take this matter in hand with the promptness it needs and deserves, and that you communicate to us your course of action."

DIED AT ROSE HILL.

Deceased Had Many Friends in This City, Where He Was Well Known. Mr. W. H. Southerland, one of the leading citizens of Rose Hill, and for many years cashier of the bank at that place, died at his home Tuesday afternoon from an attack of pneumonia. He was about 60 years of age, and of a strong Christian character. He had many friends in Wilmington, and throughout this section who will be sorry to learn of his death.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon, and were conducted by Rev. W. M. P. Currie, pastor of the Presbyterian church, at Rose Hill. Mrs. Graham Farmer, a niece, and Mr. Chatham G. Southerland, a nephew of Wilmington, attended the funeral services. Surviving, besides his wife, are four daughters: Mrs. D. B. Herring, Mrs. W. D. Herring, Mrs. Hugh Johnson and Miss Lucy Southerland, all of Rose Hill, and four sisters, Mrs. J. B. Newton, of Poplarville, Miss.; Mrs. B. J. Symons, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Clarence Miller, of Claxton, Ga.; and Mrs. J. J. Armstrong, of Rocky Point, articles, that appeals to the heart of friends in this section.

INSPECTED THE PORT.

Mr. B. L. Mitchell, One of McAdoo's Men, Was in the City. Physical examination of the port with a special eye for determining Wilmington's facilities for handling shipments of various supplies was made yesterday by Chairman B. L. Mitchell, of the inter-regional traffic committee, and two of his associates. They were met at the union station in the morning by a committee of business men and officials of the Atlantic Coast Line and spent several hours going over the port, inspecting terminals, warehouse and port facilities in general. Luncheon was had at the Cape Fear Club.

NAME DELEGATES TO THE MEETING AT FAYETTEVILLE

Details Will Be Worked Out at This Afternoon's Meeting at the Chamber

LETTERS MAILED OUT OVER STATE

Fayetteville Keenly Interested in Coming Meeting. Wilmington Sees Big Things in Making

Delegates to the Fayetteville booster meeting to be held on March 27, with the object of creating sentiment looking toward the development of the inland waterways of the State in an effort to reduce the present freight rate that the State has borne since time immemorial, will be named at this afternoon's meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce and all details from the Wilmington end worked out. This city will be well represented at the Fayetteville meeting and all cities and towns of the State are expected to have delegates in attendance. Following is a copy of letters mailed over the State by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce relative to the meeting:

"My Dear Sir: The war has brought to light one important thing and that is that our railroad systems are unable to move freight in an efficient way. For a long time the Federal government has appropriated vast sums of money to improve the waterways of the country and one of these appropriations to the amount of \$1,300,000 has been made to improve the Cape Fear river.

"If there ever was a time when we need waterway transportation it is now, and it is with this important question in view that a Greater North Carolina meeting will be held in the city of Fayetteville, on March 27, 1918. This meeting is of very great importance, because of the magnitude of the undertakings that is to be discussed, which is the completion of the intra-coastal waterway system, as it enters and passes through the great State of North Carolina. If our State is going to hold her own in the face of the terrific competition of the surrounding States it becomes our sacred duty to immediately get busy and accomplish this great undertaking.

"One of the great problems to be solved at this meeting is to improve and make more available the port of Wilmington and the inland port of Fayetteville, so as to enable the entire State to overcome the discrimination in freight rates now existing to the detriment of North Carolina commercial, industrial, agricultural and financial interests. It is an axiom that our sister States are well equipped to further their commercial interests through out the country and that North Carolina has been discriminated against for years and years. Invitations for this meeting are being sent to the Governor, all mayors, commercial organizations, newspapers and Senators and Congressmen for North Carolina.

"The government and the Chamber of Commerce of Fayetteville request the honor of your or your representative's presence on occasion of this Greater North Carolina meeting on Wednesday, March 7th, 1918, at 10 a. m. Awaiting the pleasure of your answer on the enclosed card. Respectfully, D. S. HOLLENDER, Secretary-Manager Pro Tem."

SEVERAL CARS DERAILED.

Damage Was of Little Consequence and No One Was Injured. Thirteen loaded freight cars were derailed on the Wilmington and Weldon branch of the Atlantic Coast Line system between Willard and Wallace, about the 33-mile post, shortly before noon yesterday, the result of a broken journal, although the track had been cleared at 9 o'clock this morning and traffic was again normal. Wrecking crews from Wilmington and Rocky Mount were hurried there, and cleared the track in a short while. No one was injured. Schedules were slightly impaired and this morning's train for the North was delayed 20 or 30 minutes. Yesterday afternoon's train for the North was derailed via Fayetteville, but reached Rocky Mount on schedule.

M'ADOO MAY COME.

Rotary Club Has Been So Advised Speaks in Raleigh April 9. The local Rotary Club has been advised that Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury and director general of railroads under governmental operation, may visit Wilmington during his forthcoming tour of the South in the interest of the third issue of Liberty Loan Bonds. He is scheduled to speak in Raleigh, April 9, and will "make" this city in event his itinerary can be arranged to include this city. The third campaign will open here Monday night when Captain Leslie Vickers and other speakers of note will appear at the Academy of Music.

They claim the world is progressing, but we've seen a lot of guys wearing ear-muffs this winter. A number of college teams are going to be informally defeated this spring.

OFFICIAL CANVASS SHOWS NO CHANGES

Date of Second Primary Fixed for Tuesday—Winter Park Squabble

The official canvass of the vote in Tuesday's primary, completed late yesterday afternoon, failed to show material changes in the unofficial returns of the preceding night and the nominees as previously announced retain the majorities accorded them before the sitting of the board of elections. Organization of the board of canvassers resulted in the election of Mr. John W. Gafford as chairman and J. F. Mann, secretary. Chairman G. W. Woodward, of the board of elections and Mr. Ebbon Piner, of the board of elections were in attendance, assisting in the organization and to receive the returns after the official canvass.

Next Tuesday was named as the date of the second primary, necessary to determine who shall succeed Mr. J. W. Haar, as register of deeds. Messrs. Walter Blair and B. F. King, Sr., running first and second respectively in the first primary, will fight it out for the nomination for register. Mr. Blair, Ebbon Piner, of the executive committee of the board of elections was on Tuesday as Mr. King received and the consensus of opinion is that he will quit a winner in the second primary.

There is no law providing for the fixing of the second primary consequently the executive committee could not be prevailed upon to take a hand in the date and it was left strictly up to the board of elections. Requests made on the board of elections to take action on the returns of the Winter Park election for a special 15 cent tax on the \$100, to be used in betterment of health conditions in that village, was declined because the statute under which the election was held does not provide for the canvass of the returns. W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq., appeared in behalf of the registered voters and property owners of the village to protest against declaring the election carried. Thirty-six votes were cast, the tax issue carrying by a majority of six votes, but several men declared that they had presented themselves as qualified voters but had been denied the privilege of voting because they had not voted in the last State election. They were permitted, they said, to vote in the primary but were not allowed to participate in the special tax election. It was their intention, they stated, of voting against the tax issue. The matter is to be held in abeyance, pending decision as to who shall canvass the returns and declare results.

The results of Tuesday's primary as canvassed by a board of canvassers show the total vote for each candidate to have been as follows: Senate: W. B. Cooper, 1,334; W. D. MacMillan, Jr., 1,019. Representative: L. Clayton Grant, 1,439; Edgar D. Williams, 957. Register of Deeds: Walter H. Blair, 858; J. D. Edwards, 272; John Haar, 392; Henry Horne, 378; B. F. King, Sr., 402; C. H. White, 118. Sheriff: S. P. Cowan, 820; George C. Jackson, 1,515. Recorder: Brooke G. Empe, 667; George Harris, 1,775. County Solicitor: E. T. Burton, 1,672. County Commissioner: J. Herbert Johnston, 813; S. A. Matthews, 586; W. P. McLaughlin, 978; John R. Morris, 330; G. T. Smith, 160; Geo. W. Trask, 1,436. Coroner: Alex. S. Holden, 1,737. Clerk of Court: W. N. Harris, 1,928. County Auditor: John A. Orrell, 1,326. Public Defender: J. Felton Head, 1,516. Board of Education: B. Solomon, 1,588. Justice G. W. Bernemann led the ticket in the magisterial race in Wilmington township, securing 886 votes, while Justice McD. Evans was a second with 838. Others voted on were Messrs. J. J. Moore, who received 930 votes, and George Smith, who received 793 votes. Constable John H. Davis secured a total of 1,446 votes in Wilmington township.

Members of the democratic executive committee who were elected in the primary are: Messrs. T. E. Cooper, J. A. McNorton, W. B. Campbell, W. W. Sellers, J. W. Gafford, W. V. Love, E. A. Kerr, Gerritt Walker, L. Laikins, G. C. McIntire, Walter Horne, T. J. Burnett, J. C. Long.

RECORD OF KILLING FROSTS.

Figures Compiled in Interesting Manner by Weather Observer. Mr. George W. Felger, in charge of the local weather bureau, has prepared a list of the dates of the late killing frosts in Wilmington for the past 47 years, which is of peculiar interest to all who are agriculturally inclined. The last frosts usually are March, although February has been conspicuous along this line, and severe frosts have come in April in bygone years. Mr. Felger's compilation is: 1873, February 18; 1874, March 14; 1875, February 22; 1876, April 19; 1877, April 11; 1878, April 7; 1879, April 19; 1880, April 10; 1881, March 28; 1882, March 23; 1883, March 23; 1884, March 4; 1885, March 7; 1886, April 9; 1887, March 22; 1888, March 30; 1889, February 26; 1890, March 20; 1891, March 15; 1892, April 16; 1893, March 20; 1894, March 31; 1895, April 19; 1897, April 21; 1898, April 8; 1899, April 5; 1900, March 17; 1901, March 17; 1902, March 19; 1903, February 23; 1904, March 5; 1905, February 24; 1906, March 21; 1907, April 15; 1908, March 21; 1909, March 23; 1910, March 16; 1911, March 25; 1912, March 10; 1913, March 7; 1914, March 28; 1915, April 4; 1916, March 18; 1917, March 19.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA. Condensed report of the Corporation Commission of the Condition of THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY At the close of business on March 4th, 1918. ASSETS: Cash \$319,647.05, Loans 2,707,420.01, Real Estate 2,393,000.00, Building 50,000.00, Stocks 5,000.00, Bonds 148,490.90, Invested Trust Funds 143,500.00, Liberty Bond Account 40,129.13, Total \$8,419,396.24. LIABILITIES: Capital 100,000.00, Surplus 200,000.00, Undivided Profits 88,170.49, Building Reserve 49,000.00, Dividends Unpaid 145.75, Res. for Dividend April 1st 5,000.00, Discounts Unearned 25,000.00, Deposits 2,952,080.00, Total \$8,419,396.24. J. L. Williams, Cashier of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. L. WILLIAMS, Correct—Attest J. V. GRAINGER, N. B. RANKIN, JNO. D. BELLAMY, JR., Directors.

DEDICATORY EXERCISES.

Army "Y" Hut at Fort Caswell Will Open Free of Indebtedness. General Secretary J. B. Huntington, of the local Y. M. C. A.; Mr. R. H. King, executive secretary of the War Work Council of the Southeastern Department, stationed at Atlanta; Mr. Roger Moore and Charles B. Newcomb, Esq., member of the Board of Education, will be the speakers at tomorrow night's exercises when the Army Y. M. C. A. "hut" at Fort Caswell will be dedicated. Musical program will be rendered by the post band, assisted by the Munson Glee Club. The building will be opened absolutely free of any indebtedness, the War Council appropriation and subscription fund being in hand at the present time. Excavation for the foundation of the building was begun four weeks ago and the work has been hurried to completion, scores of enlisted men giving of their time freely in construction work. The "hut" is complete in detail and has a seating capacity of 806, with an officers' gallery that will seat 50 or more persons. Everything pertaining to the modern army "Y" hut has been provided.

SLACKERS CARRIED THROUGH.

Secret Service Agent Here Yesterday En Route to Camp Jackson. Mr. Joseph Ablem, of the United States Secret Service Department, passed through the city yesterday with three colored men, arrested as slackers near New Bern, in Craven county, en route to Camp Jackson, where they will be inducted into the service. Mr. Ablem has been kept very busy of late in rounding up registrants who have failed to report when so notified by their boards, and has been unusually fortunate in landing and delivering his men to the camp authorities.

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Will Hold Meeting Tomorrow. The Bar Association of New Hanover county will meet in the court house tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock to arrange the docket for the next sessis of criminal court, which convenes here in April. The Cubs have their work cut out. They will have to beat the Cards, Giants and Reds to the pennant and the Sox to the dough. The Yankees and Braves are going to take a spring jaunt together. Misery loves company.

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