

## STATE NEWS IN DIGEST

Governor Morrison has issued a proclamation to the people of North Carolina calling upon them to observe Friday as a day of mourning in honor of the dead President. He urges all persons of the State to observe the day in strict accordance with the provisions of President Coolidge's proclamation setting the day aside as a day of mourning in the nation.

A building program outlined by business interests of Asheville calls for the construction of a large new hotel, erection of twenty-five cottages, and a new general hospital. A big cabaret show will be staged there soon under the direction of Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, the proceeds to go towards the equipment of the new hospital.

Farmers and planters in the section of Aberdeen, where the boll weevil has made its appearance say the use of calcium arsenate is helping to destroy the weevil there. The arsenate is dusted on the growing cotton.

Within the next sixty days a new factory will be added to the large number already at work in the growing town of Hickory. It will be a shoe lace factory. The output will be more than 200 gross per day.

The trustees of the State University met one day last week and enacted a resolution calling upon the State Treasury to turn over to their building committee \$1,650,000, proceeds from State Bonds, appropriated for the building program at the State University this year. The money will be used for permanent structures.

Gastonia opened its newly acquired Municipal Park on Sunday, August 5. Greensboro is preparing to organize a troop of Coast Guardsmen.

Civil engineers of the State are preparing big things for their annual Convention to be held in Asheville on August 10 and 11.

Gastonia interests are striving hard for the removal of Lenoir College from Hickory to Gastonia. They have offered a nice sum as a gift if the college is removed. Lenoir citizens and its newspapers have denied the reports current that they had not heretofore supported the college and that it would offer even larger support if given the chance.

Pursuant to instructions received last Saturday at headquarters of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion from National Commander Alvin Owsley, R. E. Denny, department adjutant, announced that James A. Lockhart, State Commander has appointed a committee of 31 legionnaires to represent the Legion at the funeral of the late Warren G. Harding.

The dream of the Carolina Play-makers of seeing Carolina folk plays in New York is certain to become true, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, field agent for the University Bureau of Community Drama, and perhaps the best actress produced by the Play-makers, will go to New York in September to take the leading part in two or three North Carolina folk plays, to be put on by the Inter-Theater Arts of that city.

The University will have a student body of about 2,200 for the year 1923-24, according to present indications that the office of Dr. T. J. Wilson, registrar now has.

Major William T. Joyner of Raleigh is expected to resign as secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee when the committee meets next March to call a convention and W. C. Coughenor of Salisbury is being mentioned as his successor.

Another of the Meekins family has scored in pulling down a government position. With Colonel Ike Meekins holding a big job in connection with the office of Alien Property Custodian, the announcement came from Postmaster-General New Friday that Jeremiah C. Meekins, Jr., had been appointed acting postmaster at Washington.

In a short statement issued at his New Bern home last Saturday Senator Simmons paid tribute to President Harding.

While there is not much tobacco raised in Scotland County the soil is said by experts to be suitable for raising high grades of the weed. Farmers expect to start raising the product.

Plans for a great rally and barbecue to be held by the Nash and Edgecombe county members of the Tobacco and Cotton Co-operative Associations in Rocky Mount some time during the present month has been decided upon and are now being rapidly worked out by the leaders.

The musical program and entertainment features for the Made-In-Carolinas Exposition at Charlotte the two weeks of September 24-October 6 promises to far eclipse anything

previously attempted by this organization.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, state health officer, has written the Chapel Hill Weekly a letter saying that unless trains and stations are improved the board of health will ask the next Legislature for more complete control in dealing with the situation.

Thirty thousand dollars in cash premiums are offered by the North Carolina State Fair, according to the premium lists which are being sent out by General Manager E. V. Walborn.

Word has been received at Lenoir of the suicide of Vance Triplett at his home just across the Wilkes county line several days ago. Mr. Triplett ended his life by hanging himself in the barn yard in plain view of the front porch and his wife.

"Press time is press time in spite of 100 years," says the News and Observer. Before the body of the 29th President of the United States was cold in death in his hotel room in San Francisco a bell in the city of Raleigh 3,500 miles away, tolled in grief for his passing and within forty minutes of his death newsboys were shouting "extra" in all sections of Raleigh. The first President of the United States had been dead ten days before the people in Raleigh were aware of his death. The news of the first and last Presidents' deaths came to the News & Observer at the time of going to press with their regular edition.

"Use the whip" was in effect the recommendation of the Guilford county grand jury made in their report last week on prison reformation.

Eighty-six new public school buildings and five homes for teachers were erected at a total cost of \$452,394.77 for the negroes of the State during the year ending June 30, 1923, according to a survey of the division of the work of negro education made public last Friday by N. C. Newbold, director of the division.

Asked for a statement regarding the latest announcement of A. J. Maxwell, Corporation Commissioner, who said that the auditing firm working on the State's treasury balance, had admitted a deficit of five million dollars in State funds, Governor Morrison has declined to issue any kind of statement. A delayed letter received by Mr. Maxwell admitted that a three million dollars bond issue had been listed as revenues, and that the State really was five million dollars behind as of December 31, 1922.

Since Mr. A. J. Maxwell's figures have been verified by the admission of the auditors, he has been frequently mentioned as a good candidate for Governor of North Carolina.

Calling upon the merchants of North Carolina to honor the memory of the late President Harding next Friday, President W. N. Dixon of the State Merchants' Association on Monday issued letters to all organizations within the State.

The State Teachers' Association, as an inducement to get teachers of the State to write about their work, is offering three awards of \$50 each for the best articles on some phase of the educational work, Miss Elizabeth Kelly, president of the Association, announced Monday.

Matters of legislation affecting working man-matters which the last Legislature passed over, will be about the biggest business coming up before the North Carolina Federation of Labor when it meets in convention at Greensboro, second week in September.

Solicitor W. F. Evans' February crusade against the manufacture and sale of whiskey in which sixteen convictions were secured, \$2,500 collected from fines and road sentences imposed aggregating 143 months, cost \$2,353 according to an itemized statement prepared and presented to the Wake County commissioners last Monday.

Rev. James Power Smith, noted Confederate soldier, minister and author, died at Greensboro Monday morning, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles P. Myers. He had been ill since last April.

### TOWN COUNCIL DID NOT MEET MONDAY

On account of the rain, no session of the Ahooskie town council was held last Monday night. The commissioners had spent a large portion of the day in conference with officials of the Columbian Peanut Company in reference to securing a right of way across their land for a spur track to the municipal water and light plant. A final agreement, according to the councilmen, is in prospect, and the track may be built soon.

The town has been trying for three years to secure a right of way, to save the enormous expense of hauling coal for two or three blocks to the light plant. If the track is built, the initial cost will have been repaid within a period of two or three years.

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## Sunday School Lesson

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### LESSON FOR AUGUST 12

#### MARTHA AND MARY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 10:38-42; John 11:4-9; John 12:1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her."—Luke 10:42.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Proverbs 31:10-31.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Two Loyal Friends of Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Martha and Mary.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—True Friendship Shown by Martha and Mary.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Home Problems Illustrated by Martha and Mary.

In order to properly understand these two characters, it will be necessary to look at the several narratives in which they are brought to our view. These are three in number.

I. The Behavior of Martha and Mary in the Days of Sunshine. (Luke 10:38-42.)

In this picture we see Martha engaged in preparing a meal for Jesus. In her effort to make the best preparation for her honored guest, she became distracted. She not only was cumbered with much serving but she found fault with Mary for not helping her. She even censured the Lord for permitting such neglect. Martha has had her followers in all ages. Every church knows them. The busy, troubled and fussy women who are engaged in service for the Lord with little patience for those who sit at the feet of Jesus.

Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. She had taken her turn in the service as the word "also" would imply. She did not neglect service, but had the keenness of perception to discern that communion with the Lord was more prized by Him than the serving of a meal. Both of these women loved the Lord and it is impossible to say which loved Him more. In the days of sunshine in this home, Mary made the good choice of communion with her Lord.

II. Mary and Martha in the Day of Great Sorrow. (John 11:1-46.)

The next scene which occupies our attention is the occasion of the resurrection of Lazarus. In the time of the sickness of Lazarus, these sisters had sent for Jesus. Jesus loved the members of this household, and yet, strange to say, He delayed His going unto them. Martha met Him with rebuke, saying that if He had been there her brother had not died. This carried with it the censure for His delay under such trying circumstances. This act of Martha called forth some marvelous teachings on the resurrection. After this interview with Martha, she came to Mary with the message of a call from Jesus. Mary was composed and remained in the house until called for. She immediately responded to this call and used the identical words of Martha, but instead of rebuking her, He mingled His tears of sympathy with hers of sorrow. The reason she had such composure in this dark hour was that she had patiently sat at His feet and listened to His word so that she understood the meaning of the tragedy. The difference then in the behavior of these two women in this dark hour was doubtless due to the fact that in the days of sunshine Mary had entered fully into fellowship with the Lord and that Martha had lost this grace through her fretfulness.

III. Jesus Entertained at Bethany. (John 11:9.)

At this supper appeared Mary, Martha and Lazarus, who was raised from the dead. Doubtless this supper was in grateful appreciation of His help and sympathy in the days of their trial. At this meal Martha was back at her old business of serving, but it would seem with an unruffled disposition. Mary took a pound of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped them with her hair. This was a token of her great love and devotion. She was back in her accustomed place at the feet of Jesus. With the keen intuition of true love, she brought her costliest gift as an evidence of her love. She thus anticipated His death and burial, knowing that she could not minister unto Him then. The Lord received this act of love at its full value. Against the foul criticism of Judas, Jesus defended Mary. He declared that it was no more a waste than the ointment placed on the bodies of the dead in embalmment. In fact it was the doing of this very act beforehand unto Him. Only Mary of all His disciples had really understood Jesus when He said He must be crucified and raised again the third day. The announcement of His crucifixion brought unto the others dismay. They refused to believe in the resurrection, but Mary came to anoint His body for burying.

IV. Manners.

Manners should bespeak the man independent of fine clothing. The general does not need a fine coat.—Emerson.

Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ, the condescension of divinity, and the exaltation of humanity.—Phillips Brooks.

Action of the Mirid.

The mind unlearns with difficulty what has long been impressed on it.

### BETHLEHEM NEWS

Regular services at the church were conducted on Sunday afternoon by the pastor.

Mr. Lillian Stokes spent Sunday with his wife and children.

Mrs. John Barnes from Ahooskie spent Thursday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. C. F. Peale.

Mr. Cotton Moore from near Powellsville visited in the Thomas home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Belch from near Powellsville spent a short while in the home of Mr. S. J. Hill on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Louise Holland from Winston-Salem visited Miss Ruth Thomas last week.

Messrs. Troy Hill, Clyde Slaughter and Robert Thomas went to Harrellsville Sunday night to hear Mr. Yuya.

Messrs. Jimmie and Raleigh Taylor and Earley Crawford from Eure were visitors in the home of Mr. Mark Norvell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Pierce Vann was a guest in the home of Mrs. R. P. Thomas last week.

Mrs. Thomas Gower, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Pool, and two grandchildren from Raleigh, is spending the week in the home of her son, Mr. W. G. Gower.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hill spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Godwin near Hickory Chapel.

Miss Mina Holloman spent Thursday night with Miss Mary Thomas.

Mr. Judson Norvell and children from Christian Harbor spent Sunday afternoon with his brother, Mr. Mark Norvell.

Miss Susie Hill returned home Sunday after spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Jeff Sumner near Aulander. She was accompanied by Misses Cora Sumner and Lydie Rowe, and Messrs. John D. Sumner and Claiborne Rowe. They spent a short while returning home in the evening.

### TAKEN UP

I have taken up at my farm near Ahooskie, 1 male hog, black, half moon under and over right ear, half moon under left ear. Owner please claim and pay costs or same will be advertised and sold under process of law.

NORMAN HALL.

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### MAKE TRAVEL EASIER

J. R. Garrett, township road commissioner, says he will construct a temporary bridge across Stoney Creek, for the convenience of tobacco farmers who are planning to bring their tobacco to Ahooskie. The new bridge will not be completed by the opening date, but, Mr. Garrett says he will see that the bridge and road will be in first class shape.

### SPEND WEEK AWAY

Dr. and Mrs. L. K. Walker and children left here Monday by automobile for a trip through eastern North Carolina, winding up at Currie, where they will visit the former's parents for several days. They will also spend some time at White Lake, near Fayetteville.

R. Y. Winters, in his exhibit, showed a difference of 17.4 bushels of oats per acre in favor of home grown seed from selected plants. Why buy outside the State?

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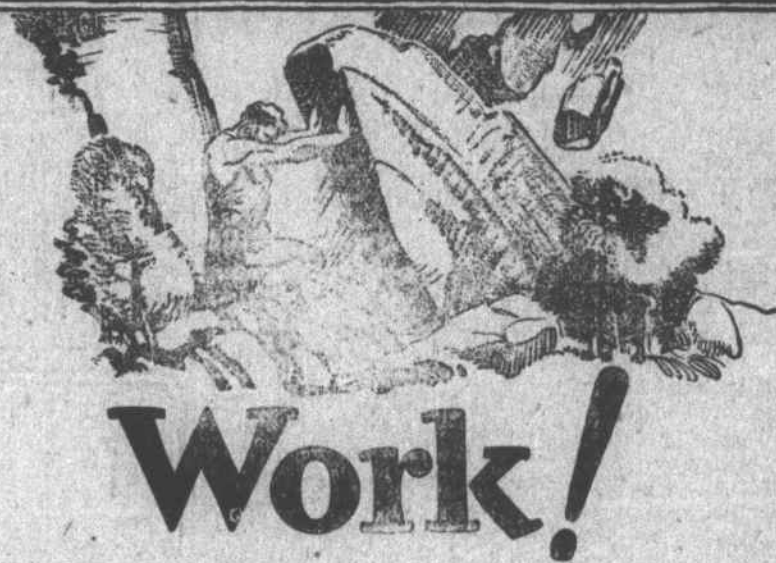
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