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## FIBRE COMPANY RESUMES WORK

**Pulp Section of Canton Plant  
Re-Opened on Non-Union  
Basis—About 300 Men Are  
Now at Work.**

Canton, N. C., March 3.—Approximately 300 men returned to work at the Champion Fibre Company mills here today on a non-union basis, according to a statement made by officials of the plant shortly after the pulp section was opened at 7 A. M. No disturbance marked the entrance of these men into the grounds of the mill, though a small number of strikers were picketing the gates. Company officials said the majority of those returning were former employees, although a few new hands were included.

No excessive demonstration was made by the picketers. Reuben Robertson, general manager of the plant, returned last night from Raleigh, where he conferred with Governor Morrison. He had no statement to make today. Major Gordon Smith, military officer representing the governor, is watching the situation closely, though there were no indications of an outbreak today. Mayor Kerr, of Canton, and Andrew Sumner, chief of police, were on duty early this morning and are prepared to meet any emergency. John F. Cabe, sheriff of Haywood County, is ill at his home, but expects to be at Canton tomorrow.

The plant normally employs 1,300 men. Union officials said that fully 1,000 men have been organized and will not return to work under present conditions.

Officials of the plant said that they expect to open other departments as conditions warrant. S. Ed Lannier, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, and W. R. Smith, representing the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, are on duty with the union.

The strikers are protesting the open shop and seek recognition of their unions. Company officials recently granted a restitution of the 1923 scale, but declared the plant will be operated as an open shop.

## Higdon-Love Marriage Solemnized at Quiet Ceremony Thursday

A marriage of interest to a host of friends and relatives throughout Georgia and North Carolina was that of Mrs. Mary Siler Love, of Lenoir, and Mr. W. L. Higdon, of Franklin, N. C., which was quietly solemnized Thursday evening at 6 o'clock in the study of the First Baptist Church, Dr. Charles W. Daniel performing the ceremony.

Only a small group of close relatives witnessed the marriage. Miss Ella Siler was her sister's maid of honor, and Mr. T. B. Higdon, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

The lovely bride was smartly gowned in a three-piece tulle of dark brown charmeuse. Her hat was a small, close-fitting model of tan straw. Completing the costume was a beige fox fur and a corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses and valley lilies.

Following the ceremony the party was entertained at a dinner at the Piedmont Driving Club by Mr. T. B. Higdon, brother of the groom. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Higdon left for a short wedding journey, after which they will make their home in Franklin.

Mrs. Higdon, as the lovely Miss Mary Siler, formerly made her home in Franklin, and as a bride she will be cordially welcomed by a host of friends. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Siler, of Lenoir, and dates her ancestry from a long line of distinguished North Carolinians. She is a descendant of former Governor Swain, of North Carolina. She inherits many social charms and graces and has been exceedingly popular in her home town and other cities where she has visited.

Mr. Higdon is a leading business man of Western North Carolina, being president of the Carolina Provision Company, of Franklin, and the Cornelia Wholesale Grocery Company, of Cornelia, Ga. He is the son of Mrs. J. H. Higdon and the late Mr. Higdon, and is the brother of Mr. T. B. Higdon, of Atlanta; Mr. Mack, Mr. J. L., and Mr. J. S. Higdon, of North Carolina; Mrs. J. H. Fulton, of Highlands; Mrs. Isaac Keener and Mrs. Dennis Higdon, of North Carolina.—Atlanta Journal.

## DON'T SELL LOW GRADE PRODUCE

**Care Should Be Given to the  
Selection, Standardization  
and Grading of Produce  
Offered for Sale.**

Raleigh, N. C., March 1.—Growers who are producing early vegetables and other produce for the market should give some care to the selection, grading, and standardizing of their products. Many growers consider only the total price received for a crop instead of figuring the net returns after all marketing costs have been paid, and because they do not consider these marketing costs, many lose money, according to a statement made by Gorrell Shumaker, produce marketing specialist for the State College and Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Shumaker states that county agents and others interested should wage a campaign against the selling of low grade produce. The reason for this is that the cost of marketing low grade material exceeds the returns secured and by blocking the market with low or cheap stuff, the sale of first-class products is seriously hurt.

Last season a survey was made of the Philadelphia market. Fourteen of the leading commission houses were studied involving the marketing of 1,500,000 five-eighths bushel baskets of fruits and vegetables. It was found that nearly one-half of these baskets sold for 50 cents or less, and one-fifth of the total sold for 25 cents or less.

The average selling price on this market, states Mr. Shumaker, was seventy cents per basket for the one and one-half million baskets of produce. More baskets sold for 10 cents or less than sold for \$2.00 or more. It was determined that 18 per cent of the produce sold for 25 cents or less per basket; 31 per cent sold at 26 to 50 cents; 20 per cent at 51 to 75 cents; 15 per cent at 76 cents to \$1.00; 13 per cent at \$1.01 to \$2.00, and two per cent at \$2.00 and over.

Mr. Shumaker states that for this nearly market the minimum cost of marketing even the lowest priced produce including packing, package, transportation and commission was 20 cents per basket. This 20 cents does not include the cost of production and must be paid by the grower even if his product fails to sell at any price and must be dumped.

## News From Macon Folks Living at Lyman, Wash.

Lyman, Wash., Feb. 25.—A wedding of unusual interest to the people of this community was that of Mr. Roscoe Bradley and Miss Willie Mae Brown, which took place at Mt. Vernon last Thursday. We extend to the young couple our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

Mr. Virgil Ramey and family were the guests of Mr. Lone Thomas Saturday night.

The Sunday School is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Painter.

Mr. John Parker has moved into his new residence, which he purchased from Mr. Reed Perry.

The Skagit mill is not running now, as it is doing some repair work, but will soon be ready to run again.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Thomas were visiting Mr. William Barr Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jane Bradshaw, of Sedro-Woolley, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Effie Sims, last Saturday.

The many friends of Rev. Virgil Ramey will be glad to know that he is able to be out again.

Mr. Joe Parker has been on the sick list, but is improving at this writing.

Mr. Cliff Bradley made a business trip to Sedro-Woolley last Saturday.

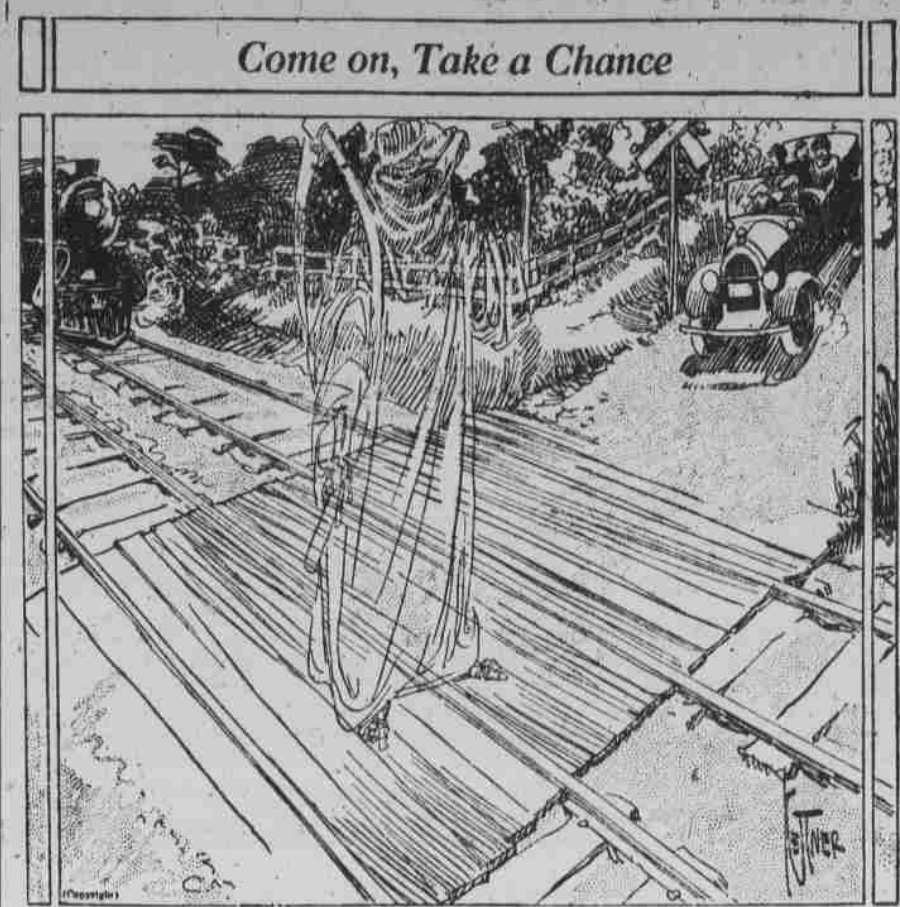
Mr. Alonzo Holden has been down with the mumps. Glad to see him out again.

There are quite a few cases of measles and mumps in this town.

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## Mrs. Wilson To Use Mails Without Charge

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The house today passed a senate bill granting to Edith Bolling Wilson, widow of Woodrow Wilson, the privilege of using the mails without cost.



Come on, Take a Chance

## STATE FIRE LOSS LESS LAST YEAR

**Total Loss for the Year Was  
More Than Seven Million  
Dollars, However—1,846  
Fires During the Year.**

Raleigh, N. C., March 1.—North Carolina suffered a total fire loss of \$7,212,342 in 1923, which amounts to a per capita loss of \$2.28 as compared with a total loss of \$8,144,721 and a per capita loss of \$3.21 in 1922, according to the annual fire report of Stacey W. Wade, state insurance commissioner, which has just been made public. Compared with the national record North Carolina's per capita loss by fires last year was less than half the average of the 48 states of the union which has been estimated to have been approximately \$4.99, the report showed. The average national loss for 1922 was \$4.75.

The number of fires in the state in 1923 was given in Mr. Wade's report as 1,846; the value of insurance carried on endangered property as \$40,101,068; the number of fires entailing losses over \$5,000 as 191, and the losses in these fires as \$6,057,824, approximately three-fourths of the entire loss for the state.

Shingle roofs, it is indicated from the report, together with defective flues, were the causes of the largest number of fires. Six hundred and ninety-four of the fires were classed in this type. Carelessness comes next as one of the principal causes with 93 fires attributed to this cause in 1923. Fifty-nine fires were caused by careless smoking; 31 were of incendiary origin and 29 were caused by children playing with matches. Other causes included engine sparks and a spontaneous combustion. The cause could not be determined in 408 fires.

## Information Wanted.

The members of the Macon County League of Women Voters have been much interested the past few weeks in going over the report of the County Commissioners—not from idle curiosity, but from the desire to know the financial standing of our County and in what manner the men we voted for are conducting the County's affairs.

As most of us are tax-payers, we naturally are interested in knowing how our money is being spent. This report tells of the disbursements, but we, as thinking people, would like an itemized account of the receipts of the County; of the total amount Highlands Township sends in, and of the total amount this Township receives in return.

We would like to have things run just as any legitimate business is run, and the accounts audited by a certified auditor.

We would recommend that the officers of the County be paid a flat salary, instead of the present method of paying them by the fee and percentage system—so that we might know precisely what the expenses of the County are.

We would like to know: Has the money been properly distributed and each Township received its percentage, according to the taxes collected from it, and according to law? Has the County a budget?

## GREAT SUM FOR ROADS IS URGED

**Agriculture Bill Carries To-  
tal of \$56,000,000—High-  
ways Fund Cut—Carries  
Fund for Warnings.**

Washington, D. C., March 1.—A total of \$56,758,513, of which \$17,700,000 would be available for improvement of highways during coming fiscal years is carried in the annual Agricultural Bill reported by the House Appropriation Committee.

The total is \$16,082,940 less than the appropriation a year ago, when \$32,000,000 was allotted for state aid road construction and is \$471,312 less than budget estimates.

For the enforcement of special laws by the Department of Agriculture, the bill carries \$2,027,000, the items including:

Packers and Stockyards Act, \$452,540; Grain Futures Act, \$104,460; Plant Quarantine Act, \$324,426; Insecticide Act, \$140,575; Grain Standard Act, \$500,000; Warehouse Act, \$163,000; Cotton Futures and Cotton Standards Acts, \$185,000; Food and Drug Acts, \$716,000.

An additional \$1,071,150 is provided for meat inspection, \$308,000 for market inspection of perishable food, and \$82,480 for the Department's news service on fruits and vegetables.

An appropriation of \$20,000 is authorized to enable the Weather Bureau to give warnings throughout the country to fruit growers as to frost and advice on harvest weather and fruiting spraying conditions.

The bill carries \$3,277,000 for eradication of tuberculosis among cattle, the major portion of it to be spent in indemnities; \$660,000 for eradication cattle tick; \$100,000 for eradication hog cholera; \$328,480 for blister rust control; \$411,315 for barberry eradication; \$672,360 for preventing the spread of moths, and \$216,350 for preventing the spread of the European corn borer.

## Will of Woodrow Wilson.

**Estate Is Left to Widow, Except that  
His Daughter Gets \$2,500  
Annually.**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The will of Woodrow Wilson, filed for probate today, leaves the estate to his widow, Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson, with the exception that his daughter, Margaret Wilson, shall receive \$2,500 annual income as long as she remains unmarried.

A request in the will calls upon Mrs. Wilson to distribute among Mr. Wilson's daughters such articles of clothing, jewelry, personal mementoes and art works that may have belonged to their mother, the first wife of the former President.

Under the will Mrs. Wilson is to retain the estate during her life, and the unexpended portion at her death is to be distributed among Mr. Wilson's daughters.

Tom Tarheel says the man who gets too old to learn gets very little from life. Tom has determined to keep on growing and has written for information about the State College Summer School to be held for farmers this summer.

## POULTRY SHOW IS A GREAT SUCCESS

**Show Last Tuesday Was the  
Best Ever Held in This  
Section—Exhibits Viewed  
by Large Crowds.**

A large crowd attended the second Macon County Poultry Show, which was held in the new Joiner building last Tuesday. The finest showing of birds ever gotten together in this section was on the floor, there being over fifty separate entries for the various prizes offered.

Mr. Weaver Gray, an old Macon County boy who is now Farm Demonstration Agent for Jackson County, acted as judge at the show. Mr. Gray was very enthusiastic over the excellent showing made by the people of his old home county, and declared that the show would have done credit to any county in the State.

The following exhibits won prizes:

### EGG BREEDS.

#### White Leghorns.

Pen, 1st Prize—Charles Davis.  
Pen, 2nd Prize—Frank I. Murray.  
Trio, 1st Prize—W. H. Crawford.  
Single Pullet, 1st Prize—Mrs. Robt. Davis.  
Single Pullet, 2nd Prize—W. H. Crawford.

#### Brown Leghorns.

Trio, 1st Prize—J. J. Corbin.  
Trio, 2nd Prize—Wade Cunningham.

#### Anconas.

Pen, 1st Prize—G. L. Newton.  
Trio, 1st Prize—Mrs. J. V. Arrandale.  
Trio, 2nd Prize—Mrs. C. J. Houser.

#### Lakenvelders.

Pen, 1st Prize—H. G. Robertson.  
Trio, 1st Prize—Helen Patton.  
Trio, 2nd Prize—H. G. Robertson.

#### Blue Andalusions.

Pen, 1st Prize—Mrs. T. B. Higdon.

### GENERAL PURPOSE BREEDS.

#### Single Comb Rhode Island Reds.

Pen, 1st Prize—Alvah Pearce.  
Pen, 2nd Prize—Alvah Pearce.  
Trio, 1st Prize—W. H. Sellers.  
Trio, 2nd Prize—Roy Carpenter.

#### Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds.

Cockerel, 1st Prize—A. M. Holland.  
Hen, 1st Prize—A. M. Holland.

#### Cornish Games.

Trio, 1st Prize—T. W. Porter.  
Trio, 2nd Prize—J. Q. Wallace.

#### Silver Laced Wyandottes.

Pen, 1st Prize—P. O. Watkins.  
Trio, 1st Prize—Mrs. R. A. Patton.  
Trio, 2nd Prize—F. W. Holland.  
Hen, 1st Prize—Mrs. R. A. Patton.  
Hen, 2nd Prize—Matt Liner.  
Cock, 1st Prize—Matt Liner.  
Cock, 2nd Prize—F. W. Holland.

#### White Wyandottes.

Trio, 1st Prize—Mrs. F. L. Siler.

#### Golden Laced Wyandottes.

Trio, 1st Prize—J. S. Gray.  
Trio, 2nd Prize—Maggie Gray.

#### Barred Rocks.

Pen, 1st Prize—G. L. Newton.  
Trio, 1st Prize—Mrs. G. W. Gray.  
Trio, 2nd Prize—Mrs. T. W. Angel.

### EGGS.

First Prize—William McGuire.  
Second Prize—Wade Cunningham.

#### First Sweepstakes.

Pen Anconas—G. L. Newton.

#### Second Sweepstakes.

Pen Single Comb Rhode Island Reds—Alvah Pearce.

## Anti-Saloon Editor Resigns.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Rollin C. Eberhart, editor of the American Issue, tonight submitted his resignation as editor to the board of directors of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, declaring that he could not "consistently with my conscience" certify that all now was well with the league following the appointment as successor to William H. Anderson, former State superintendent, of Arthur J. Davis, former head of the Massachusetts league.

We are glad to note that Mr. J. G. Siler is improved from his recent illness.—Lenoir, Ga. Times.