

## WHITFIELD IS PROUD OF BIG STUDENT BODY

PRESIDENT OF I. I. AND C. DELIVERS OPTIMISTIC ADDRESS.

## 884 MATRICULANTS

Number of Students Much Larger Than on Corresponding Date Last Year.

In his first formal address of the current session President Whitfield of the Industrial Institute and College on Tuesday told the students that he believed they constituted the largest body of young ladies that ever gathered at a similar institution in the south for a four years' course. "No other southern school or university," he said "can show any such enrollment in its history except by counting special students and those taking professional courses. The institution now has within its dormitories a larger number of young ladies than ever assembled here in former years when its curriculum embraced a preparatory department."

The total registration, according to an official statement issued by Mr. D. T. Gaston, secretary and treasurer, is 884, which is considerably in excess of the number who had matriculated on the corresponding date last year. Notwithstanding the fact that many students were rejected because they could not comply with entrance requirements, the dormitories are filled to overflowing, and it has been necessary to commandeer the hospital and rest rooms in the gymnasium to provide accommodations for students. The demand for sleeping quarters is so great that even Mrs. C. L. Calloway, the matron, is "camping out" in the gymnasium.

## GREAT OVATION IS GIVEN HARRISON.

Hon. "Pat" Harrison was given a great ovation in West Point yesterday afternoon when he spoke there to an immense crowd. The stores of the town were closed during the speaking, and the West Point band was on the scene.

Among the Columbus men who heard Mr. Harrison's talk yesterday were Messrs. B. L. Owen, J. W. Lovins and C. L. Garnett.

## Grady Lawrence Honored.

Lieut. Grady Lawrence, who is now stationed at Camp Pike, Ark., has been appointed to the position of Battalion Adjutant on the staff of Major Lyda, of the Third Battalion.

After receiving his commission as lieutenant at Fort Logan H. Roots, Mr. Lawrence was assigned to duty at Camp Pike with the National Army. While at Fort Logan he received a medal and qualified as a sharp shooter. His many friends congratulate him upon his success.

## NEGRO MURDERER CAUGHT IN OHIO

ERNEST SPRUILL, WHO KILLED MR. GEORGE LAWRENCE, CAUGHT IN CINCINNATI.

Ernest Spruill, the negro who several months ago killed Mr. George Lawrence, a prominent planter living in the McBee, Ala., neighborhood, and who afterwards made his escape, was captured in Cincinnati, Ohio, Tuesday, the arrest having been made by Messrs. Neal Lawrence and Freeman Savage. The capture of Spruill resulted from fine detective work on the part of Columbus police and other officers.

The negro will be brought back south at some unknown time and will probably be given a trial at Carrollton, Ala.

W. C. T. U.  
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet this afternoon with Mrs. G. N. Smith at her home on North Seventh street at three o'clock. All ladies are invited and urged to bring thimbles and needles for the purpose of finishing up comfort bags for the soldiers which were begun last Thursday.

Read our advertisements.

## NEGROES ARE SUMMONED FOR DUTY IN ARMY

FIRST CONTINGENT WILL LEAVE COLUMBUS NEXT WEDNESDAY.

## 16 PER CENT CALLED

Will Be First Members of Ethiopian Race to Begin Training at Cantonment.

Following a recent decision of the war department to mobilize members of the Ethiopian race, eligible for service in the national army, the Lowndes county exemption board has received instructions to have 16 per cent of its negro registrants who have qualified for service ready to depart Wednesday, October 3. A total of something like 120 negroes have been examined and accepted by the local board, and 24 of this number will leave Columbus on the above mentioned date.

The instructions received by the board do not state where the negroes are to go, but it is presumed that they will be sent to Camp Pike, near Little Rock, Ark., as press dispatches recently sent out from Washington convey the information that black and white soldiers are to be trained in the same camps, though the members of the two races will have separate quarters, and will not be required to come in close contact with each other.

Those who will go are: James Chalmers, Rt. 4; George Moody and Ed. Williams, Columbus; Steve Jamison, Doctor Sykes, G. H. Harris, Jesse Ross, Jake Hairston, William Willis, Fred Edward, Charlie McCarter, Crawford; Aaron Frazier, John Gilmer, Ernest Keaton, Sam Wicks, Andrew Phillips, Columbus; Louis Blair, Gus Whitfield, Mayhew; Lambert Haynes, Sam Wicks, R. F. D. 6, Columbus; Dock Fisher, R. F. D. 1, Columbus; Sam P. Harris, Josh Pasture, Artesia.

## Mr. Chappell Announced.

Mr. E. E. Chappell is announced this morning as a candidate for councilman from the Fourth ward to fill the vacancy which will result from the resignation of Hon. D. S. McClanahan, who last Tuesday was elected mayor to serve out the unexpired term of the late Hon. W. C. Gunter.

Mr. Chappell is employed as a machinist in the local shops of the Southern Railway, and is well known throughout the city, being popular not only among railroad men, but in religious and fraternal circles. He is a man of fine character, and, if elected, will undoubtedly discharge the duties of the office in a most acceptable manner.

## Back From Camp Pike.

Dr. Jim William Cox, who has been commissioned as a first lieutenant, and who was also included in the thirty drafted men who went to Camp Pike, Ark., a week ago, returned to Columbus yesterday. Dr. Cox upon reaching Camp Pike found that as he had been already commissioned he would not have to remain there. He expects to leave Columbus the first of next week for Fort Oglethorpe, where he will be stationed.

## Yom Kippur Observed.

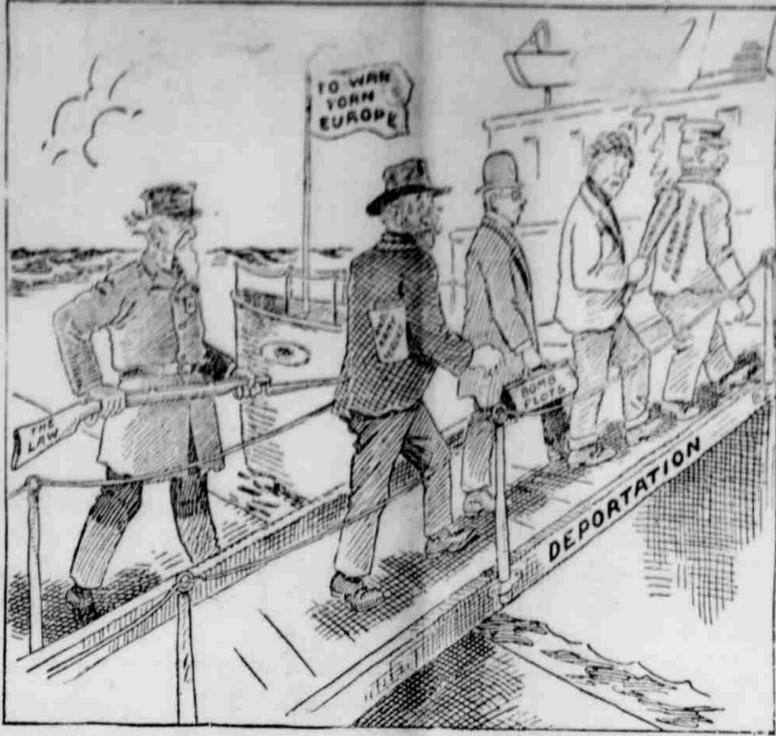
Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, was observed here yesterday by the local Jewish citizens, their stores having been closed during the day. Services were conducted Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning at Temple B'Nai Israel.

## Returns not yet Complete.

Every mail is bringing in reports from counties throughout Mississippi on the listing of women for war work, and Miss Emma Odly Pohl, chairman of the registration board, believes it will be several weeks before complete returns are in. The reports, however, are encouraging, a letter from Gulfport declaring that the registration there is so large that Harrison is certain to be the banner county of the state. There is much enthusiasm throughout the entire state, however, and other counties are equally confident of taking the lead.

Jefferson county, which was recently organized with Mrs. James McClure, of Fayette, as chairman, is doing some very effective work, and Mrs. B. W. Trotter, chairman for Montgomery county, reports that every woman in the town of Stewart has volunteered for service.

## A REMEDY FOR ALIEN NARCHISTS.



—Bridge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

## SOLONS MEET IN EXTRA SESSION

DIVERGENCE OF OPINION AS TO LENGTH OF STAY AT CAPITAL.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 26.—With a possibility of a session lasting a month, and perhaps longer, special session of the Mississippi legislature convened here Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Called by Gov. Theo. G. Bilbo to take up the straightening of a tangle in the state's school funds, to revise the tax system of the state, to provide means for soldiers abroad to vote in all elections, to create a state militia to take the place of the National Guard in times of war, to finance the state council of defense, and to pass a uniform warehouse receipt law, leading members of the state lawmaking body said before the session opened that the program would necessitate several weeks of hard work.

Governor Bilbo said Monday afternoon he thought two weeks would be sufficient to pass the necessary laws and adjourn. He declared that harvesting of crops and taking care of the unusual large volume of business now developing would call the solons homeward just as soon as they could complete their work.

## Fight On Tax.

A fight is regarded as certain on the matter of revising the tax system, several of the recognized leaders in house and senate declaring against any change until the regular meeting of the legislature in January.

The governor's war measure will probably go through with slight opposition, and are not feared as barriers to a speedy finishing up of the work of the session.

Members of the body who are serving in the army will sit with their fellow members, despite ruling that they are no longer legally legislators. No objection is likely to be raised to their presence, but attorneys here believe laws passed by their votes would be subject to serious doubt as to their constitutionality.

Mr. T. W. Lewis, Jr., member of the law firm of Sykes and Lewis, was on Monday named as trustee in the matter of bankruptcy of the City Garage of Waters Brothers. The meeting of creditors was held at the court house Monday, having been presided over by Mr. John E. Davis, of Kosciusko, referee in bankruptcy for the eastern division of North Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dixon and little daughter, Louise, of Itta Bena, have been the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Moore, for the past two weeks. They are now visiting friends and relatives at Wesson, Miss., and will return to their home at Itta Bena the latter part of the week.

Mr. William Nash, who is a member of the Mississippi National Guard, and who is stationed at Jackson, is in the city for a few days' visit to his parents, Prof. and Mrs. S. M. Nash.

## MEANS HELD FOR MURDER OF WOMAN

ALLEGED SLAYER OF MRS. KING BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY.

Concord, N. C., Sept. 26.—Gaston B. Means waived examination in the midst of his preliminary hearing before a magistrate here late Tuesday and consented to be bound over to the October term of the Cabarrus County grand jury on a charge of having murdered Mrs. Maude A. King, of New York and Chicago. Magistrate Pitts ordered him held without bail.

Counsel for Means stated at the hearing that they had been informed that New York officials here had brought extradition warrants to take the defendant back to New York on "some undisclosed criminal charge" and that they felt "he would be safer in the custody of the sheriff of this county." It also was announced that Means did not desire to run the chance of facing any charge elsewhere with an unsettled murder charge against him in North Carolina. This charge, counsel contended, would be cleared away at the trial.

The agreement came after counsel for Means had made an attempt to get possession of papers and documents seized by District Attorney Swann's representatives in Means' New York apartment, and was accompanied by a lengthy explanation by the defendant of his reasons for abruptly ending his fight in the magistrate's court. Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, sister of the woman Means is alleged to have killed, joined him in obtaining a writ from Circuit Judge Webb at Gastonia, ordering Assistant District Attorney John Dooling of New York and other New York and Chicago officials who came here with Dooling to aid the prosecution, to turn over the documents to the clerk of the Superior Court of Cabarrus County. The writ is made returnable before Superior Judge Cline at Salisbury October 8. Dooling and other officials named in the order informed Sheriff Caldwell that the documents referred to were in possession of Solicitor Clement, who conducted the prosecution of Means. The latter issued a statement saying:

"We will keep the documents unless ordered by the court after the hearing to give them up."

## PATRIOTIC PRODUCTION IS GREATLY ENJOYED.

The people of Columbus were given a rare opportunity on Monday and Tuesday, when Mr. E. L. Kuykendall, manager of the Princess Theatre, presented "Womanhood," to his patrons. This picture is a beautiful patriotic production, having cost one million dollars to produce.

A feature also at the Princess both Monday and Tuesday was the beautiful musical program rendered by the orchestra.

Prof. G. T. Howerton, director of the business and industry department at the A. and M. College, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE COUNTRY

GIST OF THE NEWS GATHERED HERE AND THERE AND PRESENTED IN BRIEF FORM.

A slight earthquake was felt the first of the week in Santa Cruz, California.

Two men are dead and two slightly injured at Bristol, Tenn., the result of speeding at the rate of 55 miles an hour Monday night. The dead men are O. S. McClellan and William Pemberton, both of Bristol.

A third series of officers' training camps will be opened early in January. Candidates for commissions, Adjt.-Gen. McCain for commissions, be selected from enlisted men of the regular army or those called under the selective draft.

A unique feature of the Clay county free fair and food conservation exhibit, to be held at West Point, Oct. 10, 11 and 12, is the home-grown economic dinner to be spread by the County Economic Agents' club girls as an exhibit throughout the fair days.

Princeton university opened its one hundred and seventy-fifth year Tuesday with a slightly reduced attendance.

## MUSICAL SHOW IS ENJOYED BY CROWDS.

This week is the first time that a high class musical comedy has ever given here under canvas, and the hundreds of people who have enjoyed seeing the plays presented by the Galvin Company on the Maxwell lot near the M. and O. depot the past three nights, have been highly pleased with the attractions. This company presents seven complete musical comedy productions, and have about forty-two people in all, among the number being a bunch of pretty chorus girls.

On Monday night "Little Miss Mix-up," one of the best plays ever seen here, was the attraction, and this comedy will be presented in matinee on Saturday afternoon for the benefit of the Red Cross Association, Tuesday evening. "Three Twins," was the attraction, and last night "Zira from Turkey," was much enjoyed. Tonight Ward and Vokes' high class comedy, "The Floor Walkers," will be seen, and Friday evening "Johnny the Bell Boy" will be given. "So Long Lettie" will be the closing attraction Saturday night.

Mr. J. Galvin and Miss Irene Galvin are two of the stars, and little Miss Tootsie Galvin, 12 years of age, is featured in dancing. George Myers, the Frenchman, and Leon Hampton, a comedian, are two of the best players on the road. The Galvin company has also a fine quartet.

Mr. Reuben Searcy has accepted a position as runner at the First State Bank, succeeding Mr. D. A. Leak, who recently left for Jackson to accept a similar place with a bank in that city.

## NEW OFFICERS TO BE NAMED BY CIVIC CHAMBER

DIRECTORS ARRANGE FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

## OCCURS ON OCT. 9

Effort Will Be Made to Inject New Life Into Organization.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes County met at their headquarters in the First State Bank Building at 8 o'clock last night for the purpose of perfecting arrangements to hold an election to name officers for the ensuing year, and Tuesday, October 9, was set aside as the date of the contest. The same referendum system used in the past will be resorted to in the coming election.

The Civic Chamber has been without a secretary much of the time during the past twelve months, and for that reason has been in a rather quiescent state. Mr. J. G. Weatherly tendered his resignation as secretary about this time last year, and after the office of secretary had been vacant several months, Mr. J. T. Slatter, formerly manager of the Birmingham Traffic Bureau, was secured to fill it. Mr. Slatter, however, remained here only a short time, having left several weeks ago for Fayetteville, N. C., whither he went to accept the secretaryship of a commercial organization in that city.

While the Civic Chamber has been in an almost dormant state during the past few months, it is not the intention of those interested in the organization to allow it to undergo a process of complete disintegration. It is the purpose of those charged with making arrangements for the election to put a strong ticket in the field and to elect energetic men who will infuse new blood into the Chamber and restore it to its place as a live factor in the upbuilding of Columbus and contiguous country.

## Practical Instruction.

Prof. O. B. Sears, who for a number of years was a member of the faculty of the University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville, but who has recently accepted a position in the educational department of the Industrial Institute and College, believes in practical as well as theoretical instruction, and with the view of permitting members of his classes an opportunity to acquire knowledge of this character has arranged for them to visit factories in Columbus and acquaint themselves with the different processes which the raw materials undergo before being transformed into finished products.

Although Columbus has not yet developed into an industrial center there are 83 factories here, and all of these will be visited and thoroughly inspected by Prof. Sears and the students in his department. The industries to be inspected include a large cotton factory and a factory for the manufacture of gun cotton, and these plants will probably prove unusually interesting to the young ladies, many of whom have never seen industries of this character in operation.

## To Fix Levy.

At their coming meeting the board of supervisors will not hear objections to property owners on their assessments, as these objections have already been listened to and considered. The board, at its coming meeting, will take up the work of fixing the levy for the ensuing year, which will be based upon the assessments as they now appear on the official roll.

## Rev. Shelton to Preach.

Rev. R. J. Shelton will preach at both the morning and evening services of the Second Baptist church next Sunday, in the absence of the pastor. The public is invited.

Mr. George Little will conduct prayer meeting at the Second Baptist church next Wednesday evening.

## Rev. Brown to Preach Sunday.

Rev. F. Z. Brown of Starkville, will be heard at the First Presbyterian church in this city next Sunday morning and evening. The public is cordially invited.

## McCLANAHAN IS NAMED AS NEW MAYOR OF CITY

WINS OUT OVER THREE OPPONENTS IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION.

## A GOOD MAJORITY

Leads Next Highest Candidate in Race By More Than Thirty Votes.

One of the most spirited municipal campaigns that Columbus has ever experienced came to an end Tuesday with Hon. D. S. McClanahan named mayor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late W. C. Gunter. Mr. McClanahan received 220 votes, while the vote polled by each of his three opponents was as follows: S. M. Nash, 188; John W. Humphris, 89; P. C. Barksdale, 48.

The campaign was unique in the fact that one of the candidates, Mr. P. C. Barksdale, resorted to the stump in order to make an appeal to the voters. It was the first time in many years that a candidate for a local municipal office had pursued such tactics, and some of his speeches drew fairly large crowds. That they did not appeal with compelling force to voters, however, is evinced by the meagre support given him at the polls.

While the other three candidates did not resort to the stump each made earnest appeals to voters as individuals, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the campaign.

Mr. McClanahan is at present a member of the city council, and it will be necessary to call another special election to name a man to succeed him on the councilmanic board.

## Frederick Warde, in "Vicar of Wakefield," at Princess Today.

The eminent American actor, Frederick Warde, in a DeLuxe production of the famous classic, "The Vicar of Wakefield," is the attraction at the Princess for today, September 27th. The production is in seven reels, and was staged with every detail complete, both as to settings and costumes. For those who appreciate a high class production, this will surely be a treat. There will be two shows, afternoon and two at night. The admission is 5c for children and 15c for adults.

## Books Shipped.

The books and magazines which were collected here by the women of the city for the soldiers at the training camps have been shipped despite the fact that no funds were provided for quite a while with which to forward them. A telegram was received from Washington Monday directing that the books be shipped direct to Camp Shelby at Hattiesburg. They were forwarded on that day.

## THREE AIRSHIP RAIDS ON LONDON

TWO ATTACKS FOLLOW THAT WHICH KILLED FIFTEEN PEOPLE MONDAY.

A special sent out from London, Tuesday, says:

"Another hostile airplane raid on London took place tonight. There were two attacks, apparently for after a forty minutes' quiet interval anti-aircraft guns resumed firing in the London district.

"In the first attack, after brisk firing by the defense guns, the raiders were driven off without succeeding in reaching the city of London.

"The firing of the anti-aircraft guns in the second attack was of only brief duration. The raiders were finally driven off and the police gave out the 'all clear' signal at 9:30 o'clock.

"A report of the raid was issued by Field Marshal French as follows: 'The Thames estuary was again the object of a hostile air raid this evening. The Kent and Essex coast was crossed at various points and a few bombs were dropped, but no casualties are yet reported.

"One raider penetrated as far as the southeastern outskirts of London, where two bombs fell, causing some 20 casualties."