

WILMINGTON MAY LAND A TEXTILE ENTERPRISE TOO

New Yorker Negotiating With Realty Agent for Building Selected

GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO LARGE WORKING FORCE

Necessary to Remodel the Building Selected—Visitor Given to Understand City Wants Him Here

Wilmington is to have another industry—a textile enterprise—in event the owner of the building selected, and the proposed tenant can arrange suitable terms, conditional upon the alterations and repairs that are to be made.

The realty agent who has been negotiating with the New York man was not in position to say when the company proposed establishing itself in event it decides to come here, but was given the impression that the building would be wanted at once and that the repair work and proposed changes should start as early as possible.

It was impossible to learn whether the enterprise would be of ordinary proportions or whether an effort would be made to launch out on a large scale, but the realty agent with whom Mr. Cooper is negotiating was inclined to think that the company proposes starting in a modest but substantial manner and gradually adding to the selected building is of good proportions and is sufficiently large to accommodate a large working force.

The New Yorker was met with the new Wilmington spirit when he came here to investigate conditions and given to understand that the city wanted his company to locate; that he and his associates would be given every consideration and shown every courtesy and that the building selected would be rented on a fair and reasonable basis.

LIBERTY BOND WAS HANDY.

Possession of One Kept Negro Woman Out of Jail Yesterday.

Do vagrants ordinarily own Liberty bonds and in what channels are their minds running when purchase of a government bond is made Sarah Henry, a young colored woman, answered the roll call in recorder's court yesterday on a charge of vagrancy and her case was left open. A \$50 bond was required to assure her presence in court when the case was called for disposition and Sarah called on her Uncle Sam. In other words, she deposited a \$50 Liberty bond with Clerk Horne and was allowed to depart the court. There's a moral there and almost anyone can find it.

Walter and Ellerie Stanley, Willie Rhodes and Willie Brinkley, four little negro boys, were up, charged with disorderly conduct. Because they were all under the age of 12 years action against them was dismissed. The allegation was that the boys stripped off and went swimming or rather, perhaps, wallowing in a ditch in the southern section of the city.

John Simon and George Fisher, white, were tried separately on a charge of an affray. The first mentioned was adjudged not guilty and discharged while the latter was required to pay a fine of \$5 and the cost. George H. Hutaff was up for an infraction of the ordinance regulating the use of automobiles. His case was not pressed.

Maggie Whitfield, colored, convicted of vagrancy, was the chief sufferer of the day, receiving a three months road sentence. Cognizance was taken of the fact that she had been convicted once before on this charge.

DETAINED IN BALTIMORE.

Dan Hawkins Will Be Returned Here Within the Week.

Dan Hawkins, colored, is being detained by the Baltimore police upon request of the local authorities and will be returned here within the week to answer to a charge of maintaining another negro, the allegation being that he bit off the thumb of another and otherwise beat him up. Request will be made today upon the governor of Maryland for Hawkins. His arrest was made on a warrant forwarded to Baltimore by Justice John J. Furlong.

Spend the Afternoon at the beach. Cars every half hour, (adv.)

ONLY FIVE DAYS UNTIL CLOSE OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

Play to Be Given at Winter Park—Nothing Planned Elaborately

CATLETT SATISFIED WITH WORK IN COUNTY

City Schools Close Last of May Sixty-three in Graduating Class—Mostly Girl Students

With only five days intervening until the close of the county schools the latter part of the past week found the student bodies of the various schools sweltering through final exams, and this week will see preparations for commencement exercises, although there will be no effort to stage anything on an elaborate scale. The exercises in practically all of the schools will be on a small scale, with Winter Park perhaps furnishing the exception. A playlet will be staged at the latter school on Friday evening by members of the student body and it promises to be interesting. The members of the faculty are anxious that all attend.

The city schools will close May 31 and again there will be no effort to stage commencement exercises elaborately. The speaker has not been secured as yet. Class day exercises will be held at the High school, where a class of 63 will be graduated. The class includes a large number of boys, although the girls are in the majority.

In speaking of the work that has been accomplished in the county schools during the term just closing yesterday afternoon, Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, stated that it had been equally as good as during any past season, although the extremely cold periods during the past winter had cut attendance in a marked manner. The students, however, in the opinion of Mr. Catlett have been imbued with a spirit to accomplish during the season just closing, and an unusually large number have made excellent grades during every month of the year. Many have passed the examination prepared by Professor Catlett, which entitles them to a certificate enabling them to enter high school. The upper classmen of the various schools showed marked interest in this examination and the number passing will be added to all papers handed in have not been graded as yet.

In speaking of the yearly attendance Mr. Catlett stated that the frequent epidemics of measles in the various sections of the county had cut into attendance records and that many parents had found it necessary to keep their children out of school on frequent occasions for work on the farm. His protests against this practice was met with the statement that the help of the children was imperative, as it was impossible to hire labor, and that the government had urged that everything possible be produced and conserved. As a whole, however, Professor Catlett is well satisfied with the work that has been accomplished, although it has been hampered to some extent because of the rather poor facilities for teaching. The teachers on several occasions have voiced their complaints as regards insufficient salaries being paid, but as a whole he considers and feels that they have given their very best toward the education of the children.

PRICE RATHER STEEP.

Owner of War Garden Paid Two Dollars for Can of Potato Bugs.

Two dollars and forty cents for a can of potato bugs. Rather expensive but that was the price paid yesterday by a Wilmington business man and they were his bugs to begin with. The price mentioned was the charge made for capturing them. Leaving home in the morning the owner of a Winoca Terrace "war garden" that includes two rows of potatoes advised his two grandchildren that he would pay them a penny each for all bugs picked from the potato vines during the day. The job was completed before noon and when he reached home for lunch he was presented with a bill for \$2.40 and the bugs given over to him.

NOTIFY MR. COWAN.

The attention of persons having rooms to let, furnished or unfurnished, with or without board, is again called to the vital necessity of communicating this information to Industrial Agent James H. Cowan, care of the chamber of commerce, in order that it may be properly listed. Persons are also advised against urging friends to return here at once for employment, but should advise them to hold themselves in readiness to come when notified. This will prevent misunderstandings and possible ill feelings. Mr. Cowan has been requested by one of the heads of the steel yards to locate a bed room with sitting room adjoining and in event any family in the city can provide such an arrangement they are requested to communicate this information to Mr. Cowan.

COUNTY MARKETED ELEVEN PER CENT OF STATE'S QUOTA

Failed to Go Over the Top but No Humiliation Felt by Anyone

LACKED POPULATION —NOT PATRIOTISM

Scores of Bonds Were Sold During the Last Few Hours of the Campaign—Committee Gratified

One million six hundred and sixty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars worth of third issue liberty bonds were subscribed for during the campaign that closed last night at 9 o'clock, according to figures made public by Chairman F. W. Dick, of the central committee, a short while after the campaign had closed. These figures may be changed slightly. Chairman Dick is of the opinion that they will—that the sum total invested in bonds will be slightly increased and the goal crowded a little more closely. The county's allotment was \$1,727,000.

While failing to measure up to full governmental expectations New Hanover has given a splendid account of herself and all members of the central committee are highly gratified at the showing made. New Hanover, as one per cent of the state, there being 99 additional counties, has subscribed 11 per cent of the state's allotment of bonds and yet her quota was not rounded out. The handicap imposed because of the county's unusually heavy banking resources was more than the comparatively scant population could measure up to and although the per capita subscription was very flattering the allotment was not subscribed.

Members of the central and sub-committees and liberty loan workers in general are not discouraged, however, nor do they feel humiliated. The rally staged yesterday was of the gamest nature imaginable and persons bought bonds who were carrying all they imagined they could a day previously—took additional bonds because of the president's challenge and because they are anxious to lend the government every penny they can possibly spare. The county failed, but it was an honorable failure and lack of patriotism was not responsible.

It was lack of population and the boy scouts lent valuable aid during the closing hours of the campaign and the women have accomplished a wonderful work since the campaign was officially opened by Secretary McAdoo. Members of the central and various sub-committees have worked tirelessly—giving of their time without complaint—in an effort to put the county "over the top" and the central committee is deeply appreciative of the work that has been done. In speaking of the matter last night Chairman Dick stated that what had been accomplished and that while he would have been more than glad had it been possible for the county to have subscribed its full allotment that he realized from the first that the task was of a Herculean nature and that nothing short of a miracle could have accomplished the desired results. The next campaign will find Wilmington with a greatly increased population and the general opinion is that New Hanover will more than make up for that which she failed to accomplish in the campaign just closed.

A second announcement, made at midnight by the chairman of the central committee, was to the effect that after all the county might "go over the top," it having developed that a number of subscriptions had been filed with various agencies and not reported when the initial statement was given out. Members of the committee were very optimistic concerning the county's chances for rounding out her quota and feel that this will be accomplished.

FIELD DAY SUCCESSFUL.

Aubrey Kelly Hung Up Athletic Record That Is Without Parallel.

Thirty-four boys attended the third annual picnic and participated in the field day events staged at the Cliffs yesterday, enjoying themselves immensely and returning to the city in the early evening, thoroughly tired out but extremely happy. The boys enjoyed two swims in the river, motor boat rides, made kodak pictures and had a good dinner. The pay was ideal in every particular and was the most successful yet attempted. The following positions were won by the clubs in the athletic events. Standing broad jump—Columbia, Princeton, Vanderbilt, Harvard and Yale, with Aubrey Kelly claiming the best record.

Running broad jump—Columbia, Vanderbilt, Harvard, Princeton and Yale. Again Aubrey Kelly carried off first honors.

Fifty yard dash—Columbia, Vanderbilt, Princeton, Harvard and Yale. First honors to Aubrey Kelly. William "Bobby" team carried off honors in the baseball game played in the afternoon, the score being 10 to 3. Leonard Hannah captured the losing team.

During 1917 the British captured on all fronts a total of 115,000 prisoners and 781 guns.

For bicycle repairs—Gerken & LeRay.—Adv.

ACTUAL BUILDING OF DWELLINGS TO START THIS WEEK

Blasting Operations Began at Carolina Yards Yesterday Morning

RUMORED THAT FORD WOULD LOCATE HERE

Air Permeated With Rumors Concerning Proposed Activities—Carloads of Furniture En Route

With blasting operations actually under way at the yards of the Carolina Shipbuilding company, where fabricated steel ships for trans-Atlantic service are to be constructed, the early part of the week will see the removal of all troublesome stumps and the actual construction of the fourteen houses that will comprise the plant under way. Shipments of dynamite were received yesterday and removal of the hundreds of stumps dotting the site was begun immediately. This work will require only a short period as all stumps had been drilled prior to the arrival of the blasting material. Actual construction of the houses will be started when these stumps are removed. All cut wood, unfit for piling, has been moved.

With activities at the yards of both the Carolina and Liberty companies humming the air up-town was literally permeated with rumors of new industries and activities that are to start at once. It was freely rumored on the streets during the evening that agents for Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, were negotiating for 100 acres of land at Sunset Park with the object of locating his recently proposed shipyard for the South Atlantic seaboard here and another rumor was to the effect that there was a gentleman in the city who holds a government contract for the building of 1,800 houses. Little credence was given this report, however, members of the shipping board professing to know nothing whatever of it. Many, however, who are in position to know are confident that building operations will get into swing during this week and that the foundations for many new houses will be laid before another Sunday has come.

It was learned that C. Van Noppen, who returned to the city last night from Greensboro, had placed contract for ten carloads of furniture and that this could be expected in the city in the early future. It is presumed that it will be shipped from High Point. Mr. Van Noppen has the Purcell house leased and it is understood that he intends converting it into a rooming house. He also has the second floor of the Tidewater Power company building, Princess street, leased, although it is not known to what use he expects to put it. It was understood last night in certain quarters that the Greensboro man expects to open a furniture store here and it was said that the Market street building adjoining that occupied by G. Dannels had been leased for the purpose. The authenticity of this, however, could not be determined.

Members of the board of county commissioners have been in conference for the past two days with W. S. Falls and R. E. Snowden, of Raleigh and Goldsboro, members of the State highway commission, concerning the nature of the road that is to be constructed from the Fort Fisher highway to the gates of the Carolina shipyards. The commission wants expert advice as to the proper materials to go into the road as they expect the traffic to be unusually heavy. There is a strong probability of using concrete, however, this has not been thoroughly determined as yet. The right of way has already been cut and grading operations are proceeding rapidly although Road Superintendent Burnett is hampered through lack of labor. The county has only 25 able-bodied convicts at the present time and past experience has shown that hired labor for work of this nature is very unsatisfactory. The county's request for State convict labor for use on this stretch of road has not been complied with as yet but the commissioners are hopeful of receiving this aid.

Another bit of interesting news is that Engineer Towle, who is pleasantly known here, is to be located here during the construction of the ships at the Carolina yards. Mr. Towle visited the city several times when Wilmington was making valiant efforts to land that which she finally succeeded in securing and is immensely liked. His assistant, Engineer Abbott, is already in the city and Mr. Towle is expected within the course of the next few days.

At The Hotels

North Carolina arrivals at the Orton hotel yesterday included C. Van Noppen, Greensboro; W. C. Creedie, New Bern; H. M. Croom, Jr., New Bern; J. H. Stewart, Bolton; J. R. Godfrey, New London; F. W. Mahler, Raleigh; J. A. Russell, New London; E. L. Singleton, Durham; Lieutenant James B. Hood, Fort Caswell.

North Carolina guests registered at the Wilmington hotel last night included H. H. Blair, Monroe; C. C. Crowell, Charlotte; W. W. Bickett, Boardman; W. A. Ham, Fort Caswell; James R. Townsend, Fort Caswell.

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