

LABOR SHORTAGE CONTINUES GRAVE

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MANY ROAD JOBS SHUT DOWN

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Raleigh. Brisk demand for all grades of labor continues throughout the entire State, with little prospect for immediate relief for the situation according to the weekly statement of activities of the seven employment bureaus maintained by the Department of Labor and Printing, issued by Commissioner Shipman.

During the week requests for help coming into the several bureaus totaled 570 as against a total of 645 applicants for work. Placements list skilled labor at 107 and unskilled at 336 for the entire State, with clerical, professional, domestic, and industrial classes making up the total of 515 men and women placed in employment.

Exodus of thousands of negro laborers to northern cities has seriously crippled all construction and agricultural work, with road work and truck movement suffering most heavily. Contractors at work on buildings have been unable to keep their organizations together with better result than have road contractors. Many road jobs are shut down completely.

In eastern counties where the strawberry and lettuce movement is at its height the shortage of labor has been more keenly felt, and some apprehension is felt for the movement of the potato crop a little farther north when the season opens shortly.

Wage scales have been raised somewhat by the shortage in many classes of work, but the general average is not much higher than the levels maintained for the past year. Common labor is receiving 25 to 30 cents per hour and skilled labor an average of around 70 cents per hour for eight hours work.

Wilmington found more work for applicants than any city in the State, according to the report, with a total of 119 men and women placed.

Stick to Charge Declares Court.

Courts must stick to the indictment upon which a prisoner is arraigned and either convict him or acquit declares the Supreme Court in an opinion handed down reversing Judge T. J. Finley for convicting C. L. Snipes for receiving when he was arraigned for having liquor in his possession for sale. Chief Justice Clark dissents.

Snipes was charged on one count of having liquor in his possession for sale, and on two counts with receiving more than one quart of liquor in 15 days. Evidence tended to show that the defendant found the liquor in the woods while in company with another man who had already pleaded guilty. The sheriff came upon them in the woods and seized them.

It appears in the recital of the facts in the case, written by Justice Adams, that he was arraigned on the first charge and convicted and sentenced on the second and third. "To punish him for a crime of which he is not convicted would be to turn broadside the constitution," the opinion declares. Chief Justice Clark finds no ground for error, holding that the arraignment is inclusive and conclusive.

Two minor civil suits with opinions and two per curiam, together with five appeals from the judgment of the lower court on liquor charges and one from secret assault with intent to kill were included in the opinions handed down. Two decisions were reversed and the others affirmed. No major civil or any capital cases were issued, owing to the absence of Justice Walker.

The second reversal came up from Cleveland county with Robert Goode convicted and sentenced to serve five years in prison for secret and felonious assault with intent to kill. According to the evidence Goode, who is only 17 years old, was shooting at a dog believed to be mad, missed the dog and hit a neighbor in an adjacent field. Two stray shot grazed the prosecutor's neck.

"We see very little evidence, if any, that would justify or uphold a conviction for a felonious secret assault, with intent to kill," declares Justice Hope in the opinion.

Other Supreme Court Opinions.

Midyette vs. Timber and Lumber Co., Northampton, affirmed. Parks-Cramer Co. vs. So. Express Co., Mecklenburg, no error. State vs. Snipes Caldwell, new trial. State vs. Potter, Watauga, no error. State vs. Whelan, Polk, no error. State vs. Goode, Rutherford, new trial. Wyatt vs. Feldspar Co., Yancey, no error. Panel Op. vs. Melton-Rhodes Co., McDowell, per curiam. Judgment affirmed without written opinion.

Governor's Letter to Mrs. Johnson. Governor Morrison's letter to Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Commissioner of Welfare, withdrawing his request for an investigation of prison conditions by the board, copies of which were sent to other members of the Board of Welfare follows.

Mr. Dear Mrs. Johnson: I desire to withdraw my request for an investigation by your Board into prison conditions in the State. I have decided that my own social responsibility about this matter is greater than I had first realized. I have, therefore, determined to assume full responsibility in the matter and to take far-reaching action without delay.

Your board, under the law, can only make a report to me for submission to the next General Assembly, or for my own guidance and assistance. I have decided that I do not desire a report from you for the purpose of influencing my own action, and as the General Assembly will not meet for sometime, I am unwilling to wait until that time for action.

I have been giving serious study to the whole subject and feel that I have both the legal power and the disposition to take action in the premises. Circumstances are such that I really think your investigation and report would embarrass me rather than aid me in the course I have firmly fixed my mind upon.

I am thoroughly in accord with modern and progressive thought upon the subject of prison reform, and under the law as it is now written. I am satisfied the whole system can be put in modern and up to date shape. I am going to exercise all the power I have, and I am quite sure it is sufficient to bring this about.

The Governor's letter to Judge Manning, Attorney General, requesting him to call upon the solicitors of the State to inquire into prison conditions in their districts follows:

My Dear Judge: I will thank you to get in touch with the solicitors of the State at your earliest possible convenience and request them to co-operate with you in an investigation of the County Prisons and Camps in which prisoners are kept when being worked.

I desire the most thorough investigation made through regular Government channels.

I want you to assist personally in the prosecution of any breach of law, or inhuman or cruel treatment of prisoners. If your force, together with the solicitors, is not sufficient to vindicate the law and punish any failure of duty, I will be glad to consider a request from you for the employment of special counsel to assist.

The communication of Superintendent George Ross Poo, of the State Prison to Mrs. Johnson acquainting her with the resolution of the Prison Board forbidding agents of the Department to talk freely to prisoners follows:

Dear Mrs. Johnson: At the request of the Board of Directors of the State's prison, I hand you herewith copy of resolution which was passed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of the State's prison at their meeting in Raleigh on yesterday. The reasons for the passage of this resolution is of course obvious to you.

The resolution of the Prison Board adopted follows:

Be it resolved by this Board of Directors that the Superintendent advise the various supervisors in charge of the State Prison Farms and State's Prison Camps that no person or persons other than the Governor of North Carolina, or a Grand Jury in session, in accordance with the law, be allowed to confer with any prisoner or prisoners under the jurisdiction of the State Prison authorities except in the presence of the Supervisor under whom such prisoner or prisoners may be confined; or in the presence of some employee of the State's Prison delegated by such Supervisor.

That in passing this resolution this Board has no desire to in any way retard or interfere with any survey or investigation which may now be under way or which may be made in the future. That the passing of this resolution is only for the purpose of making an effort to see that justice be done to all.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Excellency, the Governor of North Carolina, the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare and Charities, to the Commissioner of Public Welfare and to each Supervisor in the employ of the State's Prison.

Legion Auxiliary Gains Members.

The South Carolina department of the American Legion auxiliary is increasing rapidly in membership, according to Mrs. James A. Cathcart of Columbia, department president.

137 Stills Captured.

Salisbury.—(Special).—One hundred and thirty-seven stills were captured in North Carolina during April, according to announcement by A. B. Coltrane, Prohibition Director for North Carolina. In addition to these 137 automobiles were taken while in the act of hauling liquor and 104,596 gallons of beer and 725 gallons of liquor were seized. The total amount of property seized and not destroyed was \$4,514. Forty-three arrests were made and 147 prosecutions recommended.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR MAY 27

ISAIAH, THE STATESMAN AND PROPHET

LESSON TEXT—Isaiah 6:1-13. GOLDEN TEXT—Here am I, send me.—Isaiah 6:8.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—II Chronicles 26:2; 32:26; Isaiah 1:5; 7:1-7; 8:1-4; 9:1-7; 11:1-10.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Isaiah Who Was Ready.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Isaiah's Call to Service.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Isaiah's Work for His People.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Isaiah, the Statesman and Prophet.

I. Isaiah's Vision of the Lord (vv. 1-4).

No one's ministry will ever be fruitful until he has had a vision of Jehovah. The scope of his tasks and the power to perform services will be lacking until he sees God.

1. He Saw the Lord on His Throne (v. 1). The prophet's gaze penetrated to the very throne of the eternal. We need not so much know things concerning God as to have a vision of Him, even to see Him on His throne. Surely now, as perhaps never before, with the awful darkness settling down upon the world and the foundations of culture and civilization, institutions and governments are tottering, we need a vision of the enthroned Lord.

2. He Saw the Seraphim Above (vv. 2, 3). Whatever form or rank these things have, they clearly are ministers of the Most High. Their standing indicates that they were in readiness to do His bidding. Their equipment with six wings shows the celerity with which they executed His will. In the Divine presence they find different uses for wings. One pair was needed to veil the seraph's head from the "intolerable effulgence" of the glory. One pair veiled the feet, which had been soiled in the execution of the commission. The third pair was suspended in midair while waiting to depart on any errand which the Lord willed. All ceaselessly cried, "Holy, holy, holy." The supreme attribute of Jehovah, is holiness. It is for this that His creatures worship and adore Him. The treble repetition doubtless refers to the true God. Holy is the One who created us, holy is the One who redeemed us and holy is the One who sanctifies and keeps us. From the position of God's throne they see the whole earth filled with His glory.

3. He Saw Manifestations of Majesty (v. 4). As the holy ones cried the very door posts moved and the temple was filled with smoke. Smoke indicates the Divine presence in anger (Ex. 19:8; 29:18). This indicated that the selfishness, idolatry and ingratitude of Israel provoked God's anger.

II. Isaiah's Conviction of Sin (vv. 5, 6). When the prophet got a vision of the holy God he was smitten with a sense of sin. This is always true. The reason that men think well of themselves is that they have never seen God. Face to face with the Lord, Isaiah saw himself as wholly vile. He realized that he had sinned in speech and, if in speech, then in heart, therefore the cry of despair. He was not only guilty himself, but was living in the midst of an unclean people.

III. Isaiah Cleansed From Sin (vv. 6, 7). Having been convicted of sin and having made confession of it, a burning coal was taken from the altar to purify his sin. His penitential guilt was forgiven and removed. Those unclean lips were refined by fire and, with pure speech, he expressed the holy thoughts of God. Only fire from God's altar can purify us from our sins.

IV. Isaiah's Call.

God did not call the prophet until after he was cleansed. The purified soul is the soul ready for the Lord's service. Indeed, the unconvicted, unforgiven and uncleansed soul cannot even hear the Divine call for service.

V. Isaiah's Dedication (v. 5). Following the cleansing from sin there was the quick response for service. The one purified and sanctified and made meet for the Master's use readily responds to the call of God. They did not inquire as to the issue, did not desire to see the end from the beginning, but with freedom came forward to serve.

VI. Isaiah's Commission (vv. 9-13). The previous outlook was not promising. He ahrank back from the responsibility and instantly cried, "How long, Lord?" The people were steeped in selfishness and the Lord assured him that their blindness and sin, though long, would not continue forever. The people would go on in sin, to be taken captive and the land be made desolate.

Economy.

The regard one shows economy is like that we show an old aunt who is to leave us something at last.—Shenstone.

Conscience.

The worm of conscience is the companion of the owl. The light is shunned by sinners and evil spirits only.—Schiller.

Neighborhood Love.

Love your neighbor, yet pull not down your hedge.—George Herbert.

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Making a Lawn.

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FINDS IT HARD TO GET AWAY

Scotsman Who Would Leave This "Land of the Free" Discovers Red Tape Intervenes.

"Immigrants who think it is hard to get into the United States should try to get out after once they are in, if they wish to encounter a real problem," said a native of Scotland, who has lived in Indianapolis several years and who has taken out his first naturalization papers.

The man wished to return to Scotland to live, and several months ago took up with the British representatives in the United States his proposal to quit this country for his old home. "I have been in correspondence with several British representatives," said the Scot, "and there seems to be an endless amount of red tape in the procedure. The British representatives seem fearful lest I may become a charge on Great Britain. I have sworn to almost everything and hope soon to get my passports."—Indianapolis News.

Mixed Trouble.

Hit on the head by a blackjack while he was robbing a Pasadena home, Harry Edmonson, twenty-two, was wounded while running down the streets here this afternoon with a shotgun in the hands of detectives.—San Francisco Journal.

True.

"He thinks he's going to play a good game of golf this year." "Shucks. All golfers are optimists in April."

Marital Reaction.

Flubb—Marriage seems to exercise a sobering influence on some men. Dubb—Yes; it's a sort of aftermath to love's intoxication.—From Life.

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JINX STRICTLY ON THE JOB

Good Reason Why Indianapolis Man Felt That His Week Had Started Out Wrong.

This story has to do with a man whose Christian name is Joseph and who works at a factory down town. Monday is wash day at his home. That, he it remembered, was the day when an explosion at the Indianapolis Light and Heat company's Mill street plant cut off electric current from many homes of the city. This man arose somewhat earlier than usual, helped fill the boiler with rainwater, wheeled out the electric washer, and tried to start operations. The washer would not work. He spent two hours trying to find what was wrong with the washer, and finally gave up in disgust, going to work, and arriving late, he found the power off there.

"H-m, that explains why I couldn't get that washer started," he said. "It surely started my week off wrong."—Indianapolis News.

Gluck! Gluck!

Her father is a doctor, a specialist with a large following. Little Miss Three-year-old was being entertained by her nurse the other afternoon, and the youthful miss decided that she wished to be amused with imitations. The nurse had run through her full list of mimicry when the command came to imitate the chicken.

"Make a noise like a chicken," the order came.

"Oh, I can't imitate a chicken," the nurse protested.

"Well, if you can't I'll ask daddy—he can. He treats 'em!"

Old-Fashioned.

"She's old-fashioned." "So." "She still has a dressmaker come to the house."

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Chinch Bug Pest.

The mild weather has favored the chinch bug, according to reports received by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is now found to be present in winter quarters in threatening numbers over the greater part of southern and central Illinois, in 65 counties; in southern Nebraska, from Jefferson county west at least to Furnas county, and in the northeastern corner of the state in Boyd county, where it is a southward extension of a serious manifestation in southeastern South Dakota; in eastern Kansas it seems to be more abundant than during average years. The temperatures have been above normal and very dry. Burning of hibernating quarters is being practiced throughout the state of Kansas.

Finance and Publicity.

"What are you going to do about this rumor that you have made a lot of money in speculation on inside tips?"

"Nothing," replied Senator Sorghum. "You can't stop a rumor, so we may as well take the individual benefit. At least, it will improve my credit."

Old-Fashioned.

"She's old-fashioned." "So." "She still has a dressmaker come to the house."

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