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Judge Connor. PERHAPS no single appointment made by Governor Morrison during his tenure of office was more worthily bestowed and will receive more universal applause than that of Judge George W. Connor, of Wilson, to the supreme court bench. Judge Connor has ranked as one of the leading superior court judges of the state for some time. His decisions have always commanded attention whenever contested and carried to the higher court have usually been upheld. He has acted alone and with other judges as referee in some of the most important cases ever to come up in the state. He presides over his court with dignity and a firmness that commands the respect and admiration of litigants, attorneys, and the public alike. The supreme court has been strengthened by the addition of Judge Connor to the position of a justice of the highest court of the commonwealth.

The Special Session. WORD has gone out from Raleigh that the legislature will be convened on August 7th for the purpose of considering the port and shipping bill, that has been under discussion since February, 1923. At that time a commission of experts both favorable and opposed to the measure as then proposed, was appointed to make a thorough investigation. That committee has brought in a voluminous report in which it is pointed out that the shipping line and a trunk line railroad across the state should be constructed at once at a cost of some seven million dollars. It is generally agreed that the solons will be asked to submit the matter to the people. The experts have found, after a year's investigation, that the plan is a good one and will operate to lower freight rates in this state. Because of the basing point system of rates in the Southern territory, North Carolina is grossly discriminated against in favor of Virginia in the matter of freight rates. The commission of experts say the shipping plan will alleviate the situation. If so, this will react to the benefit of the whole people. The part of wisdom, therefore, seems to be to adopt the commission report. The average voter cannot go into the matter and determine its merits. The commission appointed for the purpose has

spoken. The responsibility is theirs. The public can only accept their recommendations.

The Power Situation

THIS week an ordinance is being published calling for an election on the question of issuing bonds to enlarge the municipal power plant. There is always opposition to the issuance of bonds, and rightly so, unless the cause is a righteous one. The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy have gone into the matter from every possible angle and they believe that they are presenting a righteous cause to the voters for their approval. It seems to be a question of whether Murphy and this vicinity shall continue to grow or shall stand still or even fall behind. There may be some who would object to putting it this way. At any rate, from all the data available, it appears the only wise course to take. The situation is this: Murphy has sold more electric power than the municipal plant can generate. There is demand for still more power. If it is not supplied, there is a likelihood of losing a considerable portion of the present revenue to the city treasury. At present there appears to be a demand for enough power to pay all the interest charges on the investment that would be necessary to make the improvements at the power plant which are contemplated under the ordinance in question. But in addition, there will be a surplus of several hundred horse power to take care of the future growth of the town and the coming of new industries. When this is sold, it would produce just that much profit. The only wise course seems to be to proceed under the ordinance in question. The sanction of the people has been asked for on July 15th at the ballot box. There is no fear but that the citizenship of Murphy will consider the matter carefully and put its stamp of approval on it on election day.

Sunday School Lesson For June 22, 1924

A well informed layman once introduced as a preacher. He began his lecture by saying that he was not a preacher but that he supposed the difference between him and some preachers was that he preached, while some preachers do not. Our lesson for today has been called by some "The First Sunday School" It has been termed by others "A great preaching service." To me the subject seems to be an evangelistic campaign. The first striking thing in this campaign is the kind of preacher that the people themselves called. He does not seem to be a man who could swing his arms wildly or stamp his feet or speak with amazing rapidity. He seems to have had the one task of reading the word of God. The second thing that strikes me is that the word was read with understanding. Can it be that in these more modern times we are failing to hear the word and with understanding? Is it not true that when people do not listen to the reading of God's word the trouble is that they do not understand. Sometimes we enter a house of worship and find that the reading of the word of God is omitted entirely. Remembering that men universally like to do the things that they can do well can it be possible that the reading of the scripture is omitted because the preacher knows that he cannot do it well? There are two essentials that enter into good reading. The first of these is THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE PORTION READ. It would be a fine thing if every church had a group of noble hearted men fully equipped to examine the reading and the preaching in its subject. Under these circumstances every preacher would give more heed to reading so as to give it care. It is a rare thing to find a man who can take an unfamiliar story and read it well. It is essential that every reader study his Bible if he expects to read with understanding on the Sabbath. The second of these is LIVING THE TRUTH DAILY. No one need expect to read effectively if he has failed utterly to live in accord with the word of truth. This is just as true of teaching as it is of reading. In each the order is "study to shew thyself approved." Live in accord with truth that it may become a part of thyself. Then you may teach or read with understanding and those who hear may understand. The third thing that catches my attention is, the people listened attentively. Perhaps the reading had something to do with the attentiveness of the people. A fine old Scotch

man once said the thing to do when people began to sleep in church is to wake up the preacher. The thing that he had in mind was the inactive brain of the preacher. In the days we sometimes think that a preacher is thoroughly awake when his arms are gesturing, his feet in motion and his words flowing with the rapidity of a machine gun. Perhaps this explains in part the reason why people today will not listen for hours to the reading of truth. Have we cultivated a taste for gymnastic stunts in the pulpit and lost our sense of that which really feeds the soul? There is a temptation to drag into the pulpit as presented in current news or novels. There was once a minister who fed his people from the book "If Winter Comes." His people were able to read the book and understand it without his help. The thought that he should have done was to have fed his people the word of God.

The fourth thing that strikes my attention is that the personal workers spent their time causing the people to understand the reading. There is no other preaching that is right. When a man begins to do that which is beyond the helping of people to understand the scriptures he has gone outside the realm of his calling as a preacher. There were no selfish ends to be gained. No attempt to make the worse appear the better reason. It was purely a giving of the meaning of the scriptures. In our day it is one of the occasions of life to listen to the word in its purity without the taint of a system made by man. I have yet to find the man who being convinced that he is hearing the word of God will refuse to listen attentively.

The fourth thing that strikes me is that the result of such an evangelistic campaign was a genuine conviction of sin. The people knew that they were unworthy to be in the presence of God. Would it not be a fine thing if the spontaneous remark of each one of us when we listen to preaching could be "I feel the guilt of my sin and I am genuinely glad that Christ has borne my sin in his own body on the tree."

Potato Scab Has Appeared At Places In Clay County

Hayesville, June 17.—A few patches of white potatoes over Clay County are showing signs of being attacked by potato scab, in the opinion of County Agent W. R. Anderson. Most of the potatoes in the county, and there is a large acreage than perhaps ever before, are doing fine but in one or two instances they are showing signs of being attacked by disease. Practically all the seed planted in the county were disinfected with corrosive sublimate. It happens, however, that these farmers whose potatoes have been attacked by disease have failed to treat their seed potato. The natural inference is that the seed were infected. District Agent Goodman shares the opinion of Agent Anderson that the disease infecting the potatoes is the potato scab. The situation is not serious as most of the potatoes are healthy and growing fine.

Cullowhee Normal Organizes Teacher Placement Bureau

Cullowhee, June 14.—Cullowhee Summer School has recently added a new feature in the nature of a teacher-placement bureau to perform mutual service for prospective teachers and school officials. The bureau acts as a medium through which superintendents and boards of trustees may get in touch with unemployed teachers with the view of filling vacancies in their school systems. Professor Lawrence L. Lohr, assistant high school director of North Carolina, has charge of this new phase of the activities of the summer school. He has already received a number of applications from summer school students and former students desiring positions for the coming year. School superintendent who are interested should communicate with Mr. Lohr, who is in a position to accommodate them with valuable information. There will be no charge for this service, and students and school officials are invited to take advantage of it.

TANLAC VEGETABLE PILLS For Constipation

COMMITTEE CALL OFF FOURTH JULY CELEBRATION

Celebration Will Be Held Later In Summer, According To Present Plans

At a meeting of the committee on arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration the first of the week it decided to give up the Fourth of July celebration which was being planned and hold a "big day" for the people of this section a little later on. The fact that so many more towns in this section are planning celebrations on this day, which made it hard to work out the details of the program, made it seem wise to postpone the celebration. The committee reiterated its purpose of sometime this summer.

Having a big holiday event here in order to entertain the many people throughout this section who would enjoy such an event. It is not yet known what time will be selected, but it is probable that it will be in August.

The committee expressed regret at having to postpone the celebration as many people would probably be disappointed, but it was the consensus of opinion that this would be wiser than inviting the people here and then not being able to supply them with a full day's entertainment.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS 3,776 MILES OF FEDERAL ROAD

The State Has Already More Than Ten and a Half Millions Of Federal Aid Money

Washington, D. C., June 6.—The Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture in a statement made public today placed the total road mileage in North Carolina at 3,776 miles, while the South Carolina mileage was placed at 3,032 miles. This system was designated by the respective states and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Under the Federal Highway Act of 1921 the state departments were to designate a system of roads not exceeding seven per cent of the total rural mileage for improvement with federal aid and on which the government was to pay up to fifty per cent of the cost of construction.

Appropriations for federal aid totaling \$540,000,000 have been made since 1916 and considerable progress has already been made on the system. The total appropriation to North Carolina thus far has been \$10,597,004, and to South Carolina it has been \$6,633,517. Although two of the federal appropriations were made before the 1921 act restricting its expenditure on a designated system, by far the larger portion of these funds have been spent on the mileage selected by the respective highway departments, federal officials pointed out. On April 30th the federal aid road situation was reported as follows: North Carolina, total mileage completed, 885; mileage under construction, 238; mileage for construction 68; and available for new projects not yet appropriated \$617,407.

The whole federal aid highway system embraces approximately 179,000 miles of road. At the end of the year about 60,000 miles of this road was surfaced, 8,700 miles graded, and 110,000 miles yet to be surfaced. It is expected that all of this will be surfaced in the next few years.

WHY SUFFER SO?

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Mrs. W. R. Davis, 1248 Killian St., Waynesville, N. C., says: "I had a dull ache in my back that made me feel worn out. When I bent, sharp pains darted through me and I had blinding dizzy spells. Mornings, I was all lame and I could hardly get around. I had nervous headaches and my kidneys did not act right. Doan's Pills relieved me of the trouble."

OVER FIVE YEARS LATER, Mrs. Davis Added: "I still use Doan's occasionally and get the best results. 60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Properly fertilized peach trees have withstood early season frost and freezes much better than unfertilized trees, finds County Agent Kope Elias, of Mecklenburg County, who spent some time in helping his farmers spray their trees this spring.

One farmer of Buncombe County is capitalizing the demand for blue grass sod. He has sold \$175 worth from a small lot and reseeded the land as fast as the sod is removed, reports County Agent L. D. Thrash.

Forty-seven farmers sold over \$200 worth of produce at the Burlington curb market in Alamance County at a recent sales day, reports County Agent W. Kerr Scott.

Farmers of Caswell County are growing Abruzzi rye for seed this year as a result of ten bushels being put in that county in half bushel lots two years ago reports County Agent J. L. Love.

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New Words New Words thousands of them spelled, pronounced and defined in WEBSTER'S NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY Here are a few samples: broadcast, agrimator, Blue Cross, retrograde, askari, cypriote, Flag Day, mad gun, Ruthene, willem, digamo, peccatis, duvayn, Caccho-Slovak, world, Devul Dog, Federal Land Bank, abstraction, hot pursuit, mystery ship, junior college, Fuzina, Red Star, paracene, megarbar, platan, shuncen, precool, S.P. boat, activation, Ale Council

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