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Department of Labor Urges Speed Up Building Program

Secretary of Labor Requests Help of Labor in Starting Improvements.

ENCOURAGED TO PUT FULL STEAM AHEAD

Building Which Has Been Retarded During War Should Be Immediately Resumed.

Reconstruction plans of the department of labor provide for America perhaps the greatest development of public works and housing ever projected.

States and cities are being encouraged to put full steam ahead on their plans for betterment, held up nearly two years as a result of the war. Private builders are being urged to begin their work at once. Building, in short, is an important part of the government's plan for peace. Stopped during the war, this industry is far behind its normal condition.

The following are extracts from latest news items sent out from the office of the secretary of labor:

"Use your influence with your city fathers, selectmen, and other town officers to start at once municipal and town improvements." This is the message which the department of labor is sending to wage earners throughout the country.

The secretary of labor, Hon. W. B. Wilson, has no fear as to conditions after the readjustment period is over. He believes that then everything will take care of itself. He further is optimistic even as to the readjustment period if states, cities and towns will now begin public works to take care of the labor slack which may exist during the readjustment period.

He is, therefore, urging the wage earners of the country to use their influence in their own communities to have school houses, engine houses, roads, canals, other improvements begun at once. Such improvements are beneficial to every one, can easily be financed, and offer the greatest opportunities for all classes of labor.

Secretary Wilson says: "During the period of the war by virtue of the shortage of workmen, there has been little or no municipal activities in building operations, in park extensions, in sewage extension, water-works, or any other of the public utilities. They have been delayed and postponed because of the shortage of man power and because of the inability to finance. We are suggesting through the department of labor, to the various municipalities throughout the country, the advisability of their resuming these activities at as early date as possible."

The National Council of Defense is urging municipalities and private individuals to resume at once any new construction that has been held up by war activities. The following telegram has been sent from their national headquarters to all state councils: "Reemployment of discharged soldiers, sailors, and war workers released from war industries is one of the most important tasks now before the country. We strongly urge that in sections where surplus of labor exists all public improvements be advanced in order to absorb labor. We ask that you use all your influence with state, county and municipal authorities to this end. Preliminary steps should be taken immediately in order that necessary authorities may be secured in time for operations upon opening of construction season."

ACCEPTS POSITION WITH BANK OF AHOSKIE

Erstwhile Sergeant Paul E. Duke who on last week received his honorable discharge from the United States army, stationed at Camp Jackson, S. C., and returned to his home at Union, near Ahoskie. Mr. Duke has accepted a position with the Bank of Ahoskie, and will take up his new work on Saturday, February 1.

HALL OF MIRRORS, VERSAILLES



Significance of the palace of Versailles, where the peace treaty was signed, may be judged from this view of the Hall of Mirrors.

MENOLA NEWS

Dr. J. W. Brown of Port Royal, S. C., arrived at his home here on Saturday morning to be present at the marriage of his sister, Ruth to Mr. Jake Parker.

Menola is being hit harder now than during the first epidemic of influenza, but at this time all the patients seem to be doing fairly well.

Miss Pauline Eley, having closed her school at Union on account of the "flu" situation is at her home here.

Misses Janie and Deborah Brown, teachers in the Rich Square school and Miss Elizabeth Brown, a student in same school, expect to return to their work on the 29th, after having spent two weeks at home here.

Mr. I. F. Snipes and little daughters, Arza and Della Claire are on the sick list, also Mr. E. C. Parker and family, Mr. Clyde Brett and Mrs. Harvey Snipes.

We are glad to report Mr. J. T. Chitty very much improved. He had the misfortune to have his leg badly bitten by a dog before Christmas and it became so badly infected that fears were entertained for his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eley spent Thursday afternoon of last week in Roxobel.

Mrs. H. U. Griffith and daughter, Miss Janie Parker, spent several days last week with Mrs. A. M. Brown of Union.

Parker-Brown

A very impressive marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Scarborough at the home of Mrs. Mary Brown of Menola on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock when her daughter, Ruth, became the bride of Mr. Jake Parker. Just before the ceremony, Miss Janet Baughman of Rich Square, very sweetly sang "Because." The bride and groom then entered to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march. During the ceremony, Miss Pauline Eley, who presided at the piano, softly played Schubert's serenade. Mr. and Mrs. Parker left immediately for Washington City for a few days. The bride wore a handsome blue suit with hat and gloves to match and carried a bouquet of brides rose buds. She is a beautiful young lady of excellent qualities and accomplishments and is very lovable for her sweet disposition and kindly manner. She is a former student of Guilford College. The groom is a son of the late W. J. Parker and is a prosperous young business man of Menola.

The Farmers' and Women's Institute held at Ahoskie last Wednesday was very poorly attended. Notwithstanding the small attendance an instructive and interesting meeting was held at the Ahoskie High School building.

HORTON'S PERSONALS

Rev. James Long filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. It goes without saying that Bro. Long carries a good supply of able sermons.

It seems that the influenza epidemic is worse now than it was in the fall. There are several new cases around here now.

Glad to report Mr. Rhonda Minton able to be up after several days in bed with the flu.

After a few days influenza, followed by pneumonia, Mr. Jos. A. Rawls died here Monday night. Mr. Rawls leaves to mourn their loss a widow and four small children, who are all sick at this writing. He also leaves many relatives and friends.

News has just reached here of the sudden death of Mr. John Phelps, near Kelford last Monday night. Mr. Phelps had many relatives in this community.

Several of our people attended the Powell-Parker law suit in Ahoskie last Friday.

We are sorry to report the condition of Mrs. J. C. Jenkins not much improved.

Messrs. Z. V. Greene and R. F. Daniel made a business trip to Rich Square last Thursday.

Glad to report the family of Mr. N. J. Minton much improved, after being down with the flu.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SERGEANT MILLS GREENE

Memorial services will be held at the Brantleys Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon February 2, at 3 o'clock, in honor of Sergeant Mills Greene, who recently died of spinal meningitis at Newport News, Va. Services were postponed at the time of his burial, on account of the lack of information as to the time of the arrival of the body here. It was several days after his death before the body of the deceased soldier was sent to his relatives here, and no elaborate services were arranged at that time.

Sergeant Greene had been in France for several months, having seen actual service. He was gassed while in action, but almost fully recovered from the effects. However, upon reaching this side, just before he was demobilized to return to his home near here, he was stricken with the above disease and in a few days a message was received by relatives telling of his death. It is probable a disease resulted from the effects of the gassing received while in action.

A large attendance is expected to attend the memorial service, which will be the first held in this section for a fallen hero of the war just past.

Renew your subscription to the Herald before March 1.

THE HERALD GETTING BACK AGAIN TO PEACE BASIS; MANY CHANGES

New Power Installed; Larger Force Added; Prepared for Large Volume of Business

THE HERALD WILL BE A LIVE PUBLICATION

Beginning March 1 All Subscribers Will Be Placed on Paid-in-Advance Basis.

Returning to Ahoskie, after eight months of service with the United States navy, the editor of this paper immediately began the publication of the Herald, although seriously handicapped by lack of machinery and man power with which to operate. With advertising patronage gone, finances completely wrecked, but, with an indulgent public, and succored by the good will that the Herald has at all times endeavored to gain by pure merit, the paper has appeared regularly each week, with one exception—New Year's week. To be sure, the Herald has not been in size or in quality what it was before the war; but, this management again reiterates that "we did our best." The interests of Hertford county have been uppermost in every endeavor that has been made to place the Herald back to a standard of which Hertford county people could rightfully boast.

Although our readjustment period has not been fully attained, much has been done toward the final goal of complete rehabilitation. As we have announced before, our linotype is again "grinding" copy; a new power engine has been lately installed, interior improvements have been made to the office, an experienced newspaper man and printer has been added to our force; and, with our last issue, a paper resembling that of our former standard was attained. Again this week, and hereafter every week the Herald shall appear in a full grown manhood. Close attention will be paid to giving each week a well balanced paper, as between reading matter of merit and value and advertising space. In making this statement, we admonish our readers that less attention will henceforth be paid to the actual number of pages of each issue, and more time and thought given to giving our readers news of value, and news that they want. Our size will be directly governed by advertising patronage, taking particular pains to give each week a full supply of news matter.

We are today selling our product—advertising—at the same price charged almost four years ago; and, this is being done in the face of over an hundred per cent increase in paper and all other materials used in publishing a paper. Our expenses of operation are today over treble what they were even eighteen months ago. Subscribers Must Pay in Advance. Our last issue gave a tip as to our

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PRESIDENT WILSON ADDRESS BEFORE PEACE CONFERENCE IN PARIS ON LAST SATURDAY

Following is President Wilson address delivered at the opening of the second meeting of the peace conference in the Salle de La Paix of the Foreign office in Paris:

"Mr. Chairman:—I consider it a distinguished privilege to be permitted to open the discussion in this conference on the league of nations. We have assembled for two purposes—to make the present settlements which have been rendered necessary by this war, and also to secure the peace of the world, not only by the present settlements, but the arrangements we shall make at this conference for its maintenance.

Why Necessary.

"The league of nations seems to me to be necessary for both of these purposes. There are many complex

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON



President Woodrow Wilson is head of the American delegation to the peace conference.

DANCING BY CHURCH MEMBERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN AHOSKIE

Adopt Resolutions Last Saturday Condemning Dancing; Covenant of Church Will Be Amended.

The Ahoskie Baptist church in conference last Saturday unanimously adopted resolutions condemning the modern dance. The covenant of the church was so amended as to make those of that church who engage in the modern dances subject to reproof by the church, and on further offense sufficient cause to remove from the membership of the church. On the following morning, just after the regular preaching hour, the resolutions, which had already been made a part of the church covenant, were unanimously approved by the church in an open meeting. This action was taken as published in the Herald last week; and is the outcome of the bold stand taken by the pastor of the church, Rev. Fred T. Collins. Rev. Collins, in his attitude, apparently, has the solid support of the members of his church. However, as he remarked at the meeting last Sunday, there were some who did not have the courage to stand up for their convictions when an opportunity to vote was given, some of the church members refrained from voting.

At the regular preaching hour the pastor employed Ephesians, 5th chapter, 11th verse—"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them"—in support of the contemplated action of the church in adding the above amendment to the covenant. His sermon was a severe condemnation of the frequenters of the local dance hall, he having announced at the beginning of his sermon that local conditions would be treated in his sermon. An unusually large congregation attended the service.

Miss Dorothy Vann, a teacher in the Aulander Graded School, was the guest of relatives in Ahoskie several days this week.

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Set Up Machinery.

"It is, therefore, necessary that we should set up some machinery by which the work of this conference should be completed.

ONE YEAR'S PAY FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIER-SAILOR

Shafer Plan Proposes To Put Bill Through Congress That Would Give Men Extra.

HEADQUARTERS ARE IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Soldiers and Sailors Should Be Materially Aided to Help Them Get Same Rating.

to benefit the men of the service was originated in the city of Norfolk, the original pioneer sponsor being W. B. Shafer, Jr., a farmer of Princes Anne county. The movement has recently gained great momentum, and the service men are backing it to the limit. The following letter has been recently mailed from national headquarters at Norfolk:

Do you know that the majority of the men that joined the service this year gave up positions paying them around \$150.00 per month and some as much as \$300.00 per month? Compare that with \$30.00 per month. This is a moral issue. The men of the service worked or fought night and day for whatever the government chose to pay them; they did not strike, neither did they get ten per cent plus. They only obeyed orders. The only record we have of a whole company disobeying orders was that one of our companies were charging the Huns and the officer gave orders to halt, but they captured several German dugouts before obeying him.

Some people oppose the plan because it will cost the government three (3) billion dollars, saying that we are not able to stand it. Such statements are an insult to the flag. For our experts tell us that it would have cost us over twenty-five (25) billion dollars per year to have carried the war on several years longer and they further state that we could have financed it for a number of years under our same Liberty bond plan. Now, taxes, don't faint, for our generation could pay the three billion off by an average increased tax of just one dollar per year for each person of the United States. Our great country is not bankrupt; no, far from it. A vast amount of the money we have borrowed has been invested in permanent improvements and bonds of our allies and should we be disposed to do so we can collect the balance from Germany. Our governments is better off financially than any government or institution in the world today.

Others oppose it, saying that it would put too much money in the hands of the irresponsible. Well, when you hear a man talking like that, he either does not know what class of men are in the service or he is one of those kind of men that asked every one of his friends to sign his son's exemption card while your boy or brother was going to the front to defend humanity.

There is no charity in this plan. It will only give the men what they have earned thrice and a very small portion of what they deserve. How much would we have had if it had not been for the men of the service?

Would it be giving our service men a fair deal to only give them a one month bonus when their commercial competitors have saved a few thousand dollars for a rainy day, while the gates of our national treasury were swung open from necessity?

Arguments for and against the proposition have been formulated by the managers and are set out as follows in a bulletin recently made public. The arguments follow:

Argument for the Plan.

Will give a man a chance to make something of himself, as he can look for his opportunity and find the business he is best fitted for or return to college and finish his education.

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