

WEATHER

Rain tonight and probably Thursday morning. Colder Thursday, increasing S. and W. winds.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMOKER TO BE HELD THURSDAY EVENING

Besides A Jolly Good Time, New Directors Will Be Added, And A Live Program Planned For The New Year—Every Member Is Asked To Bring Along A Friend To Enjoy The Evening

Plans are now complete for the Chamber of Commerce smoker to be held at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters in the Community Building Thursday night at eight o'clock.

All members of the Chamber are invited and members are asked to bring along a friend who may be a prospective member.

The smoker will be an informal occasion, free to members and their guests, and a general good time is looked forward to.

Following the election of four new members to the board of directors the Chamber of Commerce will map out plans for the coming year.

Ballots are being mailed out this week for the final election of directors. There are nine names on the ballot instead of eight, as two nominees tied in the primary for eighth place. Each member is to vote for four directors and the four receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected. The nine nominees are: Camden Blades, W. T. Culpepper, W. P. Duff, A. B. Houtz, F. G. Jacobs, J. T. McCabe, N. Howard Smith, P. H. Williams, Buxton White.

The four retiring directors are: L. R. Foreman, H. G. Kramer, J. C. B. Ehringhaus and S. H. Johnson. The four members of the present board retained are: E. C. Conger, Miles Clark, W. G. Gaither, G. P. Hood and C. O. Robinson. Directors are ineligible for election for two successive terms.

Guilford Would Be Judicial District

Greensboro, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—A special committee appointed by R. B. King, chairman of the Guilford County Bar Association, is now completing plans for its campaign during the General Assembly session for the passage of legislation making Guilford a judicial district within itself.

At present the county is in the twelfth district, with Davidson and Stokes as the two other counties. Crowded conditions of the docket and resulting delays are being given as the chief reason for the creation of a new district.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES DECLINE AFTER CHRISTMAS

Chicago, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Prices of fruits and vegetables generally declined during the past week the Federal Bureau of Markets reported today, although the market continued steady.

The holiday season brought increased prices for apples, best stock jumping to five dollars a barrel.

Little Girl's Murder Is Baffling Mystery

New York, Dec. 27 (By Associated Press)—Detectives today bent every effort to discover the clue to the murder of pretty ten-year-old Theresa McCarthy, who was shot through the heart while playing alone with her Christmas toys at her home in Brooklyn yesterday.

The girl's mother found her dead, slumped in her night dress, when she returned home after a visit of a few hours. There was no sign of a struggle or ill treatment. Powder marks on the flesh indicated that she was shot at close range. No weapon was found. The police admitted that it was a baffling mystery especially as there was apparently no motive.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Bids at 11:45 a. m. were: January 26.52, March 26.79, May 26.88, July 26.66, October 24.78. Tone, steady.

New York, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Cotton futures opened firm: January 26.70, March 26.96, May 26.89, July 26.72, October 24.84.

LEGION PLEDGES AID

Seattle, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—The American Legion has pledged its help to apprehend Charles Bernhardt, who is reported to have fled from Seattle on a Pa-

WOMEN HELD IN BANK HOLD-UP

Believed Part Of Loot Of Robbery Of Drovers National Bank Recovered

New Orleans, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Two men and two women are held by the police in connection with the hold-up and robbery of five messengers of Drovers National Bank of Kansas City on December 12, in which highwaymen are reported to have obtained \$97,000.

A handbag containing \$8,200, believed by the police to be part of the loot, was found in the room occupied by one of the couples at the hotel where they registered several days ago.

Two Lives Lost In Bessemer City Fire

Gastonia, Dec. 27 (By Associated Press)—Two men were burned to death and another is missing as the result of the fire which today destroyed a boarding house and several other buildings at Bessemer City.

The two bodies found in the ruins were identified as John D. Hough and his stepson, Mack Hopper, and E. J. Eddings was missing. The loss is expected not to exceed thirty thousands dollars.

TO INVESTIGATE RAILROAD STOCKS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27 (By Associated Press)—An investigation to determine whether adequate stocks of locomotives and cars are in possession of American railroads and whether railroad customs and practices controlling the use and interchange of equipment are sufficient was ordered by the Commerce Commission today, which said it was acting without complaint and on its own initiative.

Sunday School Rejoices When Mr. Davis Returns

Last Sunday afternoon Calvary Baptist Sunday school took on new life because of the return of Superintendent S. S. Davis, after an absence of nine weeks. Mr. Davis has been on a sick-bed—a portion of the time dangerously ill and his life despaired of. During his fifteen minutes talk at the close of lesson study he said, "Brethren, the doctors can do wonders, but with all their skill I do not believe I should be here today had it not been for the earnest prayers of you whom I love." Tears were in the eyes of old and young and Mr. Davis knew he had been missed, especially could this be seen in the happy faces of his junior choir.

Next Sunday officers for 1923 will be chosen and a full attendance is requested.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, the cantata, "Santa Claus in Slumberland" will be given by members of the school. Miss Mary Davis, eldest daughter of Superintendent Davis, is rehearsing the boys and girls and she wields a baton with the same zeal and pep characteristic of her father.

SARAH BERNHARDT TAKES A TURN FOR THE WORSE

Paris, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Sarah Bernhardt's condition took another turn for the worse today, the physicians ascribing it to fatigue following activity yesterday when she arose from bed, partook of solid food and received many callers. Her household is depressed, but Madame herself is as confident as ever.

ONE IS DEAD AND MANY INJURED IN TOLEDO FIRE

Toledo, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—One is dead, and more than a score are injured in an

New Woman Member Congress



Besides being the only new woman member of Congress, Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck is a real mother and wife and you can bet that both son and daughter are mighty proud of their mother's position as a lawmaker. Photo shows young Wallace Huck and Edith Carlisle Huck at the Capitol.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huffines of Fayetteville spent Tuesday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Conger on East Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Whitehurst are spending the holidays with Mrs. Whitehurst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Jackson, at Greenville.

Ralph Pool of Norfolk spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. S. I. Pool, on Harney street.

Robert Montgomery of Hertford is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gaither on North Road street.

Miss Josie Lee Cartwright, who is attending school at Greenville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benoni Cartwright, at Nixonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Griffin of New Bern are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Gregory on West Church street.

Selden Lamb of Annapolis is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Lamb, on North Road street.

Mrs. W. W. Casey of Greenville is spending Christmas with relatives in the city.

Collier Spencer of Norfolk spent the week-end in the city, the guest of relatives. Little Miss Doris Harrison is able to be out again after several days illness.

Carroll Parker of Annapolis is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. W. C. Harper of Norfolk returned home Tuesday after spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Stallings, on North Road street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lowe and daughter, Miss Mary Lowe, of Ocean View, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Modlin on West Church street. Leslie Morgan is visiting his cousin, Balfour Baum, at Manteo.

D. S. Wright of Jarvisburg spent Christmas day in the city with relatives.

Mrs. R. J. Spearman, of Lynchburg, is expected to arrive Wednesday night to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Derricks on Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Garry and little daughter, Maybelle, have returned to Richmond after spending Christmas with Mrs. Garry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. White, on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilson and Miss Edna Styron of Moyock have returned to their home after a visit to relatives in this city.

Charles H. Spencer of this city is spending several days visiting S. E. Overly and Oscar De Ford of Camden.

Miss Blanche Brothers of Wilson is spending the holidays with her father, G. W. Brothers, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Morgan and children, Dorothy and Geneva, of Norfolk, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hastings on North Road street.

Mrs. E. A. Matthews of Roanoke Rapids is visiting Mrs. C. E. Overman on North Road street.

Raleigh Morrisette of Norfolk is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Morrisette,

on North Road street.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chesson and son of Norfolk are visiting Mr. Chesson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chesson on Cypress street.

Mr. and Mrs. Trim Wilson of Hertford are the guests of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Toxey, on North Road street.

Misses Mary and Florence Bell are visiting their sister, Miss Myra Bell, at Norfolk.

Robert M. Petrey of Hagerstown, Md., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. S. Daniels, on North Road street.

Miss Katherine Skinner is able to be out again after an operation for tonsillitis.

J. C. Ramsey of Suffolk spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. E. Buffkins.

J. W. Buffkin of Norfolk spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. R. E. Buffkin, on North Road street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis are visiting relatives at Wanchese.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bateman of Hertford are the guests of Mrs. R. E. Buffkin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Culpepper and family are visiting friends at Norfolk.

Marshall H. Jones returned from Fayetteville Tuesday morning after spending Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. Frank Selig left for Suffolk Tuesday where she will spend two weeks with her mother, Mrs. N. Leahman.

William Webb returned yesterday to his home in Salisbury, Md., after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Maggie Webb, on Cherry street.

Miss Elizabeth Clark of Norfolk is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henderson on North Road street.

Mrs. Horace Baker and children, Jessie and Gertrude, of Winfall, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Winslow.

Mrs. W. T. Alexander and little son, William, Jr., are visiting Mrs. Alexander's mother, Mrs. John Pinner, on Cherry street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winslow of Washington, D. C., who have been spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Winslow, returned home Wednesday.

Grover Winslow of the University of Virginia is at home for the holidays.

Dance Tuesday Evening

The Club Rooms were a scene of beauty Tuesday evening when eight young couples appeared on the floor in a holiday whirl. Helms and beams were as follows, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Melick, Mrs. Ike Fearing, Mrs. Patti Appleby and Mrs. D. A. Morgan:

Misses Mary Owens, Martha Pat Archbell, Katherine Duff, Helen Kramer, Helen Bright, Anne Melick, Martha White and Margaret Fearing, Billie Fearing, Allen Bell, Wesley Sheep, David Straughn, Melvin Davis, Walter Perkins, Carrol Abbott and Davis Spence.

EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIC EVOLUTION

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—The American Association for the Advancement of Science Council has adopted a resolution emphasizing the importance of organic evolution.

Superior Court Term Begins Next Tuesday

The January term of Superior Court for Pasquotank County will begin on Tuesday, January 2, instead of on Monday, January 1, Clerk of the Court Ernest L. Sawyer announced Wednesday morning.

Mr. Sawyer has just received word from Judge George W. Connor, who will preside at this term, that the Judge will not arrive in the city until Tuesday morning.

Mr. Sawyer is therefore giving notice to all jurors, witnesses and litigants who have been summoned to appear on Monday, January 1, to appear instead on Tuesday, January 2.

ORDER FORMER MAYOR HELD FOR MURDER

Baltimore, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., was Tuesday ordered held for murder by the Louisiana governor in a telegram received in connection with whippings and deaths in that state.

Baltimore, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—In the effort to obtain bail before commencing his fight against extradition, Dr. B. M. McKoin, arrested at the request of Governor Parker of Louisiana, obtained a writ of habeas corpus in the city court a short time after the hearing in police court today was adjourned until January eighth. The hearing of habeas corpus will be held tomorrow.

TAKES FIRST RIDE IN NEW AMBULANCE

Raise Tarkenton, eight years old, of Columbia, was the first patient to ride in the new ambulance of the Community Hospital. He was met at the boat Tuesday afternoon and taken to the hospital, where he underwent successfully an operation for appendicitis.

Thomas Simpson of Winfall had an eye removed Tuesday at the hospital and is getting along well.

Mrs. W. R. Smith, Raleigh avenue, entered the hospital Wednesday as a medical patient.

Carl Walston, Pearl street, had his tonsils removed Wednesday at the hospital.

Headless Skeleton Of Woman Found

Salisbury, Okla., Dec. 27 (By Associated Press)—The headless skeleton of a woman, believed by officials to be that of Mrs. George Farrell, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, who disappeared here October 25, was found on Badger Mountain, near here today.

Previous to finding the skeleton a skull had been brought in by a dog. There is no apparent indication of violence on the skeleton.

ARMENIA STORM CENTER AT NEAR EAST MEETING

Lausanne, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Armenia was the storm center of the Near East conference Tuesday. The Turks refused to attend the meeting of the sub-committee to hear the plea of the Armenians for establishment of a national home in Turkey.

Britain Will Not Change Position

Lausanne, Dec. 27 (By Associated Press)—Great Britain today informed Turkey that the British never will abandon Moudoull Vilayet as requested by the Turkish delegation and no prolongation of the Near East Conference can influence Britain to recede from the position it has taken on the matter.

IN POLICE COURT

Pool Bagley, charged with engaging in an affray with Heywood Duke, was taxed with the costs in police court Wednesday. Duke was found not guilty.

C. H. Butler, on a charge of reckless driving, was fined \$10 and costs.

Julian Martin, colored, for violation of the anti-fireworks ordinance, was fined \$5 and costs.

ARMOUR AND COMPANY CHARTERED IN DELAWARE

Dover, Del., Dec. 27 (By Associated Press)—A certificate charter for Armour and Company of Delaware, was filed at the office of the Secretary of State today. The company is capitalized at \$160,000 and authorized to deal in cattle and hys-

SUPPLY BOAT IS SENT TO MANTEO

Four Coast Guard Men With Their Families To Leave Elizabeth City

Coast Guard Supply Boat Number 1949, 67 feet long and of 50-ton capacity, stationed at Elizabeth City and subject to the orders of Superintendent Crowley ever since she was purchased by the Coast Guard, has been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard Division commander at Norfolk and ordered to Manteo. Elizabeth City gets no vessel to take her place.

This means that from now on the supply boat will be stationed at Manteo instead of Elizabeth City, and with her will go four men who now live here with their families. They are C. O. Miller, Oscar Salter, J. G. Gray and Guy F. Hudgins.

The present supply boat was purchased only last July; but Elizabeth City has had a supply boat ever since the office of the district superintendent was moved from Shawboro to Elizabeth City. Supplies now needed by the Coast Guard stations in this vicinity will have to be obtained by a vessel sent out from Norfolk.

Supplies sent to the stations are in the nature of paints and oils, lamps and lanterns, bedsteads, mattresses, chairs, desks and other furniture, soap, matches, mineral oil and gasoline and materials for repairing stations. With the exception of mineral oils and gasoline, these supplies have come from the Coast Guard store in New York City. But the mineral oils and gasoline have been purchased here. Now when requisitions for supplies come in from the stations Superintendent Crowley will have to ask the Coast Guard Division commander at Norfolk for a boat to send them in.

The supply boat stationed at Elizabeth City has been kept busy, according to Superintendent Crowley. On one occasion recently the present boat carried a cargo of 14,000 feet of lumber to one of the stations in addition to mineral oil and gasoline. Five times since July she has rendered assistance to vessels in distress in the vicinity of Elizabeth City, on one occasion going up the river and, hooking onto a gas boat that had sunk, got it afloat and brought it down to railroads here for repairs.

On another occasion a 32-ton motor boat valued, cargo and vessel, at \$35,000 was grounded in the Pasquotank and was floated and towed to Elizabeth City by the supply boat.

The first intimation of the loss of the boat by the station here came in an order from Coast Guard Commandant W. E. Reynolds at Washington, D. C., transferring the vessel to the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard Division commander at Norfolk. Then came the order from Norfolk that the supply boat proceed to Manteo to make that point her base of operations.

NOTED REFORMER DIES

Washington, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Doctor Wilbur Crafts, founder and superintendent of the International Reform Bureau and widely known because of his activities in behalf of prohibition and similar movements, died at a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 73 years old.

LODGE LEADS FIGHT ON NEW CONFERENCE

Washington, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—Administration senators under the leadership of Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee today began in the Senate a determined fight against the Borah proposal for a new international conference here to discuss economic conditions and disarmament.

FRANCE GAINS VICTORY

Paris, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—France gained an important victory when the reparations commission voted three to one declaring Germany in default in her wood deliveries for 1922.

BODY MISSING FIREMAN IS FOUND IN A LIFEBOAT

Cleveland, Dec. 27 (By The Associated Press)—The body of Mike Paytoeb, fireman on the tug Cornell, missing for several days, was found Tuesday in a life boat on the Canadian side of Lake Erie. There is no evidence of what caused the other members of the crew.