

WINNING FIGURES FOR MOTOR SALES

RD SHOWS INCREASE OF THROUGHOUT THE STATE DURING YEAR.

COST IS \$90,000,000

License Being Paid at the of \$10,000 to \$15,000 Every License Office Is Open.

Raleigh.

There are 13,000 more automobiles and trucks in the state as at the close of the year 1918-1919; nearly 300 more in automobiles and other motor vehicles, several hundred motorcycles, and the state has \$90,000,000 more from this single source of revenue to date than was received during the whole of last year.

That does not tell the complete story of North Carolina's motor cars for citizens of the state are buying new machines at about the rate of a thousand for every six days, about 160 to 170 new machines a week day. Based on the estimated average cost of \$348, the total cost of the automobiles in the state is more than \$90,000,000. The interest on investment is more than five million dollars annually, at 50 cents per day for gasoline, which probably will not cover the items and tire expense—the net upkeep of the motor driven cars of the state amounts to more than \$15,000,000 every year.

The secretary of the state has also turned over to the treasury for the highway commission the sum of \$10,000, and this is being added to the collection of from \$10,000 every six days the license fee is open.

Bales Cotton Ginned.

(Special).—According to a report compiled by Sam D. Webb, director of the bureau of commerce, department of commerce, North Carolina has ginned 354,635 bales of the 1919 cotton crop as compared to 297,910 bales for the 1918 crop.

Nomination of Representative.

Democrat, North Carolina, to the additional federal district judge western North Carolina was conducted by the senate.

Meeting National Guard.

Don Scott, of Graham, new commander of the infantry regiment of the national guard, authorized for North Carolina by the war department before an inspection of the various units and will continue until all cities in the units have been authorized to be visited. Col. Scott and the staff general are very much pleased with the progress that has been made by the state in getting the national guard whipped into shape. At the present time there are 500 enlistments.

Women Join Legion.

Post of the American legion headquarters to state headquarters that had secured their second woman member. The local post claims the honor of securing the first women members to the American legion in North Carolina. The two lady members of the Raleigh post are Misses Sarah A. Johnson and Maud L. Henderson, who were both members of the American nurse corps and saw actual service overseas.

Age President Dead.

(Special).—Dr. William Webb, 52 years old, president of the Mary Macon Woman's college at Lynchburg, Va., died here. Dr. Webb was in California for his health when the death of his wife, Lynchburg, Va., as a result of a dose of poison on October 17 brought to this state, the former home of the family. Dr. Webb was a native of Durham, N. C., and was educated at Vanderbilt.

Carolina Leads.

Latest reports received from the headquarters of the southern division of the American Red Cross show that half of the division's quota of the national fund of the Red Cross is subscribed. A pennant will be given in each of the states of the division to the county enrolling the most members in proportion to its population. Thomasville, N. C., is the county to date, having enrolled one-fifth of its population of 600, the work of enrollment not nearly completed.

Ants Win Place.

Governor Bickett's reconstruction commission has granted to the North Carolina club of the University of North Carolina an unofficial membership, and has allowed the club the privilege of placing one of its members on each of the committees. Members of the university, picked by the commission at all its meetings and hearings. This unofficial membership was granted by unanimous vote.

Give Aid to Cotton Association.

"Remember the horse that pulled the plow," is the injunction of Governor T. W. Bickett as he calls upon the people of the state to support the American Cotton Association which will put on a campaign for membership in North Carolina during the five days beginning November 10.

"The association has done a monumental service to all the people of the cotton states," says Governor Bickett in his proclamation given to the public this morning, "and it would be a tragic blunder to allow it to go into a decline."

The governor's proclamation follows in part:

"When folks are sick and all things go awry,

"God and the Doctor! is the cry.

"When folks are well, and all things are righted,

"God's forgot, and the Doctor slighted."

"These homely lines explain the apparent apathy of some of our people in regard to the American Cotton Association. When the association was formed the cotton market was desperately sick, and there was the wildest enthusiasm for the association. The condition of the market is tremendously improved; indeed, it is approaching robust strength, and there has been a consequent falling off of interest in the 'doctor.'

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Best Place for the Negro.

"The best place in the world for the negro is the farm," Governor T. W. Bickett told as many negroes as could crowd in hearing distance of the band stand at the State Fair Grounds where he delivered his address at the Negro State Fair.

The governor's address is an annual event at the negro fair just as it is for the white fair. There have been all sorts of precedents for speeches on such occasions, but the governor adhered to his strict rule of brevity, said a few words, expressed his kind feelings toward the negroes of the state, offered all the encouragement he could for the development of a higher citizenship, and then quit.

"Stay in a good humor" was the governor's parting injunction to the negro citizens.

"If you want to get along together," he said, "get in a good humor; live in love and fellowship with all your neighbors black and white; follow the example of the soldier and pack up your troubles in the old kit and smile, smile, smile."

Postoffice Safes Cracked.

Postoffice safes at St. Pauls, Robeson county, and Hope Mills, Cumberland county, were cracked by yegmen and government agents have sent out warnings to postmasters, garage owners, policemen, sheriff and other officers in eastern North Carolina to be on the lookout for these robbers.

Highway Tour Postponed.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Central Highway association held at Greensboro it was decided to postpone until May the tour over the highway. The committee found difficulty in getting the requisite number of cars pledged for the trip.

No More Hazing.

The sophomore class of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering here has pledged itself to abolish hazing at the college in consideration of the reinstatement of three sophomores who were dismissed two weeks ago for hazing following the hazing of the freshman son of Congressman R. A. Doughton of North Carolina.

No Suffragist Meeting Now.

On account of unexpected and pressing engagements of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt in the West, the convention of the North Carolina suffragists which which had been planned for November 17-18 in Greensboro, has been postponed until early in January, the precise date to be announced as soon as it is definitely learned when Mrs. Catt can be present. Two or three other suffragists of national reputation also will be present at the Greensboro convention.

Taking Prominent Part.

North Carolina physicians and public health officials will have a prominent place on the program of the Southern Medical association, which will meet in Asheville on November 10 to 14 inclusive. This is the first time that the southern association has met in a North Carolina city. It is expected that between 3,000 and 4,000 delegates will attend.

The opening address will be delivered by Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Jacksonville, who is chairman of the public health section.

Assessed \$125 Monthly.

Judge Guion made a ruling in the alimony and abandonment suit against Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, by his wife, Mrs. Sallie Clark Graham, to the effect that Mrs. Graham's allowance, pending a jury trial of the case, shall be \$125 per month.

The judge held that in view of the official salary of the commissioner and the damaged condition of his farm, the alimony modified to \$125 per month would be enough, being half of his salary of \$3,600.

Authentic Styles in Furs



Furs, like coats, have soared in price until the average mortal can only look at the more sumptuous wraps made of it and wonder that there is so much money in the world as they represent.

But these extraordinary prices have not decreased the demand. Furriers are unable to obtain skins that they could use for ready purchasers. Possibly the lack of transportation from some source of supply to the fur market is responsible for the shortage of pelts, or it may be that the demand advanced much more rapidly than the increase in fur-bearing animals. In this case good furs, high priced as they are, will prove a sensible investment.

Mink, seal and kolinsky are favorites for the longer capes and coats. Mole skin is liked for its softness and suppleness and is dyed into dark brown shades this season, and brown is so much admired that squirrel and fox are dyed also. Cape mantles and capes or cape-like coats insure the ample loose effects that are of all the most graceful and pleasing.

But the two fur garments in greatest demand just now are wide, straight scarfs and coatees. A diamond is a diamond and furs are furs, whether in large or small wraps. These scarfs

and coatees strike the note of luxurious warmth and richness that belongs to furs and give their wearers more service than garments that can only be worn in midwinter. There is almost no fur that may not be made into a beautiful scarf. For coatees, seal, dyed squirrel, mole, kolinsky, Persian lamb are used, with seal a favorite. This fur appears above in both the favorite garments, first in a long scarf with turban to match. These matched sets are to be credited with adding much distinction to this season's furs. The odd turban has a soft band of velvet, with battlement edge turned up about it. Much attention has been given to the linings of scarfs—to make them worthy their aristocratic company—and they are often of chiffon beautifully embroidered with small scattered blossoms.

The coatee, shorter in the front than at the back and full enough to suggest a cape, simply was obliged to have flaring sleeves, with cuffs of skunk fur. This fur has wonderful wearing qualities with which it reinforces the softer seal and makes an ample and most becoming collar.

Muffs are large, many of them flat and so made that they are bags as well as muffs.

Charming Hats for Midwinter



We take a great many things for granted in a world that is rich in wonderful and beautiful fabrics.

We hardly stop to think how they are related to the seasons of the year and that it has taken some centuries to perfect them. But they are here, at hand, for the artists in apparel to use in interpreting their ideas to us. Milliners make their choice and hats tell the story of the seasons—and much more, with rich velvets and brocades, warm, soft-looking beavers and plushes, gold and silver tissues, with furs, making up the brilliant and cheerful millinery of midwinter. There is something of splendor in it.

Four charming hats for midwinter, shown in the picture above, are good and sufficient excuse for a little extravagance on the part of the eternal feminine. Every woman knows that her hat is the most important item in her costume, and here are four that have all the excellencies, beauty of fabric, beauty of line, becomingness and fitness for the season. The hat, with graceful brim, at the top of the group is a triumph of the framemaker to start with, and is made of velvet. It has a soft tan crown and a sash of wide satin ribbon ending in bows

that follow the season's mandate in keeping to the right.

Just below, at the left of the group, black velvet and gold cloth, brocaded with black achieve a handsome Napoleon hat, which also has a soft crown. Except for a sash and tie of narrow gold ribbon about the crown it is without trimming. This is one of several successful off-the-face hats. Opposite it a large velvet hat is faced with beaver. Its brim is turned up at the front and a handsome ornamental pin fastens it to the crown. With this hat a wide scarf of angora yarn makes a neckpiece to correspond, taking the place of fur.

Siberian squirrel fur—the lightest of the gray squirrel skins—makes the spirited turban at the bottom of the group. A small cascade of fine lace, with a bit of fur along the plaited edge, results in a trimming that cannot be improved upon. All these models are worn well down over the head and not an ear is visible.

Julia Bottomly

VEIN OF MICA DISCOVERED

Buncombe County Man Seems to be on His Way to be Rated as Strictly of the Bloated Bond-Holders.

Asheville.—J. R. Kuhna discovered a vein of mica six miles from Asheville that measures sixty-five feet in depth and the length has not yet been estimated. The mica is on the land of Owen Gudger, postmaster at Asheville. It is two feet wide and the mica that has so far been taken from the mine is said to be of the best grade.

Southern Pines.—Moore county tobacco, at \$3.60 a pound, has made a new high record in price.

Durham.—Grand Chancellor D. W. Sorrell, of this city, has just appointed Dr. Byron Clark, of Salisbury, grand keeper of records and seals, of the grand commandery of the State Knights of Pythias.

Charlotte.—Dr. C. A. Bland announced his withdrawal from the race for Congress to succeed E. Y. Webb advanced to the federal bench.

Lumberton.—Mrs. Charles Sanderson, who lives in Wishart township, Robeson county, shot and killed two wildcats one day recently. The cats were chased up a tree near the Sanderson home by some dogs and Mrs. Sanderson marched to the scene with a shotgun and killed them.

Reidsville.—Tobacco breaks have been quite heavy and prices are the highest in the history of the market. Numbers of farmers who claim they are "from Missouri" attend the sales as spectators only to return the next day with heavy haulings of their weed for sale.

Wilson.—If signs hold good this will be a mild winter, according to a mountaineer prognosticator, who says that this year's crop of young lambs are scarce of fleeces and that squirrels are not laying in a supply of nuts. He says these signs have held good from time immemorial.

Concord.—The home service campaign by the Young Men's Christian association for the purpose of raising \$15,000 for the local Y. M. C. A., came to a successful close when the executive committee of the campaign announced that the full amount wanted had been subscribed.

Wilmington.—Orders received here from the treasury department direct that within 21 days or less, the army and navy club building, at present located on the postoffice green on Chestnut street, must be removed to some other location. The order came as something of a surprise here.

Elizabeth City.—Congressman John H. Small has arranged for a hearing before the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture of the grievance felt by many people in Currituck in that under the migratory game law it is illegal for the people of Currituck to purchase wild fowl for their table.

Kinston.—D. G. Hargett, son of Edgar B. Hargett, of this city, has returned from an "extended tour abroad." Such luck as came to him befalls few persons. Hargett is a photographer. He enlisted in the navy. He was sent overseas on a snapshotting trip. It carried him to twenty-two European countries.

Fayetteville.—The community welfare work done by the War Camp Community service during the period of the war, which was to have been discontinued here on November 1, will be carried on in Fayetteville, according to a decision reached at a conference at W. C. C. S. headquarters in Charleston.

Asheville.—In an order received here by federal officials, Federal Judge James E. Boyd of Greensboro, who several days ago asked President Wilson to name his assistant, directs that the term of United States district court be adjourned day to day until the nomination of Congressman Webb is confirmed by the senate.

Better Roads and Bridges.

Rutherfordton.—The federal government has approved the plan of the city authorities for a 16-foot concrete road through town from west end of Seaboard depot.

It will be built on a 50-50 basis and will shorten the road to the depot. The county commissioners closed a contract for a steel bridge with a concrete floor across Second Broad river near Haynes mill at Avondale with the Atlantic Bridge company, of Charlotte. It will cost the county \$17,360.

Editor is Chief of Legion.

Monroe.—John Beasley, who was elected state chairman of the convention of North Carolina posts of the American Legion, held at Raleigh saw service as an enlisted man in the Argonne and later in the army of occupation in Germany.

Mr. Beasley is editor of The Monroe Journal, which was founded 25 years ago by his father, G. M. Beasley, and his uncle, R. F. Beasley. Mr. Beasley is temporary chairman of the American Legion post which has been chartered at Monroe.

MID-WINTER PRESS MEET ANNOUNCED

ASSOCIATION IS TO CONVENE AT GREENSBORO NOVEMBER 8 AND 9 AT THE O. HENRY.

STRICTLY BUSINESS SESSION

Fair Subscription Rates and Code of Ethics Will Be Among the Leading Topics Up for Discussion.

Concord.—J. B. Sherrill, secretary of the North Carolina Press association, gave out information relative to the mid-winter meeting of the association.

The meeting will be held in Greensboro, at the O. Henry Hotel on January 8th and 9th. Mr. Sherrill points out that the executive committee of the association, in deciding upon the meeting place and the time, also decided that the convention will devote its entire time to discussion of matters pertaining to the printing and publishing business. It is proposed to have five-minute talks on the first day on topics that are of vital interest to every member of the association. The following will be some of the subjects:

The postal regulations and rates, the news-print situation, rates for advertising, the adoption of standard rate cards, the need for full production in all lines, modern methods of producing a newspaper, a fair subscription rate, a code of ethics for publishers.

Durham.—Five wealthy citizens formed a corporation with \$50,000 authorized capital, \$5,000 paid in, to take care of this city's franchise in the new piedmont baseball league.

Hickory.—Forty-two former soldiers met at the chamber of commerce and decided to organize a local post of the American Legion.

Burlington.—The North Carolina Christian conference will convene in this city November 11 to 14. It will be held in the handsome new Christian church just completed.

Fayetteville.—Two persons are in a local hospital, while two others suffered slight injuries, as a result of a head-on collision between automobiles.

Asheville.—John L. Moore, night watchman at St. Genevieve's convent stepped out of the automobile driven by Sheriff Mitchell at Arden, near here, slipping on the concrete paving and falling, broke his neck. He died instantly.

Lumberton.—Anderson Britt, principal of the public school at Raff Swamp, Robeson county, was fined \$25 and the cost by Recorder E. M. Britt when found guilty of assault and battery upon a pupil of the school. Britt gave notice of appeal.

Kinston.—The 75th annual session of the North Carolina Christian Missionary convention was held at Robersonville. Several hundred delegates, including many from the churches at Wilson, Greenville and Kinston, where large congregations are located, attended the 10 sessions.

Charlotte.—A whole time health officer for Mecklenburg county is assured if the county commissioners and the state board of health follow the course taken by the county board of education, the board agreeing to provide \$1,000 if the county commissioners will contribute \$2,000 and the state board of health \$1,000.

Salisbury.—Paul Castor, twelve year old son of Berl Castor, met a horrible death at the cotton gin near Faith where the elder Castor is employed. The boy, while handling a bag, got it caught in the shafting and was dragged into the rapidly moving shaft. His legs and arms were torn off and his head badly battered, death being instantaneous.

Recruiting Officer a Killer.

Asheville.—Corporal William Ball, stationed at the local recruiting station of the United States army here, shot and instantly killed W. F. McKinnish.

Immediately after the shooting Ball fled but was later apprehended on his way home to get his clothes, before giving up, he said.

Witnesses state that Ball met his victim on the street and fired immediately. It is alleged that the dead man told friends that he intended to kill Ball on sight.

Y. M. C. A. Work Overseas.

Rocky Mount.—J. H. Armbrust, of Charlotte, addressed the Current Topic club at its regular meeting. Mr. Armbrust, who has only recently returned from a long period of service overseas, spoke of the boys' community work that the Y. M. C. A. is undertaking under its program of enlarged activities, stressing the importance and need for such endeavor and urging Rocky Mount to contribute freely in the campaign which is about to be waged to put on a new boys' secretary here.