

### North Carolina's Material and Educational Program Should Stir and Stimulate the South

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Though 1923 has been a banner year for North Carolina in every respect, the present indications are that 1924 will equal and very probably exceed the twelve month period now pending its close, according to a resume of industrial and other activities in the state for 1923, together with conclusions for the State in 1924, compiled here and issued tonight by Commissioner of Labor and Printing, M. L. Shipman. Mr. Shipman's report tonight was forwarded to Washington where the Department of Labor is getting together a comprehensive survey of the country's activities with the outlook for 1924.

"North Carolina has passed through a banner year in 1923," declared Mr. Shipman. "Its crops have exceeded all expectations, its cotton crop being second to that of Texas. Its farmers have been fortunate that the large cotton crop came at a time when there was an apparent shortage in the country's crop and the resultant high prices for the product greatly improved the purchasing power and general condition of the farmer. The Department of Agriculture of the State indicates that the price received for the second largest crop in the history of the State may be greater than any heretofore obtained."

Mr. Shipman in his report discussed tobacco, road building and general industrial activity. He also went into the subject of municipal improvements in a general way. Of road building he said that though a record of construction approximating 1,000 miles was made during 1923, indications are that the work in 1924 will very nearly equal, and with construction which will carry over to the New Year, may exceed that of the current year. Reports of the State Highway Commission indicate, said Mr. Shipman, that a total of approximately \$20,000,000 remains to be invested in

1923 shows no sign of letting up and from plans made by manufacturers in various industries throughout the State, it would seem that there will perhaps be an increase of industrial activity. Manufacturing companies are operating at full and in many instances double time. The textile industries which have showed in recent years a constantly progressive development are expected to continue this development in 1924 with a consequent absorption of surplus workers in the districts of the State.

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"Building activities do not show any signs of a let-down. In fact, judging from the reports of the various large cities there is a decided boom in this line prevalent throughout the State. A large number of trained laborers and untrained also will be taken care of in this line. Most encouraging reports of the State as a whole in building industry are available and a prediction that the new construction of 1924 will exceed that of 1923 seems to be in line with the reports received.

"No industrial let-down is expected in 1924. The supply for skilled labor of all kinds has continued to the present and unskilled workmen, it is indicated, also will be in great demand during the New Year. The demand for clerical positions probably will continue to approximate the available supply.

"Municipal activities will continue in 1924 with an increase in prospect. Many cities and towns have authorized street paving programs and other municipal improvements for the year and when construction on these commences during the late winter and early spring, there is every indication that the need of persons trained for this work will be noticeable. Though the actual figures of municipal programs authorized are not available scattered reports show that large and more extensive programs are planned by the cities while the towns, in many cases for the first time, plan to develop along this line to the limit of finances.

"Average in tobacco, it is indicated, may be slightly decreased during 1924 but this decrease probably will be taken up by diversified farming or by cotton. The tobacco crop of this season while it was the largest of recent years did not bring the average price, due to an inferior quality. However, the tobacco farmers made a reasonable profit and are in good position for 1924. The reports of agricultural conditions throughout the State show that the farmers are enjoying a period of prosperity unprecedented in recent years and that the acreage of crops of all kinds will be greater in 1924 than during 1923, this showing that the agricultural labor will be taken care of within the State.

"The roadbuilding program of North Carolina will be an important item during 1924. In the present year a program of completing approximately 1,000 miles of construction has been successfully carried out. During the 1924 period the State Highway Commission has laid plans for the completion of 800 miles of roads to be added to the State system, of which 500 miles will be hard-surfaced. \$18,000,000 is available for new construction during 1924. \$2,000,000 has been let to contract but work will not be commenced until 1924 and in addition there will be a number of projects on which work is now under way but which will not be completed before 1924. In addition a number of counties will have county roadbuilding programs independent of the State program. The indications are that these projects will completely absorb all classes of skilled and unskilled labor which will be available for this type of work.

"In fertilizer, lumber, tobacco products and other manufacturers the present scale of production is expected to continue. Most of the fertilizer factories of the State will expand their activities after the first of the year and lumber concerns are looking to a year of unusual activity, due to the large demands of the building program of the state.

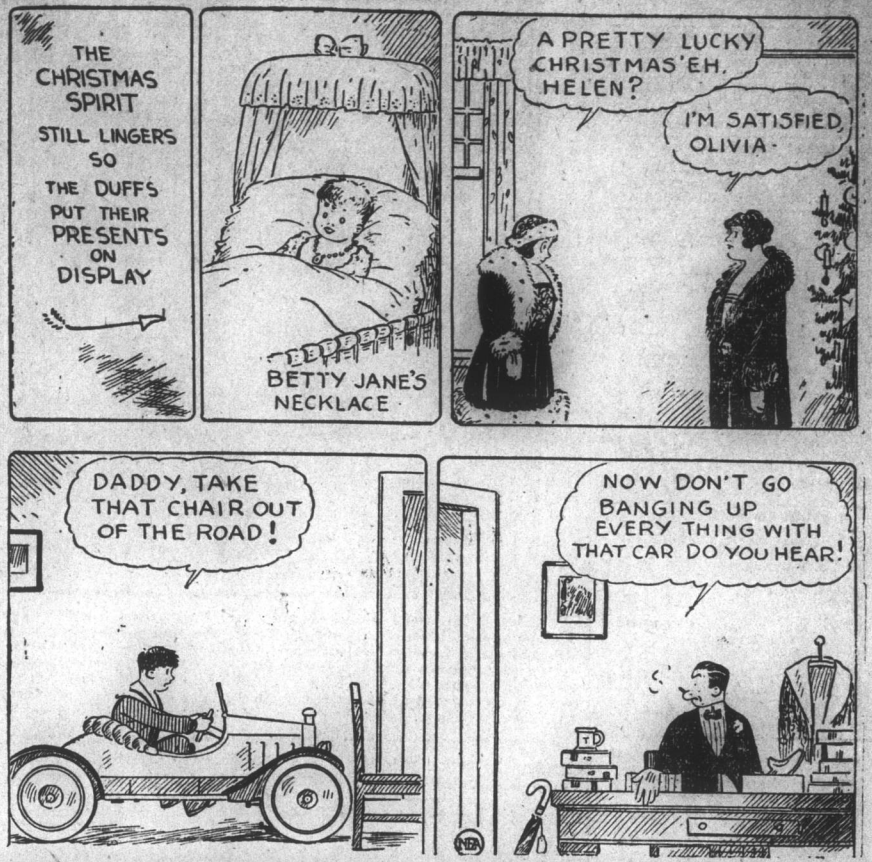
"In school construction, the indications are that there will be activity of almost unprecedented magnitude. In addition to the extensive programs of the state institutions, the secular colleges are erecting additions to their plants and thus providing work for a great number. The building program at the various State institutions will be pushed toward completion with large sums appropriated by the 1923 legislature available for this purpose. The State Department of Public Instruction has on hand applications for upward of \$5,000,000 from various school throughout the State for building purposes and the program of building will get under way in 1924. In addition a number of counties and cities are planning to erect school buildings at their own expense and the activities in this line will continue throughout the year.

"Summarizing the outlook for 1924, it is safe to say that North Carolina's 'Program of Progress' which, in so happy a manner, was undertaken at the same time that banner crops were produced and largely increased manufacturing activity was the order of the day, will carry the State in 1924 through a period of prosperity as great and perhaps greater than that of 1923. The farmers are hopeful, building activities are constantly expanding, road-building will be continued at an equal speed to

### DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

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### FIND WHALE'S RIB ON TRABUCO CANYON BLUFF

Fossil Proves Southern California Was Ocean's Floor. Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—The fossil of a whale's rib has convinced scientists that Southern California was at the bottom of the ocean not more than 8,000,000 years ago, according to statements by Dr. David Starr Jordan and others of a party of paleontologists who have investigated extensive fossil deposits in Trabuco Canyon, southeast of here.

Dr. A. J. Trego, of the Los Angeles Museum, one of the party, found the fossil rib on a bluff above the canyon. He placed it on the Miocene period, the time of the three-toed horse and other mammals extant between 5,000,000 and 8,000,000 years ago. Nearby the scientists found distinctive evidence of three former shore lines. Besides the whale's rib members of the party picked up fossils of sharks' teeth and sea shells they said were hundreds of thousands of years old.

### Wealthy Japanese Women to Abandon Silks For Charity

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The wealthier women of Japan have decided not to wear any elaborate and expensive kimonos this winter, and to devote the money thus saved to relieving the needy. The idea was initiated by the English Club, an organization of English-speaking Japanese women who for some years have met every Thursday to aid in helping their less fortunate sisters.

A special object of the club's attention has been a creche established as a memorial to Madame Saionji, daughter of Prince Saionji.

The Thursday Club members have gone a step farther than some of those who have joined their movement and are selling portions of their own elaborate wardrobes to raise funds for purchasing clothing for those needing relief. As the kimonos sold are elaborate ceremonial ones, worn only once or twice, they are much sought after by foreign women resident here.

### Resigns to Run Sheriff

Asheville, Dec. 24.—Otto Wells, for the past four years deputy sheriff of Buncombe county, has resigned his position effective January 1st in order that he may enter the race for sheriff at the next election against Sheriff John A. Lyerly. In submitting his resignation Mr. Wells stated that he wished to give the sheriff a chance to appoint a man in his place as he had "decided that it is his duty to make this fight as fair and as conscientious as I can."

Sheriff Lyerly expressed regret at losing the officer who he characterized as "an efficient deputy," but said he believed Mr. Wells' action was a fair one to the county and public.

### When a Private Stationed at Fort Benning was engaged in cleaning a rifle which he had just drawn, he pushed out a small roll of paper which contained the following message: "This rifle was used by Private Franklin Webster, 2010213, I Co., 125th Inf. I fired this point-blank at seven Germans, Oct. 7, 1918, in an attack on the Kriemhilde Stellung during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. On October 11, 1918, I fired with this rifle 115 rounds while in the third battalion, 125th Inf. Gassed in the Death Valley near Geignes, France. Whoever draws this rifle can know it has done its bit."

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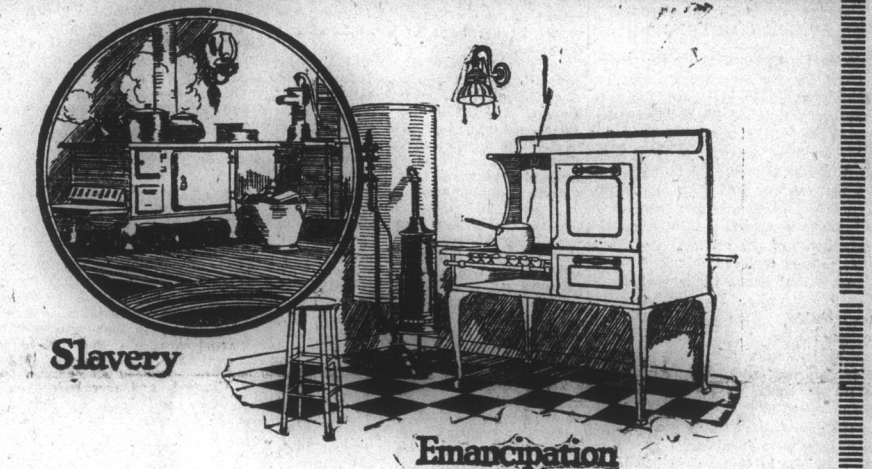
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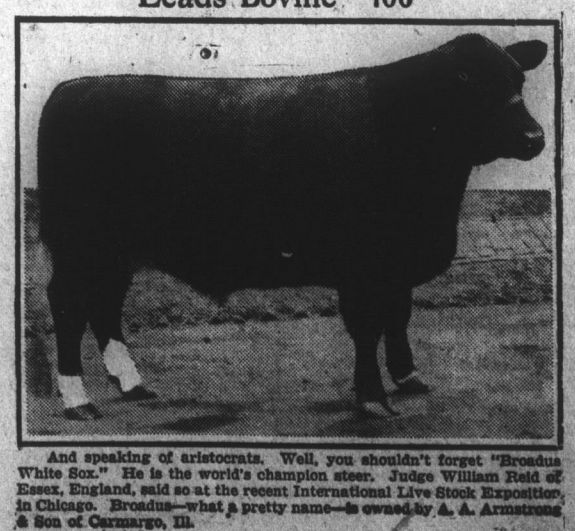
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