

# STATE AID WANTED BY 31 COUNTIES

APPLICATIONS COMING IN TO STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AT A RAPID RATE.

## CALAMITY HOWLERS QUASHED

Many Counties Will Probably Have to Wait Until Next Year Before Apportionment is Available.

Applications for federal and state aid in building highways have been received from 31 different counties by Mr. W. S. Fallis, chief engineer of the state highway commission.

Calamity howlers to the contrary, all appearances are that the new highway commission will have all it can handle for two or three years at least. The requests for federal aid are not all complete, many not stating the mileage of roads wanted, but since the limit of construction this year will be about \$5,000,000 worth of roads, many counties will probably have to wait until next year.

The applications have been filed in the order received.

The complete list of counties which have made application, and the order in which they are on file with the state highway commission, follows: Montgomery, Beaufort, Mitchell, New Hanover, Sampson, Watauga, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Swain, Guilford, Johnston, Macon, Durham, Martin, Wayne, Brunswick, Surry, Hyde, Yadkin, Transylvania, Buncombe, Wake, Haywood, McDowell, Henderson, Chowan, Burke, Avery, Carteret, Ashe.

### Extension of Health Work.

Continuation of health work after the men of the United States Public Health Service are removed was the subject of a conference between Dr. B. E. Washburn of the International Health Board, Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, Dr. K. E. Miller and Dr. A. R. Sweeney, the last two being of the Public Health Service.

Dr. Miller has been working at Tarboro, loaned to the State Board of Health by the Public Health Service, and is now leaving that post, his successor having been appointed. Dr. Burdett Robertson, who originally was from Yancey county, who has been doing health work in Alabama, takes his place. Dr. Sweeney is posted at Fayetteville in a position similar to that of Dr. Waller here in Raleigh. Like Dr. Waller, he will be relieved July 1. The local authorities there, however, want to keep up the work started, and that was the subject for this conference.

Twelve counties have been organized thus far on the standard plans of the state board of health. This calls for a \$6,000 budget, \$3,000 from the county in which the work is done, \$1,500 from the State Board of Health and a like amount from the Public Health Service.

### Ware the Wily Bear.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham is warning North Carolina cotton growers against what is reported to be a movement throughout the cotton belt by dealers to get the advantage of growers in market price of cotton through a scheme to advance money on cotton. The dealers offer to take cotton from growers and advance \$100 a bale and sell by May 1. The dealers have \$5 commission a bale when the transaction is closed. It is claimed that this scheme enables bears in cotton prices to supply demands, and defeats the real purpose of cotton holding to advance market prices.

### Women After Clerkship.

With the authorization by the General Assembly of another clerk for the office of state auditor, the women of North Carolina are getting interested to the point of insisting that a woman should be appointed to the place. The position carries with it a salary of \$1,800 annually.

### Old State Bonds Redeemed.

State Treasurer Lacy and his assistants began a tremendous job of paying out \$2,720,000 in redeeming old six per cent North Carolina bonds.

Instead of floating another bond issue now to take up the old issue, Treasurer Lacy is taking them up with spot cash which was borrowed. Later, when the bond market becomes more settled a four per cent issue will be floated to take care of the loan. The bonds were issued about 32 years ago to pay for the construction of the North Carolina railroad.

### Some New Enterprises.

Two new charters of corporations were filed with the secretary of state. Details of the charters follow:

Bryson City Service company, Bryson City, garage; authorized capital \$10,000, subscribed \$250; duration unlimited; R. P. Abbott, Alma Wheeler, J. E. Coburn, W. M. Hughes, all of Bryson City, incorporators. Edenton Hosiery Mills, Inc., Edenton, authorized capital \$125,000; subscribed \$250; duration unlimited; C. B. Webb, W. L. Harnell, R. W. Leary, all of Edenton, incorporators.

### Cities Unite in Suit.

The 10 cities of North Carolina, including Raleigh, that have united in a suit before the interstate commerce commission, for relief from alleged freight rate discriminations, and employed J. H. Fishplate, of Washington, formerly assistant secretary of the interstate commerce commission, as special counsel, are to have representatives here April 3 for a conference with Mr. Fishplate. The members of the corporation commission are invited to take part in the conference in preparation for vigorous prosecution of the suit. The 10 shipping points interested in this suit include Greensboro, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Durham and others of this central and eastern section of the state. The principles involved are much the same as in the suit the corporation commission is prosecuting on behalf of the entire state.

### University Wins Estate.

Based on the construction that the testator has no legal heirs other than the University of North Carolina, which, under the law of the state comes in possession of all property for which there are not shown to be other legal heirs in the winding up of estates of deceased citizens, the State University wins in the supreme court in the fight for the \$50,000 estate of the late Haywood Bizzell, of Wayne county. The property, under the will was left to the wife during her life and then to legal heirs. It was admitted in evidence that circumstances of birth out of wedlock, and death without children left the deceased without the "legal heirs" specified. Mack and Frank McCullen sued for the estate, and then the court below directed that the State University be made a party to the suit.

In the trial below, Judge Daniels held that the McCullens were the rightful inheritors of the estate, but the supreme court reverses the lower court.

### To Gather Crop Data.

As a result of the success attending the efforts last year of the boards of county commissioners of this state to provide the bureau of crop estimates, department of agriculture, with statistics regarding the acreage and yields of North Carolina fields, Frank Parker, state field agent of this bureau, has called upon all such boards to provide again this year for the making of such reports.

In his letter to the boards of the State, Mr. Parker said 80 counties last year creditably reported on almost half of the farmed area of the state. This indicates a progressive spirit equal to our renowned western states. We, like they, have learned that these figures tell a definite story. These facts are the foundation for progress and prosperity, as well as our best evidence to outsiders of this being a land of unrealized opportunities.

### North Carolina Casualties.

Casualties among North Carolina troops overseas, as recently made public by the War Department at Washington are as follows:

Killed in action—Lieut. Wm. Bacon, Ahoskie; Privates W. R. Matthews, Kipling; H. E. Snell, Harrisburg; Sergt. Jacob Woodard, Wilson; Private H. J. Jackson, Washington.

Died of Wounds—Private Martin A. Jackson, Dunn.

Died of Disease—Privates C. W. Hartsell, Allen; John Johnson, Buies Creek; J. Walston, Speed; C. Jones, Wadesboro; Laurence Bess, Lowell; Chauffeur Robt. S. Piercy, Andrews.

Died of Accident—T. M. Gregory, Shiloh.

Returned to Duty—Private Marion Godwin, Selma, previously reported dead.

Severely Wounded—Privates J. H. Robbins, Forest City; F. E. Sorrels, Willrite; D. D. Williams, Wadesboro.

Slightly Wounded—Corp. J. C. Collins, Salisbury; Privates Burton Lewis, High Point; Eddie Bullock, Fair Bluff; Frank Smith, Rocky Mount; Alfred Day, Valle Crucis; Dallas C. McRae, Unionville.

### More Work for Weather Bureau.

The "day-light saving plan," with its moving forward of the hands of the clock, has added to the duties of the weather bureau observers. Until the hands of the clock are turned back the observers will be required to make five observations each day.

### Red Circle Club Work.

Mr. Ossian Lang, local organizer of War Camp Community Service, returned from a four-day trip to Winston-Salem, where he has been organizing a new branch. He reports complete success.

Since the demobilization has started every town has practically become a war camp center, and so, until the assimilation is complete, each one must have a branch of War Camp Community Service. When the men have all returned to civil life, the task of the Red Circle will be finished.

### Highway Commission to Meet.

Governor Bickett has requested State Highway Commissioner Frank Page, of Aberdeen, not to call the new commission together for organization until April 3, according to announcement from the office of the governor.

The new commission which will be sworn in and which will begin its active administration of highway matters in North Carolina on April 3 is composed of Chairman Frank Page, of Aberdeen; J. H. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem; J. G. Stikeleather, of Asheville, and J. E. Cameron, of Kinston.

# TWIN CITY MAKING PLANS TO EXPAND

EMPLOY EXPERT TO WORK OUT MANY PERPLEXING PUZZLES CONNECTED WITH WORK.

## RECORD TOBACCO SALES MADE

Palestine Restoration Fund Campaign Was Great Success: Allotment Was Oversubscribed First Day.

Winston-Salem.—The Palestine restoration fund campaign which was put on here under the auspices of Jewish citizens, is proving a success. The amount allotted to Winston-Salem was \$1,000 and more than this amount was secured the first day of the canvass.

The committee named some time ago, representing the board of trade and Rotary club, has decided to employ Morris Knowles, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Penn., to work out a plan of the future growth of the city, including not only its physical development, but expert advice on the handling of present perplexing problems as well as suggestion for meeting problems which the city must face in the future, correcting errors in the laying off of the city, suggestions for future extension and tentative engineering plans, problems of sanitation, water and sewer systems, suggestion as to the handling of traffic, etc., will be included in the completed work of the planner. A committee representing Winston-Salem, South Side, and Waughton has been appointed to work out a plan for the annexation of the two latter suburbs with this city. It is thought that the proposition will be carried, if an election is held in South Side and Waughton territory.

During the month of March, Winston-Salem paid into the U. S. treasury over six and a quarter million dollars, most of this being from the sale of tobacco stamps. The tobacco season closed here and the sale of last the past year totaled nearly 41,000,000 pounds, this being a record breaker for the local market.

### Union's Community Clubs.

Monroe.—The Union schoolhouse in Sandy Ridge township has the honor of having the first Community club in Union county. It was organized by County Agent T. J. W. Broom and Home Demonstration Agent Blanche Cartee. About 30 members were enrolled. The club will have monthly meetings and will discuss questions of interest to the people of the community. A playground will be provided for the children. Those meetings will serve to promote a better spirit of co-operation among the people, as well as furnish social diversion. A home demonstration club was also organized by Mrs. Carter. Community clubs will be organized in each of the nine townships of the county.

### Boy Burned to Death.

Asheville.—Gus Chandler, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chandler, of Yancey, was burned to death here when a part of the barn and livery stable was set on fire by an employe of the barn, who attempted to build a fire in a small wood stove with gasoline. The fire was discovered by Wesley Elkins, who was sleeping in a small room with the boy. He rushed down a narrow stairs to call the fire department and forgot to call the lad. When he remembered his companion it was impossible to reach him due to the heavy flame sheets which enveloped the room.

### Returns from Bulgaria.

Davidson.—Patrick Johnston, representative of the American Tobacco Company at Samsun, Turkey reached home this week after a long and eventful experience in Europe. He was held up and detained in Sofia, Bulgaria, for many months during the war and then, after reaching London was taken sick with influenza followed by a serious attack of pneumonia. Among others here to welcome him this week is his brother, Richard Johnston, of the Norfolk bar.

### Training School Closes.

Trinity College.—Trinity College in co-operation with the Methodist churches of this city has just held a very successful training school for Sunday school workers. While the school was held at the college and the greater part of its faculty either furnished or secured by the college authorities, it was under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday School Council of Durham and extended its benefits not only to the Sunday school workers of the Methodist church but also to many of other denominations.

### Sale of Land Sites.

Aberdeen.—The sale of a valuable tract of land, the old Tar Heel lumber mill site lots in the center of town makes available developments of more than local interest.

Sites for the tobacco warehouses were purchased, the companies organized and buildings will be commenced at once. Aberdeen sold almost half a million pounds of tobacco last season and two warehouses will be necessary to take care of the sales of the crop that will be planted. There was a shortage of plants last year.

# CLEAN-UP AT ALBEMARLE

City is Expected to Present Much Cleaner Appearance Than at Present Before April 7th.

Albemarle.—The Woman's Club has started a move to clean up Albemarle during next week. At a recent meeting of the club the civic department named a committee to plan the work. This committee at once proceeded to arrange for a thorough organization of the forces among the ladies of the club. Already this committee has waited upon a large number of property owners and served notice that their property will be expected to take on a cleaner appearance on or before April 7.

The city is at present presenting a very ugly appearance, in fact so much so that B. A. Foreman, a prominent Albemarle business man, suggested some time ago that a "pigery" on the vacant lot just back of the Trust building would be a paying proposition, that it would not make its appearance any more disagreeable, but in fact would improve its appearance and that ample waste could be obtained right on the grounds to keep up a first class "pigery."

### Little Girl Loses Foot.

Newton.—Annie, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carpenter, who lives about two miles from this city, met with a distressing accident at her father's farm. Her brother, Fred Carpenter, was in a field cutting cotton stalks and his little sister was walking behind the mower. In some way she lost her balance and stepped in front of the machine. One of her legs was cut entirely off just above the ankle joint.

### Runaways Are Located.

Fayetteville.—John Robert Tomlinson and Thomas Jordan, the two Fayetteville boys, 13 and 15 years of age respectively, who have been missing from home since March 10, were located at a lumber mill at Pineview by W. H. Tomlinson, father of the Tomlinson lad. Mr. Tomlinson was in Spout Springs in his quest for the youthful adventurers when he was informed by the woman proprietor of the general store that two boys of their description had been there and were employed at the saw mill, six miles distant. Mr. Tomlinson could not secure a car in the community to bridge the six miles that separated him from his son, so he came back to Fayetteville on the afternoon train and made the trip back by motor at night, bringing his boy home the next day.

### Suffers Loss of Leg.

Winston-Salem.—Gilbert Petree, who went to China two years ago to teach the natives how to grow tobacco, met with a serious accident a few days ago, according to a cablegram received by his parents. The message states that young Petree was riding in one of the narrow streets in a town in a buggy which came in contact with another vehicle, throwing him out. In falling a pistol, which he carried in his pocket, fired, the ball taking effect in one hip, inflicting a wound which necessitated an amputation of one leg.

### Many Insurance Agents.

Besides being intensely pleased with the success of "Clean Up Week," which came to a close, the state insurance department is just completing the issuance of license to about 17,000 insurance agents in North Carolina. The job has been a tremendous one and the force in Commissioner Young's office has been putting in many extra hours of work getting it done.

These 17,000 insurance agents in North Carolina represent 417 different companies doing business in the state. These are all under the wing of the insurance commissioner in addition to 166 building and loan associations.

Of the 417 companies operating, 104 are stock fire insurance companies, 5 are re-insurance companies, 14 are underwriters, 40 are mutual companies, 57 are life, 15 are reciprocal, 8 are assessment and 40 are miscellaneous, including surety, fidelity, burglary and theft companies. Sixty are fraternal organizations and 22 are trust and investment companies in which are included the concerns operating under the "Blue Sky" law.

### Secretary Lane to Speak.

Chapel Hill.—Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, and member of President Wilson's cabinet since 1913, will deliver the annual commencement day address at the University of North Carolina on June 18. The visit of the distinguished cabinet member especially at this time promises to make the occasion one of momentous importance to North Carolinians, and will incidentally mark the fourth university commencement address by cabinet members within the past four years.

### Elections at Davidson.

Davidson.—Recent elections in the student body have resulted as follows: D. W. Roberts, editor-in-chief of The Davidsonian for the coming year, with C. J. Matthews as business manager. L. L. McAllister will have charge of circulation.

D. M. Chalmers, of Charlotte, has been chosen as president of the Y. M. C. A. for next session; D. W. Roberts, vice president; A. L. Currie, secretary, and J. C. McCaskill, treasurer. The new officers enter upon their duties about April 1.

# IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR APRIL 13

### CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

LESSON TEXTS—John 1:35-51; Matthew 20:27, 28; John 3:16; Romans 8:31, 32. GOLDEN TEXT—God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16. PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus our friend and savior. JUNIOR TOPIC—What Jesus does for us. INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Our Lord and savior.

#### 1. Who Jesus Is (John 1:35-51).

It is absolutely indispensable that every pupil regardless of age should know clearly who Jesus is and what he came into the world for. It should be the ardent desire of every teacher to make so clear the person and work of Christ that the pupils may accept him as their Saviour. Nothing short of his deity and vicarious atonement will avail for salvation. What he is set forth to be is through personal testimony. For the most part that which he was found to be is through personal investigation.

1. The Lamb of God (v. 36). John testified that he is the Lamb of God—the world's sin bearer. The word used and the idea conveyed carry us back to Isaiah 53 and forward to Jesus on the cross, bearing our sins in his own body. Christ had been definitely pointed out to John by the Holy Spirit (vv. 33, 34).

2. The Messiah (v. 41). At the invitation of Jesus, the disciples went and abode with him for a day. As a result of that day with Jesus they testified that he is the Messiah. He is that one whom God had anointed to be the Saviour of men.

3. The Son of God (v. 49). Nathanael was interested through the testimony of a friend. Phillip told him that he had found Jesus of Nazareth, of whom Moses had written. He knew that Nazareth was not the birthplace of the Messiah, therefore he inquired: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" At the invitation of Phillip he made a personal investigation. As a result, he testified that Jesus was the Son of God, the King of Israel.

4. The Son of Man (v. 51). This is Christ's own testimony. It shows that he is the Messiah who, according to Daniel's prediction (Dan. 7:13), would appear in divine glory and establish a universal and eternal kingdom. In this testimony of Jesus is foreshadowed the union of man and God, and through him the establishment of a medium of communication between earth and heaven. This is the reality of Jacob's vision at Bethel (Gen. 28:12).

11. His Mission in the World (Matt. 20:27, 28; John 3:16).

He came to give his life a ransom for many. The world was lost in sin—about to perish. Christ voluntarily gave his life—died instead of the sinner.

1. The world is dying like the Israelites, because bitten by the serpent of sin.

2. Christ, like the brazen serpent, has been lifted up upon the cross as the remedy for sin (John 3:14, 15).

3. As the Israelites must look up to the uplifted serpent, so those who would be saved must believe on Jesus Christ (John 3:16). While looking by faith to the crucified Christ saves from the death-sting of the serpent, a neglect or refusal to believe on him means to perish.

4. This provision was made by God. It emanated from his love (John 3:16). "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son."

111. What He Gives (Rom. 8:31, 32). God gave his Son to save a dying world. Those who accept his Son have God on their side. He that spared his Son will freely give all things to those who receive him. He even makes all things work together for good to them who love him (Rom. 8:28).

### Obedience Required.

The Bible rings with one long demand for obedience. The key word of the book of Deuteronomy is "Observe and do." The burden of our Lord's farewell discourse is, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." We must not question or reply or excuse ourselves. We must not pick and choose our way. We must not think that obedience in one direction will compensate for disobedience in some other particular. God gives one command at a time; if we obey this he will flood our soul with blessing and lead us forward into new paths and pastures. But if we refuse we shall remain stagnant and water logged, make no progress in Christian experience, and lack both power and joy.—F. B. Meyer.

### Geranium Hint.

Geraniums in window gardens will bloom better if the roots are permitted to become somewhat potbound and the soil is not kept too wet.

### A Hold-Up.

Willie (with mouse in trap)—I say, auntie, give us a quarter or I'll let it loose.—Boston Transcript.

### And It Never Does!

An optimist is a person who doesn't know what's coming to him and hopes it doesn't.—Cartoons Magazine.

# PROMISE OF QUICK ACTION IS GIVEN

PRACTICALLY ALL OBSTACLES TO AGREEMENT ON TREATY HAVE BEEN OVERCOME.

## PRESIDENT IS A SICK MAN

Utmost Care is Necessary to Prevent What is Now a Bad Cold From Becoming Something Worse.

Paris.—Reassuring news from President Wilson's bedside was sent to the peace delegates, although the news indicated that the President's condition was such as to make it advisable that he remain in his room.

Study of the case has caused Rear Admiral Grayson, the President's physician, to reach the conclusion that the President is not suffering from influenza, but that the severity of the cold is such the patient will require careful watching.

The illness of President Wilson has caused numerous wild rumors to circulate in the city, and not even the delegates themselves are immune. Colonel House had heard that the president was really down with a case of influenza but Rear Admiral Grayson personally assured both him and the premiers that Mr. Wilson more than had a bad cold. He warned them, however, that the utmost care must be exercised to prevent it from getting worse.

Informally the proceedings of the council were related to the president. King Albert of Belgium, who presented his country's case to the council made an excellent impression, but it is understood to have been given no promises. The Czecho-Slovak question was again discussed as was reparations.

The opinion was expressed by a responsible British authority that the peace treaty would be ready for signing at a very early date.

### "IF BELGIUM IS TO LIVE THE COUNCIL MUST ACT"

Paris.—Belgium's case has been laid before the peace conference by the most distinguished advocate Belgium could have chosen. King Albert has been in Paris for the past three days and in numerous conferences with the representatives of the great powers he has outlined the needs of his country and told of the steps that must be taken immediately if Belgium is to be restored.

A member of the Belgian peace delegation told the Associated Press today that, shorn of all its diplomatic niceties, what King Albert told the council, might be summarized thus:

"The time of promises has passed. If Belgium is to live, the council must act."

The Associated Press is able to state that three questions of vital immediate importance to the reestablishment of Belgium, financially, economically and politically, were discussed. The first question was the immediate advance to Belgium of about ten billion francs, the second, the exportation to Belgium from England and the United States of raw materials and he third the cession of Belgium of the left bank of the L'Escaut river and the Lemberg peninsula.

### NORTH CAROLINA WANTS HER OWN REGIMENTS TO PARADE

Columbia, S. C.—Approval was expressed by officers and men of the 119th infantry, formerly a North Carolina national guard regiment, when it was learned here that a movement had been started at Charlotte to have the regiment parade in some North Carolina city before being mustered out, so that the people of the state can see their heroes of the Hindenburg battle in line of march. Gratification was expressed that Charlotte had sent a committee to Washington to try to arrange the matter with the war department.

### BRIGADIER GENERAL FAISON COMMANDER AT CAMP JACKSON

Columbia, S. C.—Brig. Gen. Samson L. Faison, commander of the famous Sixtieth brigade of the Thirtieth division, and acting commander of the Thirtieth division since General Lewis was ordered to general headquarters, has been designated as commander of Camp Jackson, according to announcement made here.

The doughty Tar Heel, who made a splendid record in France, has arrived here from Charleston.

### ALLIED ARMY IN RUSSIA IN PERILOUS POSITION!

Paris.—The situation in the Archangel region in northern Russia, has been forcibly brought to the attention of the peace conference by the publication in Paris of the British statement that the troops in the Murmansk and Archangel districts were in danger of extermination unless they were speedily reinforced. Brigadier General W. F. Richardson, U. S. A., is on his way to take command of the American forces in North Russia.