

FAVOR AMENDMENT WAR RISK SYSTEM

American Legion Behind Movement To Have Insurance Paid in Lump Sum

Amendment of the war risk insurance act will be urged by the American Legion, through its legislative committee in Washington, in order to allow men insured under the act to elect whether their insurance upon maturity will be paid in installments or in one lump payment. Former Senator Lake Lea and former Congressman Thomas W. Miller, joint chairmen of the committee, plan to have legislation introduced immediately to effect this alteration in the act to carry out the expressed wish of the American Legion delegates at their St. Louis meeting.

The present form of war risk insurance is known as term insurance and is payable in monthly installments for a period of 240 months. This may be converted into ordinary forms of insurance such as straight life insurance, twenty or thirty year paid-up life insurance and endowment insurance. Except in the case of a matured endowment, these forms of insurance, under the present act, are payable only in installments, extending over a twenty year period, the amount of installments depending upon the amount of insurance.

The purpose of the intended amendment is to allow a man to elect how the insurance shall be paid. Service men say that their beneficiaries in many cases are too old ever to realize any usefulness from the insurance if paid only in monthly installments. It has also been suggested that men be allowed to elect payment of part of their total insurance in one lump sum and the balance in installments.

SMALL TOWN NEED IS FOR MORE FIRE LADDERS

This, It Is Pointed Out, Will Effectively Aid Fire Fighting

An urgent need in many of the smaller towns of North Carolina and about the great majority of the individual premises—homes and places of business—is for ladders in connection with preparedness for fighting fires. Indeed, available ladders are decidedly the exception when fires start or there is other urgent need for them in emergency effort against fires and accidents.

This situation came in for special consideration in the institute for firemen held in Asheville by Commissioner James R. Young, ex-officio fire marshal.

The plan developed is for those towns which have not yet provided their fire fighting organization with hook and ladder trucks to have light, strong ladders made in needed quantity in readiness to have them hauled to the scene of whatever fire the need for them may develop. These ladders would certainly prove most valuable in facilitating the fire-fighting and in enabling the firemen to save much property and even life that would otherwise be sacrificed.

The Commissioner and the firemen are agreed that ample supplies of ladders should be provided about every manufacturing plant, railroad station and other commercial or public building. Then every dwelling should be similarly equipped. These ladders should be in lengths that would make it possible to readily reach the roof and then there should be specially designed ladders running from the eaves of the apex, or comb of the roof and securely "anchored" over the comb so that fire fighters or others could speedily and safely pass over and about the roof at will.

Such a ladder equipment might not be actually needed for fire fighting about a particular building once in a great while but being available when needed is a tremendous factor and might mean the saving of thousands of dollars and in many instances property that represents the savings of a life time.

The need for this ladder equipment all through the State is so important, in the opinion of those participating in these State institutes at Asheville, that town and county authorities would do well to take action both as to ladders for public buildings and to induce individual property owners to see that they are available on every premises.

SERVED 13,285 MEN IN 30 DAYS OF JUNE

Local Chapter of American Red Cross Makes Report On Activities of Month

Serving of 13,285 men at the Raleigh Red Cross canteen during the month of June, is one of the amazing figures in the latest report of the local chapter.

These men were all aboard passing troop trains, and represent only one phase of the local A. R. C. activities. The home service department, which cares for the families of men in the service, looks up allotments and war risk insurance, and so, took on 53 new cases last month, making a total of 699 to date.

During the month, the director of women's work shipped to Atlanta 85 children's sweaters, and 90 pairs of stockings. Ten sweaters and 14 pairs of stockings in that shipment were knitted by one woman, and she is still on the job.

Five classes in home nursing have been established, four of them at the State College with 20 members each, and one in town with ten members. Seventy-nine service badges were awarded, seven of them to workers with over 2,400 hours of work to their credit, and 15 to workers with 1,600 hours or better.

RALEIGH HEADQUARTERS CAROLINAS' RED CIRCLE

War Camp Community Service For Two States Will Take Orders From Local Office

Raleigh is now the central office for this district of War Camp Community Service work, the district covering both the Carolinas.

Miss Marjorie Coltam, the district secretary, has established herself in the Pullen building, in the old home of the Red Circle, now the new Community Center. She will direct Red Circle activities of the two States from here.

The W. C. C. S. is entering on an enlarged program of reconstruction work, to include not only the returned service men but the entire community. The theory under which they are proceeding is that every community, as the soldiers and sailors return to it, becomes a war camp, and is therefore as much entitled to Red Circle help as the towns and cities around the regular cantonments.

Safe At Last.

When we were young and in our prime, we had a simply rotten time. We dared not loaf a single second, because the future always beckoned, and when we sneaked a day for fishing we knew 'twas crime against ambition. Now life is beautiful and glorious. No more the future lies before us. Each day for us is simply splendid, because our foolish toil is ended. No more with jobs we are entrusted. We're safe because we're old and busted.—From the Mergenthaler Lines O' Type News.

The instinctive feeling of a great people is often wiser than its wisest men.—Kossuth.

R. O. PEEBLES FUNERAL TO BE AT HIS OLD HOME

Prominent Raleigh Business Man Succumbs To Paralytic Stroke

Funeral services for Mr. Robert Oscar Peebles, of Peebles Brothers wholesale firm, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peebles, near Rolesville.

Mr. Peebles died at 6:45 a. m. yesterday morning, the direct cause of his death being a paralytic stroke the day preceding. He had not been well for several weeks, but his death was not expected. He was 47 years old.

Four brothers, Messrs. Edgar Peebles, Charles Peebles, Wiley Peebles, and Frank Peebles, survive.

The funeral party will leave Raleigh this afternoon at 12:30, and will be joined at the station by friends who will attend the last rites.

The pall bearers will be Messrs. R. L. Horton, Charles Hardesty, J. P. Stell, J. M. Edwards, J. S. Siler, and Jim Wilder.

MONROE WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE WAREHOUSE

Monroe July 23.—State Warehouse Superintendent O. J. McConnell and James P. Brown, connected with the Bureau of Markets of the Federal Department of Agriculture, will visit Monroe Saturday, July 26, with the object in view of establishing a warehouse here under the State system recently created by the passage of the Price bill.

At 1 o'clock in the court house on that day these men will explain the State warehouse system and the rules and regulations governing it. The questions of the establishment of a warehouse here will be presented to those present. Every man who is interested in good prices for cotton is expected at the meeting. Hon. J. N. Price, author of the bill creating the system, is expected to be present and speak concerning it.

TOBACCO WORKERS NOT YET ON STRIKE

Winston-Salem Employees Await Word From National Headquarters Before Acting

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, July 23.—The head of the local tobacco workers' union gave out a statement this afternoon to the effect that a report from national headquarters at Louisville, Ky., on the local labor situation was expected to be received tonight or tomorrow. In response to an inquiry sent by Mr. Clodfelter, he was advised that there was no truth in the rumor current to the effect that an agreement had been reached with the Reynolds Tobacco Company and that all differences had been adjusted.

The telegram received from the national officers states that the proposition submitted by the Winston-Salem union was being considered today. "We do not want a strike," declared Mr. Clodfelter, "and the national board now reviewing the matter has several courses that may be pursued instead of a strike order, if they deem it best to do so."

As a result of a conference here between Judge McElroy, of the Superior court, Solicitor Graves, Judge McKaughan, of the juvenile court, and County Attorney J. H. Clement, it was decided that the judge of the juvenile court may take jurisdiction in cases charging manslaughter between the ages of 14 and 16, but on probable cause defendants charged with any degree of murder must be presented to the Superior court.

Walter T. Powell, a white man of 35 years, in the Superior court, pleaded guilty this afternoon to the charge of larceny of goods from S. Grossman, a local merchant, and was sentenced to twelve months on the county roads. Powell was placed under arrest in Atlanta some weeks ago where he was

suspected of having committed larceny when he was found by officers of that city trying to dispose of merchandise at exceedingly low prices. Before court adjourned this afternoon Judge McElroy was advised that Powell had made threats against the life of Grossman if he didn't come to his rescue, and for this the sentence was changed from one to three years.

BALTIMORE ACCOUNTANT CAN TRISECT TRIANGLE

In the vague prehistoric days when geometry was invented, says the Baltimore Sun, enthusiasts of this study, which since has proved so distasteful to High School pupils, admitted among the few impossibilities the trisection of an angle.

Those bronzed surveyors of the inundated Nile lands trying it left this pessimistic admonition to posterity, "It can't be done." And their despair has stood through all the intervening centuries. Soon came a real world, however, when Adam and Eve whiled away the twilight hour in an endeavor to leave for their children the solution of this geometrical impossibility. Columbus on his first trip to these shores, after inspecting his crew each night and passing several informal words with his chief mate, always went below decks and used good brains hoping to discover something besides America. So much is history.

But here in Baltimore new geometrical history is about to be written. For T. W. Sofge, 55 years old, an accountant, living at 1701 Guilford avenue, has had a pet diversion for many years. It was endeavoring to trisect an angle with only a compass and straightedge rule. Now he announces he is successful and awaits an opportunity to display his mathematical genius to a board of competent judges.

Mr. Sofge offers to put up a forfeit of \$10 which the judges "may keep if he fails to perform." And all he asks as background for the exploitation of his theory is "a bare table, a straight-edge,

a compass and also a sheet of paper, the straight-edge and compass to be accurate instruments."

Mules Against Tractor.
(Kansas City Star.)

A crowd of Fort Scott motorists watched with interest a spirited race between a six-mule team and a tractor, each pulling a harvester on the Glen Campbell ranch northwest of town Monday evening. Witnesses say the six big

mules kept pretty well along with the tractor, but they seemed to tire more quickly. The mules represented an investment of at least \$1,500 and the tractor something over \$600. The mules consume 6,000 to 10,000 gallons of gasoline a year, at the present prices of feed, and the tractor will probably do a year's work on 2,000 or 3,000 gallons at the most, according to the Fort Scott Tribune.

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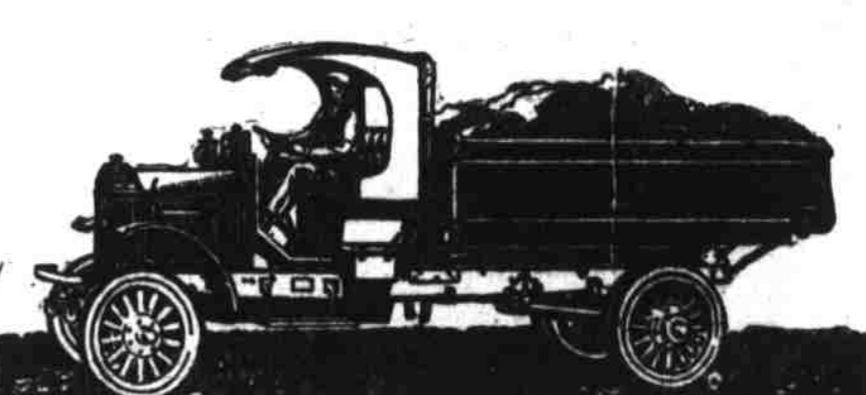
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