



**LIBRARY EXTENSION WORK**

**PRIVILEGES NOW OPEN TO ALL THE WHITE CITIZENS OF GUILFORD COUNTY.**

The experiment of extending the privileges of the Greensboro public library to all the white citizens of Guilford county, as the result of an agreement between the city and county authorities, is the subject of favorable comment on the part of many people throughout the state. The county is to pay \$1,250 to the support of the library for a year, this being half the amount of the annual appropriation by the city of Greensboro.

The following information concerning the library, the regulations, etc., is furnished by the librarian:

In addition to loans made directly from the library in Greensboro, six sub-stations will be established in the county for neighborhood circulation. Fifty books will be sent free to each of these points to be exchanged every month, unless a longer period is desired by the people of the section. Individual borrowers can have books mailed to any point in the county at their expense by parcel post.

The rules governing all loans made directly from the library provide that any books loaned may be kept two weeks, with privilege of renewal. The renewal may be made by postal card or telephone. All borrowers under eighteen who obtain loans direct from the library must have the signature of either parent or guardian on their application cards. The library is open every week day except the inventory day of August and three holidays, July 4, Christmas and Thanksgiving days. Its hours are 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., except for June, July and August, when it is closed at 7 P. M.

County extension work by public libraries has met with much success in the North and West, and the state library commission in Raleigh is already doing a splendid work in sending out package and debate libraries to rural sections of North Carolina just as far as the present state appropriation will permit.

Durham county gives \$400 each year for library circulation in the county. Mecklenburg for some years gave \$300 annually, but has withdrawn this amount. Guilford is the first county to provide for circulation by sub-stations as well as from the central library. So that this year's work will really be an experiment in this state.

It is not a new thing for this county to lead in good works, and the trustees urge that the people visit the library and examine its resources for themselves, feeling sure that they will be both surprised and gratified at the growth of so young an institution.

Opened in 1902, with less than 2,000 books, it now owns 12,250. It is housed in a Carnegie building provided through the generosity of the great philanthropist in 1906. Its circulation for last year was 31,904, which does not include its daily reference service given to students in the library rooms.

Built up from such a small beginning, it is an investment of the city which has brought daily returns in the pleasure and information of the people, and now that the increase of its volumes will warrant an extension of service to the county, the commissioners have made this circulation possible for one year by paying \$1,250 to the library support for this period.

Such a forward step for Guilford must be a matter of profound concern to all who love her people. It is full of promise for study, recreation and practical aid in daily work. The co-operation of the whole county is earnestly asked that every home may enjoy this blessing of free books.

**Fourteen People Drowned.**  
Austin, Texas, April 23.—Fourteen persons are known to have been drowned in the flood which swept down Shoal and Waller creeks, on the outskirts of Austin, during last night's rainstorm, washing away more than 200 dwelling houses. Eleven other persons, not accounted for, are believed to have lost their lives. The property damage is estimated at \$500,000.

Ten inches of rain fell within two hours last night, the creeks rising rapidly and overflowing their banks before residents of the lowlands could be warned. Twenty bridges were washed away.

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**HOW THE TREASURY HAS HELPED THE SOUTH.**

W. P. G. Harding, of the federal reserve board, has made public a letter he has written to J. L. Hughes, of the Southern Club of Chicago, in answer to an inquiry of the secretary of the treasury as to what the Wilson administration did for the South last fall when it was in distress over the cotton situation.

Mr. Harding wrote to Mr. Hughes that Secretary McAdoo, among other things, had called a conference of those interested in transportation last August, recommended a bureau of war risk insurance, worked for a government-owned merchant marine and looked with favor upon the establishment of a cash fund of \$100,000,000 to be subscribed by banks throughout the non-cotton producing states, out of which loans should be made on cotton on the basis of six cents a pound.

"Under the conditions that prevailed last fall," said Mr. Harding, "the creation of a fund of this magnitude to be loaned upon a commodity which was then regarded as unmarketable, was a tremendous undertaking, but Secretary McAdoo devoted all of his energy and ability to the task. In the face of enormous odds, he was successful, and as soon as it became evident that he would succeed in raising the fund, a demand for cotton, at prices slightly above the loan values fixed, sprang up, and this demand has continued without intermission, so that the best grades are now selling in the South at around 10 cents a pound, a price which, in the opinion of experts, is as great as would have obtained had there been no war. While the benefit of the cotton loan fund was, therefore, confined to its moral effect, it was unquestionably a great factor in restoring confidence and in initiating a movement of cotton which has developed beyond all expectations.

"Having lived in the South all my life, and having been engaged in the banking business 28 years before coming to Washington last summer, I feel warranted in saying that I have never seen a situation in the South apparently so desperate as that which existed last fall that was worked out as rapidly and as satisfactorily, and I wish to say never before within my recollection has a secretary of the treasury devoted as much time and energy to the solution of Southern problems, nor shown such knowledge of and sympathetic interest in the necessities of that section. The relief afforded the South by Secretary McAdoo was intelligent and effective, and his spirit of helpfulness was restrained only by the limitations of law and the obligations of his oath of office. The deeds and motives of the administration will be more and more appreciated in the South with the passing of time."

**Rothschild and Rockefeller Fortunes**  
That there are no estates in England of the value of the largest estates in the United States is again demonstrated by the provisional estimate, \$62,500,000 sworn to in London, as to the value of the estate of the late Baron Rothschild.

This was the fourth largest estate in England, exceeded only by the estate of the duke of Westminster, Sir Ernest Cassel and Lord Ivor. But the real estate income of the duke of Westminster is less than the securities income of Sir Ernest Cassel, and also less than the income of Lord Ivor from the Guinness brewery.

When Barney Barnato, the South African gold and diamond king, had speculative securities valued at about \$400,000,000—he committed suicide when his estate shrank to \$15,000,000—there was only one comparison that could be made. He was declared to be richer than the London Rothschilds.

While Baron Nathan Mayer Rothschild was probably the richest Rothschild, the wealth of the family, including the continental branches, probably passes the billion-dollar mark.

Nevertheless, it is surprising to find that the estate of the richest Rothschild is less than the real estate inheritance of Vincent Astor; far below the wealth of Andrew Carnegie; only a fraction of the wealth of John D. Rockefeller, and less than several estates in America that could be named, all of which, save the Astor estate, was accumulated in the lifetime of the present owner.

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**BUSINESS MUCH BETTER AND IMPROVING DAILY.**

Newspaper men from all sections of the United States who are in New York attending the annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association report a decided improvement in business conditions.

As newspaper men are in close touch with local trade, the results of their observations pointed to the unanimous conclusion that business was infinitely better and was improving daily. Their opinion came as an answer to the question asked recently by so many persons, "Is there a sound reason in the country's present state of prosperity for the high level of prices on the exchanges?"

From visitors living on the Pacific coast the impression was received that, quite apart from the stimulus given to business in that region by the two expositions, there was a real quickening in trade and industry. The farming and stock-raising section of the middle West is experiencing, it seems, a business revival. The Great Lakes territory, particularly Michigan, as reflected by the newspaper men, is actually beginning to boom.

The steel industry, admittedly a barometer of trade, according to a publisher from Pittsburgh, is working in that district on a 92 per cent basis and bringing such prosperity as has not been seen there in years.

Even from the cotton states, which suffered most from the abnormal state of affairs created by the war, delegates to the convention brought confident predictions of better business. Lower costs in producing the next cotton crop and the beneficial diversification, prompted by the war's effect upon the cotton industry, were the chief factors working, it was said, for prosperity in these agricultural states.

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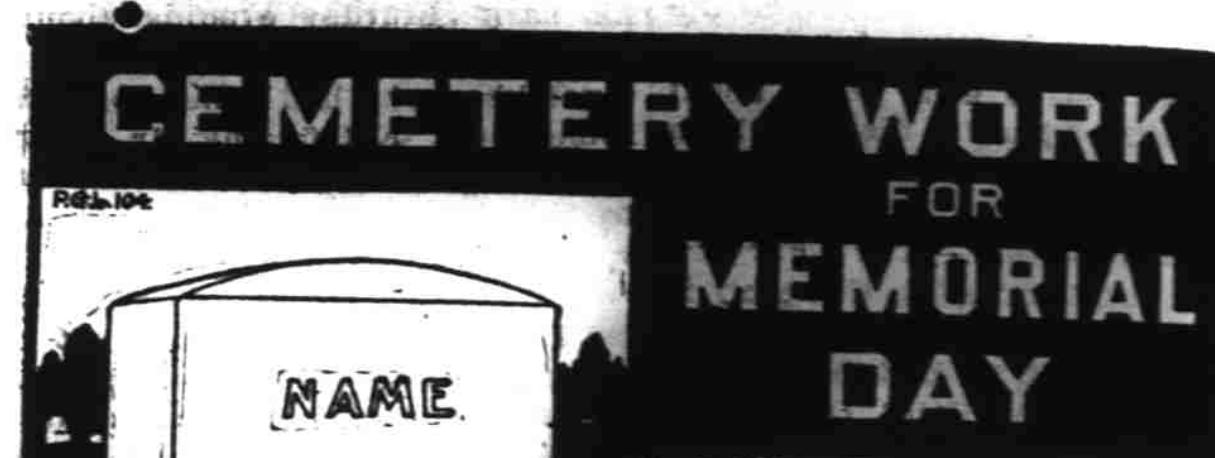
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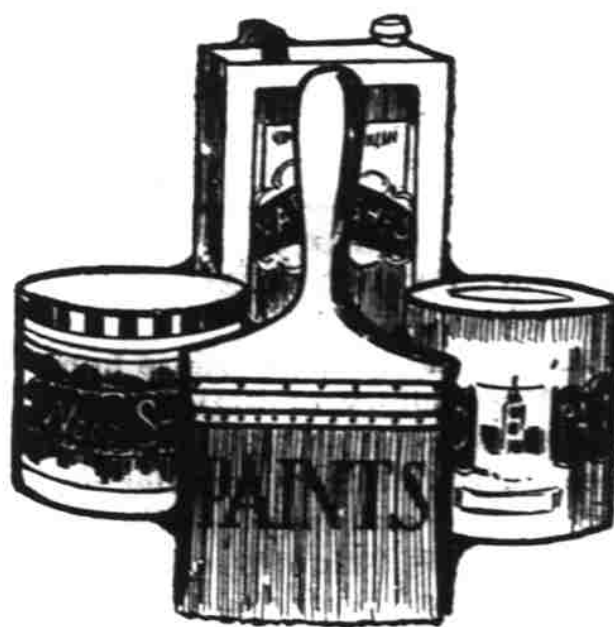
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