

NORTH CAROLINA OUTSTANDING STATE IN THE UNION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—North Carolina at the beginning of 1927 is in position to offer opportunities "unusually attractive to prospective manufacturers," according to Major Wade H. Phillips, Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, and particularly for the manufacture of "finished products" rather than the output of raw materials.

"With the proper steps in the utilization of her own products for materials from which to complete goods for the market," says the statement issued today by Major Phillips, "the necessity for shipping the manufactured article back to us will be abated; and the people of our State will be saved inestimable sums of money."

"An abundance of electric motive power, raw products produced in the immediate vicinity, favorable labor conditions and a suitable climate points out many fields into which this State's industry might grow and for which it is especially adapted. In fact, the way open before prospective manufacturers is unusually attractive, since the power is generated at his very door where already natural products are ready for exploitation."

In pointing out the wide diffusion of electric power service in the State during the year just closed, Major Phillips says:

"In virtually every area of North Carolina where there is a large production from raw materials, there is now adequate power with which to make finished materials for the market. Power is brought from the base of production and set down at the very door of the producer, beckoning him to take advantage of the new-born opportunity and prepare his article for the market."

"The development is simply one of the steady steps of advancement being taken in which the past year has noted the greatest strides ever taken in North Carolina in a similar period of time."

"During the past twelve months the Old North State has been literally cobwebbed by a network of electrical transmission lines, reaching out into numerous communities where heretofore an adequate supply of electricity has not been available at such prices as to induce manufacturing."

"Extension of the power lines in our State during the past year has gone out principally from four great sections, in the southeastern part of the State the lines of the State Water Power Company have spread out into many new counties, as has the Virginia Electric Power Company in the northeast corner. Thus openings for the utilization of home products for manufacturing are created in such counties as Bladen, Pender, Sampson and Duplin in the southeast; and Perquimans, Pasquo-

unk, Camden, Gates, and Currituck in the northeast.

"Toward the northwestern part of the State the Southern Power Company has made extensions or improvements which give either new or improved power service in such counties as Wilkes, Iredell, Alexander, Surry and Stokes, while in the mining district extend the Carolina Power and Light Company lines to Avery, Mitchell, Swain and others."

"This situation enables North Carolina to furnish an extensive area over which her factories may be distributed without limiting them to any specific section. Of course, those districts that have already developed into large manufacturing centers will continue to go forward, but in addition more industries, or those that are now lacking, may be built up with profit to individuals out to the State."

"In this connection a few fields in which there are possibilities might be pointed out. Albemarle Sound and adjacent waters abound in millions of herring and other fish. Under no proper restrictions, commercial fishermen might be able to furnish an extensive industry. Agricultural sections having sufficient acreage of power for irrigation and other uses might utilize some of these products at home and create other markets."

"Toward middle Carolina sections there are possibilities in the small products which are almost limitless. Among the articles that might well be produced are cereals, sugar and starch products and numerous allied products such as poultry feed, skins and many others."

"Mining areas where power is available suggest possibilities of finishing plants for various mineral products. Recent developments show that already some of the mining companies are planning to improve machinery and to broaden out in finishing the raw materials. Taking, for example, feldspar, in which this State leads the country in production, many articles made from North Carolina product in other States might be well

HOME READING COURSES OFFERED BY UNIVERSITY

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 31.—The University of North Carolina has just announced a new series of reading courses in connection with its program for women's clubs.

The University Extension Division has a section devoted exclusively to the interests of women and women's clubs and it is the aim of those in charge to make this a much a part of the University as the classroom and campus. Many clubs throughout the State are now registered for regular work in this section, and the reading courses just announced are meant to supplement the group studies.

The new service includes complete reading courses in bibliography, The Modern English Novel, The Modern American Novel, Art and Music, Current Literature, Drama, History, Interior Decoration, Modern Poetry, Short Stories, Sociology, and other subjects and books of the University Library.

The courses will be mailed to the homes of those making a course at the rate of twenty-five cents a package. Each will contain a book and a list of titles that will serve as an aid to the reading of the accompanying matter. The loan of these books is for two weeks, but they may be kept three weeks on request. The reading courses are not for the exclusive use of women's clubs but are open to everybody.

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