

INTERESTING TO GOOD ROADS MEN

SAVINGS OF \$200 PER MILE TO THE STATE AND COUNTIES THROUGH LOWER RATES.

REDUCTION 10 CENTS A TON

Copy of State Highway Act is Mailed to Boards of Commissioners of Every County in State.

Saving of about \$200 a mile on federal aid roads will be made under the new wrangling of the director general of railroads, lowering the rates on construction materials, State Highway Engineer W. S. Fallis stated.

The greatest saving will be made on the hauling of rock, but there will also be savings on shipments of cement and sand, said Mr. Fallis. The new order reduces all rates of over 40 cents a ton ten cents each, without regard to the length of the haul. When the tariff is below 40 cents the original rate applies.

Since the government would normally pay the freight on materials for federal aid roads, the theory is that the government makes the saving. A request for the reduction was made some time ago by the North Carolina Good Roads Association.

Copies of the State Highway law were mailed to each of the boards of county commissioners in the State. The pamphlet contains three acts, one regarding the creation of the highway commission, one on maintenance by counties, and the third on the subject of State aid in road building.

The maintenance law is especially important from the highway commission point of view, because it makes it mandatory that the counties issuing road bonds tax themselves for the upkeep of roads so built. The county commissioners are warned not to fail to put this tax in their budgets for the coming year.

Gov. Bickett Chairman.

Lieut. Linton S. James, manager of the Salvation Army home service campaign in the Raleigh zone, announced that Governor Bickett had accepted the chairmanship of the Raleigh district, composed of Wake and adjoining counties.

The amount to be raised in the Raleigh zone is \$32,000. The campaign opens May 19 and lasts a week. The counties comprising the zone are Wake, Franklin, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton, Wilson, Johnston, Harnett, Wayne, Cumberland, Lee, Chatham and Warren.

Represents Foreign Legion.

R. W. Glenn, temporary State committee man, has appointed Maj. Chas. N. Hulvey, military instructor at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, temporary State secretary of the Foreign Legion. The call for the St. Louis convention to be held May 1 has been issued. Any soldiers or sailors interested in the American Legion may secure full information from Major Hulvey.

The convention at St. Louis is for the purpose of organizing an association of all soldiers and sailors of the late war into a non-partisan, non-political association on May 1.

The basis of representation is the convention system and the number of delegates is limited to twice the number of representatives in the U. S. Congress.

Blockade Liquor Seized.

Seven gallons of blockade whiskey were found by revenue officers in a tobacco barn near the home of Walter Nowell in Mark's Creek township. Three fermenters were seized at Nowell's house. The officers searched for a still but found only marks where one had been set up. Miley Pepper, plowing in the field near the barn, left horse and plow for other parts when he saw the officers. Deputy Collectors E. G. Richardson, H. G. Gulley, N. E. Raines, Joe Hutchins and Deputy Marshal J. P. Stell made the raid.

Gas Fails to Burn.

The fact that the government shipment of special gas for the flying machines used in the "circus in the air" failed to arrive and that the local gas could not be used satisfactorily necessitated cutting short the Victory bond demonstration here. Eight planes with interesting manipulations for an hour but there was no attempt at a sham battle in the air schedule and the German plane that came out and did some extra fast flying, went bad, in that the engine missed alarmingly.

Time for Returns Extended.

The collector of internal revenue here has received instructions from the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington, D. C., granting to all corporations which filed tentative returns on Form 1031 T an extension of time in which to file their final returns until June 15th. However, interest must be paid at the rate of 1/2 of 1 per cent per month on deferred payments and an amount equal to one-half of the total tax must be paid by June 15th. No extension of time is granted to individuals.

Highway Commission Divides.

The state highway commission has definitely divided the state into the four districts for highway construction and maintenance, one of the four commissioners to be personally in charge of each of the districts designated. Under the adjustment, Chairman Page has oversight of 25 counties; J. E. Cameron, 25 counties; James Norfleet, 25 counties, and J. G. Stikeleather, 25 counties and the counties assigned to each being grouped around the resident county of the commissioner given oversight. From now until the next conference of the commission in Raleigh April 21, the individual commissioners will devote their time to visitations to the various counties in their districts for conference with the commissioners and other county road authorities, the inspection of the county road projects and the like. The past few days special committees have visited Raleigh from Wayne and Jones counties, to further their applications for steps to be taken for securing federal aid for projects of road construction in these counties.

Tobacco Sales for Month.

Leaf tobacco sales for last month as reported to Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, total, 3,484,402 pounds, against 1,265,305 for March, 1918, an increase of 2,218,797 pounds.

First hand sales total 2,863,468 pounds; dealers, 268,443; resold, 352,491. The reports by towns, showing total sales, follow:

Burlington, 20,291; Durham, 150,250; Greensboro, 8,570; Greenville, 50,288; Henderson, 3,990; LaGrange, 3,990; Leaksville, 20,012; Louisburg, 73,757; Mt. Airy, 113,909; Mebane, 45,800; Oxford, 180,366; Reidsville, 245,056; Roxboro, 161,330; Rocky Mount, 692,463; Stoneville, 13,425; Washington, 21,092; Wendell, 20,550; Wilson, 320,578; Winston-Salem, 1,287,132; Youngsville, 39,049.

North Carolina Casualties.

Casualties among North Carolina troops overseas recently reported by the war department, are as follows:

Died of wounds—Privates Jas. A. Cook, Winston-Salem; H. C. Huffman, Reepsville.

Died of disease—Privates David William, Bolivia; P. S. Wilson, Morganton; H. L. Martin, Harris; G. W. Rhyne, Castoria.

Slightly wounded—Sergt. M. Pickett, Mineapolis; Privates E. R. Gaither, Lenoir; Vivian L. Vail, High Point; Jno. L. Meekins, Sumy; N. B. Thompson, Jackson Springs; J. S. Rimer, Concord; Sergt. Jas. E. Graham, China Grove.

Total casualties, 273,105.

Ask President to Resign.

Petitioning for his resignation, five hundred students of State College last night signed a round robin addressed to President W. C. Riddick, and if the head of this institution declines the request of the students, they have indicated that the matter will be taken to the board of trustees.

The request of the student body for the removal of President Riddick follows a wave of dissatisfaction among the agricultural students. President Riddick, according to the students, had indicated to members of the faculty that he proposed to curtail the agricultural course and extend the engineering department of the college. This plan would have cut out three professorships.

Governor Pays Tribute.

Governor Bickett paid high tribute to the late Capt. B. F. Dixon in a memorial service in Epworth Methodist church, when he presented a portrait of Captain Dixon, who fell on the battlefield in France while gallantly leading his company of the 120th infantry in a charge upon the enemy and who pressed on with his men, urging them forward in spite of wounds in the arm and leg received before the mortal wound befell him, his last words being, "Go on, boys, I am with you."

Labor Unions Interested.

The Raleigh labor unions are attempting to have a say in the recent tangle in Rex hospital management here that caused the student nurses to quit their posts, alleging unfair treatment and inadequate fare, and which brought about a sharp dismissal of all the nurses and the summoning of nurses from the city and neighboring towns to take their places. The Raleigh physicians have sustained the course of the trustees of the hospital.

Make Return By May 15.

Organizations and individuals generally are advised by Collector of Internal Revenue J. W. Bailey to under score their calendars May 15, the last day for the filing of returns of information, giving the names and addresses of all individuals to whom payments of salaries, wages, rents, interest, commissions and other gains, profits and income of \$1,000 or more were paid during the year 1918. An extension of time from March 15 to May 11 was granted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for filing of returns.

No Bonus for Deserters.

Sharp protests are coming to Governor Bickett and others against the policy of the war department in allowing the full pay and \$75 bonus to discharged men of the army who were really deserters and were convicted and sentenced and then served their sentences for desertion, having been given later honorable discharge. The protests are especially from the localities where desertion was a source of special trouble and chagrin for the patriotic and law abiding elements of the people.

LENOIR LEADS ALL OTHER COUNTIES

BOND ISSUE OF \$2,000,000 IS VOTED BY LARGE MAJORITY FOR GOOD HIGHWAYS.

TO PAVE ALL THE MAIN ROADS

Organizations in Nearly Every Section Worked Strenuously to Put the Issue "Over the Top."

Kinston.—Lenoir county, with a population not exceeding 30,000 and taxable property not in excess of \$15,000,000, assumed the leadership of the 100 counties in North Carolina in the matter of road construction. By an estimated vote of four to one it voted a \$2,000,000 bond issue for the improvement of its highways. Every main road in the county and some of the lesser ones will be paved, the materials to be used to be determined during the next few weeks by a commission of three to be chosen by 27 electors chosen at the polls.

For days the "pros" had claimed a victory, and soon after the polls opened their optimism increased. Organizations in nearly every neighborhood worked strenuously to put the issue over the top, taking no chance with the anti-element as in a school bond election last year when the advocates of bonds thought they had the victory "sewed up," to be sadly disappointed when the results came in.

Farmers in some townships supported the proposition more enthusiastically than any ever put before them.

Against Dam Building.

Spencer.—Farmers residing along the Yadkin river near Spencer, on both the Rowan and Davidson side of the stream, have become greatly aroused over the probability of a large amount of rich bottom lands being inundated as a result of a large dam to be erected below town. It is stated that the proposed dam will back water from 10 to 15 feet deep for something like 15 miles up the river. It is said this will cover most of the valuable bottom lands, back up tributary streams, requiring ferries to cross what are now small creeks, cover bridges, damage property and it is claimed will endanger the health of the citizens of Spencer by closing the sewer outfalls and render the whole section of the country unhealthy.

An organization composed of more than 100 farmers in Rowan and Davidson has been organized and counsel employed to stop the erection of the dam if possible. This organization is headed by Mr. Phillips, a well known Davidson farmer.

Socialist May Be Mayor.

Asheville.—The temporary home of more than 3,000 soldiers who are here to recover from the effects of the deadly gases of modern warfare, the residence of the first North Carolinian to fall fighting against Germany, holder of a creditable record for over-subscribing all important war drives, Asheville faces the probability of being governed during the next four years by a socialist. Henry J. Oliver, candidate for mayor, whose chances just now seem excellent, is no passive socialist and his favorable candidacy is the result of a unique situation in municipal politics. He is a successful merchant and investor with a strong personal following and a campaign management which seems just now to have the call on the other two candidates.

Arrest of Blockaders.

Wilmington.—Acting on a tip received by phone from Rocky Point, a station of the A. C. L. north of Wilmington, the police met a big Hudson car at the city gates and arrested a white man and two negroes seized 24 quarts of whiskey and confiscated the automobile which belongs to one of the negroes, and which will be sold at public auction. The white man was B. H. Nace, a shipyard worker and he is charged with having the whiskey, though he denies it is his.

Gift to College.

Greensboro.—At a meeting here of the trustees of the Greensboro College for Women, an institution under control of the western North Carolina Methodist conference, announcement was made that J. A. Odell, a retired merchant of this city, had made a gift of \$100,000 to the institution, the money to be expended in the erection of an auditorium and conservatory for the music department. Plans for the building will be prepared at once and construction begun early this summer.

Plans of Power Company.

Hendersonville.—At the request of Dr. Morse, chairman of the industries committee of the board of trade, John A. Law of Spartanburg, S. C., addressed a joint meeting of the industries committee and of the executive committee of the board of trade. The object of this meeting was to have the power companies representative place before the people of this county approximately what they intend to do and to express the company's attitude toward this city as a field for industrial development.

ARCH IN HONOR OF SOLDIERS

Contract Let for the Erection of a Triumphant Arch to Returning Soldiers of Catawba County.

Hickory.—The contract has been awarded to J. H. Elliott, a local builder, to erect a triumphal arch under which the soldiers of Catawba county will march during the celebration here the last of this month or the first of next, depending upon the time of arrival of the engineers. The jubilee will be in honor of soldiers and sailors, whether they went across or not, and will include all men who enlisted here. The time was fixed on the return of the local unit, it was thought that would bring more of the old boys back than any other occasion. The arch will be 14 feet wide, 38 feet long and 37 feet high, will be built of wood and concrete and is expected to withstand the elements for at least a year. It will stand across Federal street on the north side of the railroad tracks.

Stock Breeders Organizing.

Gastonia.—Mecklenburg County Farm Demonstrator Charles E. Miller spent a day in Gastonia conferring with Gaston county farmers regarding the organization of a Jersey Breeders' association. A party of Gaston breeders plan to go to Mecklenburg county in the near future to see herds of Jersey cattle which have been brought there by the Jersey Breeders' association of that county.

A meeting will be held in the near future by the breeders of Gaston county for the purpose of organizing an association and selecting the breed of cattle on which the members shall specialize. It was reported that quite a deal of sentiment exists among the breeders of the county in favor of the Jersey cattle.

Though the Mecklenburg County Jersey Breeders' association have had but two years in which to build up a strain of Jersey cattle, orders for cattle are coming frequently from all parts of North and South Carolina, County Farm Demonstrator Miller said. The breeders have no cattle for sale yet, but the orders indicate that next fall when they will have cattle to place on the market they will have a splendid market for the breed.

Held By Military Police.

Asheville.—George Hamilton, the man who was arrested here on charges of impersonating an English officer, is being held in a city hotel under a military guard. It is alleged that Hamilton left the English army without leave. The officers state that he has admitted that he wore the insignia of a second lieutenant when only an enlisted man. The authorities here have wired the British embassy at Washington and are holding the man until information can be secured. It is said that if Hamilton is not claimed as a British subject he will be held by American authorities for attempt to evade the draft.

Shot by Blockaders.

Smithfield.—Shooting of Deputy Sheriff J. Alf Wall, who now lies in a Raleigh hospital in a critical condition, by a band of blockaders, was one of the most dastardly crimes committed in Johnston county in many months. Deputy Wall and his posse were just in the act of surrounding a 125 gallon copper still and a small 15 gallon outfit.

Sheriff Wall evidently got in the light of the furnace, so that he could be seen, as the blockaders fired two shots, one of which took effect in his left side.

Ask For Cargo Ships.

Wilmington.—The South Atlantic Maritime corporation, composed of business interests in Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Brunswick and Jacksonville, has decided to send a strong delegation to Washington the 21st to ask for the Latin-American trade.

\$6,000 From Raleigh and Wake.

Raleigh.—Raleigh and Wake county will be asked to give \$6,000 toward the ten million dollar drive which the Salvation Army begins on May 19, and Lieut. Linton S. James, veteran of the Vosges and St. Mihiel, will have charge of the campaign in the thirteen counties for which Raleigh will be headquarters.

Play Was Somewhat Rough.

Charlotte.—When Connie McCain and Sam Thomas, negro youth, were arrested by Detectives C. W. Russell and Ed Pittman in consequence of an alleged affray between the two in which McCain sustained several slashes across the body with a knife, they claimed that they were playing. McCain is further alleged to have fired a shotgun at Thomas after having sustained the knife cuts. McCain made a dash for safety when the officers appeared on the scene, and was found under a pile of sacks.

CONQUEST OF THE AIR

AERIAL SERVICE FOR PASSENGERS, MAIL AND MERCHANDISE.

BIRDMEN MEET NEXT MONTH

Big Convention of Pan-American Aeronauts Will Stimulate Enlistments in the U. S. Air Service.

Atlantic City, New Jersey, will be the Mecca for a large gathering of American men, and representatives of foreign countries, who will be attracted by the first Pan-American Aeronautics Convention, which meets there in May.

Captain Charles J. Glidden, of the U. S. Air Service, Military Aeronautics, now stationed in the administrative department of the United States Flying School, Southerfield, Georgia, says:

"The Pan-American Aeronautics Convention and exhibition to be held at Atlantic City during the month of May will bring to the attention of American people the wonderful progress of aviation. The work of aircraft during the war establishes its practicability for commercial uses and insures the creation in this country of a complete aerial service, connecting all cities and towns for the transportation of persons, mail and merchandise.

"Before the close of 1920 I confidently predict this service will be in full operation, with extensions to all countries on this hemisphere. In the United States trunk lines will be established across the country which will place every city and town within six hours from some twenty-four distributing points. Once created and in operation our extensive coast line could be put under complete protection from any possible invasion. Thousands of college trained aviators in and out of the service are now waiting to join in the operation of an aerial service.

"The government calls for fifteen thousand men to enlist in air service for one or three years' time. This is bound to receive a quick response, as here is an opportunity for men to be immediately assigned to duty in the service and of the number who enlist those who pass certain examinations will be given flying and balloon pilot instruction. This liberal offer is equivalent to a one or three years' college course in aeronautics, and one may become expert in all branches of aviation, and if qualified a non-commissioned or even a commissioned officer. In addition to regular pay, clothing, quarters and rations, extra pay begins with instructions to operate the aircraft. As the number of men wanted is limited to fifteen thousand for the entire country, quick application to the nearest recruiting officer will be necessary before the privilege is withdrawn.

"Everybody directly and indirectly interested in aviation should attend the Atlantic City convention and exhibition in order to keep abreast with the times and become familiar with the development of aircraft for defense and commercial uses and witness the demonstrations of the world's greatest airplane aviators, who will fly, and balloon pilots sail to the Atlantic air port from all over the country."

THE FARMERS OF AMERICA STANDING WITH THE SOUTH

Denver.—Removal of government restriction on the marketing of the cotton crop and reduction in acreage planted to cotton were urged at the meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America in convention here. Speakers pointed out that a more diversified farming plan would aid in development of the South, which has been handicapped by confining farming operations to cotton.

A report by the committee on cotton and cotton products said:

"There have been more severe restrictions on cotton ever since the beginning of the war than on any other farm product. Even today there are restrictions on the trade with our allies.

"With these facts as a basis we feel justified in asking our government to make every effort to have these restrictions removed at the earliest possible moment."

The report also advocated reduction in the acreage of cotton, declaring that the South had been brought to industrial slavery by dependence upon one crop.

LOAN SHOULD BE ABSORBED BY SAVINGS OF THE PUBLIC

Washington.—Liberty Loan committee of the several reserve districts were urged by the treasury department to conduct their Victory Loan campaigns with a view to securing the largest possible proposition of subscriptions from private investors. The loan should be absorbed by the public and paid for out of the savings of the public, said a telegram to the committee. Resources of banking institutions should be left free.

ITALIAN ISSUE IS AT ACUTE STAGE

DECISION CANNOT LONGER BE DELAYED WHICH EITHER WAY IS FRAUGHT WITH PERIL.

THE ARMY BEHIND ORLANDO

Determination is Firm to Secure Italy Adequate Protection Along the Adriatic Coast.

Paris.—The Italian issue over the Adriatic has reached an acute stage where a decision one way or the other cannot longer be deferred, and a decision either way is fraught with serious consequences.

Despite the Easter calm, which brought vast crowds to the churches and boulevards, the council of ministers continued its sessions at the "white house." The Italian premier, Vittorio Orlando and the Italian foreign minister Baron Sonnino, were both present, and made it known that the opening of the Italian parliament had necessitated their leaving Paris with definite knowledge of what is going to be done.

Baron Sonnino continued to occupy the extreme position, insisting upon the integral fulfillment of the secret treaty of London, giving to Italy the entire Dalmatian coast and island and also claiming the city of Fiume without internationalization or division with the Jugo-Slavs.

Premier Orlando was rather more conciliating, though a telegram which he had received from the heads of the Italian army declared that the entire army was behind him in upholding Italy's aspirations.

President Wilson's position was said to be equally determined against any recognition of the secret treaty of London.

Reports of a compromise on the basis of the Italians getting the Italian quarters of Fiume and the Jugo Slavs getting their districts were not confirmed, as it was said that this was the plan put forward to the Italian, but not accepted. But early reports indicated that the session might be prolonged through the day in an effort to reach a middle ground.

AMERICAN DELEGATION DOES NOT FAVOR ALLIANCE IDEAS

The talk of the formation of an alliance to protect France from a high source in the American peace delegation that the United States will enter into no alliance which would be inconsistent with the spirit of the league of nations. President Wilson conferred with Premier Clemenceau but the nature of their talk was not disclosed.

Chaotic conditions still prevail in Munich, where the government troops are declared to have been augmented and a battle for supremacy to be an immediate prospect. Sporadic fighting is reported to be in progress in the Bavarian capital.

RECOGNITION OF MOROCCAN TITLE IS AWARDED FRANCE

Paris.—A subject which has been of great interest to the French is the fate of Morocco. In spite of all the clogging conditions of international control forced upon France as a result of the German blackmail method which led to the Algeiras convention, France, mainly through the magnificent administrative ability of General Lyauter, has more than made good her title, and of having her special position in Morocco recognized every way by the peace treaty.

The French government proposed to the meeting of the supreme council of the allies that all servitudes of international character, to which Morocco was subjected as the result of German action, be abolished and undertook to maintain full economic, industrial and commercial equality of the allied nations in Morocco.

This proposal was agreed to by the supreme council and the matter was referred to a special committee.

AMERICAN CASUALTIES ON ARCHANGEL FRONT ARE 52

Archangel.—Since landing on the Archangel front last September, the Americans have suffered 528 casualties. Of these 196 were fatalities. The losses of the Americans on the north Russian front during the past month have been extremely light—most of the recent fighting has been done either by newly formed Russian troops, who are campaigning bravely for the British.

GERMANY SENDS THREE ENVOYS TO VERSAILLES

Copenhagen.—Foreign Minister Count von Brinckdorf-Rantzau, of Germany, has announced that three envoys will be sent to Versailles authorized to receive the text of the peace preliminaries.