

State Abandons Highway Construction Work

GOVERNOR STATES ALL OPERATIONS TO BE CURTAILED

Cannot Borrow Additional Funds In New York; Fears Necessity Of Special Session.

Warning heads of all state departments and institutions that "we should abandon temporarily all operations that are not absolutely essential to the state," Gov. O. Max Gardner reviewed the financial status of North Carolina.

The governor conferred with all of the department and institution heads in order that he could "frankly" present a picture of the condition of the state.

While the situation is "so critical," the governor told the conference, it had been decided to abandon plans for the construction of \$4,800,000 worth of new highways and the new \$400,000 state's prison for the time, at least. This is in addition to the cut of 30 per cent in the general fund appropriations to all departments and institutions.

Noting the threat of the necessity of a possible session of the general assembly to bring about a balanced budget, the governor said no special session should be called until it has been ascertained how much below estimates the actual collections of income taxes will be.

Due to severe reductions in collections, the state general fund is now expected to fall \$3,750,000 below the original estimate of \$27,750,000 in receipts, the governor said.

"The 1929 standard of value is no longer a yard stick for measuring 1932 ability," the governor asserted, and warned that it must be wiped off the slate of our minds.

The state's cash position must be maintained the governor said. The essentials, but only the essentials, should be preserved. All travel not absolutely needed must be left off. Inventories must be held to the absolute minimum.

"We cannot borrow further in New York," Governor Gardner continued, and therefore the state must meet its fixed charges and carry on operations for the rest of this year out of its revenues.

Asked to explain his statement regarding New York the governor replied "it means just what it says."

In a brief explanation he said that North Carolina along with many other states has been told that no further borrowing is possible in New York and that any short-term financing must be handled within the state.

Regardless of what is needed to be done, the governor said, it will be done to preserve the credit of the state.

Two Women Killed When Plane Hits Mountain



Mrs. Ruth Stewart, St. Louis, and Mrs. Debbie Stanford, Toronto, two young women flying from St. Louis to New York, where they intended to attempt a flight to Buenos Aires, crashed to their death on the side of a mountain in Pennsylvania. The accident happened when they lost their bearings in the fog. Searchers came across their bodies and the wrecked plane two days later.

LABOR NEWS

By F. T. CORNELIUS, Secretary Salisbury-Spencer Central Labor Union

Because of Labor's partnership in the railroad industry, helping to maintain the service which constitutes its means of earning revenues, Labor questions the industries right to get money to pay dividends by reducing the wages of railway workers.

GREENSBORO LABOR FIGHTS FOR PREVAILING RATE

Officers of the Greensboro Central Labor Union who were installed to serve during the next six months find themselves faced with plenty of work as they begin their administration. One of the most important problems consists of insisting that the prevailing scale or rates of pay be given union workers in erecting the

The state will not default in its obligations, he continued, and then sounded a warning that "this state cannot continue beyond the period of this storm to operate on a deficit, that is, on borrowed money.

Concluding with the assertion that a North Carolina bond "is worth par anywhere and everywhere," Governor Gardner asked all of the departmental heads to "consolidate our patriotism, and pledge themselves to stand without flinching in united, unselfish and unexempted front. This is not a challenge to a few of us; it is challenge to all of us."

half million dollar post office now under construction. Another problem is the execution of a program of unemployment relief, as the unemployment situation is still acute.

The new officers are as follows: president, W. H. Price, brick mason, who succeeds Marcus F. Sauls, printer; vice president, John Moser, recording secretary; Charles H. Henley, carpenter, corresponding secretary; Augustus Ruof, printer, financial secretary; G. A. Martain, machinist, treasurer; Roy Michaux, plumber, who succeeds A. F. Smothers, also a plumber, Sergeant-at-Arms; L. M. Cooper, painter, and trustee to serve ten months; John K. White, brickmason, and a former president of the body.

SHOP FEDERATION MEETS

The Spencer Shop Federation held its regular monthly meeting Friday night, January 15th, in the Central Labor Union hall. The membership of the Federation includes all crafts employed in the mechanical departments and the chairman of each craft with all subcommittees assemble to discuss any and all problems that present themselves at the monthly meetings, which are well attended.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION TO ELECT OFFICERS

In accordance with the laws governing the election of officers, formal notice has been ordered by President Fink to all local union to the effect that on February 8th, 1932, the annual election of officers of the Salisbury-Spencer Central Labor Union

will be held. Much interest is being shown and a large delegation is expected to support the candidates of their choice.

POLITICAL RECORDS INVESTIGATED

With the several candidates for the various offices to be filled ranging from county positions to the highest in the land, announcing themselves, there is an unmistakable trend among the rank and file of labor to investigate the past records of those seeking office. No longer will empty promises be accepted if the indications at present continue, but those who have proven themselves to be fair-minded and have shown labor reasonable consideration are the ones who will receive the support of labor.

PALMETTO COUNCIL MEETING

Salisbury was represented at the regular meeting of the Palmetto Organizing Council meeting held in Spartanburg, Sunday, January 17, in

the county court house.

The meeting was called to order by F. B. Rogers, president, of the Spartanburg Central Labor Union and the opening invocation was made by the Rev. Dr. Viperman, pastor of the South Side Baptist Church, of Spartanburg and a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Spencer. Dr. Viperman also delivered a forceful sermon taking as his text "As ye would that man should do unto you, do ye even so to them."

Hon. Olen D. Johnson addressed the meeting and was well received.

L. E. Brookshire, president of the S. C. State Federation of Labor, in a most able manner, pointed out the fact that he had yet to see or hear those organizations which advocated the application of the golden rule come out openly and denounce the industrial systems that caused so much misery and suffering among the masses of the people.

Chas. M. Gaskill, representative of the A. F. of L., in an able manner defended the position and policies of his organization, denounced Walter S. Gifford, chairman of President Hoover's relief organization, and stated that the people must insist for their protection against bank failure losses that the banks be forced to put up collateral or that the banks be taken over by the government.

Brother Rogers turned the meeting over to the President of Palmetto Council. Brother E. R. Brittan, of Columbia, and after several short

Twigs May Be Clue To Mountain's Age

Longmire, Wash.—Staid old Mount Rainier, who has guarded closely the secret of her age since long before man first attempted to scale her mighty back, may be forced to see at least her approximate age blazoned to the world.

Fossilized leaves and twigs have been found on Mount Ararat, one of the smaller peaks of Mount Rainier, and Howard Coombs, naturalist attached to the staff of Rainier National Park, said they may be the means of determining the age—within a few thousand years of "The Mountain."

talks, the most outstanding which was made by John A. Peel, representative of the U. T. W. Brother Brittan made a report of the accomplishments of the past year, after which the election of officers was held which placed in office E. R. Brittan as president; F. B. Rogers, vice president; John A. Peel, secretary. Greenville, S. C., was chosen as the next city to entertain the council, which will meet again on Sunday, February 21, 1932.

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Ride the street cars and avoid the parking nuisance.

"ASHES TO ASHES, DUST TO ——" but not with this new fertilizer. At left, they're filling a drill with wind-proof, non-caking grains. Compare this with the old powdered form at the right. (Photo in circle shows actual size of fertilizer grains.)



Chemists Create New Fertilizer

Dustless, Non-Caking Product, Four Times Stronger Than Normal, Can Be Drilled Like Grain

Something new in the way of fertilizer has been developed by American chemists.

"We have tried to produce a fertilizer with the troubles left out," said Theodore Swann, president of the Swann Chemical Company, which is responsible for this new development.

"One of the troubles with ordinary commercial fertilizer is that only about 16 per cent of it is useful plant food—that is to say, only one-sixth of it has fertilizing value. The new fertilizer has 64 per cent or more actual plant food—nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash— which means that one hundred pounds of it will give the same fertility to the soil as four hundred pounds of the ordinary kind. Since the American farmer has been paying over \$30,000,000 annually for transporting and handling fertilizer, large savings should be made possible by the new concentrated fertilizer.

"Other troubles with ordinary fer-

tilizer are that it is dusty, which makes it disagreeable to handle, and it tends to form hard cakes which have to be broken up before the fertilizer can be applied.

"We have solved these troubles by producing a fertilizer in granular form, which can be handled as easily as wheat. The granules are hard and firm, uniform in composition, and non-caking even in damp, humid climates. Their size and shape permit them to be easily and accurately applied to the soil by means of the simplest type of mechanical distributors. Recent tests by an authoritative experiment station show that the granular form of this new fertilizer permits uniform distribution at rates as low as 5 pounds to the acre, which is a degree of uniform application that has not heretofore been obtained.

"Other advantages of the granules are that the fertilizer can be placed with extreme accuracy at any desired distance from the seed. Being free from dust, no portion can be

wasted by blowing away. The plant food salts cannot separate out in non-uniform masses, and all will be brought into solution at the same rate, thus preventing any selective leaching out of certain of the elements. Thus the farmer obtains more effective fertilization from considerably less actual plant food applied per acre.

"The development of this fertilizer required extensive mechanical study for the designing of special machines, in addition to intensive chemical research and a cooperative study of ideal fertilizer requirements with experiment station directors and agronomists in all fertilizer-consuming sections of the United States, and in Germany, Great Britain, and France.

"An experimental plant to manufacture this fertilizer has been erected at the works of the Swann Chemical Company at Anniston, Alabama. All of the fertilizer so far produced has been sent to experiment stations, agricultural colleges and agencies for test purposes."