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## A DRIVE ON

The 5th District of the U. S. Veteran's Bureau, comprising the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, of which Mr. M. Bryson is District Manager, reports that a drive is under way in the Hospitals in the District, which will open at Johnson City, Tennessee, and Lake City, Florida, on February 8th, to clear up all pending claims of disabled men who are hospitalized in this District.

This is the first time in the history of the Bureau that the men who determine how much to pay disabled ex-service men for a disability incurred in service will come face to face with the claimant whose case they have been passing on for over two years. There are about 900 men in the hospitals in this District and every one of them will be interviewed personally by a Medical Referee and Claims Examiner and the files are being carried with these experts and after interviewing a claimant a decision will be made as to whether or not he is entitled to receive compensation from this Bureau.

There are two Squads now operating in this District, each Squad being composed of three Medical officers and three Legal Examiners. These Squads have complete authority to review each case and make a final decision and advise claimants whether or not they will receive compensation; these Squads are carrying the case from hospital to hospital in trunks. At the conclusion of each day's work the cases are brought into the District Offices, where the necessary record is made and if the recommendations in a case are for payment of a claim, a check will be dispatched promptly to the man in the hospital.

One Squad will visit the hospitals at Johnson City, Tennessee; Oteen and Biltmore, North Carolina, and Greenville, South Carolina, while the other Squad will work in the hospitals at Lake City, Florida; Savannah and Augusta, Georgia; Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee.

Bed-ridden patients will be interviewed at their bedsides and the machinery of the District Office has been so arranged that if it is determined that a claimant is entitled to compensation he will receive his check in less than ten days from the time that his case was taken up with the Hospital Squad. It is extremely gratifying to inaugurate a campaign of this kind, because of its immense value in bringing up the morale of the patients in saving them financial worry by expediting action on their cases, which have unfortunately been delayed in a good many instances. It is anticipated that the most gratifying results will be obtained from this campaign, bringing good cheer to a large number of men, particularly to tuberculous ex-service men who have been in the hospitals for some

## THIS GREAT STATE OF OURS

The South, says the Manufacturers Record, is the nation's greatest asset, and publishes a list of forty-seven crops and raw materials as instances of this section's rich and lordly contributions to the country's resources. Of the forty-seven listed, North Carolina produces forty-one. The Old North State is the South's greatest asset.

For example: the south produces 51 per cent of the nation's mica, and North Carolina is first among all the states of the country in the production of mica; the South produces 40 per cent of the nation's feldspar, and North Carolina leads in the Union in feldspar production; the South furnishes 90 per cent of the nation's early spring vegetables and North Carolina has the richest early truck-gardening section in the South; the South produces 90 per cent of the nation's aluminum, and North Carolina has the biggest aluminum plant on the globe; the South produces 50 per cent of the country's lumber, and in Western North Carolina's hardwood forests and in Eastern North Carolina's loblolly pine woods the Eastern half of the United States has its richest and biggest supplies of lumber; the South has water power capable of 90,000,000 horse-power development, and of this North Carolina's share is 1,000,000.

### Our Primacy

So runs the list, every item printing the Old North State's Croesus-like wealth in the italics of wonder. The South produces nearly all the nation's cotton and 60 per cent of the world's supply, and North Carolina heads the Union in the production of cotton per acre. The South grows the country's tobacco, and North Carolina gets more money for her tobacco crop than any other state, more than any similar area in the world. The South grows 100 per cent of the nation's peanuts and 93 per cent of the nation's sweet potatoes, and in both crops North Carolina is the third state in the Union. North Carolina has grown more corn to the acre than any other part of the country or the world. She is America's fifth state in the value of all her agricultural crops.

Nor do such feats as those limit the field of her glories. In the per cent of value added to her raw materials by manufacturer, she leads all the manufacturing states. She is second only to Massachusetts in the manufacture of cotton goods. Her tobacco manufacturers lead the world. She has 333 more textile mills than her next best Southern competitor. She leads the South in mills dyeing and finishing their own products. She leads the South in the making of cheese and the manufacturing of furniture. She has

considerable period of time.

At the expiration of this campaign it is planned by this Bureau to establish a continuous service in each hospital to insure prompt adjustment of all claims of disabled men who are hospitalized.

## ARE YOU WITH US?

We believe in Vass because we believe in it. We believe in it because it is a good town, regardless of its defects, and its people are the equal of those to be found anywhere on the face of the earth. This town may not have the wealth of some more favored communities, but it has character, and character is a possession which money cannot buy. If you believe in this, your home town, you are bound to like it, and if you like it there is no effort toward improvement too great for you to tackle.

We shall never grow tired of asking our readers to have faith in their home town. When you feel like criticizing it, check the words before they are spoken and weigh the effects with the advantages. Compare it with other communities of similar size, and then ask yourself if, after all, you are justified in criticism. You can always find something good to say without hurting your conscience or straining your reputation for veracity. And even then there will be good things in the community that you'll overlook.

We've a good town now, but faith in it, loyalty to it and its citizens and business men and united action in pushing through improvements which all of us know are needed will make it still better. Don't stop with the statement that "something ought to be done" Get with your neighbor and figure out some way that it can be done. You'll find the majority with you—and this town is just like every other good town in one respect—the majority are always in favor of the things that will benefit and help the community at large.

## AT VALENTINE'S DAY

(Dogwood Kennel, Lakeview, N. C.)

My dear Pilot, don't you know, I'm near crazed, I love you so? If I keep on, this way, a spell I might not be worse off in—well I'm really suffering for fear you Don't love me, your life long through, For you're my Pilot through life's maze,

Through all bright or cloudy days. So it's plain that you are mine, And I your truest Valentine.

the biggest hosiery mills and the biggest towel mills in the world; the biggest denim mills, damask mills, and underwear factory on the face of the civilized globe. And among the people who grow rich on the bigness of her blessings are the highest birth rate and the lowest death rate in America.

A great state, Tarheels! Get the thrill of her greatness into you. The Old North State is the richest, the loveliest, and the grandest piece of ground ever given to the hand and brain of man to enjoy.—James Hay, Jr., Asheville Citizen.

## STUDY THESE FIGURES

If the average man were told that railroad crossing accidents took the lives of 7,000 people and caused property damage of \$4,500,000 in one year he probably would shrug his shoulders and say "it serves 'em right." For the average man does not see the personal side of the warning. He sees carelessness in others, but fails to see it in himself. Nevertheless, the same figures show that one motorist in every three is careless at railroad crossings, approaching them in haste and not looking for trains.

On the line of the Southern Pacific last year 1909 motor cars and trucks were wrecked at crossings. In 490 cases motorists ran into trains, and in 122 cases machines plunged through crossing gates. In the 970 cases in which drivers ran into trains 136 people were killed and 405 injured.

The note of warning in this report should be taken seriously by you, Mr. Reader. The other fellow always is reckless, in your opinion, and when you have an accident you are the reckless chap to the other fellow. The railroad grade crossing is a death trap. It should be regarded as such and approached carefully, watchfully and with a lot of caution. It may take a moment longer to make a safe trip across, but this moment lost may mean the saving of life and property. The chap who rushes across occasionally reaches a destination he had no intention of seeking when he started out. "Make haste slowly" is a mighty good plan when you are driving an auto near a railroad crossing.

## SOUTHGATE JONES DIRECTOR

At a meeting of the delegates from the 10th tobacco district, which includes Moore county, last week at Durham Mr. Southgate Jones of Durham was elected. The contest was between Mr. J. R. McQueen of Lakeview and Mr. Jones, each receiving 6 votes and the ballot was cast 6 times before either side would give up. Mr. McQueen asked that his supporters elect Mr. Jones and they reluctantly yielded. Mr. Jones is a banker and farmer and has given the co-operative marketing association very valuable help and promises to make the association a strong man in its executive capacity.

## AN ATTRACTIVE PROPOSITION

In next week's issue I hope to be able to give an outline of the policy and plans of the boys' and girls' live stock clubs. The proposition is going to be so attractive that every boy and girl can secure a pig and start some work that will be beneficial to their communities. We will also have a list of prizes that will be given. I am asking that you be thinking about this work and look out for the announcement. M. W. WALL.