

### Urges State Ownership For N. C. Waterpowers

From the "News letters" that progressive sheet, some of the wonders performed by electricity on the farm for one penny:

"Electric light and power on the farm are very cheap. The average farm home used only five cents' or ten cents' worth of electricity in a day, one cent's worth of electricity will do one of these things:

- Light a large reading lamp for 5 hours.
  - Light an ordinary fixture in the kitchen, bath room or bedroom for 8 hours.
  - Light an electric lamp in the barn for 10 hours.
  - Pump 225 gallons of water.
  - Run a 3 inch fan for 5 hours.
  - Run a washing machine for 40 minutes.
  - Heat an electric iron for 22 minutes.
  - Run a sewing machine for 2 hours.
  - Run a milking machine for 1-4 hours.
  - Run a churn for 1 hour.
  - Run a separator for 1 hour.
  - Run a grindstone for 1 hour.
  - Run a fanning mill for 1 hour.
  - Run a corn sheller for 1 hour.
  - Run a vacuum sweeper for 1 hour.
  - Electric light and power for the farm are not only cheap, but actually save time and money. On many farms where electric light and power are used the following amounts of time and money are saved each week:
  - Chasing and trimming lamps, 2 hours.
  - Operating cream separator, 1 hour.
  - Operating washing machine, 3 hours.
  - Operating grindstone, 1-2 hours.
  - Pumping water, 5 hours.
  - Operating fanning mill, 1-2 hours.
  - Using electric iron, 1 hour.
  - Total time saved, 14 hours.
- An hour of labor on the farm is worth at least 40 cents. So the 14 hours saved by electric light and power are worth 14 times 40, or \$5.60 per week. This means a saving of \$291.20 per year.

An electric vacuum sweeper saves some time too by making the sweeping a quicker and easier job. This saving might be added to the time giving above."

If this is the A B C of the farm; what is the A B C of farm and factory? We are just entering the realm of electricity. What will be the A B C of home, farm, factory five years hence?

I take it these calculations are based on electricity furnished by corporations. If North Carolina owned and controlled her water powers, one penny would purchase double the number of wonders for the same cost as shown by Ottawa, Canada. She furnishes for citizens power, heat and light at half cost furnished the citizens of the state of New York by corporations.

California and South Dakota own and control theirs, and the state of New York has been considering taking over hers. All laws passed by the government in regard to water powers are subordinate to the laws made by the states and to be made by them. Hydro-electric power is the cheapest and most practical power known to man. At present, there are more than 550,000 horsepower now unoccupied, running to waste in the State. Think of these powers at once taken over, harnessed, connected, owned, controlled by our State! Imagine for a moment, home, farms, factory heated, lighted, furnished with power! Think of a great nitrate plant owned, controlled by the state, her farmers receiving nitrate at cost and leading the Union in farm products! Think of the two great Atlantic ports, two great trunk line railroads running west with their branches through the State, operated by hydro-electric power, and the great shipping line, the complement of the state owned railroads, all owned and controlled by the State! Hydro-electric power would at once largely take the place of coal, oil, gasoline, steam, timber for heating, mules, horses, conserve timber for manufacturing purposes, smelt the ores of Carolina, producing her own iron and steel as done by Norway, Sweden and other countries, manufacturing her own products, emancipating her own citizens from the drudgeries of life.

Carolina, the lovely maiden of Liberty and Peace, with her feet in the frigid waters, "Marah," the bitter waters of graft and profiteering, her body and head huddled and muddled to the cold barren rock of oppression, the corporations and trusts, the vultures and condors of destruction, under camouflage of U. S. government, preying at her vitals, devouring her flesh by day, renewing itself by night, only to be consumed the coming day, lies enemic, bleeding at every pore!

This water power, if at once taken over by our State, will become a magic jewel in the land of Carolina, converting itself into a Guardian Angel, who, with flaming sword in hand, turning in every direction, will at once break the shackles and manacles from our beloved maiden, and restore her to her pristine beauty, loveliness, and glory; drive away and control these vultures and condors so long as Carolina statesmen protect the jewel by good and just laws of the State.

But some will tell you this cannot be done; they told the progressives the same. The Progressives moved on! Carolina's present rate of progress eclipses that of every sister state.

In 1921, this State collected one hundred and sixty million dollars income tax. I take it three million dollars will construct and equip an average Hydro-electric power plant in North Carolina. The income tax of this one year would construct fifty-three such plants. Our State could soon harness all unoccupied powers in the State. When this is done there is comparatively no more expense, no other investment like it! Each dam is a part of the eternal rock of Mother Earth! This investment becomes the "hen" in the haunts of the State that ever lays the "Golden Egg!"

What farmer, business man, or manufacturer would ever fear to purchase heat, light, or power from the "Good Old North State"? She would never oppress her children! This water power is truly the heritage of the children of the State! North Carolina has never needed manhood; she had it at Mecklenburg May 2, 1775; at Tryon Court House August 12, 1775! At the decisive battle of Kings Mountain! At Clowen's Ford! At Guilford Court House! At Yorktown! When Cob was to be mad, free! When the Hindenburg line had to be broken! When the world had to be made free!

May this manhood ask their servants, the members of the General Assembly, in a call session, to condemn and take over all vacant water powers in North Carolina and to save this part of the heritage to the children of North Carolina and restore this heroine to her place of honor! Then her crystal waters will sing a new song, her hills will clap their hands for joy, her grand old mountain peaks will rise in their majesty and point highest to Jehovah, the God of the brave and the free; the people of North Carolina will cry aloud: "Glory be to God in the Highest!"

L. E. MAUNEY.

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### Thanksgiving Exercises

On Thanksgiving day, our school at Bellevue rendered a very nice program. This program was arranged by our teachers, Miss McCracken and Miss McClung. All of the parents of this community came and brought their baskets filled with lots of good things to eat. The children were well trained and it was a nice program.

Mr. T. L. Noble made a brief address in which he complimented the teachers on the good work being done in this community, and urged all the parents to cooperate with the teachers in helping to make our schools second to none in the county.

We have a good school at Bellevue and are proud to have Misses McCracken and McClung with us. They are not only training the children in school, but are a great help in our churches and Sunday School work.

### SCHOOLS STRIVE FOR MERIT CERTIFICATES

WASHINGTON.—One of the features distinguishing the third national safety campaign is the offer of certificates of merit to schools for conspicuous achievement during the autumn months, according to an announcement by the Highway Education Board recently.

Aside from the essay and safety lesson contests, open respectively to pupils and teachers, the certificates of merit are proving one of the most popular phases of the campaign.

The certificates are offered to any school, or to any class room making a satisfactory record in certain safety activities. They will be awarded on a point basis. Three hundred points out of a possible 450 will entitle the school or class room to an engraved certificate, properly inscribed, and suitable for framing, testifying to the school's interest and concern in safety education.

The Board announces that descriptive literature giving conditions under which the certificates will be awarded will be sent upon request. If the entire eligible student body contributes essays on the subject "Highway Safety Habits I Should Learn," 100 points may be counted. If twenty-five per cent of the pupils participate, twenty-five points are awarded; if more than twenty-five per cent, one point for each additional per cent.

For twenty-five per cent of the teachers writing safety lessons on the subject, "Training Children in Habits of Safety on the Highway," twenty-five points will be given, and one point for each additional per cent.

Twenty-five points may be counted for twenty-five percent of pupils signing the pledge of carefulness, and one point for each additional per cent.

Fifty points for the organization of an active safety patrol may be counted by the school or classroom. One hundred points may be registered if no traffic accident is reported among pupils or teachers during the safety season.

### UPPER BEAVERDAM

Miss Annie Raxter, of Andrews, is finishing the term of school here in Mr. Everett White's place.

Rev. Trull filled his appointment here Sunday, Dec. 2. He preached a fine sermon and the people are liking him better every time he comes.

On account of the rough weather the Sunday School at this place seems to be holding around.

We are having a fine school here and hope those who are out will hasten and receive the benefit of it.

Miss Ethel Clayton and Miss Annie Raxter took a pleasant horseback ride to Owl Creek Saturday.

Mr. Tilden Dockery and Mr. J. U. Farmer took dinner with Mr. W. S. Clayton Sunday.

Since the days have become so short and he gets in from school so late, Mr. White had to give up his favorite sport, squirrel hunting.

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