

FIRE CHIEF APPEALS FOR SPOTLESS TOWN

Next Week Is Clean-Up Week All Over North Carolina; Prevention of Fires.

March 26 to 31, all of next week, is clean-up week in North Carolina, and Fire Chief Sohnbren plans to do his utmost to make Wilmington not only a spotless town but to remove all possible sources of fire. He urges the citizenship to join in with a will and clean up.

Besides his appeal to the people, he is sending his men all over town to locate and report spots where there is a chance for fires and these must be cleaned up, says the chief.

Governor Cameron Morrison has issued the annual proclamation, which follows:

"Cleanliness is not only next to godliness, but partakes of it in that it points to the saving of human life. This is true not only in the care of the human body, but in the prevention of fires and accidents which take each year an appalling toll of lives.

"In failing to remove from our homes and places of business all rubbish and fire-breeding conditions we neglect both the laws of God and man, accepting the charge of criminal negligence and inviting the murderous sacrifice of human life as well as the wanton destruction of property.

"In the \$8,000,000 loss of property in North Carolina which will ever be able to measure our individual guilt nor penalize our carelessness; yet the responsibility is there, and the fact that it is a public burden, an open reproach, does not lessen the personal offense.

"Cleanliness in our lives, in our homes, in our places of business, is a duty we owe to our families, our neighbors and friends. Let us glorify that duty in the discharge of it. Cleanliness is impossible amongst trash and rubbish; then let us clean up.

"Now, therefore, I, Cameron Morrison, governor of North Carolina, in order to impress upon our people the menace of carelessness and to induce a general and active interest in fire and accident prevention, do hereby designate the week of March 26 to 31 as clean-up week and urge that it be observed by devoting a part of each day to a thorough inspection of attics, closets, basements, storage-rooms, and the removal of all waste, trash, or other accumulation that might cause a fire or accident.

"Let us accept a personal responsibility in making North Carolina safer for life and property by first cleaning up our own premises and then co-operating with our city authorities and state insurance department in removing hazardous conditions from our schools, institutions, factories and other public places."

Small Schools Meet Set For April 13th

School Superintendent Mails Out Memorandum to Principals.

Relative to the coming athletic contests among the city and county schools, Maj. W. A. Graham, superintendent, yesterday mailed out the following memorandum to school principals:

"At a conference held yesterday afternoon it was decided that it is advisable to hold a meet for small schools on Friday, April 13, beginning at 2:15. Schools competing in this contest will be Isaac Bear, Cornelius Harnett, William Hooper and Delgado.

"Schools competing in the meet for Saturday afternoon, April 14, beginning at 2:20, will be Hemeway, Tilston and all rural schools (consolidated team), and eighth grades at the high school.

"It has been decided that the relay races should be in weight classes with a team of four from each weight class. It has also been decided that the running high jump should be omitted. It has been learned that a good many parents object to this event.

"To the list of events for the larger schools competing Saturday in the boys' competition should be added the standing broad jump under the same ruling as last year. There will be no running broad jump.

"Principals are advised that consent of parents should be filed by the pupils entering contest.

"In order to meet expenses incident to this meet, Hemeway school has consented to put on two pictures for the benefit of the expense fund. Watch for further announcements.

"The elimination contest for rural schools will be held at Winter Park April 7, beginning at 3:30 p. m."

Utah Indians and Whites Still Fight

Another Redskin Is Killed By the Possemen.

BLANDING, Utah, March 23.—Cowboy Charley, renegade Piute and member of the warring Allen canyon band of redskins, was killed late yesterday in a fight with a posse of white settlers near Wash Comb, north of here, according to word received by courier from Mexican Hat.

The fight was a pitched affair and although Cowboy Charley's body was not found, five braves and four squaws who were taken prisoners, said he had been shot to death.

But three of the original band of renegades—said to number 12—are still at large and the end of the miniature uprising is believed in sight. Possemen are reported to be hot on the trail of Old Posey, the reputed leader of the renegades, Joe Bishop, the tribe medicine man, and an Indiana youth known as Dutch's boy.

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CAROLINA RIVERS TO RECEIVE LARGE SUMS

Unless President Interferes This State Will Get Considerable Improvements.

By H. E. C. BRYANT
WASHINGTON, March 23.—Unless President Harding interferes with the expenditure of the \$56,000,000 provided for river and harbor improvement, North Carolina will get a large sum of money for various projects and surveys.

An interesting feature of the work planned is the survey of the French Broad river. This is provided for in a recommendation of the United States engineers that an appropriation of \$250,000 be made for continuing the work on the examination and survey of the Tennessee river and its tributaries in North Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The local engineer was charged with the duty of making a preliminary examination and survey provided for in the river and harbor act of June 5, 1920, of the French Broad.

The reports on this work will be used in the larger and more important effort. The question now is to find what improvements should be undertaken. The preliminary investigation will be continued.

"Many and varied benefits will necessarily follow the construction of the dams on these waterways providing both power and navigation," the engineers' report asserts, "and these ben-

efits are so great in amount and so far reaching in application that it is highly advisable as a matter of enlightened public policy to obtain as early a date as possible the information which the proposed survey will develop.

War department officials declare that the action of congress in allowing the full amount they asked for justifies the expenditure of the \$250,000. No order regarding the work has been made but it is now being considered.

No recommendations are made for the North Carolina waterways in the Norfolk district. The funds on hand are sufficient to carry on the work. Ten thousand is asked for maintenance for the inland waterway from Beaufort to Jacksonville, N. C. Twenty thousand is asked for repairing breakwater and maintaining sand fences in the harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout.

At and below Wilmington, in the Cape Fear river, it is proposed to apply \$245,642.90 for the maintenance of the ocean bar and river channels and repairs to fresh defense dam. This money is already available. The sum of \$500,000 will be provided for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924. Twelve thousand will be allowed for maintenance in the Cape Fear above Wilmington for 1924, and \$4,000 for Northeast Cape Fear. Other projects are taken care of.

Democrats Getting Ready
Twenty Wilmington democrats have formed a Victory club with Marsden Bellamy as chairman, and their names have been forwarded to Cordell Hull, chairman of the national democratic committee. The organization is in line with the national democratic plans to organize for victory in 1924, and similar clubs are being formed in every town in the entire country.

to pose before. So college professors and plasterers, high-brow persons and low-brow persons, children big and little, grin and chuckle and laugh heartily when Chaplin comes shuffling into view.

Chaplin is a creative artist. He has created something that is definite, a brand of fun that has become a world institution. And this brand of fun reaches its pinnacle each week at the Grand theatre, where the First National picture, "The Pilgrim," is happily convulsing all who see it.

"NINE POINTS OF THE LAW"
When a picture holds your interest from the first fade-in to the last fade-out, not once boring you, it's a good picture. That is why "Nine Points of the Law," featuring Helen Gibson and Edward Coxen, will prove real entertainment at the Royal theatre this week.

The plot is an interesting and novel one from start to finish, telling of the manifold problems of a young girl, Cherie Dubois, alone in a mining town in the early days of the west.

There are thrills galore, with romance, mystery and love. What more could one ask in a motion picture? The player is certain to enjoy pleasant evening when he sees "Nine Points of the Law."

"THE NINETY AND NINE"
"The Ninety and Nine," which will be shown at the Grand theatre Monday, is based on the famous "Ninety and Nine." The big scene in this production is the driving of a train through miles of forest fire. The story is taken from Ramsay Morris' famous play. The screen version has been prepared by C. Graham Baker. An all-star cast was engaged for the production, which is filled with the atmosphere of the village and the lives of persons in the sparsely settled districts.

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"Our Communal Health" Is Ready For Distribution

Health Officer Hamilton Giving Out Copies Free.

"Our Communal Health," the publication of the board of health, is just from the press and ready for distribution at the offices of the health department in the basement of the courthouse. Dr. J. H. Hamilton, health officer, will freely give copies to citizens calling for them.

The pamphlet covers 25 pages and carries a complete review of the health work done during the past 12 months, written partly by Dr. Hamilton himself, partly by Dr. Avon H. Elliott, his assistant, by George D. Norcom, sanitary engineer, and Dr. R. P. Huffman, food and dairy inspector.

Exhaustive statistical information is given in tables covering every phase of the work of the department.

It is believed citizens will find great interest in this review of the health activities of their city and county, for, as "Our Communal Health" says in its first page: "From the theatre river to Federal Point, and from the Cape Fear to the sea-city, suburb, village and farm—we are one people striving for healthful and useful living."

An Arkansas woman has cremated her third husband. It seems unfair that some should be old maids while others have husbands to burn.—Orange (Texas) Leader.

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Customers' liability acceptances	190,000.00
U. S. bonds	800,650.00
Bank building	375,000.00
Bonds and other securities	94,000.00
Cash and due by banks	3,977,703.79
TOTAL	\$14,690,305.98
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus and net profits	1,138,267.69
Reserved for taxes	65,293.11
Circulation	615,000.00
Acceptances	190,000.00
Rediscounts with federal reserve bank	875,773.55
Deposits	11,005,971.63
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