

# GOVERNOR GRANTS PARDONS TO THREE

### Conditioned Upon Good Conduct and Appearance at Court for Three Years

Governor Bickett announced three conditional pardons yesterday, granted to men whose aggregate sentences to penal institutions were eight and a half years and who had already served practically half of this time. In each case the pardon was conditioned upon the appearance of the paroled man in his county court once yearly for three years to give assurance of good behavior.

The pardoned men are John Reid, serving a term of six years under sentence of Transylvania court for manslaughter, his service having been begun April, 1915; Carl Palmer, serving a term of fourteen months on the public roads of Forsyth for housebreaking and larceny, to which he was sentenced in July, 1916, and John Thompson, serving fifteen months on the roads of Davidson county for storebreaking, having been sentenced in July, 1916.

Assigning reasons for the pardon of John Reid, Governor Bickett said:

"The defendant has served about two years of his sentence, and the county physician and another physician, together with a great host of people, signed the petition, setting forth that Reid is an afflicted man, drawn double with rheumatism, has permanent curvature of the spine, and is unable to do manual labor. He is about 50 years old. Up to the time of his conviction he had never been indicted in court before, and had the reputation of being a good citizen. He has given the road authorities no trouble since he has been on the road, and all twelve of the jurors who convicted him and the solicitor of the district signed the application for his pardon."

No Intention to Steal.  
Granting the pardon to John Thompson, convicted of storebreaking, Governor Bickett declared that while the evidence appeared conclusive of the breaking in, there was no apparent purpose to steal. Governor Bickett continued:

"He was sentenced to a term of fifteen months on the road for Davidson county. Since his sentence he has secured a good position in Roanoke, Va., and the testimony is conclusive that he is making a good citizen and doing honest work. The young man is not a criminal, and does not belong to the criminal class. A petition for a conditional pardon is signed by nearly all the representative citizens of Thomasville, and Mr. M. L. Kesler, superintendent of the Thomasville Orphanage, saw me in person and stated that in his opinion it would be a grievous blunder to send this young man to the roads."

Palmer Is Boy.  
Carl Palmer is to leave prison and take up a job secured him by his father in Winston-Salem. Offering the pardon, Governor Bickett said:

"The defendant is a boy about 17 years of age, whose mother is practically an invalid. His father is very poor, and has obtained a position for his son that will pay \$1.50 a day in one of the manufacturing plants of Winston. The boy has been on the roads for about six months, and the superintendent reports that while at first he was unruly, he is now a good prisoner. A large number of representative people certify that, in their opinion, neither society nor the boy will be benefited by his further punishment."

To Atlanta For Treatment.  
(Special to The News and Observer.)  
Goldboro, Feb. 24.—Leslie Davis, son of Mr. W. H. Davis, of Mount Olive, who has been confined to his bed at a local hospital for several months, due to the fracture of a bone in one of his legs, was taken this week to Atlanta, Ga., where he will receive the attention of a specialist.

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# RANEY LIBRARY SERVICE GROWS

### Librarian's Annual Report Shows More Intelligent Use of Books by Raleigh People

The Olivia Raney Library has steadily grown in usefulness during the past year, according to the annual report of the librarian, Miss Jennie Coffin, made to the board of directors. Miss Coffin calls particular attention to the more intelligent use made of the catalogue, periodical indexes and reference books by the students of the city.

"With each added year," says Miss Coffin in her report, "I feel that the importance of the work of this institution is felt by the citizens of Raleigh, the colleges and book clubs. As far as I can see the attendance has increased, Meredith College still leading the schools."

"The tabulated part of my report will show the closing of the library nineteen days, five of these we closed for the installation of new stacks and re-arrangement of others. The ten books reported missing after our last inventory was completed were as follows: Stephen's 'Life of La Salette', Martin's 'Human Body', Sargent's 'Toasts for the Times', 'Boy's Book of Indian Battles', two books of adult and four of juvenile fiction. Books to the value of \$60.50 were bought for the general collection and paid for with money received from the rental collection. Last summer a new flooring was laid under the soda fountain in the drug store, costing with a few other necessary repairs about \$18.00.

"In the matter of gifts of books, the library has not received the number it did last year but I wish to especially note the completion of a set of Marlowe books by Mr. Erwin A. Holt of Burlington, N. C. These are much read by the public. From the Johnsonian and Kentness Book Clubs and Dr. George Summey we have received some valuable books as well as a number of novels from Mrs. John Park and other patrons.

"The resignation of Miss Ellen King December 1, leaves us without a second assistant, consequently the repairing of the many worn and torn books has suffered and this work is accumulating."

The detailed report of the library work follows:

Number of volumes at beginning of year, 13,983; number of volumes added by purchase, 483; number of volumes added by gift, 116; number of volumes added by binding, 64; total additions during year, 663; number of volumes missing at inventory, 10; number of volumes lost by patrons, 8; total number at end of year, 14,645; number of periodicals and periodicals subscribed for, 51; number of periodicals donated, 25; number of pamphlets entered, 957; number of pamphlets catalogued, 259; total number of borrowers, 6,503 number of borrowers registered during the year, 573; number of temporary borrowers, 33; estimated reference attendance, 972; books drawn from rental collection, 1,151; number of books repaired in library, 2,142; number of catalogue cards made, 1,306.

The figures of circulation are significant.

Total circulation during year, 34,593; number of volumes of fiction circulated, 31,996; biography, 583; general works, 4; philosophy, 233; religion, 227; sociology, 417; philology, 3; science, 145; useful arts, 127; fine arts, 236; literature, 875; travel and history, 627.

The largest daily circulation was January 20th, with 280; and the smallest daily circulation was December 18th, with 25, while the average daily circulation was 117 with 294 days open for circulation.

The financial statement follows:

Receipts	
Unexpended balance	\$ 256.75
City appropriation	2,000.00
Rent of drug store	600.00
Rent of office	399.00
Rent of hall	418.00
Fines	202.95
Refunded from insurance on plate glass window	9.13
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$4,885.83</b>
Expenditures	
New books	\$ 322.32
Duplicate books	47.17
Periodicals	136.00
Binding books	76.21
Binding magazines	68.55
Insurance	289.78
Repairs and improvements	430.75
Fuel	145.31
Salaries—Library service	1,505.00
Janitor service	444.00
Supplies	197.25
Furniture and fixtures	150.00
General expenses	631.56
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,445.00</b>
Balance on hand	\$140.84

### RED CROSS SEAL SALE INCREASES 50 PERCENT

According to figures just completed by the State Red Cross Seal Commission, of which Dr. L. B. McBrayer is executive secretary, the sale of seals in the State last year shows an increase of 50 per cent over that of the year before, while the increase for the United States was only 30 per cent. The total number of seals sold for the year 1916 was 1,206,325, having a money value of \$12,063.25. Of this amount \$7,298.39 was kept by local committees for use in the towns and communities where the seals were sold, while the American Red Cross received \$1,206.32, and while \$1,558.54 was paid for the expenses of conducting the campaign, including Tuberculosis Sunday and the purchase of a moving picture tuberculosis film. The remainder of the sum raised, which amounts to \$2,045.17, is to be used by the State Red Cross Seal Commission for fighting tuberculosis here in North Carolina.

According to a letter from the national association to Dr. McBrayer, the sale of seals for 1916 in the United States amounted to \$1,000,000, which was an increase of 30 per cent over the sales of the year before. Since the beginning of the sale of seals in this country, which was in 1908, \$4,206,051 has been raised.

The result of the 1916 Red Cross Seal campaign, according to Dr. McBrayer, is highly gratifying to the commission. The returns show that better results were obtained from small towns than ever before. A list of the cities and towns making standard record sales will be published later.

# URGE HUMANITY IN PRISON CONTROL

### Directors Raleigh Woman's Club Favors Abolition Corporal Punishment

The directors of the Raleigh Woman's Club yesterday went on record with a strong resolution favoring the abolition of corporal punishment in the control of prisoners in the State penal institutions. In addition, the directors asserted their favor toward other measures introduced into the General Assembly looking toward the betterment of prison conditions in North Carolina.

The resolution adopted and ordered forwarded to members of the General Assembly reads:

"Whereas, the Constitution of North Carolina forbids the infliction of cruel and unusual punishment, and

"Whereas, the public conscience deplores the continued inhuman treatment of prisoners in North Carolina, and

"Whereas, a bill has been introduced by Honorable R. F. Beasley at the present session of the General Assem-

bly which will if enacted into law forbid corporal punishment in disciplining of prisoners in this State; now therefore,

"Be it resolved by the Woman's Club of the City of Raleigh, that we most heartily endorse the provisions of the bill introduced by Mr. Beasley, and we desire to place ourselves on record as favoring the passage of this bill, and the passage of the other measures which have been introduced at the present session of the General Assembly looking to the betterment of prison conditions in North Carolina and for the protection and care of the dependent families of the prisoners."

### BRITISH TRANSPORT VETERINARIAN IS HERE

Dr. W. D. Faison, who is now with the British government as transport veterinary officer on H. M. T. Mandalay, is in the city for a few days. His brother, who is a student at A. and M., is very ill with pneumonia. Dr. Faison landed in Newport News, Va., Thursday and came directly here. On this trip he went to Salonica, Greece, and then to Egypt. He has some interesting war stories, as he was in the war zone all the time.

Dr. Faison sails again for Egypt in about ten days. He is an old A. and M. man and his many friends here are glad to see him safe home again.

# RECRUITING FORCE KEPT BUSY HERE

### Nearly Hundred Men Sent Into Service From State During February

A visit to the central station of the recruiting district of North Carolina for the United States army, 204 South Fayetteville street, finds a crowd of soldiers, who are busy from eight a. m. until five p. m. each day. There is plenty of work these days but they always find time to answer any questions relative to the service in the United States army, for that is part of their job. A few questions put to a member of the recruiting party brought facts that are not generally known to the public.

First Lieutenant Edward B. Dennis, coast artillery corps, is the officer in charge of recruiting in the State of North Carolina, with headquarters in this city, but the lieutenant has in charge twelve auxiliary stations scattered in various towns in the State—Durham, Asheville, Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Kinston, Hickory, Reidsville, Washington, Mt. Airy, Lumberton and Gaston. The headquarters of the district was moved to Raleigh from Charlotte in November, 1916.

The offices are located on the third floor of the building at the corner of South Fayetteville and Martin streets. All applicants are examined and accepted at these offices should they pass the examination required by law. During the month of February the North Carolina district has furnished nearly a hundred men for the various branches of service in the United States army. There being fifteen men at the Raleigh station in one day to be sent to the recruit depot at Columbus Barracks, Ohio. A number of men are rejected each month on account of various reasons, the law requiring a very strict examination on an applicant's physical, moral and mental qualifications. But there are fewer rejections in North Carolina than in many other locations, this State furnishing very desirable material for soldiers.

All enlistments are purely voluntary, and the purpose of the recruiting party is to furnish all information in its power to persons desiring information relative to service in the army. A soldier is stationed at the doorway of all the offices for recruiting, whose sole duty it is direct applicants for enlistment to the proper office and to answer any questions that the general public may desire to ask about the service.

The new army bill, approved June 1916, makes the service well worth investigating, and has very many inviting features to any young man in search of a career, provided he is physically qualified, can read and write the English language and is of good character. The pay is the most liberal of any army in the world, the ration are better and taking into consideration the situation of ration and mileage at discharge, quarters and medical attendance, together with the advantages offered for travel and opportunities to attend the various army service schools and chances for study and learning a trade—the three years with the colors make a good business proposition and fit a young man for a useful and valuable citizen. The opportunities that are now offered to an enlisted man for promotion to the rank of commissioned officer or to the higher grades of non-commissioned officers have never served the United States, and men in the before been equaled, and compare very



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