

GUARD AGAINST LOSSES BY FIRE

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT CALLS ATTENTION TO IMPORTANCE OF PROPER CARE.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Disasters and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capital.

Spurred by greater conception of the necessity for saving foodstuffs from destruction by fire in these war times through the destruction of a quarter million dollars worth of food and feedstuffs and other property in the recent conflagration at Elizabeth City, business men and others all through North Carolina are taking extra precautions for preventing any repetition of the "Betsy City" disaster. The State Department of Insurance is purchasing in every possible way this conservation work.

Commissioner Young, who is fire marshal for the State, is directing attention especially to importance of proper storage of foodstuffs in grocery and feed store stocks, the separation of matches, hay and other inflammable or combustible materials from the main stock, to the extent of utilization of separate buildings wherever possible. Inspectors sent out by the commissioner are co-operating with the grocers, millers and wholesale dealers in effort to reduce, to a minimum such fire losses in this State.

Constant and adequate precaution by each individual in the State is the goal sought in this conservation movement by the State Insurance Department.

Move to Catch Deserters.

News comes through the North Carolina adjutant general's department that there is "in the making" a concerted and country-wide movement with the federal and state military and civil authorities to round up all deserters and delinquents for military service, that will assure the apprehension of practically every man in every state to take his proper place for service under the draft laws. It is to be a nation-wide dragnet that it is said will have no loopholes of any sort.

Every man of military age or who appears about that age will be investigated wherever he is and required to show his status and put in line for draft. In this way wherever in the entire country a man of registration age for draft may have gone to evade the draft, if he is on American soil he will be called to account and must show his standing.

In connection with the situation as to delinquents and deserters in this state it is an interesting fact that Wake county has 138 in comparison with the 30 or less in Ashe county where such sensational conditions developed the past two weeks, it having been the blood shed in connection with attempts to arrest that put Ashe in the limelight.

Pushing Bee-Keeping Work.

Mr. C. L. Sams, specialist in beekeeping, is this week engaged in holding local meetings of beekeepers in the counties of Gaston, Lincoln, Burke and McDowell, and will then continue the trip into the counties of Madison, Buncombe, and, perhaps, Yancey. In view of the sugar shortage which will evidently continue serious for years, all beekeepers are advised to manage their hives for highest production of honey, and also to increase the number of their colonies. At the same time, consumers are urged to use honey as a substitute for sugar. A careful and conservative calculation, based on certain known facts, indicates the surprising fact that at least 2,000 tons of honey, the most healthful sweet known, went to waste in North Carolina in 1917.

Looking Over Labor Situation.

Dr. George J. Ramsey, of Raleigh, recently appointed director of the United States employment service in North Carolina was in Charlotte conferring with Director V. J. Brawley and looking over the labor situation there. Dr. Ramsey conferred with Secretary E. N. Farris of the chamber of commerce, and others with regard to the labor situation. There are three employment bureaus in the state and all are reported as doing much toward remedying labor conditions in North Carolina.

New Director of Canning.

C. D. Matthews, of the North Carolina agricultural extension service, has been placed in charge of the campaign this season in this state for drying excess fruits and vegetables that it is not found to be possible to can as they mature, and the co-operative extension service is devoting special attention to this work and special attention will be devoted to the organization of community drying movement as well as to individual appliances for the proper drying and storing of garden products.

One Hundred Per Cent American.

Declaring that North Carolina is 100 per cent American, Mr. M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing, speaking for this State before the convention of governmental labor officials of the United States and Canada in session last week at Des Moines, Iowa, gave an interesting review of existing conditions in the State and stated that "every species of slackness is being chased away as the dewdrops flee from the approach of the morning sun."

"Capital and labor in North Carolina," he said "continue on distinctively friendly terms and labor disturbances are rare occurrences in our commonwealth." In referring to the labor laws, he stated that they are not adequate in North Carolina but that there is a hopeful tendency in the State towards the enactment of measures of relief for the wage-earners and a careful nursing of the sentiment at present prevailing will most likely result in more advanced legislation favorable to the working classes.

"The most serious problem with which our people are now confronted is found in the scarcity of farm labor, but vigorous action is being taken to enlist the co-operation of every citizen of earning capacity in working and harvesting our crops. We are impressing upon our people that at this crucial moment, when liberty and freedom are in the balance and the enemy is gambling to enslave mankind; where every ounce of food that can be produced is needed not only for our soldiers, but for the starving women and children of our noble Allies, when ample crops are ripening in our fields uncut; when the coming crop of corn and cotton is unworked for lack of labor; when necessary industrial and constructive enterprises are hampered for lack of help—that idleness is a crime, and useless or inadequate employment of able-bodied persons is scarcely less so."

Large N. C. Registration.

North Carolina registered 16,248 young men in the class of June 5, 1918, according to final registration figures by counties given out recently. Questionnaires to most of the new registrants have been mailed and the work of classifying them for military service will follow when the questionnaires have been returned.

Gaston county, with 391, has the largest number of registrants who attained their twenty-first birthday since June 5, 1917, and prior to the recent registration. The smallest number registered by any local board was 26 in New Hanover, but this number is exclusive of those registered in the city of Wilmington.

Wake county board number one registered 322 and board number two, the Raleigh board, registered 128.

Other New Charters.

The secretary of state has issued charters to the following new concerns to do business in North Carolina:

Central Cigar Stand, Charlotte, to operate cigar and news stand. Capitalized at \$10,000 and authorized to begin business with \$300. E. O. Anderson, B. Rush Lee and Joe D. Smith are incorporators.

American Power and Railway Company, Charlotte, to operate and maintain (indefinite) street railway system, capitalized at \$100,000 and authorized to begin with \$1,000. H. M. Victor, C. B. Bryant and D. D. Traywick are the incorporators.

Asheville Bootery Company, Asheville, to do a wholesale and retail shoe business. Capitalized at \$25,000 and authorized to begin business with \$15,000. A. Samuels, S. Sternberg and M. L. Rush are the incorporators.

The Flint Manufacturing Company, the Arlington Cotton Mills Company, and the Parkdale Manufacturing Company, of Concord, the three having an interlocking directorate, file charter amendments that provide an aggregate increase of capital of \$1,550,000. J. Lee Robinson is president of the Arlington and the Parkdale companies and L. Jenkins, of the Flint Manufacturing Company.

The Brevard Manufacturing Company, of Brevard, is chartered with \$100,000 capital authorized and \$20,000 subscribed by V. Fountaine, and J. O. and C. J. Shanbow, the two latter of Woodsocet, R. I.

Hotel Inspection Completed.

The state board of health has just completed the inspection of hotels in North Carolina in accordance with a special act of the general assembly of 1917. Of the 64 examined and scored there are four which share the honor of being rated at 100 per cent perfect. These four are the Phoenix, Winston-Salem; the Wilmington, Wilmington; the Wright, Raleigh, and the Zinzendorf, Winston-Salem. The Frances, Winston-Salem, and the Orton, Wilmington, are close seconds, with scores of 99 each.

New Enterprise Chartered.

Charters for two new Charlotte incorporations, which will engage in the operation of cigar and news stands and amusement places were received at the office of the clerk of the superior court from the office of the secretary of state at Raleigh. The new enterprises are named the Central Cigar Stand and the Green Novelty Company. The authorized capital of each is \$10,000. Incorporators are named as E. O. Anderson, B. Rush Lee and Joe D. Smith.

BIG PLANS FOR FARMERS MEETING

WHOLE WEEK WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ALL FARMERS, MEN AND WOMEN.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

Care and Feeding of Animals, Sheep Raising, Poultry, Cattle, Horses, Pastures, Etc.

In making plans for the meeting of farmers and farm women at the State College on August 28, 29 and 30, the authorities of the College and Department of Agriculture are laying their plans for the largest gathering of its kind which has ever been held in the state. The whole week will be of interest to the farmers of the state, because of the fact that the boys' short course will be held at this time, as well as the State-wide conference of county agents and the secretaries of North Carolina credit unions and fair associations.

Under the direction of Dr. R. Y. Winters, secretary of the convention, and Mr. F. P. Latham, of Belhaven, president, a splendid program has been prepared.

The meeting will be of interest and value to every man and woman in North Carolina who is interested in the farm.

The Animal Industry Division has prepared a fine program on the care and feeding of farm animals, sheep raising, care of poultry, egg preservation, dairy cattle, pastures and other subjects of importance to the economic breeding and rearing of animals on the farm. If you have problems of this kind, bring them along.

Experts on farm crops have prepared a splendid program on the production and storage of food and feed crops, improvement of seed and cultural methods.

The ladies will be here, too, for their officers have a splendid program prepared. Some of the best women speakers and community workers of the country are to give talks and demonstrations.

Baptist Seaside Assembly Closed.

Wilmington.—Closing a day earlier than was contemplated on account of the big patriotic celebration, the fourth annual session of the Baptist Seaside assembly ended with a strong patriotic address by Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, editor of the Watchman Examiner, of New York. He discussed the blessings arising from the war, declaring that one of the most prominent had been the consciousness aroused in the American people of their selfishness.

The sacrifices already made have brought about a spirit of service such as was not thought possible a year ago. Dr. Laws made a strong address this morning at the conference of pastors showing the important field that the religious paper occupies. The secular paper too often places little emphasis on its religious department, he stated, assigning this work to inexperienced reporters, while skilled men are employed to write sports. He defined the three functions of a distinctly denominational paper to be to impart education, information and inspiration.

135 New Shriners.

Wilmington.—The initiation of 135 candidates into the mysteries of Shrinism, including a number of privates and officers from the various cantonments, and the silent tribute paid the memory of Karl A. Becknell, who met a tragic death one year ago this evening while en route to Hendersonville to attend the Shrine ball, were the principle features of this afternoon's summer ceremonial of Oasis Temple of Charlotte, held in the Academy of Music and attended by fully three hundred Shriners. Another feature was the making of Colonel Archie Miller, stationed at Camp Greene, an honorary member of the Temple.

Auto Owners Only Responsible.

Winston-Salem.—Judge Watson in municipal court ruled that it was necessary for the state to prove that the defendant himself was running an automobile at the time, in order to convict him of speeding and that the owner of the car was not responsible for a violation of law by a servant. The officers claim that it is impossible in many instances to identify the driver of a car, and especially so in the night, or when the curtains are up to the car. Heretofore, the officers have simply been taking the number.

Decrease Dogs, Increase Sheep.

Charlotte.—The need for decreasing the number of dogs in the state and promoting the re-establishing of the sheep industry was impressed at a meeting in Asheville of the "Sheep and Dog Association." Mr. Farris authorized the following statement about the meeting: "About 60 men from all parts of North Carolina were present at the opening session of the meeting, called by the Asheville Board of Trade to promote the re-establishing of the sheep industry in the state."

USE RYE AND SOY BEANS

Agricultural Department Urges Use of Rye and Soy Beans as Substitutes for Wheat.

Raleigh.—Going a step beyond his request to dealers to refrain from further purchases of flour from outside the state, State Food Administrator Henry A. Page has called upon the hotels, restaurants, bakeries and institutions of North Carolina to substitute for wheat flour to as large an extent as possible rye flour and soy bean flour. County food administrators in at least two North Carolina cities have declared that the best bread on their markets at present is rye bread, and the food administrator has sent to all bakeries and other large users a list of North Carolina mills which can supply rye flour.

Soy bean flour is included in the list of cereal substitutes which may be purchased with wheat flour and is being used in large quantities in some sections. One North Carolina mill three weeks ago had shipped 4,000 barrels of soy bean flour to northern cities for use in bakeries, hotels, and restaurants and had contracted for the delivery of 400 tons more. North Carolina produces more soy beans than any other state in the union, and should be a pioneer in the consumption as well as the production of this product, according to the food administrator.

Rye flour and particularly soy bean flour are both produced in North Carolina and their use would relieve the transportation situation to a considerable extent. In addition, rye flour and particularly soy bean flour are considerably cheaper than wheat flour. Rye flour is just as nutritious as wheat flour and soy bean flour contains more nutrition, pound for pound, than wheat or even beef steak.

Still Fighting Freight Rates.

Raleigh.—In continuation of the fight by Raleigh shippers for a readjustment of the freight rates in North Carolina, the directors of the chamber of commerce has authorized Secretary Beaman to place the matter before the officials of the federal railroad district at Atlanta. Mr. Beaman will go to Atlanta to submit the shippers' side of the question.

The agitation for a readjustment of the freight rates was started some time ago by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of getting proper rates which would allow the shippers of this State to market their products in South Carolina and other South Atlantic cities at rates below those from Virginia cities at the same points. At the present, the shippers of North Carolina pay the same rates as Virginia shippers.

Good Month for Examinations.

Raleigh.—The past month was the best yet experienced in the work of the medical examination of school children, according to the reports just tabulated by Dr. G. M. Cooper, director of this bureau of the State Board of Health. Despite the fact that in May a great number of the rural schools in the State have already closed the figures contained in the reports from the various counties show the largest number of children examined for any month since the inauguration of this important work, the total being 4,452. Of this number, 211 are reported as having been treated for defects discovered through the examinations.

To Mobilize New Registrants.

Raleigh.—Orders were received from Provost Marshal General Crowder by Adjutant General Young to prepare the North Carolina contingent of registrants of June 5, just attaining their majority, for mobilization along with the calls for the month of August. No definite dates in August are specified for the mobilization, but there is already one general call of first class registrants for August 1.

Gastonia.—Probably the largest convention.

Gastonia.—Probably the largest convention Gastonia has ever entertained will be held here August 14, 15 and 16, when the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners will meet in annual session. This organization has between 500 and 600 members and the attendance on the convention may reach considerably more than half that number.

Make Soy Bean Flour.

Raleigh.—The agronomy division of the North Carolina Extension Service was notified that cotton oil mills of Elizabeth City and Farmville are now making soy bean flour and notice was at once sent to the U. S. agricultural department, which replied that it is pleased to know this, as it is constantly receiving inquiries as to the sources of this flour in eastern part of the country. The U. S. food administration notifies the Extension Service that this commodity can be used to good advantage by bakers.

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Indicted.

Wilmington.—A true bill against J. B. Huntington, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., charged with slander and against whom civil action is pending, both cases the outgrowth of the recent arrest of Miss Jacoba Weyers, aged 17 years old, on a charge of statutory vagrancy, has been returned by the grand jury and his trial set for September Two hundred dollar bond is to be filed within the next thirty days. Secretary Huntington is now in Key West, Fla., doing volunteer Y. M. C. A. work.

KONENKAMP HAS POSTPONED STRIKE

THREATENED STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS POSTPONED BY PRESIDENT OF ORDER.

CHEERFULLY GRANT REQUEST

Decision Raises Load of Care From Mind of Officials and the Country.

Washington.—Indefinite postponement of the strike of telegraphers employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company was announced by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

Secretary Wilson said that Mr. Koenenkamp, who is in Chicago, had given him every assurance that the strike order would not be put into effect and that any walkout would be postponed indefinitely. It was understood that the union president agreed to this course because Congress now is considering a new resolution authorizing the President to take over and operate during the war all telegraph, telephone, cable and radio systems.

In a final effort to avert the strike, Mr. Wilson sent Mr. Koenenkamp a telegram urging delay and later called in Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Wilson's telegram to Mr. Koenenkamp said:

"I earnestly request, in view of the general situation and the imperative necessity of avoiding interference with the prompt transmission of communications which may be of vital importance in the prosecution of the war, that steps to prevent any strike be taken until I can have a conference with you and others. The Congress is now dealing with the subject and undoubtedly exact justice will be done all the parties at interest. This request is made in the interest of our country. I feel sure it will be heeded by you."

Mr. Gompers' telegram follows:

"Secretary Wilson, of the department of labor, invited me to confer with him in regard to the threatened telegraphic situation and he showed me the telegram he sent you. A strike of the telegraphers at this time and while there is a fair chance of an early, fair and honorable adjustment, would be most unfortunate, and generally held to be unjustifiable and perhaps defeat its very objects. To avoid any hindrance to our government's war program even in the slightest is my warrant to urge you to at once exercise your every power to postpone the strike for a time."

S. J. Koenenkamp sent the following reply to Secretary of Labor Wilson:

"Your telegram has been received and would say that the commercial telegraphers have been most anxious at all times to do everything within their power to avert a strike and your request under the circumstances you have mentioned will be cheerfully complied with."

YANKEES CAPTURE MORE PRISONERS AT THIERRY

Washington.—Capture of additional German prisoners by American patrols in the Chateau Thierry region was reported in General Pershing's communique at the war department. In the Woevre a hostile party succeeded in entering an American outpost position but was driven out.

ADJOURNMENT BLOCKED CONGRESS GETS TO WORK

Washington.—With midsummer recess plans unexpectedly blocked by the house Congress will buckle down to work with a view to cleaning up its legislative slate so as to get occasional respites of a few days at a time while the senate interstate commerce committee is holding hearings on the house resolution providing for government control during the war of telegraph, telephone, cable and radio systems.

WILL RATION ALL COAL USED BY HOUSEHOLDERS

Washington.—Rationing of coal to householders was announced by the fuel administration as among plans designed to prevent a threatened shortage of coal next winter. Each domestic consumer will be allowed only as much coal as is found to be scientifically necessary to heat his house to 68 degrees, provided every conservation rule has been obeyed. The allowances for each householder will be sufficient for comfort.

THREE TEUTON ARMIES TO ASSIST AUSTRIAN FORCES

Paris (Havas Agency)—Germany will send three army corps to the aid of Austria, according to a Rome dispatch to the Temps. These will be put under the direct orders of General Otto von Below, the commander-in-chief on the Italian front and will be assigned to the Alps sectors, it is stated. The Trentino railways have been under German control and will be used exclusively for German troops.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUTS PILING UP W. S. S.

The third Liberty loan is a thing of the past with a credit to the Boy Scouts of America, according to incomplete returns now on file at national headquarters, of \$46,139 subscriptions amounting to \$52,222,450.

As gleaners after the reapers this is a record every member of the organization should be proud of, and the government is proud of the achievement, for while the amount of money will not be so large as in the second campaign, the number of individual subscriptions compared with the money value is very much greater, and that is exactly the result the government desired.

Gardening activities are again in full swing, and members of the Boy Scouts of America are lending substantial aid under the slogan "Every Scout to Feed a Soldier." Their untiring energy and patriotic service in this regard are a big factor in helping Uncle Sam and his allies to win the war. What the results will be from this season's activities are of course yet to be determined, but the indications are that the contributions from scouts to food production and conservation will be enormous.

The secretary of the treasury, because of the efficiency of the scouts in the Liberty loan campaign, authorized the issuance of 15,000,000 special Boy Scouts of America red post cards, so that the scouts could make an effective all-year canvass through the co-operation of postmasters and mail carriers all over the country without the risk and responsibility of handling money. The results already produced are marvelous, and are growing in volume every day.

INJURED SOLDIER A SCOUT.

This letter has come to St. Louis boy scout headquarters from a former scoutmaster, George Farrand Taylor, now an American chaplain in the General hospital, France:

"There is in the hospital here an English soldier of the name of Tom Bradshaw, a remarkably handsome boy who has just celebrated his twenty-first birthday here in the hospital. If you could see him as he lies under the sheets, you would think he was having the time of his life.

"He has the most radiant smile I think I have ever seen, but if you pull back the clothes, your first discovery would be that he had lost a thumb and the fourth finger. If you were to pull them back further yet, you would discover that his right leg was gone, and if you went still further you would find his left foot shot through the instep to the other side and swollen abnormally. To wear a smile under these circumstances is something heroic, is it not?"

"At the entrance to the operating room his girl was waiting to see what was going to happen to him. I said to him: 'Tom, keep up that spirit, and it is going to win out for you.' He replied: 'Chaplain, do you know where I got this disposition? It was when I was a boy scout. Our rule was always to keep smiling and to whistle. I had that tramping, sir, when I was a boy, and it stuck by me, and I know it always will.'

"If that scout rule can make a character which caused the admiration of our doctors here, and the nurses, why I am sure that it is perhaps one of the most important, when interpreted by Tom Bradshaw, that there can be."

SCOUTS TAB CANNON BALLS.

Fifteen thousand dollars' worth of old cannon balls, which have been used for decorative purposes at the Presidio in San Francisco for many years, are to be utilized by the government in the manufacture of new ordnance.

Seventy boy scouts made an inventory of the cannon balls, which adorn the edges of the lawns and roadways in the military reservation.

After two hours' work, under the supervision of regular army officers, the boy scouts counted 5,800 of the old cannon balls.

The cannon balls will bring \$50 a ton as scrap iron. It is believed the government can find use for the old ammunition which will make its value still higher.

San Francisco boy scouts are now being utilized for many different war activities by the government. The boys have cheerfully responded to every demand made on their time and labors, and are clamoring for more work to "down the Big Pirate."

GOOD TURNS BY SCOUTS.

Freshmen were met at all incoming trains by scouts in Ann Arbor and given proper direction.

The odd jobs and the difficult tasks in a town naturally fall to the scouts. In Grand Rapids, Mich., the scouts carried sewing machines to the different homes where Red Cross meetings were being held.

Scouts in Johnstown, Pa., built a mailbox wheel for the convenience of the local mailman. It had about ten boxes on it.