

PRISON REFORM NOW UNDER WAY

GOVERNOR MORRISON CONFERS WITH CAMP SUPERVISORS OF SYSTEM.

PRISON MATTERS DISCUSSED

Is Promised Every Assistance and Co-operation by Those in Charge of Prison Systems.

Raleigh. Following a conference with fifteen State Prison Camp Supervisors, Governor Morrison announced that he had the enthusiastic pledge of every man in charge of prisoners in State camps to see that the new regulations of the State Prison Board, abolishing the whip and the dark cell, are carried out.

Both Governor Morrison and Superintendent George Pou spoke to the supervisors, explaining the importance of absolute observance of the new rules, and inviting anyone of the men before them who had doubts about the practicability of the system to resign. The fifteen, Governor Morrison said, gave an individual pledge to use the greatest diligence in seeing that the regulations are enforced.

In addition, Governor Morrison urged them to make a thorough survey of their camps, reporting to him at once any instance of cruelty to the prisoners by guards under their direction.

Governor Morrison declared that he was assured that Superior court judges in the State would co-operate with the State prison in the matter of fixing indeterminate sentences, but whether or not the sentences of all the prisoners in the State Prison can be changed to an indeterminate basis by one stroke of the pen has not yet been determined. The Governor is certain that such commutations can be made in individual cases but a commutation of the mass is a proposition that he has not yet determine to be within his authority.

Governor Morrison reported that he found the supervisors men of a high type and in whom he feels confident to rely in the institution of the new rules and regulations. One of them in a former sheriff, and all of them who could be expected to shoulder responsibility.

Negroes Still Leaving the State. Reports made to M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, by agents of the Federal Employment Service in various cities of the state, indicate that large numbers of negro laborers continue to leave North Carolina for Northern and Eastern states, under the lure of labor agents.

W. T. Carter, in charge of the Winston-Salem bureau, writes Mr. Shipman that approximately 1,800 to 2,000 negroes have left that vicinity during the past few months.

Mr. Carter said the impression in Winston-Salem is "that a few labor agents have been about this city, working under cover, and paying the transportation of the negroes to northern centers." He said there is a surplus of creolal and professional applicants at Winston-Salem, but common labor is short.

Approximately 1,000 negroes have left Charlotte and vicinity within the last sixty days, W. H. Vause, of the Charlotte bureau, reported. The negroes are being promised higher wages, shorter working hours and better living conditions by labor solicitors from the north, according to Mr. Vause. He said he had taken the matter up with city authorities who had instructed officers to arrest all agents they find soliciting labor outside the state.

Asheville appears to be the only place where the labor situation has not been affected by the migration of the negroes.

North Carolina's New Auto Tags.

North Carolina's new automobile plates have arrived and the numbers which will be sold will reach 200,000.

There are five carloads in the state's warehouse ready for the new marking which begins in June. This will be about 20,000 more than the state has ever used and that may not tag all of the machines which will be in use before the year ends.

The licenses and other taxes growing out of the automobile business will run beyond \$6,000,000 this year, according to Secretary W. N. Everett, of the department of state. The increase of 2 cents on gasoline and the natural growth of the machine business will almost double last year's \$3,200,000.

Five Hundred Placed in Positions.

Five hundred persons were placed in positions in North Carolina by the State and federal free employment service during the week ending May 19, according to the weekly report of M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

With 117 persons placed, the Wilmington bureau led the State. Winston-Salem was second with 94.

Registration, 613; requests for help, 751; referred 561; placed, 506. Skilled, 88; unskilled, 394; clerical and professional, 35; domestic, 63.

Fire Losses During April.

The fire loss in North Carolina during April aggregated \$687,046, which was approximately \$100,000 less than that of March, and a much better showing than in April, 1922, according to figures compiled by Insurance Commissioner Stacy W. Wade, announced. "There were 180 fires reported," Commissioner Wade's report stated, "the property involved totalling \$2,102,037 on which there was insurance of \$1,350,022. Of the 180 fires, 118 were dwelling, valued at \$601,525, insured for \$353,254, with a loss of \$87,677. Of the dwellings, 14 were rural homes, with a value of \$44,200 insurance of \$10,404 and loss of \$35,050. The entire rural loss was \$150,175 and of this \$100,000 came from one fire, a planing mill in Davidson county, with destruction of two and a half million feet of lumber. This loss added to a warehouse fire at Kinston, where 1,500 bales of cotton were burned and five dwellings, makes \$330,000, leaving loss reached or exceeded \$5,000, the loss for the other 178 fires.

"There were only 12 fires, where the loss reached or exceeded \$5,000, the aggregate of these being \$484,720 and the total loss of the other 168 was only \$102,326. Among the larger towns, the loss was remarkably light, Charlotte leading with 24 fires and loss of \$41,675, followed by Greensboro with three fires and a loss of \$3,205. Raleigh with 13 fires had loss of \$219; Winston-Salem 18 fires, loss \$1,420; Wilmington 14 fires, loss \$219; Asheville, seven fires, loss \$2,115; and Durham seven fires, loss \$76. High Point leads the honor roll with no fire or no damage during the month, followed by Stateville, Tarboro, Sanford, Black Mountain, Mount Olive, Wake Forest, Kernersville, Belhaven, Huntersville, Randleman, Mount Holly and Bostic.

"Shingle roofs and defective flues caused 67 fires; cause unknown, 30. Eight fires each resulted from overheated stoves and furnaces. Chief among property destroyed: Dwellings, 118; stores 14, warehouses and storages, 10; garages, 8."

Little Danger of School Fires.

North Carolina's forty million dollar investment in modern school houses during the past twenty years make such a disaster as befell the school commencement near Camden, S. C., almost impossible in this state, in the opinion of State Superintendent E. C. Brooks, who was discussing the tragedy that cost 75 lives in a thinly settled rural community.

Special emphasis has been laid on fire prevention and fire escapes by the Department of Education and the Department of Insurance. Insurance Commissioner Stacy W. Wade said that the school building at Clinton, a wooden structure with an auditorium on the second floor was the last of the old type to be modernized. "Recently \$5,000 has been spent on the fire escapes.

Many buildings similar to that near Camden have been in use in the State, but most of them have been torn down and modern structures built to replace them. The modern type of building now being recommended to rural communities has only one floor, with the class rooms grouped around auditorium. A score or more such buildings are now being erected in the State.

More careful attention to the provisions against placing chairs in the aisles in public assemblies would remove the last danger of panic from fire in the State, Dr. Brooks and Dr. Wade believe.

A. C. L. Expects on Depot Order.

Twenty-two exceptions to the Corporation Commission order directing the erection of a union passenger station by the Norfolk Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line at Plymouth were argued before the commission by Murray G. Allen. The order was filed April 11. The commission took the exceptions under advisement, and will act upon them within the next few weeks.

Exceptions were based upon the statement that there is no necessity for the station, that there is not land enough, that the location is inaccessible, that the traveling public would continue to demand service at the present site of the passenger station, that the people of Plymouth don't want the station, that there is little interchange of passengers.

That a union station will increase operating expenses beyond revenue derived, that the order deprives the A. C. L. of its property without due process of law, that the order is void and without effect because it is not supported by testimony to support its provisions, the latter set out in several legal sub-divisions of the general exemption for Plymouth has been going on for years. The old A. C. L. passenger station was burned down several months ago, and the commission, acting on petition from the citizens of Plymouth, ordered the two railroads to build jointly.

Rankin Praises McBrayer.

Following the reading of a prepared statement in which he reviewed the history of the State Sanatorium and declared that Dr. L. B. McBrayer is the only man in the State who could have administered the institution so successfully, Dr. W. S. Rankin, Secretary of the State Board of Health, told the legislative committee investigating the conduct of the Sanatorium that Dr. Reuben McBrayer, and Lewis McBrayer, sons of the Superintendent, should no longer be continued in the service of the institution.

NEW RECORD FOR FLORA McDONALD

28 DAUGHTERS OF THE SOUTH LAND PRESENTED WITH DIPLOMAS.

RESOLUTIONS BY BOARD READ

Address to Graduating Class Was Made By Dr. D. N. McLaughlin, of Norfolk, Va.

Red Springs.—Flora Macdonald established another new record when she bade farewell to the largest class in her history, 28 daughters of the southland, presented them with the coveted diploma, a copy of the Bible to serve as their guide post, and sent them out new and loyal alumni.

Following the entry into the auditorium of the student body, alumnae, faculty and reunion class of 1919 all singing the processional, the invocation was made by Rev. J. B. Black, of the Red Springs Presbyterian church, and the college orchestra, under the direction of Dean C. G. Vardell, played Grigg's prelude.

The speaker of the day, Dr. D. N. McLaughlin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Norfolk, Va., was introduced. Doctor McLaughlin a native of North Carolina, a Scotchman to the manor born, caught his audience at the start by happy and humorous reference to his boyhood days. Doctor McLaughlin's address was epigrammatic in style. In short crisp sentences he drove home his remarks.

He said in part: "Young women you are today heirs of all the ages, for as women have in the past ruled the world, so in the future you are to have a greater influence, you can be anything you want to be, and what you want to be depends not only on your standard of values but it also determined by your definition of life. Your first business in life is to find yourself. You are building a house, the house of your lives, and you must build well.

"A college course is just a beginning, and here you have gotten capital which you must put to use. Not only must you find yourself, but you must give to the world love and service. The fragrance of life is in proportion to the elevation in which you are living. We owe it in our lives of service to build for those who are to come after us."

Following the address Misses Hall, Deaton and Bunchanan were heard in piano numbers and resolutions were read by Doctor Vardell drawn up by the board of trustees, expressing thanks to J. Kennedy Todd, of New York, for his gift of \$1,000 to the faculty for their efficient service during the past year, and expressing regrets at the death of Doctor James A. Macdonald, trustee-at-large, and Miss Anna Spencer Daniel, a member of the faculty.

Possibilities for Oil Excellent.

New Bern.—That the possibilities of finding oil in marketable quantity in the "great lakes" section of Craven county are good, with the opinion expressed by B. C. Banks, a Norfolk mining engineer, who has been making test drills in that area for a local syndicate and others during the past several months. Mr. Banks is stationed at Havelock and was here for a meeting of the syndicate of which Dr. E. C. Armstrong is head.

In the area where oil agitation has been centered for the past five years embraced some 250,000 acres, Mr. Banks said, and it is held either in fee simple or by lease by three groups, the New Bern Syndicate, W. F. and John Aberly, of New Bern, and the Pamlico and Development Company of which A. W. Haller, of Peoria, Ill., is president. Tests have been made in various spots with results that encouraged the holders who have confined their operations among themselves.

Wilson Gets Carolina Exposition.

Wilson.—The Eastern Carolina Exposition again comes to this city. This was the announcement of the board of directors after the bids were opened George Barefoot, one of the Wilson directors, made the offer for Wilson which was \$7,500. The bid of Kinston was \$5,600.

With the statement of Mr. Bartlett showed that the exposition had not cleared any money, is demonstrated the splendid value as advertisement and the high bid of Wilson showed the appreciation felt here. Mr. Bartlett made the announcement that checks for the first installment of the proceeds are being mailed to the guarantors.

Notable Men to Make Addresses.

Davidson.—The eighty-seventh annual commencement of Davidson College will be held this year on June third to sixth. The graduating class will number about eighty men. The principal speakers for the occasion will be Dr. John R. Vandermaelin who will deliver the maccalaureate sermon; Rev. D. N. McLaughlin, D.D., who will give the annual sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association, and Dr. G. Campbell White, who will make the annual literary address.

Prominent People

"Red" Ruthenberg Found Guilty by Jury



Here's an up-to-date portrait of Charles E. Ruthenberg of Cleveland, O., convicted at St. Joseph of violating the Michigan law against syndicalism. The conviction carried with it the possibility of a prison sentence of ten years and a fine of \$5,000. Ruthenberg is executive secretary of the Workers' Party of America and formerly Socialist candidate for mayor of Cleveland. He was one of the 16 Communists arrested in the party's convention in Michigan last August and the second to be tried for violation of Michigan's syndicalism act. W. Z. Foster was tried previously, but the jury was deadlocked.

The verdict assured a retrial of Foster. The jury disagreed in Foster's case, after 19 ballots each of which stood 6 to 6. Mrs. Minerva Olson, the only woman member of the first jury, led the acquittal faction. There was no woman on the Ruthenberg jury. It was made up of eight farmers, one former justice of the peace, two oil salesmen, and one American Legion man.

The state contended that the evidence showed the Communist party advocated sabotage in the overthrow of the government. The Communist party documents seized in the raid on the convention contradicted Ruthenberg's defense that the Communist party only predicted that force and violence would be used and did not advocate those measures to bring about reforms.

Michigan Judge "One-Man Grand Jury"

Here is a new portrait of Judge Harry Dingeman of St. Joseph, Mich., the "one-man grand jury" who is acting in the state investigation of the House of David, the notorious so-called religious cult of Benton Harbor. Michigan has a law under which a judge may perform the duties usually falling to a grand jury. This judge certainly has his work cut out for him. The following resume of the testimony of Mary Purnell, wife of "King" Benjamin Purnell of the House of David, shows what he is up against:

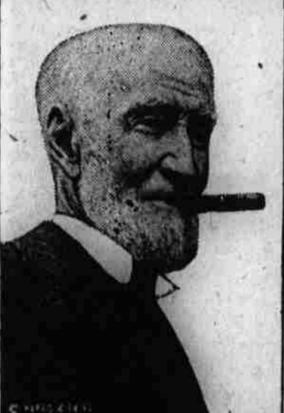


"Queen" Mary told of a divine revelation that came to her husband more than thirty years ago that he was the "seventh messenger angel." She denied that her husband was guilty of immoral acts, and when other questions were asked her took refuge in the typewritten copy of the law she carried with her into the grand jury room, refusing to answer them.

While "King" Benjamin never claimed to be "the son of man" or "the younger brother of Jesus Christ," "Queen" Mary said, the cult accepts Jesus Christ as the first messenger angel.

"Queen" Mary said she married "King" Benjamin in 1880 and has borne him two children, a daughter, who was killed in a powder plant explosion in Ohio, and a son, now forty-two, and mentally irresponsible.

"Uncle Joe's" Eighty-Seventh Birthday



"Uncle Joe" Cannon held a double celebration the other day at Danville, Ill., his "home town." It was his eighty-seventh birthday and also the postponed celebration of his "welcome home" from Washington. It was an all-day performance, with a parade, birthday cake with candles, speeches and everything. "Uncle Joe" shook hands with everybody, offering his elbow in lieu of his hand, his right arm having been broken a few years ago. The veteran legislator issued a birthday greeting, which included this:

"Friends, this demonstration of your affection is in itself compensation for my half century of public service. The extent of my gratitude cannot be weighed or measured. To all, my heart goes out in thankfulness.

"It is good to have lived and worked with you. You are my neighbors. You are the people I have served in congress through two generations. You are the people with whom I intend to pass the remainder of my days.

"To you, to all the people of America, from my observance of half a century, I bring this message: Have faith. Often you will feel that you detect a great uneasiness, an unrest, a threatening undercurrent in this government. This is neither new nor unusual. I have learned that America will rise to meet her problems. I have learned that good will triumph over evil.

"Have faith in the government of your fathers. "Show your faith by works to support that government. "Have faith that right will prevail."

Mrs. Cannon Among "Twelve Greatest"

A special committee of the National League of Women Voters has selected the 12 greatest living American women. Most of them you know by name and reputation—women like Jane Addams, Carrie Chapman Catt, Julia Lathrop and Edith Wharton. But did you ever hear of Mrs. Annie Jump Cannon?



Well, Mrs. Cannon has made regular visual observations of variable stars of long period with 6-inch equatorial telescope, and has completed a bibliography of variable stars comprising about 50,000 references. In the course of photographic work she has discovered 200 variable stars, three new stars, one spectroscopic binary and numerous stars having bright lines or variable spectra. She has completed a catalogue of 220,000 stellar spectra. She was made an assistant at the Harvard college observatory in 1897 and curator of astronomical photographs in 1911 and is the author of various Harvard college observatory annals.

She was born at Dover, Del., in 1838. She has degrees from Wellesley, University of Delaware and University of Groningen, Holland. She is an honorary member of the Royal Astronomical society. Her home is at Cambridge, Mass.

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Cane Beetle Destroying Sugar-Cane.

One of the most destructive of all insects to the farmer in Australia is the cane beetle, which is still playing havoc on the sugar-cane farms.

Recently, at Norham, in North Queensland, a sugar-cane farmer gave a contract to a man to catch beetles at 18 cents a quart, and the beetle-catcher made \$9 in three days. Another man caught 1,647 quarts of beetles in 25 days.

The high prices paid in order to destroy these beetles give us an idea of the amount of destruction wrought by the hordes of these insects.

WOMEN NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands of women have kidney and bladder trouble and never suspect it.

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