

## HALF MILLION FOR CITY SCHOOLS

### Board of City School Trustees Decide Upon Maximum to Be Spent Upon City School System

The Board of Trustees of the City Graded Schools at a meeting last night authorized the issuance of bonds for the enlargement and improvement of the schools in the sum of \$500,000, instead of \$300,000 as had originally been suggested. The action of the trustees is in no way final, since the bond issue must go before the General Assembly in January, and, if it is passed by that body, it must then be voted upon by the people of this city. If the issue is approved all around, bonds will then be sold in an amount not exceeding \$500,000 to provide the necessary additions to the present school plant.

The School Board, in determining the maximum expenditure to be authorized, is of course uncertain as to the amount of money that will be needed for the schools, since the report of the Federal survey conducted by United States Commissioner, P. P. Claxton has not yet been received. The recommendations of Commissioner Claxton must, naturally be carefully considered both as to their cost and the present advisability of their adoption before anything definite can be decided upon.

## MERRYMAKERS ARE INJURED

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—About fifty New Year merrymakers were injured, several seriously, when a temporary sidewalk over an excavation for a new building at Market and Taylor streets collapsed after midnight.

About 100 persons fell a distance of 25 feet.

## CARDINAL GIBBONS HAS RALLIED AGAIN

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—The Cardinal rallied after a good night's rest and is much better this morning, according to a report received here at ten o'clock this morning from Union Mills, Md., where he is ill at the home of a friend.

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—Cardinal Gibbons, who suffered a severe relapse yesterday, was still living early today.

The last sacrament was administered yesterday.

## HARDING TAKES ONLY FEW HOURS HOLIDAY

Warren, O., Jan. 1.—Harding took only part of the day for holiday, spending much of the time at work on miscellaneous business which has accumulated in the last few days.

He planned to have New Year's dinner at home with his wife and a few personal friends.

## CARUSO COMFORTABLE

New York, Jan. 1.—The condition of Enrico Caruso, confined with pleurisy and eryema, is reported comfortable today.

## IN HONOR OF BRIDE-ELECT

Mrs. Winfield Worth entertained at Auntie's Bridge on Friday afternoon from three till six, complimentary to Miss Almida Hurt Carr, whose marriage to Mr. Robert Ayers Barrett will take place on the 15th.

Holiday decorations were effectively used, and Cupid score cards, Mrs. Alfred Worth won the prize for the highest score. Miss Carr was presented a lovely rose negligee. After the games Mrs. Virginia Worth entered the room with a large silver basket filled with miniature bags tied with tulle and filled with rice which was showered upon the bride-elect.

Two delicious courses of refreshments were served.

The guests included, besides the honor guest, the following: Misses Nell Etheridge, Kate Albertson, Vera Pershee and Nan Burgess, Mrs. Edson Carr, Mrs. Frank Scott, Mrs. Wilson Hollowell, Mrs. F. O. Jacobs, Mrs. Albert Worth, Mrs. Ada Lester, Mrs. Will Perry, Mrs. Cecil Overett, Mrs. Sidney Etheridge, Mrs. Frank Brice, Mrs. Will Newbern, Mrs. Perry Brown, Mrs. G. F. Hill, Mrs. A. L. Pendleton, Mrs. J. Kenyon Wilson, Mrs. W. Harfoot Jr., and Mrs. Mary Worth.

## INAUGURATED GOVERNOR

Albany, Jan. 1.—Nathan L. Miles, of Syracuse, N. Y., was inaugurated governor of New York today.

## James Davis Is to Visit Here

### Will Speak at Public Hearing and Hear Him Tomorrow

James Davis, son of Pasquotank County, who has achieved success both as a lawyer and a lawyer in the North, and who is now visiting relatives here, will speak at Berea Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, and at Corinth Baptist church that afternoon at 3:30. Mr. Davis lives at Holly, N. J., and has his law office at Camden, N. J., one of the leading commercial and industrial centers of that State. He was born and raised in the Berea section of Pasquotank County, and is well remembered by the older residents of that community. He is a brother of Judge John Warren Davis, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, who visited this city last summer, and Rev. Q. C. Davis, who has likewise made a high place for himself in the world.

James Davis is a graduate of Brown University, and of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. He also spent two years at Crozer Seminary, in preparation for ministerial work which he later gave up for the practice of law. He is also the publisher of a weekly newspaper in his home town, Holly, N. J. The general public is cordially invited to hear his addresses at Berea and Corinth churches Sunday. Mr. Davis plans to return to his home early next week.

## CLARK-SPIVEY

Miss Bessie Spivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spivey, and Mr. Clark of Wilson, were married Saturday morning by Rev. C. P. Jerome at the home of the bride, near New Hope.

This is the second marriage in the Spivey family within a week. On last Saturday Mr. Seth Spivey and Miss Irene Wood were married by Rev. C. P. Jerome at Woodland Methodist church.

## Huge Seaplane Found Wrecked

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.—A huge seaplane was found wrecked five miles at sea off Melbourne yesterday. It is likely to be one of the two abandoned by the naval air flotilla of nine seaplanes on route from Washington to Key West this week.

## Much Skepticism About De Valera

London, Jan. 1.—There is much skepticism here concerning the report that De Valera has landed in Ireland.

The newspapers have failed to ascertain his whereabouts and no other news has been received here beyond that which was cabled from New York.

## Murdered Early New Year's Day

New York, Jan. 1.—The New Year was only a few minutes old when murder was reported here.

Henry Schnega, butcher, was killed by an unidentified man who escaped.

## ENTERTAIN PARSONAGE SOCIETY

Mrs. C. R. Pugh and Mrs. D. D. Dudley will entertain the Ladies Parsonage Society at City Road church on Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Pugh on West Main street.

All members are requested to meet at City Road church at two forty-five to be taken in automobiles.

## WINFALL GIVES TO CHILD FEEDING FUND

The sum of \$151 was collected for the Child Feeding Fund at Winfall Thursday night at a Christmas entertainment given there.

## GIVES SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS PLAY

At Calvary Baptist Chapel Tuesday night the children of the Sunday school presented a pleasing Christmas play, "A Christmas Gift," under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Modlin and Miss Mary Davis. The chapel was decorated in fitting manner and the play was a delightful success in every way. There was a large attendance.

The Sunday school continues to grow rapidly and steadily with S. S. Davis as superintendent.

## MANY SUSPECTS ARE IN DUBLIN

### British Government Has Rounded Them Into City Which Explains Frequent Raids Say Officials

Dublin, Dec. 31.—A good deal of the military and police activity in Dublin in raiding all sorts of houses is explained by the fact that the government has rounded into the city many of the suspected men.

There were men in most districts of Ireland who were sought by the police. They were, in the Irish phrase, "on their keeping" and it is a tradition in Ireland that any man "on the run" from the government is entitled to sanctuary. Many persons, even among those who disapprove of outrages, share this feeling and would be willing to harbor such men without inquiry.

The pressure of the police and military, throughout the provinces has been so close that no country districts are safe for the fugitives. Some of them have sought refuge in dugouts in the hills, and the risk of receiving them in a house and the terror of a visit from the Black and Tans is so great that many of the men suspected have been gradually hunted into Dublin. Here they are diligently searched for day and night and few of them, it is believed, ever spend two nights running in the same bed.

The hotels are regarded as safer than the homes of sympathizers and hence the frequent invasion by the crown forces of even the best hotels in which the ordinary visitor is startled out of his sleep and with a revolver pointed at him is required to lie still till his identity is satisfactorily established.

Raids on private houses are repeated again and again after failure to find the wanted man, in the hope that he must turn up there some time, thinking the search has been abandoned. It is said that there are districts on the North side of the city in which the people confidently expect these raids and the names of the wanted man are a subject of well informed gossip in the whole neighborhood.

## ALKRAMA MONDAY

There is a scene in Eugene O'Brien's latest Seznick Picture, "The Wonderful Chance," which is announced to be shown at the Alkrama Theater Monday, January 3, that will warm the corners of the hearts of all members of the Anti-Tipping Society, cause a contented smile to spread over the faces of the S. P. U. G. (Society for Prevention of Useless Giving) and create a weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among such spectators in the audience who are waiters, bell-hops and hat-boys. It is just a little unconscious comedy touch injected into a dramatic situation by Director George Archibald, but it is one of those things that separate genius from mediocrity in the art of dramatic production.

Eugene O'Brien in this H. H. Van Loan story appears as "Swagger" Barlow, a clown-crook. Unknown to himself, Barlow is a double for Lord Birmingham, who has engaged a suite at the Ritz. Barlow in dodging a detective who is following him, enters the lobby of the hotel, and is immediately taken for the Englishman.

A bell-boy "rooms" him in the most approved style, viz., pulls up the shades, opens the windows a trifle, turns on the light in the bathroom, and after glancing around, finishes with the customary: "Is there anything else, sir?" and expectantly waits for the tip. Barlow, who is naturally puzzled over the entire situation, absent-mindedly answers, "No, thank you," and does not tip the boy. The expression on the boy's face defies description, but it will be easy to pick out of the audience, by the satisfied grins on their respective faces, those long-suffering travelling men and women who have so often heard the familiar sentence, "Is there anything else?"

## BANK EMPLOYEES MAY STRIKE

Madrid, Jan. 1.—Bank employees throughout Spain are threatening a general strike, according to late dispatches.

## TO BECOME IMPORTANT MOVIE PRODUCING CENTER

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.—Camp Johnston, near here, will be converted into a motion picture producing center. Announcement of the purchase of 700 acres for that purpose there was made today.

## UNCLE SAM HALTS GREETINGS NEW YEAR

### White House Quiet—Reception For Diplomatic Corps By Secretary Davis—Daniels and Baker Keep Open House

Washington, Jan. 1.—Government machinery at Washington paused today to greet the incoming year.

On account of the President's illness, the usual New Year reception at the White House was dispensed with and the reception was tendered at the home of Acting Secretary of State Norman Davis to the diplomatic corps.

Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels held open house to receive New Year calls from the public and officers of the navy, army and marine corps.

Both houses of Congress adjourned.

## How Beartown Was So Named

### City Manager J. C. Commander Tells a Bit of Local History

Nearly everybody in Elizabeth City knows of the name Beartown which is applied in general to that part of the Second Ward west of Harny street and north of Parsonage, but few of the younger residents, at least, know how the section came to be so called. Here is the way it came about, according to City Manager J. C. Commander: A certain former well-known citizen, in the days when the open saloon was a fact, instead of a tradition, got very much in his cups one Saturday night, and on his way home in the early hours of the morning encountered a big Newfoundland dog. He mistook the unoffending canine for a brown bear, recently arrived from the Great Swamp country, or just escaped from a travelling show then in town.

With his coat tails flying, the ebullient gentleman in question struck a bee-line for home, and since there were no speed laws then, his rate of progress through the city was not handicapped by fear of a fine in police court next day. In other words, he literally burnt up the distance, and arrived home a good three blocks ahead of the "bear," who did all he could to keep up with his new-found acquaintance. This citizen told his friends about his narrow escape next day, and because his meeting with the animal occurred on Cedar street, that part of the city was thereafter called Beartown. Literally speaking, therefore, Beartown properly includes the part of the Second Ward some three blocks deep back of Main street, though some of the more high-faluting residents of that section would perhaps indignantly disclaim the title.

## FORTY-TWO THOUSAND TO SEE FOOTBALL GAME

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—Forty-two thousand persons expect to see Ohio State University-California football game here today. The game starts at 2:30 Pacific time.

## American Players Made Clean Sweep

Auckland, New Zealand, Jan. 1.—William Tilden, of Philadelphia, and William Johnston, of San Francisco, made a clean sweep in the Davis cup tennis championship tournament here today by defeating Gerald Patterson and Norman Brookes in the single events of the tournament.

## FOUR KILLED IN COLLISION

Charlotte, Jan. 1.—P. A. Deal, Jr., and his sister, Lena, were killed instantly and Leona Deal, a younger sister, was critically injured early today when a train struck their automobile near this city. The party was enroute home to Newton after attending the funeral of P. A. Deal's daughter-in-law here yesterday.

## CITY CHURCHES

### City Road Methodist

The pastor, Rev. H. E. Myers, who had been called to Hoffman by the illness of his father, will return in time to conduct the morning service at eleven o'clock Sunday.

Sunday evening the First Methodist congregation will worship at City Road and the beautiful Christmas program which was interrupted last Sunday evening, will be given. Following is the program:

PART I  
(The first part of the Christmas Cantata, "The Saviour's Birth," by Chipman.)

Organ Prelude.  
Solos and Choruses, "Lo, 'Tis the Hour."  
Solos and Choruses, "The King of Glory."

PART II  
(Selections from the Christmas Cantata, "The Star of Bethlehem," by Hall.)

Chorus, "The Heavens Declare."  
Tenor Solo, "What Means Yon Star?" (Quartet Accompaniment)  
Chorus, "The King Is Born."  
Male Quartet, "The Desert Way Is Weary."

(Soprano Obligo)  
Chorus, "Follow the Star."  
Mezzo Soprano Solo, "The Birthplace of the King."  
(Choir Accompaniment)  
Chorus, "Sing Hallelujah."

Christ Church  
Rev. George F. Hill, rector,  
Second Sunday after Christmas.  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

11 a. m. Holy Communion and some very important announcements regarding the parish for 1921, interesting to every member.  
7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

These services are most cordially invited to these services at Christ church.

Vestry will meet at the rectory January 4th.

Woman's Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. J. B. Flora Monday, January 3, 4 p. m.

Ladies' Guild will meet at the home of Dr. J. B. Griggs Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.

St. Catherine's Guild will meet at the rectory Tuesday, 4 p. m.

B. S. A. will meet at the rectory January 10th.

The members all will please be present at these meetings promptly. The pastor will meet with each organization with a special message.

Congregational meeting Sunday night, 7:30, January 9th.

First Baptist  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., S. G. Scott, superintendent.

Rev. H. K. Williams, pastor.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. The morning theme, "The Going of One Generation and the Coming of Another." The night theme, "The Sensuous Man."

The Crusaders meet Sunday evening at six-thirty. The B. Y. P. U. holds its meeting at six forty-five Sunday evening. The mid-week prayer meeting is on Wednesday evening at six-thirty.

The public is most cordially invited to attend all these services.

Cann Memorial Presbyterian  
Rev. William McC. Miller, the new pastor, will preach Sunday morning at eleven o'clock on the subject, "God's Happy Man," using as his text the First Psalm.

At the evening service at 7:30 his subject will be "The Explanation of a Life Fully Surrendered to Christ." The text will be taken from the first chapter of Philippians, 21st verse.

Sunday school is at 9:45 Sunday morning.

A very cordial invitation is extended the public to attend these services.

First Methodist  
Everybody is invited to the services to be held at the First Methodist church, South, Sunday, January second. The Sunday school meets at nine-thirty a. m., and at eleven o'clock the choir will sing a Christmas cantata, which will be followed by the Lord's Supper.

The Epworth League will hold a service at six forty-five p. m.

There will be no seven-thirty worship at the church on account of the union service to be held at the City Road Methodist church.

Blackwell Memorial Baptist  
The pastor, Dr. G. W. Clarke, will preach Sunday morning from the subject, "The Forward Look."

On Sunday evening the Christmas music, "Star in the East," will be repeated, and Rev. Ambrose Ward will deliver a short New Year's message.

The public is cordially invited. First Christian  
There will be services at the

## NEW MANAGEMENT FOR THE SOUTHERN

### C. T. Bennett, Popular Manager For Last Eight Years, Will Quit Hotel Business For the Present

The Southern Hotel changed hands this morning. After conducting it for over eight years in a manner which has won the commendation of the traveling public, C. T. Bennett, the retiring manager, turned the keys over to his successor this morning, and walked out with the statement that he appreciated the kindness of the people toward him during his management of the business, and that for the present he would not be connected with any hotel.

The new manager, E. H. Spence, is a thoroughly experienced hotel man, having been connected with the Varborough hotel in Raleigh, the Lorraine and Lynnhaven in Norfolk, and the New Central in Charlotte, from which he comes to the Southern. He is the son of J. L. Spence, who was raised at South Mills, in Camden county, and is himself a native of Virginia.

Telephones and running water in every room, and a thorough renovation of the entire building, will be among the first things done under the new management. Mr. Spence announces that he intends to make the Southern a thoroughly modern hotel in every particular, and that no expense will be spared toward this end. The Southern Hotel will still be operated upon the American plan.

## SKATING RINK OPENS JAN. 4th

### From Four In Afternoon to Eleven O'clock at Night in Armory Hall

Roller skating devotees will be interested in the announcement that the Betsay Rink will open Tuesday, January 4th, at seven o'clock, in Armory Hall, Water street.

Thereafter the hours will be from four o'clock in the afternoon to eleven o'clock at night.

This gives the school children a chance in the afternoon and others a chance at night. The afternoons will be especially devoted to the children. There will be plenty of attendants and instructors.

The Elizabeth Amusement Company announces that they will tolerate no misbehavior and the rink will be carefully and properly conducted. A cordial invitation is extended the public to visit the rink.

## Famous Singers Here Monday Night

The Taylor-Johnson Trio will give a concert in Roanoke Institute auditorium Monday night, January 3.

The trio comes under the management of the famous Williams Jubilee Singers, who have visited this city a number of times and delighted large audiences of white and colored people with their wonderful gift of song.

The singers command high prices in other sections of the country, but because of their love of the land where so many of their race live they are touring the South at popular prices, affording opportunity to every one to hear splendid music for a small sum.

The prices for Monday night are 50 and 75 cents. Seats will be reserved for white people, and a special invitation is extended them to attend this high class concert.

## CENTRAL COLLEGE PLAYS TEXAS CHRISTIAN VARSITY

Fort Worth, Jan. 1.—The Central College football team is declared in best condition for the game today of any game this season. The team plays Texas Christian University, which has not been beaten this season. Central lost to Harvard and Georgia Tech only.

Christian church on Parsonage street, Sunday morning; subject, "Sacrificing Christ." Evening service, 7:30; subject, "The Rewards of the Faithful." The public is invited to attend such service. Sunday school at 2:30.

Calvary Baptist  
Sunday school at three o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Romulus F. Hall will preach at 7:30 Sunday evening. The public is cordially invited.