

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Alleged Dry-Law Violator.**—City detectives engaged in a roundup of alleged violators of the state prohibition law raided the home of Walter Flowers, negro, in Brooklyn, shortly before 1 o'clock this morning and found a half-gallon of whiskey. The negro was docketed at police headquarters on a charge of violating the state prohibition law and will appear before Recorder Wade H. Williams tomorrow morning for commitment trial. Detectives West, Moses, Blake and Pittman made the arrest.

**Mr. Duke Here.**—James B. Duke, president of the Southern Power company, is expected to arrive this morning from New York to spend a week or two at his estate in Myers Park.

**COCONUT PRODUCTS.**  
The best productive years of the coconut are from the fifth year to the fortieth although it will live and produce up to 70 and even 100 years.

The principal products of the coconut palm are raw nuts, from which the desiccated meat is made; copra, or the dried kernel, from which oil is expressed; poonac, or the residue left after the oil is pressed from the copra; and coir, or the fiber of the woody husk. The uses of these products, as well as of the entire palm, are almost innumerable. It is said that a vessel may be built and laden entirely from the coconut palm.

From the sap a liquid is obtained called toddy. This is allowed to ferment, and the strong liquid obtained is called arrack.—From Adventure Magazine for May.

If you just must be a knocker instead of a booster, take your hammer outside of town where you won't bother the folks who are busy at something useful.—Tifton Gazette.

## FIRST COMMENCEMENT OF 2ND WARD HIGH HELD

**Class of Negro Students Graduated Is First to Complete Full Four-Year Course.**

The first class of students ever to be graduated from the Second Ward High school for negroes received diplomas at the commencement exercises last night at the city auditorium. The class numbers 29, 20 girls and 9 boys.

The city auditorium was nearly filled with spectators, among whom were a number of white persons, and the graduating exercises were very interesting.

J. Lester Wolfe, chairman of the city school board, presented the diplomas to the members of the graduating class. While closing exercises of the Second Ward school have been held in years past, and classes graduated, the class of 1924 is the first to complete the full four year course of study in the school which was inaugurated last fall. About 700 colored students attend the Second Ward school.

Rev. E. K. Mason, pastor of Friendship Baptist church, delivered the commencement address. He was introduced by Prof. W. H. Stinson, principal of Second Ward High school, who had charge of the program.

Dr. Mason delivered the commencement address on the subject, "The Gate and the True Way Unto Life." He made an interesting and instructive speech, emphasizing the need of proper preparation for the work to be undertaken in life.

Participating in the musical program were a number of students from the sophomore and junior classes of the Second Ward High school. A girls' chorus sang two selections and a mixed chorus rendered one number. The Second Ward High school orchestra played several selections.

Members of the graduating class are as follows: Leona Ballard, Willie Culp, Luvenia Douglass, Elizabeth Frazier, Sarah Falls, Sarah Horton, Irene Hunter, Mary Garner, Lillie Jones, Dovie Lowe, Grace Morrow, Charlotte Norwood, Mildred Phillips, Connie Ross, Camilla Stinson, Annie M. Stowe, Alberta Torrence, Freddie Tibbs, Lula Mae White, Maggie Williams, William Davidson, James Henderson, Harry Mills, Coyl McIntype, Leon North, John T. Richmond, Joseph Ury, Ernest Wade and Pride Ferguson.

## LOCAL ARMY RECRUITING

## JUST ABOUT THE WORST THING THAT COULD BE!

**John Gallagher Loses Treasured Commencement Cap and Gown, He Tells Police.**

What's the worst thing that can happen to a high school graduate just after commencement? Some think some things, others think others. John Marion Gallagher, 1447, Plaza, deems it the worst possible caprice of ironic Fate, or Old Man Jynx, or whoever it is that ordains misfortune, to have one's cap and gown, emblematic of graduation, stolen, purloined, confiscated, misappropriated, hooked, pinch-d or otherwise taken on the morning after the proud owner had appeared the night before in triumphant completion of one's high school course.

That's just exactly what happened, to John. Or so it was reported to police headquarters yesterday morning. Young Gallagher, appearing with 164 other graduates of Central high school in dignified array at the commencement exercises at the city auditorium Friday night, was attired in becoming cap and gown of gray, and appeared, withal, to be proud of the occasion, just as were the other graduates. The next morning the cap-and-gown was missed, and a search high and low failed to reveal the whereabouts of the academic raiment. It was reported to the police as stolen.

Now, one's cap-and-gown is a proud possession. It is something to point to with pride, with just satisfaction of knowing that it stands for a worthwhile task well-accomplished. A cap-and-gown is furthermore useful to store away in a trunk in the attic, or somewhere, along with other fondest relics of other days, to be shown to one's children and grandchildren as memoirs of happy oc-

casions. It is an article to be treasured. And to have it stolen on the first day after commencement is indeed a calamity.

Gallagher has no idea who stole it. It is possible, thinks John, that some member of the Ku Klux Klan, fancying the robe-like impressiveness of the uniform, borrowed the cap-and-gown to wear to a konklave, or a kloncillum, or whatever it is klansmen wear, costumes to. Mr. Gallagher discredits the theory that Mr. Shean took it.

No trace of the missing graduation toggery has been discovered by the police.

## Y. W. C. A. TO SPONSOR SWIMMING REVIVAL HERE

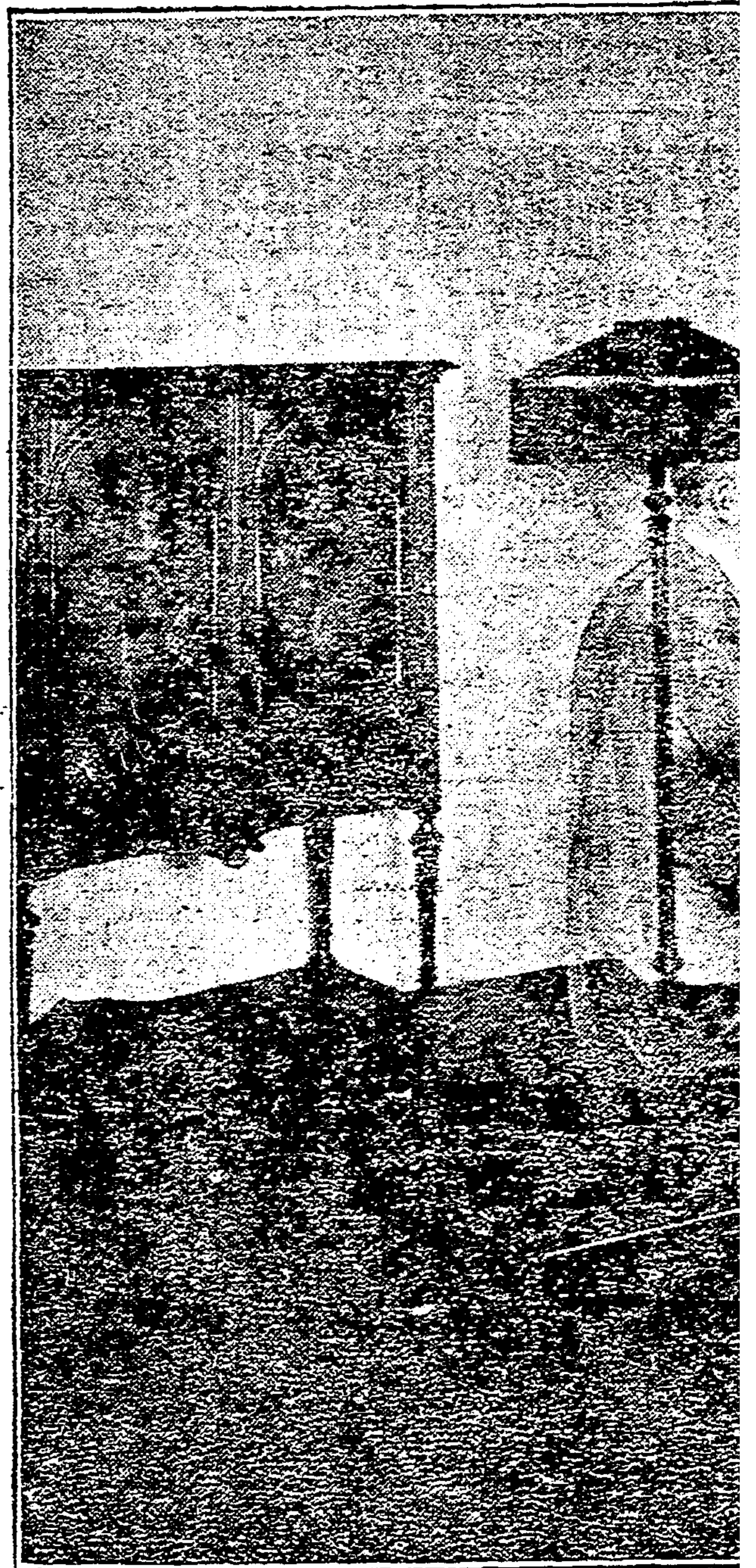
**"Every Woman and Every Girl in Charlotte a Swimmer" Slogan Adopted for Next Week.**

The week beginning Monday, May 26, and continuing through May 31, has been designated as "Learn-to-Swim-Week" by the Charlotte Y. W. C. A. "Every woman and girl in Charlotte a swimmer" is the slogan.

Physical directors at the Y. W. C. A., stressing the importance of the week, said yesterday that not only is it a personal duty of everyone to learn to swim, both from the standpoint of safety-first and good health, but that there is no better way to get a great amount of enjoyment.

During the week designated there will be a morning class each day in the week at 10:30 o'clock; an afternoon class for the children at 3 o'clock; a diving class for women and children at 7 o'clock each night and a swimming class for women at 7:30 p. m., in which class the American Crawl stroke will be taught. The classes will be offered at a big reduction in rates.

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