### WINNING ARTICLES IN RECENT CONTEST

The Four Best Papers Submitted by School Children on the Subject of Wilmington and the Shipyards - Three Won Cash Prizes and One Received Special Mention

Below we publish the winning pa- mington and The Wilmington Dis pers filed in the contest for the cash patch.

three best articles written by school children on what the shipyards will benefit Wilmington and what Wilmingion should do to aid the shipyards.

First Prize,

Winnie Davis Byerly, 223 South Front street, was awarded the first prize of \$20 in gold, she having the manin.ous decision of the judges. She is only 11 years old, and is in grade by at the Union school. Her paper follows:

Although having been residents of more than a year, will try to tell why Wilmington is destined to become the petropolis of the South.

Wilmington is located on the Cape Fear river, 30 miles from the bar. It is such a fortified and well-protected city that it is an altogether safe place in which to live. The enemy would have a hard task before them if they would try to pass by Fort Caswell. commerce by water and rail is an imnortant thing to make a city grow. Another important advantage is being near the largest and most imtortant cities of the United States. for instance, Washington city, the capital of the United States, is only 13 hours ride and 360 miles from here. New York, the largest city of the United States, is 18 hours ride and eral large lumber mills in the city. 500 miles from here. Charleston, an. Of course, the shipbuilding will greatother important city of the United ly increase the commerce. States, is located 200 miles from here. Wilmington has good commerce with of advantages possessed by Wilmingall of these cities, including Baltimore. ton as an exporting and importing

Wilmington is a most delightful city, and it is proper that something place in which to live. It has a very should be said of its advantages as a the record of the United States health York, and it is the terminus of five jepartment as one of the most health- separate railroads. ful counties of the southern states. Wilmington has excellent schools, and source of unending revenue in Wilis noted for the best ancestry in the mington.

country. formally, we have 28 to 30 passen-

Second Prize. Second prize of \$10 went to Maie Sanders, 411 North Third street, aged 15 years, and a member of the sopho-

more class. Her paper follows:

The public schools are unquestionably as good as the best. The entire man-

have a fine public library and three worthy of consideration. hospitals. The traveling public is well

ed and up to date in all particulars. for fruit cultivation and for stock and

poultry raising. Wilmington is the fourth cotton port in the world in the extent of shipments. Its advantages as a port has much to do with this. There are sev-

The foregoing has given some idea

While the paper given here was mild climate, average mean tempera- point from which the interior can be plying with the rules fully, it was in ture 63, summer 78, winter 48, and is reached and supplies distributed their opinion the best one of any cononly eight miles from the ocean. It is through the section of country which sidered. It was submitted by the winprogressive, having wide-awake citi- might be called tributary to it. It ner of the first prize, Winnie Byerly, renship. New Hanover county has has a direct line of steamers to New she having filed two papers in the contest.

> Cape Fear river, 30 miles from the bar. . The oyster and fish industry is a The depth of water on the bar is 30 to 40 feet and the river has a depth of

ger trains per day, and electric car wash herself in the surf and her maidcan be made easy and safe for the largest ocean going vessels. ens walked along," surf bathing has

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the Atlantic coast that possess such and evening, that for dispensing live have excellent carrier service and are varied opportunities as our "City By wire news, stand second to none any- a credit to the city. the Sea." Her possibilities and adap- where, tabilities are unsurpassed. First of They are The Evening Dispatch and news early in the morning, and The all, Wilmington has wonderful natu- The Morning Star. Both have the As. Dispatch gives the latest news hapral and climatic advantages; these, sociated Press service, which is direct pening through the day, which at the

linked with her extraordinary railway telegraphic service, giving very latest present time is much desired and and waterway facilities, place her first news, military and otherwise, before sought after by the news hungry pubamong those cities which are in her its gets stale, and for advertising re- lic. sults cannot be excelled by papers Three cheers for The Wilmington class for shipbuilding.

having much larger circulation. Both Dispatch. She has population and wealth, cou-

pled with a most excellent agricultural region in her own and adjoining counties.

She counts among her citizens men and women of broad visuality; these men and women are not only visionary, but are working folk. They are

folk who bring things to pass. When C. M. Wylie gave his interesting and instructive address April The prosperity of Wilmington is 11 he was enthusiastic in describing self-evident. Look at its bank state. Wilmington and her resources n the ments, under another head. See its matter of shipbuilding. He expressed beautiful, wide and well-kept streets, it as his sincere and honest opinion its elegant dwellings, its well-dressed that Wilmington was really and truly inhabitants and its contented people. the best place for concrete shipbuilding of any place along the South Atlantic coast, because of the peculiar agement is progressive and the corps sand and gravel that is necessary in of teachers are intelligent and compe- the making of the best concrete. This Wilmington, North Carolina, a little tent. The High school ranks with the particular kind of sand and gravel is leading preparatory schools in the found plentifully in Wilmington's viccountry and its diplomas are accepted inity. Mr. Wylie's knowledge of conby the university of the state. We crete shipbuilding makes his opinion

There are many things that even taken care of by hostelries, the Wil- we children can do to help make this mington being the leading hotel. It the greatest shipbuilding city, especialis well managed, comfortably furnish- ly of the South Atlantic coast. We must co-operate and work in harmony Wilmington and the surrounding ter- with these new people. We want to ritory have many beautiful and good make our city a clean and attractive roads. The soil around here is most place; we want to do our utmost to admirably adapted for truck farming, exterminate the mosquitoes and flies, because they cause diseases and spread them. Let us do our very best

to give our new friends pleasant homes and a warm welcome to our Sunday schools and churches. May Wilmington wake up to her possibilities and prove by her thrift and frugality that she is able and can take care of any nd all enterprises that may locate within her borders, especially shipbuilding.

#### Special Mention.

ruled out by the judges for not com-

1st. Because it is located on the 26 feet from Wilmington to the bar.

Ever since the Biblical days, when With a little dredging the navigation

Looks as if St. Louis did its bit for the Yankees when they allowed Manager Miller Huggins of the Cardinals and Del Pratt of the Browns to beat it for New York.

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service every 30 minutes to and from Wrightsville Beach, as good as any in been a popular pastime with the public. The fact that surf bathing is de-

As there are coal fields in Chatham lightful is proven by the avidity with munty, which is only 150 miles from which both the well and ailing take to building sites. The Liberty Shiptere, it is another great advantage to the surf. Wimington. Coal is needed to run the large factories, to produce steam most up-to-date resorts on the Atlanmy other uses

is have hard lumber forests near Carolina beaches are other of our sumgreat advantage, as hard mer resorts, which may be reached essential to build by automobiles or boats. umber is very wooden ships, for making furniture, ad for fuel in the mild winters. Gum, opress and ash trees are found around Wilmington. - Oak, hickory and poplar trees are found 150 to 200 miles bath houses, etc., so no one should befrom here

come stale for the lack of good. As Wilmington is located on the healthful amusements. Cape Fear river, only 30 miles from So it is to be readily seen that the mouth, and has a depth of 26 feet Wilmington offers the very best in from Wilmington to the bar, and a the way of amusements and health depth of 30 to 40 feet deep on the bar, resorts to the newcomers. Our farby a little dredging any large ocean- seeing business men can look after going vessel can easily go in and out their wants as well, if not better, than of Wilmington. in any other place in the state. All

At the present time the population newcomers are welcomed to our city of Wilmington is about 30,000. The and will be assured old-time hospitalgrowth of Wilmington is due to the ity.

from Wilmington.

plans for a ball park at the beach,

yacht clubs, hotels, dancing pavilions,

Third Prize.

the mouth of the Cape Fear river. It

commerce it has with other cities, the good railways, the good waterways,

the co-operative spirit of the people, Mae Hartsfield, 709 Dock street, her new industries and government owrk. story following. Wilmington, one of the most beau-

The government has just about completed a United States custom house, tiful, aristocratic, historical, old towns which in structure and architecture of North Carolina, is situated near is very beautiful and imposing.

Greenfield Lake is another of Wil- is the only town that is entirely free mington's natural beauties.

Three cheers for the future Wil- There are few, if any, cities along

2nd. Because of Wilminton's grea natural advantages, our government (Uncle Sam) has selected two large building corporation and the Carolina Shipbuilding corporaton. These ship-

Wrightsville Beach, one of the yards, with the two other yards that iships, to burn in stoves and it has tic coast, is only 30 minutes travel thousands of people here from far and Wilmington and near.

> 3rd. Because Wilmington is located in the sunny south, where the climate will permit the men and their fami-We have the Philadelphia National lies to work the year round. training grounds at Sunset park and

4th. Because Wilmington has three fine bathing beaches to visit during the bathing season, which will afford anyone great pleasure. Wrightsville Beach has fine street car service run-

ning to and from the beach every 30 minutes. The other two beaches are Carolina Beach and the Wilmington Beach, which have a first class macadamized road. The good road is at all times a pleasure to auto tourists. Carolina Beach can also be reached by a steamer.

5th. Because Wilmington has fine railway facilities. The Atlantic Coast Line R. F.; Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern R. R., and the Wilming-The third prize of \$5 went to Jennie ton Seacoast R. R.

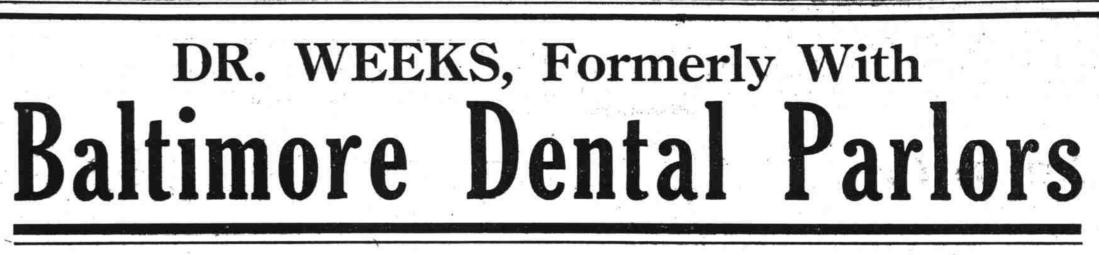
6th. Because of Wilmington's fine waterway and good railroads the

freight rates are very moderate. 7th. Because Wilmington with these great advantages is going to get busy and build homes for the newcomers. make them comfortable as possible, and make them feel that Wilmington is their home, that they have come to live not as strangers, but as home

people 8th. Because Wilmington has the very best schools in the south and the finest churches in the south, with families of refinement and traditions of the best ancestry of the country.

9th. Because citizens of Wilmington are doing everything to beautify and cleanse their city and to make it the most beautiful city of the south. Now we have the foundation of a city, so the next thing to do is for the citizens of Wilmington to work together, pull together under all circumstances. Advertise what we have and what we are going to do and encourage new industries of every kind that will be a credit to our city and surrounding country. Not discourage them but offer them a helping hand, offer them great inducements that will land them in Wilmington. While the men are working for the

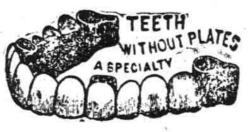
good and expansion of the city the women should also help by holding out the glad hand to the wives and families of the shipyard employes instead of being selfisr and snobbish, and make them feel at home and welcome in the city, and happy and contented. For the newcomers to be sat isfied and contented will contribute a great deal towards the success of the city and work and permanent growth. It is always well to remember that "Many an honest heart may beat beragged coat." Being sociable



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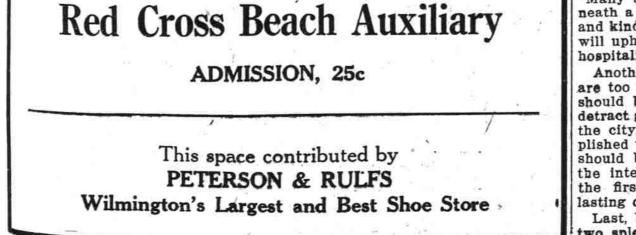
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and kind to strangers within the gates will uphold the traditions of southern hospitality. Another timely suggestion-there are too many unsightly buildings that should be removed immediately, that detract greatly from the appearance of the city, and if it can not be accomplished with the owner's consent, they should be seized by the ones having the interest of the city at heart, as the first impression is generally a lasting one. Last, but not least, Wilmington has wo splendid daily papers, morning

