PRISON REFORM

OVERNOR MORRISON CONFERS WITH CAMP SUPERVISORS OF SYSTEM.

RISON MATTERS DISCUSSED

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

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tale the loss for the other 178 fires. ne enthusastic pledge of every man

gulations are enforced.

in addition, Governor Morrison urgthem to make a thorough survey their camps, reporting to him at nce any instance of cruelty to the risoners by guards under their di-

Governor Morrison declared that he as assured that Superior court dges in the State would co-operate ith the State prison in the matter fxing indeterminate sentences. at whether or not the sentences of the prisoners in the State Prison at be changed to an indeterminate asis by one stroke of the pen has of yet been determined. The Govr is certain that such commutaat a commutation of the mass is a roposition that he has not yet deterine to be within his authority.

Covernor Morrison reported that he and the supervisors men of a high tled rural community.

legroes Still Leaving the State.

legerts made to M. L. Shipman, emmissioner of Labor and Printing. y agents of the Federal Employment ervice in various cities of the state. dicate that large numbers of negro borers continue to leave North Carma for Northern and Eastern states, her he have of labor agents.

W. T. Carter, in charge of the Winon-Salem bureau, writes Mr. Shipan that approximately 1,800 to 2,000 groes have left that vicinity during

Mr. Carter said the impression in inton-Salem is "that a few labor sportation of the negroes to them centers." He said there is upius of creical and professional Cants at Winston-Salem, but

mmon labor is short. Proximately 1.000 negroes have t Charlotte and vicinity within the Esky days. W. H. Vause, of the ces are being promised higher wag-

alter up with city authorities who weeks. d instructed officers to arrest all

orth Carolina's New Auto Tags.

rth Carolina's new automobile interchange of passengers. ates have arrived and the numbers hich will be sold will reach 200,000. There are fire carloads in the state's arehouse ready for the new markg which hagins in June. This will about 20,000 more than the state as ever used and that may not tag of the machines which will be in e before the year ends.

The licenses and other taxes grow out of the automobile business Il run beyond \$6,000,000 this year, cording to Secretary W. N. Everett, the department of state. The inse of 2 cents on gasoline and the dural growth of the machine busiss will almost double last year's

ve Hundred Placed in Positions. Pive hundred persons were placed Positions in North Carolina by the ate and federal free employment abor and Printing.

on-Salem was second with 94. Registration, 613; requests for help, ofessional 35; domestic, 63.

Fire Losses During April.

The fire loss in North Carolina during April aggregated \$587,046, which was approximately \$100,000 less than that of March, and a much better showing than in April, 1922, according to figures compiled by Insurance Commissioner Stacy W. Wade, announced.

"There were 180 fires reported," Commissioner Wade's report stated, "the property involved totaling \$2,-102,037 on which there was insurance of \$1,380.02. Of the 180 fires, 118 were dwelling, valued at \$601,525, insured for \$353,254, with a loss of \$87,-677. Of the dwellings, 14 were rural homes, with a value of \$44,200 insurance of \$10,404 and loss of \$35,050. The entire rural loss was \$150,175 and of this \$100,000 came from one fire, a planing mill in Davidson county, with destruction of two and a half million feet of lumber. This loss added to a warehouse fire at Kinston, where 1,-500 bales of cotton wree burned and following a conference with fifteen five dwellings, makes \$330,000, leaving the Prison Comp Supervisors, Gov- loss reached or exceeded \$5,000, the

"There were only 12 fires, where the risoners in State camps los sreached or exceeded \$5,000, the see that the new regulations of aggregate of these being \$484,720 and State Prison Board, abolishing the the total loss of the other 168 was hip and the dark cell, are carried only \$102,326. Among the larger towns, the loss was remarkably light, gath Governor Morrison and Super- Charlotte leading with 24 fires and loss nendent George Pou spoke to the of \$41,675, followed by Greensboro prervisors, explaining the importance with three fires and a loss of \$3,205. absolute observance of the new Raleigh with 13 fires had loss of \$219; les, and inviting anyone of the men Winston-Salem 18 fires, loss \$1,420; fore them who had doubts about the Wilmington 14 fires, loss \$219; Asherecticability of the system to resign. ville, seven fires, loss \$2,115; and Durhe fifteen. Governor Morrison said, ham seven fires, loss \$76. High Point are an individual pledge to use the leads the honor roll with no fire or satest diligence in seeing that the no damage during the month, followed by Statesville, Tarboro, Sanford, Black Mountain, Mount Olive, Wake Forest, Kernersville, Belhaven, Huntersville, Randleman, Mount Holly and Bostic.

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

Little Danger of School Fire.

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

spe and in whom he feels confident | Special emphasis has been laid on ely in the institution of the new fire prevention and fire escapes by the ries and regulations. One of them Department of Education and the Dea fermer sheriff, and all of them partment of Insurance. Insurance ien who could be expected to should. Commissioner Stacey W. Wade said that the school building at Clinton, a wooden structure with an auditorium on the second floor was the last of the old type to be modernized. Recently \$5,000 has been spent on the fire

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

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

A. C. L. Excepts on Depot Order.

Twenty-two exceptions to the Corporation Commission order directing the erection of a union passenger station by the Norfolk Southern and tarlotte bureau, reported. The ne- the Atlantic Coast Line at Plymouth had been recovered. were argued before the commission by shorter working hours and better Murray G. Allen. The order was filed conditions by labor solicitors April 11. The commission took the exon the north, according to Mr. ceptions under advisement, and will alse. He said he had taken the act upon them within the next few

Exceptions were based upon the they find soliciting labor out- statement that there is no necessity for the station, that there is not land sheville appears to be the only enough, that the location is inaccessace where the labor situation has ible, that the traveling public would been affected by the migration of continue to demand service at the present site of the passenger station, that the people of Plymouth don't want the station, that there is little

> That a union station will increase operating expenses beyond revenue derived, that the order deprives the A. C. L. of its property without due process of law, that the order is void and without effect because it is not supported by testimony to support its provisions, the latter set out in several legal sub-divisions of the general ex-

> Agitation for adequate passenger terminal facilities for Plymouth has been going on for years. The old A. C. L. passenger station was burned down several months ago, and the commission, acting on petition from the citizens of Plymouth, ordered the two railroads to build jointly.

Rankin Praises McBrayer.

Following the reading of a prepared statement in which he reviewed the history of the State Sanatorium and trice during the week ending May declared that Dr. L. B. McBrayer is according to the weekly report the only man in the State who could M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of have administered the institution so successfully, Dr. W. S. Rankin, Secrepersons placed, the Wil. tary of the State Board of Health, told ington bureau led the State. Win- the legislative committee investigating on Salara led the State. Winthe conduct of the Sanitorium that Dr. Reuben McBrayer, and Lewis McBrayreferred 561; placed, 500. Skill- er, sons of the Superintendent, should 86; unskilled, 296; clerical and no longer be continued in the service of the institution.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Charlotte.-Bob Holler of Newton, held under bond at Hickory, N. C., in connection with the death of Mrs. Alice Odom, has skipped bond, according to advices received here.

Durham.—Trinity college students have named their editors and business managers of publications for the next scholastic year. J. D. Secrest, of Canton, was named as editor of The Chronicle, weekly newspaper, and D. T. House, Jr., of Parmele, as business manager.

Salisbury.-There are visible signs and evidences of the exodus of ne- care of-" groes from the South to the North at the Southern railway passenger station here almost night, and more years, you know!" especially on Saturday and Sunday

Lenoir.-The Southern Manufacturing Company's new 3,000 spindle yarn mill begins operation this week, according to D. H. Warlick, secretary and treasurer. This mill was organized last fall with J. D. Elliott, of Hickory, president; A. M. Kistler, of Morganton, vice president.

Hickory-Two hundred delegates to the twenty-first triennial general synod of the Reformed church in the United States, arriving here on the Pennsylvania special, encountered a shower of rain with their shower of welcome on the part of Hickory people generally.

Durham.—Captain R. L. Bishop, secretary of the Hill and Dale Golf Club in this city, is in possession of a regulation golf ball found by a local fish dealer in the stomach of a searoll mackerel fish. The fish weighed four pounds.

Shelby.-Final organization of the local National Guard unit was made, there now being 77 enlisted men and two officers in the outfit. Peyton Mc-Swain, former representative to the legislature from Cleveland county and local attorney, is captain and H. M. Austell, deputy sheriff, is first lieu-

New Bern.-A temporary check was put on the activities of two Connecti- rising in his throbbing heart. He would cut labor agents in Onslow county go-yes, he would go. when on warrants sworn out by J. C. Gay, logging foreman in a camp near worn frame steadied by his great re-Jacksonville, a white man and a solve to leave the valley of his youth negro were held for soliciting labor and manhood, leave Della free to claim without a North Carolina license.

sections of Goose Creek township, dipping here and there, tearing down timber and small grain and damaging his wife in her youth, little rememtwo tendant houses on the farm of brances of a little lad of his who never the Griffin boys, sons of the late E. J. Griffin, and blowing Jonah Simpson's barn from its pillars.

Greensboro.-Agitation has started here for a new hard surface road to High Point, one that would be a bee line highway to the Furniture city. If plans go throug hthe line would help to remove the congestion on the High Point - Greensboro boulevard, upon which traffic is now very heavy, especially Sundays, and is believed to contribute to many accidents upon the road.

Lexington.-When he went to open his office the other morning Sheriff Talbert found pinned on the door a note written with pencil and a scrawly hand that gave the information that the writer had stolen an automobile, and told where the car was abandoned. The sheriff telephoned the chief of police at Charlotte, where the note said the car was, and in about a half hour the stolen property

Albermarle.-Prof. J. H. McIver received a telegram from the chairman of the board of education of Columbus county announcing that he had been elected Superintendent of Public Schools of Columbus County. Prof. McIver has been superintendent of schools in Stanly county for some

Red Springs .- Flora Macdonald College learned with profound regret of the death of Rev. Dr. James A. Macdonald, former editor of the Toronto Globe, who died May 14 in Toronto. Dr. Macdonald was a trustee at large and a devoted friend of the institution and was instrumental in making possible the name which the institution now bears.

Elizabeth City.-The Avalon Hosiery Mills on Lawrence street, this city, are to reopen in the next two weeks, with room for 100 employes and a capacity of 500 dozen pairs of hose a day. The mills have been idle for nearly three years.

Asheville.-Tracy A. Vincent, business manager of the Oteen Echo, and North Carolina Legionnaire, and one of the most active men in the North Carolina department of the American Legion, died at Oteen hospital after an illness of seven weeks.

Washington .- Only a freak of circumstances prevented the gayety of the Shrine Ceremonial from being blighted by a terrible catastrophe when two spans of the great bridge across the Pamlico river collapsed beneath the weight of three thousand spectators and sagged to within two feet of the water.

Southern Pines-O. L. Aufder Heide West New York, N. Y., has pur chased the Princess theater here and has announced that the old structure will be dismantled. He proposes that a new and modern theater building be erected in its stead.

NIGHT OF DECISION

By A. W. PEACH

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MY DEAR girl, I can't have that old man hanging around the place," he said, his lips a little white. "He's good for nothing! I didn't suppose you dreamed of taking him with us to the farm when we were married!"

Della Clayton's brown eyes were wide with astonishment as she faced her fiance. "Why, Harvey, you know how good he was to father and mother while they were living. His money gave mother the things that kept her alive for years."

"I can't help that," he repiled. "The point is-I don't want him to take

"But he's so pleasant and so little trouble, and it won't be for many

"I know this: If you want him so

much, stay here and keep him!" He turned on his heel. "That is my last word on the matter!" "But, my dear-" Della saw the door close behind him.

She sank back into the chair stricken. She had never seen Harvey during the months he had wooed her in such a

In the hallway the "old man," her uncle, trapped on his way to his bedroom, had been forced to listen. With fumbling hands he stood in the darkness, the peace of years of quiet living with Della shattered by the words he had heard.

He worked his way down the hall and upstairs slowly to his room, where he sank on the edge of his bed, staring with unseeing eyes at the wall beyond him. Slowly he came to an understanding-he was in the way; no young man taking his bride to a new home wanted an old man around who was too feeble to take hold and work. "But I'm in the way," he muttered,

"I'm in the way." He looked helplessly around the twilight-filled room. What could he do?

A faint, throaty whistle sounded through the dusk, coming from the station three miles down the road from the village.

The old man stood up suddenly with clenched hands, a solemn decision

With trembling hands but with his her happiness, he drew from the closet Monroe.-A cyclone passed over a battered traveling bag. Into it he put his few treasured belongings, useless things, most of them, a picture of grew up, odds and ends of clothes. Then he stole to the door.

> On the stand in the hall he left the note he had written that she might not worry. She would not find the note there till morning, and by that time

On the knoll back of the station he suddenly saw the train. "Why, I didn't hear it!" he muttered, wondering why. "I may miss it!"

He started to run, but fell. Picking himself up, he tried to hurry, but his legs seemed weighted. He drew near the platform, trying to shout, but the great express, which really stopped there just for water, pulled out and left him. He sagged against the platform, the night dizzy about him.

"Great Scott! Uncle Ned, what are you doing here?" a cheery voice de-

He stirred. He always liked that voice. He knew it belonged to Ted Thornton, whom Della had greatly liked, but whom she had finally decided against.

Ted drew him up. "What's the

It seemed good to hear that friendly whice; and the old man told him all, adding, "I can do lots of things yet, Ted; you know, clean up 'round a place, take care of the hens-"

"Of course you can. Say, you and dad were old pals. You come to my house; you can have his old room; and I'll give you your keep for helping me 'round the place. I need some-

The old man straightened up, but before he could speak a carriage whirled up to the station and a girl jumped out, a girl whose attitude showed she was frantic. She caught a sight of Ted.

"Oh, Ted-" Then she saw the sagging figure by the platform and, jumping down, she threw her arms around his neck. "Oh, Uncle Ned, how could you! You left the front door open and I found-why, I was so frightened! You know how I love

The old man explained haltingly, but she broke in, "I know-I knowbut even Ted can't have you. I want you! And Harvey Sloane can take his farm and-and eat it!"

"That so, Dell?" Ted said quickly. Then, perhaps, I can come to see you again?" She laughed a queer little happy

augh. "Ted, I have missed you, honest-and drive us home, and-and-" "That I will," he agreed, finishing her sentence in this way in his own

mind: "And some day we'll all drive to my home together!" Looking to Future Business. Actress-What will your charges be

to arrange a divorce for me? Lawyer-Madam, if I have the assurance that you'll let me handle all your future divorces I shall make it very reasonable.

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

BOY SCOUTS AID POLICE

What has been termed "One of the most dramatic phases of co-operation between the scout and the public in the whole history of scouting," has become an everyday reality, and more than 20,000 boy scouts of Greater New York now have opportunity to become official guardians of public safety. The new plan of co-operation is called "Boy Scout Safety Service" and has been inaugurated by the safety commission of the New York police department and the Boy Scouts of America.

The duty of the scouts will be to lend direct aid to the police officers in the protection of life and in carrying out the city's safety program. Before being enrolled a scout must pledge himself to work faithfully in promoting the objects of the service. He will then be officially designated as a boy scout safety aide and will be entitled to wear a button bearing the words to that effect. At the public schools the escout

troops will form special safety patrols and will have definite beats in all streets in the neighborhood of the school. The scouts will see that the children are safely escorted across the street at dismissal time and started on their way home. The scouts will also supervise playground activities during recesses. They will act as aides to the school nurse when need arises, and be prepared to render first aid in emergencies. Another duty will be to correst, wherever possible, all unsafe conditions; removing dangerous broken glass, boards with nails protruding. banana skins, etc., will come under this work. All accidents, hazards, such as dangling wires, unguarded manholes, bad holes in the pavement, open cellarways, and loose overhanging objects are to be reported to the property owners or police.

The boy scout safety service has the firm backing of the deputy commissioner of safety, the police commissioner, the superintendent of education and the boy scout organization.

SCOUTS HONOR SOLDIER DEAD



Scouts of Orange county, Cal., on side of memorial drive which they are planting with trees and shrubs in memory of the men who gave their lives in the World war. Thousands of poppies planted last winter are now making their appearance. Each week a group of boys work on the sits under the direction of the county forester. Already more than 300 scouts have participated. So that the memorial may still be beautiful in centuries to come, many small oaks have been planted.

BOY SCOUTS' TREE CENSUS

Gloverville, N. Y., boy scouts gave a demonstration of the way boy scouts can combine fun and thought for others, when on a recent tour of the city they noted all trees with dangerous limbs and reported their findings to the highway department officials.

SCOUTS' POLICY: "GOOD TURN"

The secout policy of doing a good turn daily and an insurance policy were appropriately linked together when Troop 25, Tampa, Fla., discovered a valuable insurance record which had been dropped from a passing auto and promptly returned the document to the owner.

"PARLOR SCOUT" NOT IN IT

Boy scouts and "the parlor pioneer" don't pair off at all. You can see that by the following: On Mother's range I learned to cook;

I hate to breathe the outside air-It makes my tonsils sore; I passed my Scout-pace round a chair as hundred times or more. I am a busy feller! I got my swimming from a book-

My tracking in the cellar! am a husky parlor Scout, reg'lar guy, you bet! But when it rains, I don't go out ou see-I might get wet. -Frontier Scout.

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MAXWELL

Cane Beetle Destroying Sugar-Cane. One of the most destructive of all insects to the farmer in Australia is the cane beetle, which is still playing havoc on the sagar-cane farms.

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

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

WOMEN NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands of women have kidney and bladder trouble and never suspect it. Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease. If the kidneys are not in a healthy con-

dition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased. Pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness, are often times symp-

toms of kidney trouble. Don't delay starting treatment. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription, obtained at any drug store, may be just the remedy needed to overcome

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