

## INTERESTING ARTICLE ON WAGES RECEIVED BY RAILROAD HANDS

One of the most enlightening articles on the railroad strike is written for the Washington (D. C.) News by Frank J. Taylor. Many people have wondered why if any group was going to strike it was not the maintenance of way workers rather than the machinists. The former are the poorest paid of all railway workers. The Railroad Labor Board reduced their wages to 32.7 cents per hour. This was done over the protest of the three members of the board representing labor. The idea of having labor represented on the board was to get the labor point of view and in passing it might be pertinent to ask what was the use of having labor represented if the recommendations were to be ruthlessly over-riden?

Thirty-two and seven tenths an hour for a man with a family is not an income calculated to enable him to pile up a fortune quickly. Labor members of the Board pointed out that assuming that full time would be made (this is very rare) the wage would be \$66.71 a month.

Applying department of labor statistics on the family budget to the section hand's monthly earning of \$66.71 this table shows where the money goes each month:

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Food            | \$20.00 |
| Clothing        | 11.07   |
| Housing         | 8.94    |
| Fuel and light  | 3.54    |
| Furniture, etc. | 3.40    |
| Miscellaneous   | 14.48   |

That is what he would do with his income, if he followed the department of labor advice. However, he might not find a place to live for \$8.94—more than likely, he could not. His food allowance in a normal family of five would mean this, each day:

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Husband         | 25.3 cents |
| Wife            | 22.7 cents |
| 12-year-old boy | 22.7 cents |
| 6-year-old boy  | 10.1 cents |
| 2-year-old boy  | 3.8 cents  |

A study of these figures will lead to the conclusion that no member of the family would be suitably nourished. Under such circumstances one would have expected the greatest complaint over reduced wages from the section forces. But the fact was that on their small pay they were in much less favorable condition to protest in the form of a strike than the shopmen were. They didn't strike because they couldn't. The Washington writer says:

The Maintenance of Way Brotherhood is the front line trench of the railroad labor movement. The maintenance of way men did not strike, but the Federal Shop Craft did.

First, the shop crafts were stronger, and were able to strike. Second, they were one step above the maintenance of way men in wages and living conditions, their wages being based upon the right to a decent standard of living plus reward for "training and skill required and responsibility." Thus, the reduction in their wages meant, they continued a living standard below their 1915 level.

But their main line of defense, in reports to the labor board, is a protest against the wage reduction for the Maintenance of Way Brotherhood which did not (or could not) strike. What is behind the railroad labor strike, in the view of labor leaders, is a fight to the end of endurance for a decent standard of living for all labor, one that will save their families from want.

This, of course, is the labor side of it. The railroads point to the poor return on investment, to the advances which labor has received, to the fact that the cost of living has declined, to the demand for lower freight rates which they say cannot be given until the labor prices are deflated.

But the humane person is bound to be very strongly impressed by the cause of labor, more especially when he accepts the view of the writer quoted above that the shop crafts are acting in behalf of the humble section hands as well as themselves and to feel that the railroads have made a mistake in asking for the reduction and the labor board has similarly erred in granting them. Unless the railroads can put up a better case than they have done, it would seem that public opinion is likely to line up in opposition to their contentions.

In the meantime it is much to be hoped that the workers will not allow their sense of injustice to lead them into violations of law. There is nothing to be gained, and much to be lost from such a course.

## BOY CHAMPION FOR 1922



Gene Sarazen, of Pittsburg, Pa., golf champion of the United States played 72 holes in 288 strokes to win his laurels in the national tournament at Clencoe, Ill.

not yet 21 years old, is the new open Four years ago he was a caddy. He won his laurels in the national tournament at Clencoe, Ill.

## NEGRO FARM DAIRY PROBLEM

The Negro Dairy Problem will be discussed by experts from the State Department of Agriculture. It will be worth any farmer's while to come to the Farmers' Congress August 8th and 9th, and learn the value and place of a cow on the farm. Certainly the milk cow is the farmer's greatest friend but he has failed to realize it because he has not known his friend. A far man home are incomplete without a milk cow. Many a child is deformed, many go to premature graves, many are walking around in the world weakling, because the farmer does not know the value of his friend the Dairy Cow.

At the A. and T. College during the farmers' Congress, there will be an exhibition in front of the main building a typical dairy cow. There will also be a demonstration in grooming and milking, showing the farmer how to protect his family from harmful germs by the proper cleanliness in handling milk. While milk is one of the greatest blessings of the home if proper sanitation is practiced. It may prove to be one of the greatest curses if unsanitary methods are used, therefore it is as essential to know how to handle the dairy products as it is to produce them for the families use.

There will also be a demonstration in butter-making by one of the College students. The sanitary handling, proper preparation, seasoning, etc. will be shown in this demonstration. It is worth any farmer's trip to the Congress to hear this lecture on "The Value of the Dairy Cow and see the demonstration referred to above. Watch the papers for other times of the program that will appear later. JOHN D. WRAY, Sect. of the Congress.

## MISS CARRIE AUGUSTA ALEXANDER DIES IN SCOTLAND NECK

Miss Carrie Augusta Alexander died at the home her brother, Mr. Harper Alexander in Scotland Neck Sunday evening. Miss Alexander, daughter of Samuel and Angeline E. Alexander of Tyrrel county was born September 2, 1851. In comparatively good health except for the affliction of deafness, she was stricken with paralysis two years ago, since which time she has been an invalid. She visited Mrs. Caroline Martin this summer until three weeks ago when she went to visit her brother. Although very feeble it was not thought that she was seriously ill until Sunday morning from which time she grew steadily worse until death claimed her that evening. Interment was in the Episcopal cemetery in Scotland Neck and Mr. Meredith, Rector of the Episcopal Church conducted the funeral rites. She is survived by two brothers, Mr. Harper Alexander and Mr. Edmund Alexander of Wilmington, and by several nieces and nephews. Miss Alexander was well known in Martin county and her death is regretted by those who have known her since childhood.

## HADLEY—WARRICK

In Sunday's Virginian Pilot was the following announcement: Miss Mary Warrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warrick, was quietly married yesterday to Dr. William S. Hadley, son of Mr. S. S. Hadley of Williamston, North Carolina at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hartness.

Intimate friends of Dr. Hadley were acquainted with the knowledge of his approaching marriage and the entire community bestows good wishes and congratulations upon him.

Dr. Hadley is associated with Dr. Moncure of Norfolk and his residence will be at Wino.

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## VERNON GURGANUS COMMITS SUICIDE

Mr. Vernon Gurganus killed himself Sunday afternoon with a shot gun, the load entering under his throat. He was at the home of Mr. John Cratt who had been talking with Gurganus for some time when he went to the kitchen to get something to eat. Cratt went off to feed his stock or attend to some matters about the farm and after he had been out a few minutes he heard the report of a gun, he immediately returned to the dwelling where he found Gurganus dead in the kitchen.

Mr. Gurganus was about twenty one years old, the son of John Gurganus of Pitt county. He had lived in Martin county for several years and at the time of the tragedy he was working with Reddick Mizelle near Bear Grass. No reason is known for the act except those who knew him best think that he was brooding over a love affair. He was considered a quiet, reliable young man and the community was shocked at the tragedy. The burial was at the Crandle grave yard in Pitt county yesterday.

## BOYS RETURN FROM ENCAMPMENT

The Williamston platoon of the National Guards returned from Camp Glenn Monday afternoon. From all indications and reports the trip was in every way a success. The daily routine and the splendid leadership of the higher officers were indeed profitable and educational to those who were there. Camp life affords a place for physical development and in this instance it was taken advantage of. Practically every one took part in the seven to eleven drill, excepting a few. Of course some had to be detailed to the kitchen, rifle range and to the guard house. Lots of strange things and very unusual occurred around the guard house, it is reported. In the first days of our boys stay there they named it the hotel, but later it was changed to a boarding house because it became a place noted for strange and sad faces. Our boys are due credit for being able to adjust themselves while in camp for they felt perfectly at home there, it being a rendezvous for them.

Hugh Burras should be mentioned among the brave while Johnny Alfred should be credited with proving the Darwin Theory.

It is reported that John Philpot frequently used his head as a target while out on the rifle range, one of those targets that the best of riflemen miss.

Other than a few non competent, non commissioned officers the Company was a fine representative body from both Plymouth and Williamston. The Williamston platoon, excepting a few, will look forward to the trip next year.

## JOSEPHUS DANIELS IS THE MAN

The Washington Progress in a recent issue stated that the people of this section of the State are anxious for a man to run for Governor two years hence who can measure up to the standard the State deserves. The progress says that Josephus Daniels is the man. We agree with it. Daniels is a man who has been measured and has never been found wanting. All the acid that the Republican party and the big interests could pour upon him was hurled at him while he was Secretary of the Navy. He stood it all without a crutch and when his term of office expired he was commended by not only his party, but by all parties as being one of the most faithful, honest and efficient servants the country has ever had. The real worth of Josephus Daniels is not as largely shown in his official life as it has been in his long service to his country and fellow men. For more than thirty years he has stood by the rights of the people in our State and Nation. He has always been on the right side of all movements that affected the rights of the privilege. He is a real statesman and the people of North Carolina owe him their most costly gifts. We hope he will be called into service.

## A REMARKABLE PICTURE AT STRAND WEDSDAY NIGHT

"Her Husband's Trademark," Gloria Swanson's latest Paramount picture which will be shown at the Strand Theater tomorrow night is said to be a vivid, colorful screen drama of supreme interest and appeal. Miss Swanson has a delightful role in which her art is displayed to the finest advantage. Her leading man is Richard Wayne, and in the supporting cast are Stuart Holmes and Clarence Burton, not to speak of many other well known screen players. Sam Wood was the director of this wonderful screen drama.

## ICE CREAM SUPPER

At Holly Spring Church Lawn Friday night, July 28th by the Ladies Aid Society for the benefit of the Church an Ice Cream Supper will be given.

HEMSTITCHING and piecing attachment; fits any sewing machine, easily adjusted. Price \$2. Personal check 10c extra. Marsh Bros. Wilmington, Ohio.

## TYPHOID FEVER IS CAUSED BY GERM

Typhoid fever is caused by a specific germ, not by foul air, mosquitoes, weeds, stagnant pools, odors, etc. When typhoid occurs it is because the germ of the disease has gained access to the body of the individual through the mouth. This is usually accomplished by ingestion of infected food, milk, water or typhoid carrying flies. Health organizations expend all their efforts in breaking these avenues of infection. Pasteurized milk is safeguarded by subjecting or should be subjected to a temperature of fourteen degrees for thirty minutes. When food is the cause of typhoid fever it has been contaminated in some way by a carrier of the germ. A carrier of typhoid is a person who at some time has had the disease but who still harbors the organisms in his or her body. A natural immunity having been established the person known as a carrier shows no evidence of the disease. The germ however is constantly present in the alimentary discharges. When such a person comes in contact with food, milk, etc. contamination occurs and the disease follows.

Flies likewise spread the disease by carrying the typhoid germ to food liquids ingested. Briefly the above mentioned causes are the only ways typhoid can be taken. It is just as ridiculous to assume that typhoid is caused by weeds, ditches, stagnant water, mosquitoes etc. as it would be to assume that pneumonia is caused by these agencies. Hence we see sentinelly that typhoid is a germ disease and the only means of infection is by receiving the germ in the mouth, then after being swallowed, it eventually finds easy growth in the intestines which organs are the seat of the disease. The safest way for the individual however is to be inoculated against typhoid. It is effective, safe and harmless. Go to your physician and be vaccinated.

WILLIAM E. WARREN  
Quarantine Officer.

## CHARACTER OF PROPERTY DESTROYED BY FIRE

During the six months, January 1st to July 1st, fire destroyed or injured the following classes of property to the number indicated: Dwellings, 636; stores, 110; autos not in storage, 44; warehouses and storage 35; garages, 32; industrial plants, 28; cafes, 14; hotels, 8; newspaper and printing plants 6; barns, 22; pressing clubs, 17; schools, 16; office buildings, 8; outhouses, 7; passenger and freight stations and platforms, 8; gineries, 5; laundries, 4; sawmills, 4; hospitals, 3; barber shops, 3; 2 each of banks, boats, service stations, churches, power and light plants, apartments; 1 each of telephone exchange, Y. M. C. A., lodge rooms, woodyard, pumping plant, state building, standpipe, and toilet.

## CAUSES OF FIRE

Sparks on shingle roofs and defective flues, 281; unknown, 194; exposure, 91; oil stove explosion, 40; overhot stove, 35; cigarettes and smoking, 26; incendiary, 25; carelessness, 22; gasoline ignition, 21; short circuit, 15; defective wiring, 15; child and match, 10; defective emfwe/mhr and match, 10; suspicious, 9; lightning, 9; 8 each of spontaneous combustion, lamp explosion, hot ashes, accidental, rubbish and trash; 7 each of electric iron, machine friction, engine spark; matches, 5; rats and matches, 4; open fires, 4; 1 each of wet lime, hot box, hot cinders, live coal on floor, movie film.

## PRESS ARTICLE

Repeated instances when rashes on children were considered to be trivial affairs instead of scarlet fever are coming to the attention of the State Board of Health. It is not always easy for a physician to diagnose scarlet fever so it is more difficult for a layman. Quite often the symptoms are so mild that they pass unnoticed. After a while the skin begins to peel and the hands and feet to swell as a result of kidney complications which might have been avoided had proper care been taken.

For the above reason the State Board of Health is suggesting to people that they consider more seriously rashes occurring in children and that they make sure to request the physician to observe the child's tongue to see if it is like a strawberry because this is one of the main points in diagnosis. Proper care will prevent many deaths from scarlet fever.

Very truly yours,  
Wm. E. WARREN  
County Quarantine Officer.

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PEGGY JOYCE

who says she has driven men to suicide for the last time. This picture shows Peggy as she really appears minus the retoucher's pencil.

## WILLIAMSTON BOY WHO IS MAKING GOOD

Following is a clipping from the Postal Spirit, published by the Welfare Council, Post Office Department at Washington, D. C. The Mr. Hassell referred to is our Mr. Calvin Hassell, one of the most popular boys ever reared in Williamston. His friends congratulate him not only upon being the possessor of such a good home but also upon being capable of making such signal success at work so at variance with his profession.

Meet Mr. Hassell, architect, carpenter, plaster, electrician, steamfitter, mason, and economist extraordinary. Mr. Hassell, who handles fraud cases in the solicitor's office, built a bungalow with its own hands. It is located at 219 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park.

"You must have had considerable experience in this kind of work," the postal spirit opined.

"I never built a chicken coop before," Mr. Hassell replied. "The house cost me as it stands, \$5,500. It would cost \$8,500 if it were bought from a real estate dealer. There are seven rooms with all modern conveniences. It is understood that a number of young men with know matrimonial hopes have been in conference with Mr. Hassell. "I shall be glad to give suggestions to anyone interested, show them my plans and advise them how to proceed. No charge."

Raleigh, July 24, 1922.—Students of the fine arts in colleges, private school public school and professional artists will have an opportunity to exhibit their works at the North Carolina State Fair in October, for arrangements have not only been made for such exhibits, but substantial premiums are offered for the work of individual artists and for exhibits by schools and colleges which will make it worth while to put on these exhibits.

A premium of \$150 is being offered for the best painting by some artist who is a resident of North Carolina. A second premium of \$75 is being offered in this class. In addition to these premiums first and second money of \$25 and \$10 are being offered for the best paintings of a portrait in oil, a landscape in oil and a landscape in water color. But the thing that will appeal to the private institutions which teach art and to the high schools giving courses in art is the premium of one hundred and fifty dollars offered to such institutions for the best collection of as many as fifteen objects of art, including work in oil, water color, charcoal, pen and ink, clay, also design or pictorial representation which may be included, or some form of industrial art useful for house decoration, fabrics, magazine covers, etc.

A similar premium is offered to colleges or other institutions of higher learning for the best collection of art such as oil, charcoal, water color, pen and ink or pencil.

If I knew you and you knew me— If both of us could clearly see, And with an inner sight divine The meaning of your heart and mine, I'm sure that we would differ less And clasp our hands in friendliness; Our thoughts would pleasantly agree, If I knew you, and you knew me.—NIJON WATERMAN.

Mr. Wilson Bullock left today for New York City and Ocean Grove to visit relatives.

Miss Aleen Odum of Red Springs is visiting Miss Mary Clyde Leggett in New Town.

## COOPERATIVES MAKING A FINAL DRIVE FOR SIGNERS; CLOSES 15TH

At a meeting of the Secretary and District Field agents of the Cooperative Marketing Association in Raleigh Saturday it was decided to make one last drive in order to give every farmer in Eastern Carolina an opportunity to sign up and take advantage of this year's benefit from the Association. Several Kentucky men who have seen the cooperative method tried and proved will be on hand and will speak at all important townships sometime during the next three weeks.

The South Carolina tobacco market opens August 1st and no person in that state will be allowed to sign after that date for this year's sale of their tobacco crop. The North Carolina markets open August 16 and the 15th will be the last day our people can sign.

If you are undecided now is the time to make up your mind.

## NORTH CAROLINA SETS FAST PACE

Some 15,000 Piedmont Farmers celebrated the progress of Cooperative Marketing in a series of successful mass meetings which swept hundreds of new contracts into the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association from Western North Carolina last week.

Col. C. E. Marvin of the Kentucky Burley Pool, who came directly from his successful campaign with the Wisconsin Tobacco Growers and aided in the 75 per cent sign up of the Wisconsin crop, addressed 2,000 farmers at Danbury on Monday, 4,000 at Keysville on Tuesday, 1,000 growers at Turnersville on Wednesday, 6,000 at Statesville on Thursday, another thousand at Greensboro on Friday and 2,000 at Reidsville last Saturday.

The old belt with 75 per cent of its tobacco in the Tri-State pool is now on fire with enthusiasm for cooperative marketing and Col. Marvin prophesied success like that which the organized Kentucky growers are enjoying.

At Reidsville where the citizens built and turned over a warehouse to the organized growers, the banks of the town agreed to lend their legal limit to the Association after a conference with Olive J. Sands, general manager of the Association, following his address to a record breaking crowd of farmers.

A prominent banker of Pittsburg, Pa. who came South for conference with Mr. Sands and attended the Reidsville meeting was so impressed with the demonstration of the Western Carolina growers in favor of Co-operation and the action of the Reidsville banks in backing the Association to the limit that he offered a loan of half a million dollars to the Association in behalf of his bank.

At the annual picnic of the Piedmont farmers at Statesville, 1300 vehicles passed the gates of the experiment farm, including two seated carts, school buses crowded with children and flivvers and automobiles. This record gathering of 6,000 persons heard Col. Marvin of Kentucky tell why 90 per cent of the Kentucky farmers have joined the Burley Growers' Association and why others are eagerly signing up today. Col. Marvin stirred his large audience at Danbury, Turnersville, Greensboro and Keysville, Va.

At Keysville another record celebration took place last week when Charlotte county Farmers celebrated the 97.5 per cent sign up of the Association in their county which now boasts of 2,704 members out of 2766 tobacco growing farmers.

Opposition to the organized growers withered throughout South Carolina last week as merchants, bankers and committees of citizens joined the campaigners from four States in the meetings and house to house campaign which have brought in more than a thousand contracts from the Palmetto State.

A great mobilization of tobacco growers from Nash and Edgecombe counties is predicted for next Saturday, July 29th, when Oliver J. Sands, general manager of the Association and Dr. J. Y. Joyner are scheduled to address the Eastern Carolina Growers in the Cooperative Warehouse at Rocky Mount.

Medical researchers are of the opinion that high living may be the cause of cancer. If you would be immune, buy some property to pay taxes on, and include an automobile.

The railroad strike is just another skirmish in the age long war between those who live without working and those who work without living.

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