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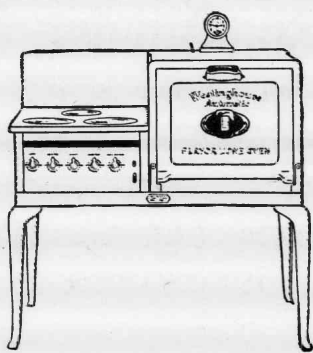
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**RECORD NUMBER NOW IN
STATE INSTITUTIONS**

There are more prisoners and inmates in the state's penal and corrective institutions now than ever before in the history of the state, according to figures obtained Saturday from the state prison and the budget bureau, showing a total of 3,055 in the state prison and in the corrective institutions, exclusive of the number in city and county jails. In 1915 there were but 716 in the state prison with not more than 1,000 in all institutions.

The State Prison leads with the largest number, having 2,257 prisoners as of December 1, and with this number increasing daily. These prisoners are scattered over the state on two big prison farms and in 14 prison camps. The prison for the last several months has had from 500 to 600 able bodied prisoners for whom it has been unable to provide employment, according to Superintendent George Ross Pou.

The other state correctional institutions are also crowded. The state correctional school for boys, the Stonewall Jackson Training School, near Concord, now has 498 boys committed to it, all under 14 years of age, while the correctional school for girls has 300 inmates. The Morrison training school for negro boys has some 250 more.

The rate at which crime seems to be increasing and especially the rapidly increasing number of juveniles being sent to the state correctional institutions is proving of real concern to state officials, since this increase makes the cost of maintaining these institutions increase proportionately.

**RECOGNITION TO BE GIVEN
EARLY USERS OF NITRATE**

An attempt is being made to find some of the farmers who pioneered in using nitrate of soda as a fertilizer in North Carolina. As a feature of the centennial celebration of Chilean nitrate of soda, suitable recognition is to be conferred on the farmer now living in this state who first used "Soda" and also on the farmer who has used it for the longest period of time.

It is thought that McDowell county will have several representatives among the early users of nitrate. Any farmer who has used nitrate of soda for 25 years or more should report his experience, for he may, unknowingly, be the first or the oldest user in the state. Names may be sent to County Agent W. L. Smarr, who will forward them to the committee which will make the awards.

The use of mineral fertilizers in the United States, according to County Agent W. L. Smarr, runs back to the last half of the past century. When the first farmers used mineral fertilizers there was much doubt about the value of the practice. It was a "newfangled" idea, about which very little was known. But as a result of modest farm tests and experimental research, it has now become an economic necessity in the agriculture of the county.

The first shipment of nitrate of soda was brought to the United States in 1830. Since then it has been used by four generations of American farmers. Today, with the exception of lime and marl, it has probably been utilized the longest of the inorganic substances now used for agricultural purposes.

**MRS. N. R. RENFRO DIES
AT HER HOME AT SEVIER**

Mrs. N. R. Renfro, aged 70, died Monday, December 9th, at her home at Sevier. Mrs. Renfro was buried at the Green Mountain cemetery December 10th with Rev. J. C. Story officiating.

Mrs. Renfro is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Brownlow Flynn, of Sevier; Mrs. F. Hollifield, of Mitchell county; Mrs. H. H. Houston, of Watauga, Tenn.; three sons, Sam. M. and James G. Renfro, of Sevier, and D. K. Renfro of Tennessee.

MRS. J. H. KNUPP DEAD

Mrs. Jas. H. Knupp, aged 23, died at her home in Stroudtown last Monday after an illness of long duration. Interment was made at Cherry Springs cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

County Agent E. D. Bowditch of Clay county reports 3,000 bushels of sweet potatoes stored in co-operative curing barns. Mr. Bowditch has just gone into this county and gives credit for the work to the former agent.

A co-operative shipment of 200 turkeys was made to the Baltimore market from Avery county last week.

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MINCE MEAT Atmore's Keystone lb **19c**

PLUM PUDDING lb. can **32c**

DATES DROMEDARY PITTED Pkg. **22c**

CRYSTALIZED PINEAPPLE, lb **55c**

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CHOICE
MIXED NUTS, lb 25c **Layer Raisins** 2 lbs. **25c**

NO. 1 SOFT SHELL
WALNUTS, lb . **33c** **Grape Juice** pint bottle **25c**

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BRAZIL NUTS lb 19c **CURRENTS** A&P choice 15-Oz. Pkg. **19c**

SOFT SHELLED
ALMONDS, lb . **43c** **LAYER FIGS** 15-Oz. pkg. **23c**

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