

COTTON MARKETING

CAMPAIGN IN INTEREST OF CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING OF COTTON TO BE PUT ON IN LINCOLN COUNTY.

(By W. L. Smarr, Agent) Mr. Homer H. B. Mask, Assistant State Agent, Cooperative Extension Work, Raleigh, N. C., and Mr. J. M. Gray, District Agent, Cooperative Extension Work, Asheville, N. C., addressed a county-wide meeting at the graded school building, Thursday of the past week.

Mr. Gray pointed out that the activities of the Extension Work had been directed towards greater production and a lower cost of production. Great results have been obtained. The average yield of cotton, corn, wheat and many of the other farm products have been about doubled within the past ten years, and today farmers are becoming more efficient in the production of farm products.

Mr. Gray stressed the point that farmers were producers, that they were studying this part of their business, and that each year they were becoming more efficient in the production of their crops. But the farmers have not studied the marketing end of their business, and as a class know very little about the marketing of their products.

Mr. Gray did not think that the present system of marketing of farmer's products was adequate nor did he think that the farmers could market their products individually profitably. In every other business there is a production and a marketing end, and those in charge are experts in their business. This was what he thought that the farmers ought to do; to study production side of their farm problems sell their products through cooperative marketing associations by marketing experts employed by the farmers.

Mr. Mask discussed the marketing of cotton. He presented his talk in a straight business like manner. Mr. Mask said, "There is a need for a better marketing system for the grower. 'Yes?' Why?" Because he has no voice in making a price. (He may accept or reject the one made by others). "He must sell on a restricted market. (He cannot sell manufacturers, to exporters, etc.) "He has no assurance of production cost much less a profit. "His financial relations associated with this system forces him to sell when others say no matter what the marketing conditions are. "He cannot sell or merchandise his products to his advantage. "The present system does not allow him to use the commodity as collateral except in isolated cases. "He cannot standardize the commodity so as to allow the grower any benefit. "Therefore, why should we not have a change?"

The cooperative plan will give a voice in making the price by having a sufficient volume of business to be a factor on the market. "He may sell when, where, and to whom he pleases. "He will have the same assurance as other business for cost of production and a profit. "His commodity may be used as collateral. "He can merchandise his products as other good business men do. "He can standardize the grading, stapling and branding of his products. "He will eliminate speculation and stabilize prices. "All of this means progress. "So why not market our cotton scientifically?"

After this Mr. Mask explained the agreement and contract as being used by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association. The contract embraces the fundamental principles of marketing as found the most practical by the cooperative marketing associations of Carolina.

The association is a nonprofit association. It is managed entirely by the growers.

The State is divided into 10 districts. Each county elects its delegates to the District meeting at which time a director for that district will be elected. The marketing is in the hands of the board of directors.

At the conclusion of his talk, several questions were asked which were answered to the satisfaction of every one present. After a round table discussion, they were asked to express themselves as to what they thought of the plan. Every man present rose to his feet and later expressed themselves as being in favor of putting the campaign on in Lincoln county to get members in the association.

Cotton Growers' Cooperative Marketing Association Agreement and Contract to be Explained.

It was decided to hold a county wide meeting on Saturday, June 13, at 2 p. m. at the graded school building to have this plan explained to the farmers and business men of the town.

This meeting will be addressed by Dr. Kilgore, Director of the Extension Work, Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progress Farmer, or some representative of the Extension Department at Raleigh. We are anxious for every farmer in the county to hear this address.

From three to six men have been appointed in each of the school districts as a committee from their respective districts to attend this meeting to become acquainted with this movement. About the last of this month, we hope to conduct meetings in practically all of the school districts to explain this movement and get the agreement signed. The committee men will be asked to solicit every farmer in his district.

We want everyone who possibly can to attend the meeting Saturday.

What Other States Are Doing

The cooperative marketing of farmers' products is being organized throughout the United States. The grain growers of the South, and the tobacco and peanut growers of the East are signing up contracts for cooperative of their products.

Each of the cotton growing states are signing up at least one fourth of their production in 1920. With this much signed up, the organization for the marketing will be put into effect. Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas

CATAWBA WILL HAVE HARD SURFACED ROAD

Commissioner's Plan For Highway Across County Accepted by Commissioners.

Hickory, June 9.—Catawba county commissioners have not the conditions of the state highway commission for the construction of a hard surface road on the Central highway between Newton and the Burke county line, a distance of about 12 miles, and the city of Hickory will build the connecting links at the west and east ends. The state commission needs only to approve the section of the Catawba board to make the contract legal, and inasmuch the contract was drawn by the state commission, there is no uncertainty here as to the final outcome.

Under the terms of the contract the state will appropriate at least \$125,000 for this project, the county guaranteeing to furnish funds for the part remaining unfinished after the expenditure of the state's allotment. This will take the form of interest for two or three years, or until such time as the state commission will be able to make another allotment.

People of the whole county have worked together for this project. Catawba folks also are interested in the Lincoln county line to connect with the Gaston-Lincoln project, and likewise are interested in the hard surfacing of the Central highway through the 30 miles of the county. A large delegation also will go from here to Blowing Rock to urge the importance of the state's taking over the Lenoir-Blowing Rock turnpike, demolishing the toll gates and making it the important highway that it is due to become. Caldwell county is pressing this road vigorously.

TWO LUTHERAN SYNODS ARE FORMALLY MERGED

Synod in Session At Burlington, Receives Offer of Gift of Valuable Land From Mr. D. E. Rhyne.

Burlington, June 10.—The United Evangelical Lutheran synod of North Carolina, recently formed by the merging of the Tennessee and North Carolina synods was officially and formally opened here Thursday at 9 a. m. by Rev. J. T. Morgan, D. D. president. Committees, authorized by each synod in separate sessions reported to the new body that the educational institutions, comprising Lenoir college at Hickory North Carolina college and Mount Amoena seminary, both located at Mount Pleasant, and all business matters were duly transferred by action of each synod to the United Evangelical Lutheran synod of North Carolina.

The United Evangelical Lutheran synod of North Carolina represents 45,000 members.

Rev. A. M. H. Houchner, of Richmond Va., superintendent of home missions in the United Lutheran church in America, laconically said, "the fact that North Carolina has stepped forward into the front ranks of road building in the south, that making known the highway to heaven to the non-Christians of the Old North State, is the golden opportunity for the church of today."

The synod by unanimous vote decided to give due consideration to the offer of D. E. Rhyne, of Lincoln, that he would give to the United Lutheran church of North Carolina the Lythia Springs property near Lincoln, worth \$75,000, to be used as an orphan's home. The synod passed an endorsement of \$100,000 for the institution.

Before an overflowing house Thursday night Rev. J. T. Morgan, D. D., president of the synod, made an earnest plea for the Lutheran church to behold the open of opportunity that is hers.

The outstanding feature of Dr. Morgan's sermon was his emphasis upon the open door presented to the church, confronting Lutheranism in this state in the most wonderful opportunity of history. From all sections the cry is coming in for more pastors and churches. When it is fully realized that less than 40 out of every 100 persons in this land are connected with the Christian church, the fact of the open door is understood and appreciated.

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN WHITE CALLS UPON EX-PRESIDENT

Washington, June 10.—Chairman George White, of the Democratic national committee called upon former President Wilson at his residence today and for an hour discussed various political matters and the condition of public affairs. Mr. White refused to state specifically the matters which were taken up.

"I can say this much however," he said, "Mr. Wilson retains his keen interest in all affairs affecting the welfare of his party and his country and he still has the militant spirit which characterized him as a party leader and a chief executive."

White has already secured their quota, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina are signing up and will not doubt go over the top.

North Carolina quota is 200,000 bales. Robeson county has already signed about one fourth of this amount, or nearly 50,000 bales. It is expected that Robeson will sign practically every bale grown. Other counties are coming up with their quotas.

This movement was recently endorsed by the North Carolina Bankers Association, endorsed by the leading cotton mill men, the Farm Bureau business men, and a large majority of the farmers who have heard the movement explained.

Be sure and attend the meeting Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Lincoln school house. Come and bring your friends.

Among those of Lincoln County who have endorsed the movement are Dr. W. C. Kiser, E. I. Mosteller, G. G. Goodson, Dave Bean, Dorus Beas, H. W. Woolley, C. D. Shrum, S. B. Cornwell, M. L. Finger, J. S. Warlick, V. P. Heedick, and practically every one who has attended any of the meetings.

NEW ROAD LICENSE

Rate of Charges Are Sent Out By Secretary of State

A gently reminder that the state automobile license expire June 30 and must be renewed before the date is contained in circular letters received here from J. Bryan Grimes secretary of state.

Attention is called to the new rates for automobile licenses, which are higher than last year. The minimum license fee for the next fiscal year will be \$12.50 and the maximum \$40 for pleasure cars. Passenger-carrying buses must pay 50 per cent more for their licenses than pleasure cars of the same power.

Cars of 24 horsepower and less will be charged \$12.50 over 24 and under 30 horsepower, \$20 over 30 and less than 35 horsepower, \$30; 35 horsepower or more \$40.

The county license fee, or tag is half what the state is. For example, the total cost of both the state and county license tags for a Ford car is \$18.75. You get your county tag from the sheriff.

THE CHIEF OF HUMBBUGS.

"When anger reaches a state of frenzy, as a result of grievances real or imaginary, the subject is abnormal, is not himself. This condition is called 'brainstorm' in latter days. It is not at all uncommon among folks who make no attempt to control their temper, and it is frequently indulged by folks who know they can do things while in that state and be excused for it says the Statesville Landmark.

"In the old and sinful days there were folks not a few—and there are yet—who had a lot of meanness in them which they lacked the courage to manifest in their ordinary state; so they put themselves under the influence of liquor and then said and did mean things, expecting to be excused, as they usually were, on the ground that they were not themselves. Sometimes this type met somebody who didn't excuse them and what they got usually found them. The fellow who has 'brainstorm' is usually built on the same lines. He could hold his temper in check if he wanted to, but he uses that as an excuse for his meanness; and after he has killed somebody, or done something really as bad, he comes round and says he didn't know what he was doing.

DR. J. B. GAMBRELL IS DEAD AT THE AGE OF 79

Dallas, Texas, June 10.—Dr. J. B. Gambrell, retired president of the Southern Baptist convention, died at the home of a daughter here today. He was 79 years old and had been ill since last February.

Dr. Gambrell was a noted southern educator, having served as professor at various Southern Baptist theological institutions. For many years he was editor of the Baptist Standard at Dallas. He is survived by two sons and three daughters.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell was president of Mercers university from 1893 to 1896 when he was called to Texas, where Baptists credited him with doing his greatest work. He once clashed with General Fred Funston.

Dr. Gambrell was born in Anderson, S. C., and graduated from the University of Mississippi.

When the war between the states broke out he joined the second Mississippi regiment, serving four years, being wounded five times. He was in the famous charge when General Pickett led the Virginia and Mississippi troops to death assailing the heights at Gettysburg. For valiantly leading a company of Mississippians he won his captaincy after he had been wounded.

After the war, General Pickett married Mrs. Gambrell's sister.

Four years ago, Dr. Gambrell was elected president of the Southern Baptist convention, in which capacity he served until a month ago.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT U. N. C.

Chapel Hill, N. C. June 10.—All though more than one third of the members of the University of North Carolina teaching staff will carry on their work during the summer school, many of the remainder will scatter to the far corners of the earth to teach or to study or to work on problems connected with their teaching. Contrary to general opinion, the summer season is not a rest period for the average professor. It is generally the time when he does his hardest work, polishing up his courses, finding out the latest development in his field, seeing how other teachers are handling similar problems.

Thirty-one members of the faculty will teach in the university summer school, June 21-August 4. The number includes all the members of the school education and a scattering of men from every other department in the university.

Find Church Singer Bound and Gagged. Headline. Looks like somebody in the congregation is planning to nap.—Buffalo Express.

HITCHEOCK HOLDS UP WILSON IDEALS TO TRINITY FOLKS.

Senator From Nebraska Praises Fallen Leader in Great World Movement—Predicts Coming of League of Nations.

Trinity College, June 8.—Labeled on the academic calendar as commencement day, it was in reality Woodrow Wilson day at Trinity College today. "Some day this country will rally to the ideals which Woodrow Wilson held up to the world and which the world was ready to accept," Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska, predicted at the close of what was advertised as a commencement address but which in truth was a simply worded tribute to a fallen leader, spoken in the language of rough and tumble debate without effort at oratory.

"The public can depend upon this ancient foundation to hold true to right ideals in the future as it has done in the past and to hold the compass true," President William Preaton Few told the eighty-one graduates of his parting message to them. He admonished them to think things through to their right conclusions and not to be moved by cross currents.

Colleague of Civilization.

Senator Hitchcock was introduced to the audience that filled Craven Memorial Hall to its utmost capacity by President Few as a "distinguished spokesman for liberal ideals." The Senator confessed to a feeling that he was out of place in such an assemblage, not being a college graduate, as he declared, though his father had declared that he graduated in law at the University of Michigan and did not finish in his education as to study in Germany.

The speaker must not have felt very much at home as he pictured the near collapse of the political fabric of the whole world and the near anarchy that prevails in the economic structure all over the earth today.

"The world is out of joint," he concluded and though the audience undoubtedly was in thorough accord with his conclusion, it could not applaud such a statement. It is too painful a subject. No need to tell them about low-priced cotton and that, too, with half the world going naked.

"Above all is the universal fear of another great war, Senator Hitchcock added and told how nation after nation is working day and night to get ready for it, even the United States, the greatest, the richest and most intelligent country in the world, having just voted five hundred million dollars for the maintenance of its navy another year or four times the amount spent annually before the world war when the navy was brought up to the second best in the world.

Strikes The Keypoint.

"The United States is responsible for that failure," the speaker continued, and declared that America by leaning the way could have brought about a rapid reorganization of the world not only for peace but for rehabilitation and prosperity. The Senator explained the high position that America held in the world at the close of the war, enumerating some of the advantages.

"And above all our great moral leadership under Woodrow Wilson," the Senator added. This was the signal for the first ovation from the audience.

"We faltered; we disagreed among ourselves; we lost the opportunity; we failed civilization in its crisis," he continued. "We refused to go into a covenant with the other nations of the world to put an end to war and to bring about disarmament.

"We are almost like a derelict at sea without a pilot," he declared. "We are doing nothing, absolutely nothing, financially, economically, politically or morally, to help stabilize and rehabilitate the world after the wrecks of war. We are doing nothing even to prevent future wars.

"We are experimenting with isolation long after isolation has become impossible.

It Cannot Continue.

"Such a condition as we are now in cannot long continue," the Senator emphasized, "before long the United States will be compelled to adopt a policy of co-operation with other nations. We may not do it from altruistic motives.

"We may not do it in the pursuit of a great ideal. That would have been better. That would have been nobler. That was the high purpose of our former President, Woodrow Wilson.

They came a pause.

Next on the program would be announcement in the usual order of things of the coming of "the President of the United States."

Few in the audience that waited in silence in the Senate chamber knew whether or not it was to be made. They waited in vain to hear it.

Over in an adjoining room was a poor broken down man, who, supported by his physician and another friend, passed down the hall and away to his home—unable to make the short journey to the Senate chamber.

He Failed to Enter In

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GHOST KILL MAN IN HIS HOME

Dan F. Kaber was Killed by Two Foreigners Posing As Spirit Hired By Wife—Wanted to Frighten Him Into Better Attitude Toward Her.

New York, June 10.—Dan F. Kaber, wealthy Lakewood, O., publisher, met death after attacking two foreigners engaged by Mrs. Kaber to pose as spirits to frighten him into a better attitude toward her, according to a statement which The New York Evening World today says Chief of Police Christensen obtained from Mrs. Kaber here.

The newspaper quotes Chief Christensen as saying that Mrs. Kaber had consulted a woman medium for advice as to how to change her husband's feeling toward her. The publisher's surly manner after an illness was said to have occasioned the visit.

By advice of this medium Mrs. Kaber was said to have employed two foreigners to appear at her husband's bedside in the night as ghosts and as she expressed it, to try and shake a little civility into him.

Aroused from his slumber, Mr. Kaber was alleged to have attacked the two men and have been stabbed to death by them in the struggle. According to the newspaper Chief Christensen said Mrs. Kaber had declared that she had refused to pay the two foreigners when they reappeared after the funeral, asserting they had not fulfilled the role of ghosts as she has intended and that she would not involve herself by paying for murder.

Mrs. Kaber then was said to have fled to New York to escape the foreigners without advising the Cleveland police for fear of involving herself.

Mrs. Kaber Confesses.

Cleveland, O., June 10.—Mrs. Eve Catherine Kaber has confessed that her husband, Dan F. Kaber, was murdered with her knowledge in their Lakewood home two years ago and Marian, McArdel, Mrs. Kabers daughter, has confirmed much of her mother's story. The Cleveland News announces this morning on information telephoned from New York by Police Chief Christensen, of Lakewood, to County Prosecutor Stanton.

"The men with the cap," now in custody here, is the man who drove the knife 24 times into Kabers body, according to Mrs. Kabers confession.

Mrs. Kaber said "two foreigners did the murder," and declared that a woman arrested by Cleveland officers in Sandusky, O., Wednesday, and now held in jail here, procured the actual slayers.

"The man with the cap," was arrested here Wednesday and his companion, a cousin, who, according to Mrs. Kabers confession, sat at Kabers head to stifle his cries is being sought by police.

Mrs. Kabers confession declares, according to Prosecutor Stanton's information that these two foreigners went to the home of Kaber to "beat up" Kaber. Instead they stabbed him to death.

Mrs. Kaber and her daughter broke down and confessed, after being questioned for several hours by detectives last March. As the confession, Mrs. Kaber said "I am a widow and my daughter, her aged mother, Mrs. Mary Brickled, now in jail here on a charge of first degree murder and the woman who was taken into custody early today.

Wrightsville Beach, June 8.—E. J. Yates and C. H. McBride, of Washington, D. C., were drowned at Wrightsville Beach this morning. They had come down to Wilmington on business and went to the beach to go in swimming. At a short distance from the shore they lost control of themselves and were drowned before any assistance could be given them.

Hitchcock pictured the dramatic spectacle of the change in authority, Washington, June 10.—At the clock an electric chamber ticked away the hours toward noon of March 4th, there was a growing tenseness.

Presently the sergeant-at-arms announces the coming of the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives. Then the general of the army then the admiral of the navy then the diplomatic representatives then the vice-president-elect, then the president-elect.

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"Ladies and gentlemen, it impressed me painfully as a most pathetic closing of what ought to have been a glorious triumph," concluded Senator Hitchcock as he wiped threatening tears from his eyes. During the recital of the winding up of Woodrow Wilson's notable career, the Senator had frequently stopped to keep the tears away, but they were the tears of a fighter and not of a weeping.

"Some day this country will rally to the ideals Woodrow Wilson held up to the world and which the world was ready to accept," he added and sat down amidst the silence. There was vigorous applause but it wasn't vociferous. The occasion didn't call for it.

DR. PEACOCK NOT SANE WHEN HE SHOT TAYLOR JURY FINDS

Lexington June 11.—A verdict of not guilty was returned here tonight at 10 o'clock in the case of Dr. J. W. Peacock, of Thomasville, charged with the murder of Chief of Police J. E. Taylor, also of Thomasville. The jury accepted the evidence of experts, who testified that Peacock was not mentally responsible at the time of tragedy.

Immediately after the verdict was announced by the foreman, W. T. R. Jenkins, Judge T. B. Finley ordered Dr. Peacock into the custody of the sheriff. According to the laws of North Carolina, where a person is found not guilty of a crime on the grounds of mental irresponsibility at the time of the commission of the act, the presiding judge may hold the prisoner for investigation as to the person's mind. Judge Finley set Tuesday, June 28, as the date on which the hearing will take place and Dr. Peacock is ordered held in jail until the hearing.

E. E. Raper, leading counsel for the defense, asked the judge to order the doctor sent to the insane asylum in Morganton for the summer, stating that he is suffering with tuberculosis and that the Morganton climate would be much better for him during the weather. Solicitor Raper objected and Judge Finley ruled against the request promptly.

FATE OF DR. PEACOCK GIVEN TO THE JURY

Lexington, June 10.—The fate of Dr. J. W. Peacock, the Thomasville physician, charged with slaying on April 15, Chief of Police James E. Taylor, of Thomasville, will be placed in the hands of the Rowan county jury here this evening at 6:30 o'clock by Judge T. B. Finley. The jury immediately retired and commenced its deliberating.

At a late hour tonight there were no signs of an immediate decision. Large crowds of people remained in or near the courtroom until a late hour, hoping to hear the verdict.

The fifth day of the sensational trial was consumed in arguments by the attorneys. Clyde Hoey, for the state, and John Parker, for the defense delivered the principal addresses. Both men held the attention of the audience throughout the four hours they held forth. Mr. Hoey probably never delivered a more eloquent address in his long career as an attorney.

Veterans of the bar declared after the Shelby man set down that it was one of the most powerful speeches they had ever listened to. Mr. Parker made a magnificent appeal in behalf of his client.

Judge Finley in his charge, told the jury it could return a verdict of first degree murder, second degree murder or acquittal. He impressed upon the jurors the supreme importance of arriving at their verdict solely through the evidence offered during the trial and not by any sympathy of other extraneous matter that might have worked into the trial.

A verdict of first degree murder means electrocution; second degree, a term in the state penitentiary from 2 to 30 years. Throughout the trial very little has been said about second degree murder and the judge made mention of the fact.

JOHN SLATON, WHO CONDUCTS STORE AT END OF SLOAN'S FERRY BRIDGE IS TAKEN IN TOILS BY FEDERAL AGENTS.

Gastonia Gazette.

Twenty gallons of pure juice of the corn, commonly referred to as "blind tiger likker," probably of the Blind Mountain brand, which was reposing quietly underneath the floor in John Slaton's chicken house, near the Meeklenburg end of the concrete bridge at Belmont, was unceremoniously yanked from its bed in the soft earth this morning by Federal Agent Bou Rhyne and Deputy Clerk C. A. Moser, of Gastonia. Five gallons more was found in Slaton's house. Slaton himself was brought to Gastonia and shortly after noon today was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate S. S. Morris, who held him under a bond of \$2,000 for his appearance at the next term of Federal court in Charlotte next October. Slaton promptly gave the bond.

Slaton has for several months past conducted a small general merchandise store right at the end of the bridge on the Meeklenburg side. He lives at the old club house on the hill which rises precipitously at the bank of the river. To all appearance he was doing a thriving business, especially in drinks—which, as it turns out, were not all of the soft variety—and things to eat. There is a large amount of traffic over the bridge which is on the national highway. Sunday is usually a big business day at this point. Recently Federal agents have had anidea that liquor was being sold by Slaton, but until today they had been unable to get the proof. Slaton came to Charlotte from Virginia about a year ago. Probably six months ago he opened a store at the bridge end.

ONLY HOPE OF TOWNS IS AN EXTRA SESSION

Winston-Salem, June 10.—Mayor James Hanes, after returning from a business trip to New York, declared that the wheels of progress in this city, with respect to street improvement, school building etc., will be unable to turn until relief in financial matter is obtained by a legislative enactment. Mayor Hanes says that many North Carolina cities will remain helpless until the act of the 21st session of the legislature has been validated, therefore the only hope now is for Governor Morrison to call on extra session for the purpose of correcting the alleged error of a journal clerk during the regular session.

"An old-fashioned woman" writes in to ask, "What is a stadium?" A stadium, madam, is a large ball park with a university attached.—Boston Transcript.

SHORT ITEMS

The worst sign of the times is the increase in child suicides, 707 children between 5 and 16 years of age killed themselves last year.

Germany has bought 300,000 bales of cotton during the last three months as against 40,000 in the same three months last year. Foreign purchase of American cotton is the only hope for cotton farmers. All else is but popticles.

Which kills most people, war or automobiles? In the nineteen months we were at war the United States lost 70,000 men killed and wounded. In the last nineteen months 91,000 have been killed by automobiles says Capper's Weekly.

Raleigh, June 8.—Governor Morrison, by long distance from Asheville, today authorized the offer by the state of a reward of \$100 each for the two murderers of George Keller, of Charlotte, who was killed on the night of May 14.

Raleigh, June 9.—Col. Wallace B. Scales who has been inspector of cavalry units, North Carolina national guard, has been relieved of duty at Asheville and assigned to duty at the general staff college in Washington.

Two Cleveland county boys were graduated in medicine at Jefferson Medical college in Philadelphia this week. Dr. Onslow Nolan is the son of J. B. Nolan, of Lawndale, while Dr. Maurice Baker is the son of Mike Baker, of Fallston. Neither of these young men have decided where they will locate for the practice of their profession.

The letter of Rucker and company, Greensboro cotton merchants, concerning the June cotton outlook, is one of optimism and confidence. It believes "there are sufficient elements in all lines of business which make us consider as a thing of the past." It believes, furthermore, that "the south in particular has weathered the storm splendidly."

Burlington, June 8.—The North Carolina and Tennessee Lutheran synods, meeting in separate churches here today, finished business matters, merging the two Lutheran bodies of this state, as was decided upon at Salisbury. Rev. J. L. Morgan, D. D. presided over the deliberations of the North Carolina synod. Rev. J. M. Senator was the chief executive of the Tennessee conference.

Chicago, June 8.—Warning that the acceptance of wage reduction was in the hands of the rank and file of employees, railroad brotherhood chiefs today disclaimed responsibility if the men refused to accept a cut and "a stoppage of traffic" resulted. The strike suggestion was made by L. E. Sheppard, head of the conductors, and W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen, to begin the big four testimony before the railroad labor board's wage hearing today.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 9.—F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, was killed, and Henry J. Ryan, of Indianapolis, Americanism commission, and Milton J. Foreman, of Chicago, national committee of the legion from Illinois, were injured, when an automobile in which they were riding went over a steep embankment here early this morning. The three men were returning to this city from the county club in Mr. Ryan's car. The car failed to make a slight turn in the road and ran over the curbing, across the sidewalk and turned over several times, landing at the foot of a twenty-foot embankment. All three men were thrown clear of the car as it went down.

If plans carry, Piedmont high school at Lawndale, which is the largest high school in the state in point of enrollment, will be converted into a state high school. Petitions are being circulated in which it is proposed to merge Lawndale, Palm Tree and Double Shoals school district and vote a special tax which will run the school two months longer than the six months it would be maintained by the state as a state high school. Prof. W. D. Burns founded Piedmont 25 years ago and has done a wonderful work in schooling deserving young men and women who did not have large means to secure an education. The school numbers some of the leading men in the state among its alumni.