

ANDERSON FREED OF ALL CHARGES

General Banks Of The State Form Big Merger; Official Parties Visit State

GETTYSBURG

By M. L. SHIPMAN

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Fail To Arrange Insurance

Due to indifference, or negligence, and probably in most cases to lack of information about the law many employers who come under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act have failed to arrange for the liability insurance required. Chairman Allen of the Industrial Commission explains that the law covers all concerns with five or more employees and this includes merchants as well as manufacturers. Major Allen, accompanied by other members of the commission, attended the meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association in Wilmington during the week where the chairman took advantage of the opportunity to explain the purposes of the law, effective today.

On request of the organized merchants of the State, who have been manifesting some concern over the tax on various commodities imposed in the Weights and Measures Act passed by the 1929 General Assembly, the State Department of Revenue agrees to a liberal interpretation of the law, for the present at least. Officials of the department in charge of the collection of license taxes have indicated that there is no intention of rigidly enforcing the law against dealers who handle such small measuring devices as tape lines, flour cups, pint measures and baby bottles. A provision in the act requires that a wholesale distributor of any or all of these articles shall pay an annual license tax of \$400 unless the territory of such wholesale distributor is less than ten counties, in which event the annual license tax shall be \$200. The law does not apply to counties, cities and towns. The North Carolina Merchants Association is employing the local radio station here to warn its members over the State of check flashers, fakirs and the like.

Criticize N. C. Road Plan

Editor Clark Howell of the Atlantic Constitution advised Governor Gardner that opponents of road legislation pending in that State are circulating reports that North Carolina is irretrievably swamped financially, or words to that effect, as the result of highway bond issues and wanted to know the truth about it. In a few well chosen words the Tar Heel executive communicated the fact to the Georgia editor that there is no

criticism anywhere in the State of the highway program and that the road bonds are not burdensome; that the gasoline tax and licenses on motor vehicles pay the interest on the highway bonds, besides creating a sinking fund for their retirement at maturity. On January 1, our Governor pointed out, the State had 7,500 miles of improved roads, of which 5,189 miles are hardsurfaced, 1,423 miles are surfaced with gravel, rock and shale, capable of use in all kinds of weather. The Governor suggested that a committee of the Georgia legislature come up and look things over.

Most Soil Erosion Occurs In Summer, Engineer Declares

RALEIGH, July 1.—Contrary to general opinion, the greatest amount of soil erosion during a year in North Carolina occurs during the Summer months.

"This is the finding of F. O. Bartel, experimental drainage engineer of the North Carolina Experiment Station," says A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer at State College. "Experiments conducted by Mr. Bartel for the past several years show that 87 per cent of the year's erosion occurs during the months of June, July, August and September. This is largely due, of course, to the clean cultivation given such crops as tobacco, cotton or corn. In the Summer, sheet erosion may remove soil at the rate of one-fourth of an inch in depth over a field, while the plant food lost by this erosion is frequently five times that used by the crops."

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after each cultivation. If the terraces are strengthened in this way before rains, the chances of breaks are reduced to a minimum. Mr. Holman makes four suggestions about terracing at this season. First, he says, all lands here washing occurs should be terraced before the 1930 crop is planted; second, by observing where washing occurs in the water channel above the terrace, one learns where the terrace has too great a fall; third, if washing occurs between any two terraces the spacing is too great, and fourth, if the terrace is of the proper size and breaks still occur, there is too great a distance between terraces, the grade is poor or the terrace is too long.

By observing crops on terraced and unterraced fields at this season of the year, one may get an answer to many perplexing problems in soil management, he says.

Alfalfa is yielding well throughout piedmont Carolina. G. L. McCombs of Catawba county reports a yield of nine tons from one acre last season and the prospect of ten this year.

Davidson farmers report an excellent tobacco crop but poor stands of corn and cotton. The wheat harvest was also disappointing due to cold, rain and rust.

Is A Grandmother At The Age Of 29

DANBURY, July 3.—Stokes county may go to the nation as having the youngest grandmother. The birth of a child to Mrs. Charlie Aldridge, near King, recently made the mother of Mrs. Aldridge a grandmother, while she is only 29 years of age. Mrs. Aldridge is but 15 years of age.

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