

Highway Personnel Low From Maximum Strength

Vacancies Won't Be Filled as Yet; ABC Case Studied

**By HELEN ESSARY
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Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Although personnel strength of the highway patrol is near the absolute minimum for efficient operation, existing vacancies probably will not be filled, according to Motor Vehicles Commissioner Roddie Ward, Capt. L. R. Fisher, on leave with the army, will not be replaced by an acting captain in the next few weeks. There will be a lieutenant, who will report directly to Major Armstrong at Raleigh. Meantime, Capt. Charles Farnor, in charge of eastern troops, will devote some time to the whole State especially on the mountains. The patrol now has 131 men, 27 short of the full complement of 158.

light of an ABC store clerk to conduct a liquor coupon book tendered by a person other than the one to whom it was issued. A Durham magistrate has decided that the store can't do that way, and the case has been appealed to superior court. Opinion hereabout is that, however the Durham county court decides the issue, it will be appealed to the State Supreme Court for final settlement. One chap who had just come from an ABC's experiment with the good and only empty shelves remarked: "The question is purely academic, the coupon isn't good half the time anyway."

William Muirhead, Of Durham, Heads U. S. Contractors

Chicago, Feb. 9.—At the 25th annual meeting of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., held at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, February 7-9, William Muirhead, president of Durham, N. C. contractor, was named as President. This is a Carolina man becoming head of an organization that was started at the request of President Wilson after the last war—2 years ago—to help in financing employment in returning service men's problem. Muirhead is a 25-year-old contractor who has been in the construction business for 10 years.

Mr. Muirhead takes office at a critical time. His qualifications are emphasized by the fact, already mentioned, that the association has support by the some 90 local chapters of the A. G. C. who throughout the country. It is this organization that is putting out the call for 200,000 people to work on the construction industry after the war.

Mr. Muirhead is a past president of the Carolina branch of the Associated General Contractors, comprising both North Carolina and South Carolina, with offices in Charlotte, Raleigh and Columbia. Representing this group at the Carolina meeting along with Mr. Muirhead are Collier C. G. J. of Chapel Hill, recently appointed chairman of the N. C. State Planning Board, and past president of the Carolina branch, F. E. Shuckelford, Greenville, S. C. contractor, and a director of the National A. G. C., C. P. Street, of Charlotte, president of the Carolina branch, and Frank H. Conner, of Charlotte, executive secretary.

Discussion of this annual meeting centered around contracts set for the postwar period in which the construction industry is slated to play a major role.

NATIONAL FORESTS' TIMBER PROFITABLE

Atlanta, Feb. 9.—Record breaking receipts were returned to the U. S. Treasury from the Southern national forests during the last half of 1943. Joseph C. Karcher, Southern Regional Forester, U. S. Forest Service, reported today. Receipts from Southern States totaled \$1,401,750, more than twice the \$683,420 received in the comparable period in 1942. All this income except \$27,887 from land rentals, resulted from sale of timber and forest products.

STATIONED AT DUKE

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Lt. J. A. Bowers, U. S. N., with twenty-two years of active service and two major decorations in this war, was stationed at the N. R. O. T. C. unit, replacing Lt. John Campbell, who has been ordered to an amphibious training center. Lt. Bowers is an assistant professor of naval sciences and tactics, will have the collateral duties of seamanship instructor and assistant drill officer.

TEST—Falls around the spring, particularly in APP's sets, are also watching for the highest outcome of the test case in Durham near the

Pass the Ammunition



It doesn't take American artillery long to get up for housekeeping once a landing is made. This crew of a 105mm gun at Anzio were in action in time to shell the retreating Italians. Keep an old military custom: Back their Attack by buying War Bonds.

Foreign Journalists Rush For Seats At Convention; FDR Press Meets Waning

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Washington—And now I hear that the rush of foreign correspondents for seats at the not too far away Democratic National Convention in Chicago is still on. The White House, Chicago is definitely the middle seat. More, it is the center of America for many Americans.

However, agreed the delegates to the convention may be as to the importance of supporting President Roosevelt, the convention is a whole new ball game to take an American's American policy. If too many strange writers pop into the convention picture, the convention may give the appearance of being for most any part of the foreign world except the United States. Correspondents from as far away as China, Australia, the remote Latin America, New Zealand, men and women representing all areas not Axis—now pushing hard for seats at Chicago.

Here is an international competition which the Republicans may turn to their own use.

While we are talking about journalistic attitudes—there are many people in Washington who believe that the President is now engaged in supporting the White House press conference. It is not true. The press conference has been held and the President has been seen. Even the President's Washington press conference, the presidential withdrawal seems. Surely it must be a surprise that delegates enter there are over for the duration.

Woodrow Wilson, whose wife, Franklin D. Roosevelt, seems to be following in his footsteps, is expected to attend a conference during the coming year of World War I. He will not be in the proceedings of a cabinet meeting. Harding's predecessor's had thought cabinet meetings were sacred. What went on there was not the affair of the public.

To return to Warren Harding's precedent breaking way of reporting on cabinet meetings. Before Harding it was considered shocking to ask about a cabinet meeting. Woodrow Wilson, who though an advocate of peace had his sharp moments, would have been enraged if any one had mentioned a cabinet meeting in his presence. To him, the conservative professor, such audacity would have been almost punishable.

President Harding, generally a more trusting personality than Wilson, as history unfortunately has revealed, talked with cheerful freedom about the questions that he came up at his "council table."

President Wilson got no fun out of his meetings with the press. He almost never told anything of importance. He was civil and sparrowed academically with his visitors. He was never personal.

Supposedly silent President Coolidge, so the old-timers around Washington say, was so conversational about things of no importance that he was practically gossip. Imagine that!

The first Roosevelt—Theodore—had many a mood and tense. He alternately roared and loked with whomsoever might be near by. With much anguish it was arranged to

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Food (slang)
 5. 15th of March
 9. Job
 10. Dwarfed animals
 12. Detester
 13. Kind of scarf
 14. Part of "to be"
 16. Place where liquid enters
 18. Houses (Eskimo)
 19. River (Belg.)
 20. Sells again
 22. Sea eagle
 23. Laughing
 25. Decorated lettering
 28. American Indians
 32. Particle
 34. To exile
 35. Bushes
 37. Fasten
 38. Coat with tin-lead alloy
 39. Engine
 41. Pulls in stockings
 42. Fat
 43. Narrow aperture
 44. Broad
- DOWN**
1. Accuse
 2. Inns
 3. Unrefined metal
 4. Merry
 6. Covered with dust
 7. To box
 8. Furnace tender
 9. Seat
 11. Severe
 15. Lands surrounded by water
 17. Over (poet.)
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Yesterday's Answers

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CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation

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N E O V W G H ' N X U M A C U M N W T O C S V G -
V T T H G .

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LEARNING, THAT COWBOY OF THE BRAIN, PROFANE, ERRONEOUS, AND VAIN—S. BUR-
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NEW OPA STEPS IN INFLATION BATTLE

Chapel Hill, Feb. 9.—"There is greater need for consumer participation in the OPA program, and the educational centers can lead the way," James C. Derieux, of Atlanta, OPA regional administrator, said here today following a conference with administrative officials of the University of North Carolina.

Planning the next steps in the battle against inflation, Administrator Derieux came here to arrange for greater cooperation between educational centers of the South and the OPA in effectuating the OPA's consumer program.

"If the people do not appreciate and understand the importance of the OPA program, we can not expect either adequate compliance or an efficient execution of wartime controls against the ravages of inflation," he said.

Administration Derieux conferred with Dean of Administration Robert B. House, Russell M. Gramman, director of the University of Extension Division; Dr. Howard W. Odum, head of the Sociology Department; Gordon Blackwell, director of the Institute for Research in Social Science; Dr. Guy B. Johnson, executive director of the Southern Regional Council; R. W. Madry, publicity director of the University; Dr. Harry Wolf of the School of Commerce, and others.

Mr. Derieux was accompanied by Theodore S. Johnson, state administrator of the OPA; Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, OPA district information executive; and Maurice E. Bennett, Jr., senior liaison officer of the Atlanta region.

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Yep. No horse-and-buggy days for us.
And didn't you buy an electric refrigerator back in those dear, dead days before the war, when there were such things? And a couple of electric fans one hot summer?

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No—you win. You win the greatest household and industrial servant of them all—electricity. And at rates that have stayed down while the cost of living—as it always does in wartime—has gone up. Something to keep in mind, isn't it?

You said it, brother!

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