## 1,200 MILES HARD SURFACE ROADS

PROGRAM NEARING END WILL SEE ALMOST 1,500 MILES CONSTRUCTED.

Raleigh. One thousand, two hundred and minety miles of hard surfaced highways have been constructed in North Carodina since the present highway commis sion took charge of the administration, according to information made public by officials of the commission In addition to the hard surfaced high ways 1,452 miles of new top-soil, sandclay, gravel and graded roads have been constructed in the same period.

Under construction at present are 183 miles of hard surface roads and 333 miles of the other types of roads. Another letting of contracts on November 26 will just about wind up the construction work under the sixtyfive million dollar bond issues authorized by the legislatures of 1921 and 1923. This letting will take care of the construction of approximately 13 miles of roads, of which 15 miles will be hard surfaced.

Taking into account the roads al ready constructed, the roads under construction and the roads for which contracts will be let North Carolina will receive for the sixty-five million dollars spent 1,488 miles of hard sur faced roads and 1,843 miles of other types of roads, or a total of 3.831 miles of all types of roads.

Dividing the number of miles o roads of all kinds constructed into the amount of the bond issue it is seen that the cost of an average North Car olina mile of road constructed under the present highway commission is \$19,213.

This figure is not as high as might seem at first glance as the highway commission has acquired considerable road building machinery, office buildings, garages, offices furnishings, and other things incidental to launching and carrying on a gigantic enterprise as well as having devoted large sums to highway maintenance.

These assets will probably lessen the sost of highway construction in North Carolina in the future if the next legislature votes to continue the road building program, or if the legislature does not so vote they remain assets to be applied against the liqui dation of the bond issue.

Let Contract For Automobile Tags.

Contract for more than four hundred thousand license tags for motor vehicles was awarded by the State Department automobile license to the Western Display Company, of Saint Paul, Minn. This company has furnished the licenses for North Carolina cars for the past several years. The color of the 1925 licenses has not yet been decided.

Licenses were ordered in the follow ing quantities: automobiles, 360,000; trucks, 30,000; dealers, 12,000; motor cycles, 2.000. It was pointed out tha extra truck licenses will probably have to be bought. The number of licenses for pleasure cars indicates an increase of twenty thousand over the figures of

The cost of the licenses to the State is about seven and a half cents apiece.

State College in Third Place.

The State College fruit judging team won third place in the National Intercollegiate Fruit Judging Contests held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, according to information received at the local institution. The contest, which was held under the auspices of the American Pomological Society, drew contestanta from all sections of the United States and college authorities and stuh pleased over the excellent showing of the Tech team in its first large contest.

Five Thousand New Autos Titled.

Titles for 5,304 new cars were issued during the month of September according to information made public by the Automobile Department of the Secretary of State's office. A classification shows that almost four-fifths, or 4,111 of the car titled were Fords. Chevrolets were far in the lead of the other makes with 274.

Other cars for which titles were issued are classified as follows:

Dodges, 190; Buicks, 132; Overlands, 99; Studebakers, 74; Stars, 71; Hud-27. Nashs, 67; Essexs, 56; Olds-

Knights, 14; Flints, 13; Cadillacs, 13; Maxwells, 9; Jewetts, 9; Oaklands, 9; Reo's, 8; Packards, 6; miscellaneous

Revenue Exceeds Receipts of 1923. Figures announced from the office of Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton show that the Department of Revenue collected slightly more during the first ten months of 1924

than during the whole of 1923. No definite figures are obtainable on the revenues and expenditures of the State but it has been generally accepted since the speec hof Secretary of State W. N. Everett to the Democratic Convention last April that the State is running behind by at least \$1.500.000 a year.

### FEAT OF COTTON GINNING

Remarkable Invention Demonstrated Before Pearon County People.

Roxboro.-Twent or more farmers and business men of this town and community witnessed a feat of cotton ginning at the ginnery of G. W. Thomas which probably means as much to the development of the cotton growing industry in this county as the invention of the cotton gin meant to the South as a whole. J. R. Lummus. who lives a few miles from Roxboro, brought in a load of cotton weighing 1,270 pounds, which had been pulled burr and all instead of being picked clean in the field. With Mr. Thomas's up-to-date plant, including the new boll reaker and cleaner attachments, this load of bolly cotton netted a bale weighing 318, which sold on the local market at 20 cents.

The work was done under the direction of Joe T. Banks, experimenter and boll ginning expert from Texas. The farmers who witnessed this novel process were enthusiastic about it, for it was a clear demonstration that every boll of the late local crop that has cotton in it can be saved-

Baxley Hoads District Union. Fayetteville.—Spurgeon Baxley, Wilmington, was re-elected president of the Southeastern district of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union at the district convention here. Miss Zell Martin, of Maxton, was elected vice-president, Mrs. D. S. Currie, of Parkton, superintedent of intermediate work; Ernest Wilton, of Fayetteville. superintendent of Junior work, and Miss Marjorie Campbell, of Raeford, superintendent of missions and the Tenth Legion.

Big Plans For Roaring Gap.

Winston-Salem. — The corporation which has undertaken to develop Roaring Gap as a summer resort will spend a half million dollars in carrying out their plans, it has been announced here

Work on the first unit of a five hundred room hotel will begin at once in order to have it ready for occupancy next summer. Besides a modern hotel, there will be a lake to be stocked with trout, covering 35 acres; eighteen hole golf course, polo

Get Automobile and Much Whiskey. High Point.-Prohibition enforcenent officers who made High Point their headquarters returned with a liquor in an automobile near Mayodan, Rockingham county.

Jumping from the car when he saw the officers approaching, the driver escaped in the woods and has not been apprehended. The liquor is said to have been

placed in the rear seat of the automobile, a seven-passenger Cadillac. The federal officers said it was one of the biggest raids they have carried

out since passage of the Volstead Act. Plans For Play Contests.

Chapel Hill,-Plans and regulations for the State-wide One-Act Play Contests to be conducted by the Carolina Dramatic Association, one of the organizations fostered by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina, were announced here at the association's office.

The contest will culminate in a dramatic institute to be held here at the university next April, when the winners of preliminary contests in the eastern part of the State will compete with the winners of the preliminary contests in the western section of

Five separate contests will be conducted as follows: High school clubs, college clubs, community clubs, original one-act plays by colleges, original one-act plays by high schools.

The club winning the state cham nionship in each of the four divisions will be awarded a beautiful and distinctive trophy.

Will Promote Coastal Routs. Rocky Mount.—A meeting of the N. C. Route 40 association of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway will be held in Wallace at noon Tuesday, December 2, according to announcement made here by Norman Y. Chambliss, chairman of the association, which has as

its purpose the boosting of the Coastal highway link which traverses North Carolina. Frank M. Miller, of Jacksonville, president of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, and Fred G. Ward, of Brunswick, Ga., secretary of the organization, will attend

the meeting as principal speakers.

Man and Wife Sent to Prisons. Asheville.-J. B. Huntley and his wife, Ella Huntley, were separated without a divorce when they were found guilty in Federal Court and sentenced to separate penitentiaries on a tags. W. M. Busby has been named charge of violating the Harrison na- as gent. tional narcotic law. The husband was given 18 months in the Atlanta Federal prison and the wife goes to a Federal

prison or special reformatory for romen dope users in Missouri. The Huntleys were arrested by Federal officers in the recent clean up of alleged narcotic meddlers

## DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARA-GRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Rutherfordton.-Contract has been let for the erection of the new \$200, 000 consolidated high school building for this community.

Winston-Salem .- This was the high gest week of season with the auction warehouses. They sold 2,834,319 pounds of tobacco for 741,463.35, an average of '16.16 per hundred.

Charlotte - Charles Baudry and son Jean of Paris, France, and Mr. and Madame Ernest Kirshner, of Mulhausen, Asace, a province of France, are Charlotte visitors. They are studying cotton mill operation in this sec

Durham.-Apparently dead. Aaron McKel, colored, was taken to the Lin coln Hospital by Officers King and Brown, as a result of a lick with a brick on the head, said to have been thrown by Aleck Young. However, Aaron came around in time.

Winston-Salem.-The tax rate for 1924-25 on propertoy in the city of Winston-Salem will be \$1.10 on the one hundred dollars valuation, according to action taken by the boar dof aldermen.

Salisbury.—An infant hygiene nurse has been added to the health department of Rowan county. Miss Mc Cahkey, formerly operating supervior nurse at the Salisbury hospital, has taken the position and will devote her whole time to the work.

Wilmington.-A five-foot rattlesnake afterwards found to have a two-pound rabbit in its stomach, was killed at Wilmington Beach avenue, Wilmington Beach, by E. W. L. Gilbert, son of C. D. Gilbert, produce merchant.

Charlotte.-The loving cup, given by the North Carolina State Dairymen' association for the best achievements in dairy work in any portion of the State, came back to Mecklenburg for the second year, won by Robert E. Mc-Dowell, of Steel Creek township, own er of the famous Jersey cow. Prin Elsie, and president of the North Carolina Cattle Club.

Clinton.-One of the boldest robber ies ever staged in this section took place when the office at the stables and harness shop of Charlie Warren on McKov street was entered and sev eral hundred dollars in cash, checks and nutes were taken from the safe story of the capture of 205 gallons of There is no clue as to who was the burglar.

Burlington.-Ralph R. Harder, native of Alamance, died in a hospital in Roanoke, Va., as a result of injuries received in a railroad wreck as engineer on the Norfolk and Western some time before." His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Harder and sister, Mrs. Ruby King, have re turned home from Roanke, where they went upon news of the accident.

Rocky Mount .- Arthur Matthews 18-year-old white man, died while en route to a local hospital as a result of injuries sustained when the automobile in which he was riding turned over following collision with a ma chine driven by Claude Capps.

Wilmington.-A four-hundred-pound black bear, said to be the largest shot hereabouts for a long time, was killed on Stump Sound Beach and brought to the city to be dressed. Andrew Edens aged 16 and his father E E Edens ,fired fourteen loads of buck shot before the animal fell dead after a chase across the sound with dogs and guns.

Concord.—At a luncheon held here it was announced that \$252,300 had been raised for Concord's new hotel Of this amount more than half was subscribed by members of the executive committee. The goal is \$375.000 which will be spent for a modern hotel completely furnished.

Charlotte -C. Oscar Garmon, local sheet metal and roofing contractor, was killed near Huntersville. 20 miles from Charlotte when an automobile he was driving alone left the road and turned over. He was found still alive by W. T. Bannisterd, of this city, who picked him up and hurried toward Charlotte with him.

Gastonia.-Gastonia has an epidemie of hiccoughs. Local physicians and druggists are authority for the statement that within the past two weeks there have been a large number of cases of this strange disease. At least one patient hiccoughed for several dition. One physician state probably a dozen cases have come under his observation within the past

two weeks. Hickory -A branch office of the ecretary of State will be opened in Hickory for the purpose of issuing automobile licenses. Heretofore it was necessary for auto owners in Hickory and this section to go to the Lenoir or Morganton office for their

Hickory.-E. B. Menzies, aged about 48, Federal narcotic inspector and a nember of one of Hickory's most prominent families, was found dead in his room at a hotel in Charleston, W. Va, according to news received by his

#### BIRD FANCIER IS FOUND DEAD IN DINGY ROOM

Always Preferred Feathered Tribe to Society of Humans.

Philadelphia.—The families that live Fernber avenue knew old Michael Grofchick as the man who liked birds etter than he did people.

He used to say to them: "The birds. they are better. Always they are happy, but people"—and he would shrug his shoulders. That was the reason Michael lived

among the birds. Never a wife, never a friend lived with him. But the like a bird cage itself-were piled with crates in which Michael kept the canaries he raised for the pet tores.

Recently the neighbors found Michael dead in the second story room of the house. From a hundred cages



The Body Was Sprawled on the Floor,

lined against the wall canaries were chattering—possibly because hadn't had breakfast yet. Sprawled on Floor.

Michael's heart had ceased beating as he was on his way to open the win-The body was sprawled on the floor midway between the bed and the

It was little the police found in the use except supplies for the birds. There were 500 canaries at least, first floor, aside from the cages, there were only a table, a cabinet, a chair i chromo of the ascension and a rov of blue ribbons that Michael's birds had won him.

In the second floor room was a bed with a tattered comforter and 100 more cages. The attic was lined with rates. That was all.

On the downstairs table was a loaf of bread and a package of coffee, the only food in the house. Michael didn't spend much on his table, the neigh-bors confided. It all went to the birds.

#### Good Samaritan Aids Jailbirds; Home Looted

Milwaukee.-Glenn Henry's abiding faith in the basic goodness of man-kind has been so rely joited.

Mr. Henry, who in business hours is credit manager of the Wisconsin Credit Clothing company, spends his leisure hours doing good to his needy brothers, making a specialty of assist ing those whose errors have landed

Last week he obtained the release on parole of a house of correction prisoner, took the man to his home and helped him with carfare and sug gestions in hunting a job. His pro needed help in getting started back on the straight path. The new er was also provided with temporary sleeping and eating quarters in the Henry home.

At night, when Mr. Henry returned after a few hours' absence, he found his welfare workers absent. So were a violin, a gun, a traveling bag and numerous other articles which had not been nailed down. The missing articles are worth about \$75, he told

### Thief Accepts \$1 Loot

San Francisco.—"Give me that purse." demanded the uncouth strangwho approached Mrs. Eugenia . Early at Colby and Bacon streets re cently. "I will not," responded Mrs. Early in a very decided tone of voice. A dollar is enough for you." The he dollar and meekly rent his way.

Finds Needle in Hand Adams, Mass.-Miss Amy Fuller of avoy had a needle removed from the

palm of one hand by Dr. A. Desrochers, after having suffered for some time. She does not know when she picked up the needle, but believes it was some time ago. An incision was made which disclosed the needle.

Kills Heron

Franklin, Ky .- James Roark of the Providence country recently shot and killed a snow-white heron which was 4 feet and 4 inches in height, measured 4 feet and 9 inches from tip to tip and weighed only two pounds. The bird is a native of the Florida

# Fromment People

### J. L. McConaughy New Head of Weslevan

Dr. James Lukens McConaughy, president of Knox college, at Gales-ourg, Ill., has been selected at a meeting of trustees in New York as the eleventh president of Wesleyan uni-versity at Middletown, Conn., the second layman to be head of the institution. He is thirty-seven years old-and celebrated his birthday by assuming his new responsibilities

A native of New York city, Doctor McConaughy is a Yale graduate of '09. He took advanced work at Bowdoin and at Dartmouth and obtained his doctorate at Columbia in 1913. He succeeds, as head of Wesleyan, the late Doctor William Arnold Shanklin, who resigned in September of last year and was president emeritus until his

Immediately after his graduation rom Yale, Doctor McConaughy joined the faculties of English and education at Bowdoin, resigning in 1915 to be-

come professor of education at Dartmouth. He became president of Knox college in 1915, serving, at the same time, as professor of education. He published a book on the school drama in 1913.

Dr. David G. Downey, president of the Wesleyan trustees, in announcing the board's choice, said of the new university's head;
"He is, first of all, a man of outstanding and forthright Christian charac-

ter. He believes that Christian character is the cornerstone of successful life. Sympathetic with the practical idealism of New England, he is pre-eminently qualified to keep Wesleyan in the front rank of the small New England col-

### Walker Takes Charge of Panama Canal



gineers, U. S. A. (portrait herewith) has been appointed by President Cool idge governor of the Panama Canal Zone to succeed Col. Jay J, Morrow, who has been connected with the Panama canal since 1915 and resigns to go into the enigneering business in Nev York. Colonel Walker has been en gineer of maintenance of the canal since June, 1921. He has had a long and distinguished service in the Corps of Engineers, United States army since his graduation from the Military academy in 1893. Col. Harry Burgess Corps of Engineers, will take the place of Colonel Walker.

In the appointment of Colone Walker the government continues the practice of placing the administration of the canal in the hands of army engineers trained for the post in long duty as engineers of maintenance un der the governor. General Goethals

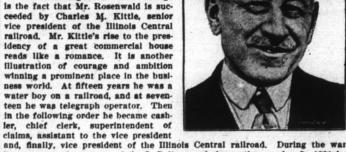
builder of the canal and its first governor, was succeeded by the man he had trained, Gen. Chester Harding, and the retiring incumbent was long under Governor Harding. He now passes the office onto the engineer who has been closely identified with him in the work, Colonel Walker.

The Panama canal is also a tremendous business concern involving, be sides the canal proper, a railroad, repair shops, dry docks; plers, coal, oil and general supply to shipping, and numerous other operations, with the addition of the civil government of the Canal Zone.

### Julius Rosenwald to Take Things Easy

Julius Rosenwald (portrait here with) has decided to take life a little easier. The noted Chicago philanthropist has resigned as president of the big mail order house of which he has been the driving force for 25 years. will, however, remain in close touch with its affairs, as chairman of the board of directors.

An interesting feature of the change is the fact that Mr. Rosenwald is succeeded by Charles M. Kittle, senior vice president of the Illinois Central railroad. Mr. Kittle's rise to the presdency of a great commercial house reads like a romance. It is another filustration of courage and ambition winning a prominent place in the busiess world. At fifteen years he was a water boy on a railroad, and at seven teen he was telegraph operator. Then in the following order he became cashsuperintendent



he was general manager of the I. C. lines and three other roads. In 1921 he married Miss Jane Dabney, 221 East Walton place. Mr. Kittle is forty-four vears old.

Julius Rosenwald was born in 1862 at Springfield, Ill., and began his business career with a wholesale clothing concern in New York, His benefactions total several millions.

### Persistence, Thy Name Is Sir Thomas



Persistence, thy name is Sir Thomas Lipton! He's after the America's cup again—for the fifth time. He's going to build Shamrock V and hopes the race will be sailed in 1926. And the genial old Irish yachtsman is 'way over seventy—why, he paid his first-vall to America in an immigrant ship more than fifty-five years ago! Sir Thomas this time came over on the Leviathan—which is some difference. The veteran yachtsman, with a complexion like a schoolgirl and as chipper as a cricket, was given a noisy demonstrative welc

"I am ready to make a challenge," said Sir Thomas. "A committee of international yacht experts are now meeting in London to determine the size, requirements, etc., of the boats that will participate, and when they are through and I receive their find-ings I will decide on the type of boat,

and early next year I will make the formal announcement of my intention of sending a yacht to America to enter the race for the America's cup. I expect the race will be sailed in 1926. I am still in the racing game. I did a lot of racing and sailing last summer in the waters off the coast of England and France. I will be ready and I have a feeling that I will lift the cup."

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Seeing Darkly Samuel Gompers objected, at a ban-quet in Washington, to the "vision" that a fellow banqueter attributed to

the Soviet leaders, "Vision?" he said. "Well, the vision of those fellows is just about equal to "Blank, you know, visited an oculist to have his eyes tested. The

list tried him on all his biggest charts. but he couldn't make out a single letter. So, in desperation, the oculist dashed off to the kitchen and came back with the lid of a wash boiler Tore Blank. 'Can you see this?'

No matter how good a brain a man has, there are problems that tax it to the utmost.

either a quarter or a half dollar."

"'I sure can,'



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