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EXPENSIVENESS OF HARD SURFACING

STATE CHAIRMAN FRANK PAGE TAKES 200 AUTOMOBILISTS OVER 40 MILES TARVIA.

IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION

Mr. Page Confesses That Neither He Nor Committee Know Just What Kind of Road They Want.

Raleigh. Chairman Frank Page, of the state highway commission, took Leonard Tufts for authority and Massachusetts and New Hampshire for illustrations as showing the triple association of the prohibitory expensiveness of the hard surfaced road.

Then 200 automobiles struck a trot around a 40-mile loop of tarvia roads built by New Hanover, and at the close not a gravel nor a particle of dust bedecked one of the hundreds who followed the trail.

It was the most impressive demonstration ever staged at a North Carolina good roads convention, and was not timed for that purpose alone.

Mr. Page came modestly before the triple convention of county commissioners, automobilists and good roads bugs and confessed that neither he nor his commission had learned what type of road North Carolina most needs. "I don't believe anybody else knows," he said. "But we are going to make experiments." And then he told what the patent roadsters must undergo on the "Durham-Chapel Hill road."

There will be eight or ten types built by engineers sent directly from the manufacturers of good material and there will be no alibi when it is done.

It will be labeled, the cost placarded on each type and the cost of maintenance carefully kept. At the end of 10 years perhaps somebody will know something.

Land Owners Awaiting Pay.

Washington.—(Special)—Congress is trying to put Camp Bragg on the toboggan. Representative Robinson told the whole truth in the house some time ago when he said they would break contracts between the government and private citizens.

More than 700 land owners near Fayetteville were ousted from lands on which Camp Bragg is constructed. Some of these were glad to sell out, while others were moved by condemnation proceedings. Yet, the government cannot pay for the lands because the Congress, led by the house, withdrew the authorization to spend the money that way.

Another Attack Soy Bean Worms.

Studying the soy bean worm at his laboratory station near Elizabeth City, Mr. Franklin Sherman, chief of the division of entomology, has found some important facts about this insect pest and believes that it will attack again in about three weeks, at which time another brood will have been hatched out. The following information, secured through Mr. Sherman's observations, will be of interest to farmers in the affected districts:

"Between the first and tenth of September, the next brood of worms is due to hatch out, and, if they are numerous enough to be destructive they should make their presence evident before September 15th. Whether they will be numerous enough to make treatments necessary no living man can foretell.

Governor Issues Pardons.

"If I were to permit these prisoners to serve longer on the chain gang, I could not sleep at night," said Governor T. W. Bickett granting a full pardon to John and George Mahue, of Montgomery county, convicted in July of assault and sentenced to twelve months on the roads of Stanly county. The two were convicted upon the uncorroborated testimony of a bloodhound which the Supreme Court has held, is not sufficient to convict a man.

Justice for Southern Ports.

Washington.—A signal victory has been won for the South Atlantic and Gulf ports in decision on part of the railroad administration to grant railroad rates on export and import traffic on a parity with the rates accorded the North Atlantic ports. This important information was imported to Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, and Senator Smith, of South Carolina, while they were in the office of the railroad director looking after other matters, but the news nevertheless was gratifying to both.

Grain, Cotton and Tobacco Crops.

That the crop conditions of August 1st were greatly affected by the heavy July rainfall is evident from the crop information that is released by the Co-operative Crop Reporting Service. Frank Parker, their state director, says that corn, cotton and tobacco are damaged particularly where reached by the flooded conditions.

The North Carolina corn crop, with about the same acreage as last year, having an average condition of 85 per cent prospect, forecasts a yield of 62,512,000 bushels. The wheat crop has the same acreage as last year, the average yield being about eight bushels per acre, forecasting a state production of 8,124,800 bushels. The quality is only fair, being 82 per cent of normal. The tobacco crop, with a large increase in acreage and a condition of 70 per cent reported for August 1st, indicates a prospective production of 264,212,000 pounds. The yield of tobacco is light for its bulk and the quality very irregular. The hay crops and pastures are extra good.

Delegates to Hospital Convention.

Fourteen delegates were appointed by the governor to represent the hospitals of North Carolina at the 21st annual convention of the American Hospital Association, to be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, Gibson Hotel, September 8-12, 1919.

The delegates follow:

Dr. Anderson, Raleigh; Dr. W. W. Faison, Goldsboro; Dr. John McCampbell, Morganton; Miss Virginia McKay, Wilmington; Miss Caroline McNicholas, Charlotte; Miss M. E. Spaul, Charlotte; Miss Catherine Rothwell, City Hospital, Winston-Salem; Miss Fannie Andrews, Asheville; Sister Regina, St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro; Dr. J. F. Highsmith, Fayetteville; Dr. C. D. Hill, Durham; Dr. L. N. Glenn, Gastonia; Dr. A. J. Crowell, Charlotte; Miss Elizabeth Clingman, Winston-Salem.

Grocery Camouflaged.

A nicely constructed platform for the storage of flour in Lignell W. Hood's grocery store did not mean anything unusual to customers but an investigation by revenue officers revealed that it was used as a hiding place for whiskey. A search of the interior of the platform rewarded the officers with a find of 165 pints of blockade whiskey.

The proprietor had nothing to say regarding this untoward occurrence.

Freight Traffic Tied Up.

Seaboard Air Line and Norfolk and Southern shippers who have been on a strike here since August 1, completely tying up the freight traffic out of Raleigh and severely crippling passenger service, voted to return to work immediately under the advice of their grand lodge officers and with assurance from them that an adjustment would be reached.

Address on Live Stock.

Live stock men in the state will be gratified to learn by an announcement from the animal industry division of the agricultural extension service that Dr. H. M. Brown, of Hillsboro, O., has been secured to deliver an address on live stock at the state convention during August 27-28-29.

Third Red Cross Call.

Plans for a nation-wide Red Cross campaign, opening Monday, November 3, and closing armistice day, November 11, were announced at headquarters of the Red Cross chapter, when a bulletin from national headquarters was made public.

The primary object of the drive, which will be known as the third Red Cross roll call, will be to list members for 1920, but, in addition, a general appeal for \$15,000,000 will be issued. This fund will be needed to enable the organization to complete its war work at home and overseas.

State Printing Awarded.

State printing commission awarded a two-year printing contract, giving Edwards and Broughton company three-fifths and the Commercial Printing company one-fifth each. This is on a basis of about 24 per cent increase over the former contract. The state at first rejected all bids. The contract awarded is a counter proposition worked out by the commissioner of labor and printing.

Conference of Negro Agents.

The conference of the negro state agents in agricultural work is now being held at the A. and T. college, under the direction of C. R. Hudson, state agent. Professor Hudson called the conference to order and outlined the work, this being followed by an interesting talk by President J. B. Dudley, who pointed to the fact that the county agent could be a real leader among the negroes. Then there was a discussion of the methods and means of handling the extension work to the best advantage.

LEST WE FORGET

(By Rev. Fred J. Hay, Jr., Presbyterian Pastor.)

Your editor has been so kind as to devote this space of his paper to the use of the local ministers. For want of a better name, perhaps we might dub it "Paternoster Row." We were left to the freedom of our own choice as to the character of the matter that should be here presented. I make no apology, however, in making my first appearance before you in the role of a religious suggestor, for I deem it highly fit that the minister should be preacher whether from the pulpit or through the press.

In casting around for a subject my mind naturally gravitated toward "The War." For since August, 1914, that has been a topic of converse supplanting even the time-honored weather. Pulpits have drummed it, paper have hammered it and even lovers have sometimes forgotten more present matters for it.

It were trite to say that we are living in a great age, an "age on ages telling." The air is alive with unrest, commotion, upheaval, revolution. The past is cut loose from, and precedent custom habit is forgot. The present is a law unto itself. But the war is the greatest thing in a time of great things, because it is the root and spring of the rest, the hydra headed monster that littered the foul brood.

There are as many different ways of considering it as there are, among the worlds fifteen hundred million different viewpoints. To the historian it is the epochal event that makes history to be all written over. Among wars, it puts everything that has gone before in complete shade. Beside it Caesar's campaigns are tame, Napoleon's battles playthings, and our own Civil strife, that was wont to loom so enormous in the school child's thought, is made to seem almost like the chaotic and guerrilla warfare of the southern border. The past can see in it fulfilled in less than a quarter of a generation what was a bid of the ages, "Mans' inhumanity to man makes countless millions mourn." But the church of Christ sees in it all the hand of the living God, and she would have peoples and nations read the handwriting on the wall. Monarchies have been overturned, kings uncrowned, dynasties swept away, fair lands bathed in the blood of her own sons, their sod mounded over the untimely graves of her manhood's flower, heroes so "young and so fair." Is this all a matter of chance? Did the fates toss for the destinies of nations? The believer knows better. God was speaking in voice of thunder. Have the peoples heard? Have they hearkened?

We are the victors. God gave us men to fight our battles, and bring the laurels home. But as a nation we are in imminent danger of proving ourselves unworthy. There came a heathen king hustling down from the north upon Israel, trampling crowns and subjects and saying, "By the strength of my hand have I done it, and by my wisdom, for I am prudent." Shall we, a Christian nation, thus fail to give God the glory? He can bring worse things upon us than we have known, "Whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge his floor." If we were in defeat, doubtless we would humble ourselves. Shall we not in triumph? Shall we still less Jehovah of his Sabbaths, or shall our women still in dress let a godless foreign city dictate the fashion? "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

But the poets can always say the things we would say in the way we wish we could say them. Kipling has it thus:

"God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palms and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!"

"The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart:
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!"

This space filled next week by Rev. E. L. Kirk, Methodist pastor.

OVER THE LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

West Raleigh.—Dr. B. W. Wells has accepted the position of professor of botany and plant pathology at the North Carolina State College for the coming session.

Salisbury.—There arising objection to the raising of rates by the aldermen for the digging of graves in the city cemeteries the aldermen held up for its last reading an ordinance which had that object in view.

Charlotte.—Looking towards the Christmas sale of the Red Cross seals in relation to the national drive for \$6,000,000 which is being planned, the State Red Cross seals committee met here.

Washington.—"Captain" C. M. Bowser, who is well known in Statesville and claims that town as his home, is free again. The action against him for trying to get Washington people to buy gold in the bottom of the sea as not pressed.

Rutherfordton.—Rutherfordton county is experiencing a wonderful period of building and expansion. Rutherfordton is paving her streets and enlarging her water supply. Work on the Grace Cotton Mills is going forward rapidly.

Hickory.—Hard rains in the mountains along about June 22, 23 and 24, say those who claim to know, played havoc with the chestnut crop and beyond the ridge there will be comparatively few bushels gathered this fall.

Monroe.—J. J. Parker, of the Monroe bar, can get the republican nomination for governor if he wants it, according to men who are supposed to know what they are talking about. Prominent republicans over the state are urging Mr. Parker to come out for the honor.

Elizabeth City.—The stock law was defeated at the polls by the intense opposition of the country people and by the apathy of Elizabeth City.

Lilesville.—Eight hundred patriotic people met here to pay homage to the returned soldiers of Lilesville township, Anson county.

Hendersonville.—More than \$100,000 worth of real estate has changed hands in Hendersonville in the last 10 days, all of which was sold at auction.

Raleigh.—The state issued charters to Armfield Veneer company, of Statesville, authorized capital \$100,000 and paid up \$30,000. The largest stockholder is R. F. Armfield of Statesville.

Winston-Salem.—Three dry goods stores in the business district were broken into and clothing, etc., valued at \$1,000 or more, stolen. The officers have no clues.

Greensboro.—Col. H. Dowman, in charge of the employment office at the chamber of commerce, who is locating jobs for returned soldiers and sailors, announced that he could place at least 100 men who have trades.

Goldboro.—Hundreds of physicians from Wayne, Johnson, Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe, Northampton and Greene counties are in Goldsboro to attend the quarterly meeting of the District Medical Society.

Hamlet.—The striking machinists and allied craft which had been out over a week went back to work at the Hamlet shops, the action being in conjunction with other strikers on the Seaboard system.

Winston-Salem.—There were no new developments here regarding the street railway strike. Not a car has moved on any of the local lines since the men voted not to return to work until their demands for more money, recognition of the union, shorter hours, etc., were accepted.

Wadesboro.—Cotton in this section of the state is beginning to fall and it seems to be needing rain. The prolonged rainy spell in July followed by the drouth of the last few weeks has materially injured it.

Wilmington.—On account of strike conditions the Atlantic Coast Line announced that trains 57 and 58 between this city and Florence, S. C.; trains 59 and 60 between Wilmington and Fayetteville, N. C., and trains 41 and 42 between Rocky Mount, N. C., and Norfolk would be annulled.

DANGERS NOTED IN PACKING INDUSTRY

RESULTS OF ENTRANCE BY THE MEAT PACKERS INTO OTHER LINES IS POINTED OUT.

WOULD DIVORCE OWNERSHIP

Refrigerator Cars Have Been Turned into Traveling Groceries Peddling Goods in Every City.

Washington.—The danger as seen by the federal trade commission in the entrance of the packing industry into lines of business beyond the packing of meat was described by William B. Colyer, member of the commission, to the senate agriculture committee.

In its opening hearing on the Kenyon bill to divorce ownership of the stockyards and refrigerator cars from the packing concerns of the country and to regulate by license their operation, the committee was taken over much of the ground traveled by the commission in its investigation of the packing industry.

"The refrigerator cars and their use of it," said Commissioner Colyer referring to the "five big packers," "was not in itself a bad thing, but they have turned the refrigerator car into a traveling wholesale grocery, peddling at every city in the country every day almost everything that people eat."

COMPROMISE IS REACHED IN THE NEW YORK STRIKE MATTER.

New York.—The strike which for two days has paralyzed the subway and elevated system of the Interborough Rapid Transit company in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, was formally called off by a vote of the strikers to accept a compromise offered them at a conference of city and state officials.

Under the terms of settlement the men will receive a wage increase of 25 per cent and it is provided that the question of whether they shall receive the additional 25 per cent demanded by them shall be submitted to arbitration.

The 25 per cent wage increase was made retroactive to August 1 and, according to Interborough officials, means an annual increase in the payroll of \$5,000,000.

QUICKER ACTION BY THE CONGRESS IS NECESSARY.

Washington.—Quicker action by Congress in the campaign to reduce the cost of living was urged in senate and house. Senator Walsh declared high prices were at the bottom of all the unrest and charged that Congress was wasting time when something should have been done already in response to President Wilson's recommendations.

Mayors of New Jersey cities appearing before the house agriculture committee said action was needed at once to stop the rising scale of prices.

RANSOM SENT FOR RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN AVIATORS

Washington.—Officials here after a day during which the Mexican situation was to the fore, awaited news of the release by Mexican handits of Lieutenants Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Patterson, American army aviators. Prompt measures to obtain the release of the aviators who were captured by the handits near Candelaria, Texas, and for whom \$15,000 ransom has been demanded, was expected by state department officials following the forwarding of instructions to the American embassy at Mexico City to call upon the Mexican government for "immediate adequate action."

24-CYLINDER LIBERTY MOTOR IS COMPLETED.

Washington.—Completion of a 24-cylinder Liberty motor which has developed 673 horsepower in the initial tests, was announced by the war department. It was declared to "compare favorably" with foreign motors of the same power. The new motor is expected to be of value in military aviation as it permits the use of a large low speed propeller. It weighs only 1.97 pounds per horsepower against 2.11 for the Liberty 12, and consumes 55 pounds of gas per horsepower hour against 51 for the smaller model.

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH PALMER

Washington.—Attorney General Palmer endorsed a suggestion by Governor Gardner of Missouri, that the conference of governors appoint a committee to confer with him and help coordinate federal and state efforts to reduce the cost of living. In a telegram to Governor Gardner at Salt Lake City, Mr. Palmer said the hearty cooperation and assistance of state agencies would be helpful in the government's campaign.