

THE OLD HOME TOWN

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THE LABOR SITUATION

Heavy Weather Delayed Demand for All Kinds of Labor. Raleigh, July 9.—The rainy weather of the holidays during the week ended Saturday, July 5, greatly affected the labor situation for that period of time, according to the reports of the various branch offices of the State Federal employment Service made to the director, M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing.

These two conditions, the reports say, decreased the demand for all kinds of labor and help considerably, but they express the opinion that it will only be a temporary hold-up in the demand for help and the coming week is likely to be greater than the past several.

It was pointed out that while the demand of all kinds of labor had been less the week just ended than the previous few weeks, it had by no means met the labor situation and brought it to an entire balance. It was further shown that the heavy rains and the lack of work being done during the past week, would increase the demand for labor the coming week.

However, in Winston-Salem an over supply of labor, both skilled and unskilled, is looked forward to with the day week now being opened in one of the largest mills and with the same mill closing down for three weeks beginning July 15th.

The shortage of farm labor still exists especially in Charlotte and is expected to increase after the clearing up of the weather. This office reports that many skilled and unskilled laborers are being sent to the wheat fields, but that help for nearby farms is in great demand.

The usual surplus of clerical and professional workers still exists as well as the abundance of hotel and domestic workers, according to the reports of the branch offices.

According to the compiled statement issued by the director, the department placed 578 applicants of which 418 were men and 160 were women, after referring 653 of which 463 were men and 100 were women. There were requests for 474 men and 123 women or a total of 597, while organizations numbered 536 men and 200 women or a total of 736.

Placements were classified as follows: skilled labor, 80; unskilled labor, 825; clerical and professional, 32; industrial, 9; and domestic, 132.

Greenboro led the list this time with 111 placements while Asheville was second with 100. Wilmington was third with 507. Placements of other places were as follows: Charlotte, 106; Winston-Salem, 59; Raleigh, 67.

"Old Hickory" Reunion. Charleston, July 9.—The annual reunion of the "Old Hickory" birthright division, which was composed of the national guard of North and South Carolina and Tennessee during the World War, will be held here August 12 and 13, according to a statement issued by Major J. D. Myers, general chairman of the reunion.

The "Old Hickory" Division was organized in the American lines, it was stated during its service overseas but was formed with the New York 27th division into the Second Army Corps and placed along with the British where it aided in breaking the Hindenburg line. Casualties here were heavy and replacements were received from all parts of the United States. So many states in the Union are expected to be represented at the reunion, the chairman stated.

The kitchens of rural North Carolina homes are being transformed into efficient work shops through the work of the home demonstration agents of the State College extension division.

Thursday is the weekly school holiday in France.

—AND SOME IN VELVET GOWNS"

As the old nursery rhyme hath it, there are always flowers in the winter garden. Likewise there is a soft and cozy richness about velvet which no other fabric has. But there are some seasons when this fabric is more triumphant than others. So it has been this year, and already a magnificent velvet season is predicted by fashion authorities for the fall. Printed velvets, and velvets in Chinese designs and colors will be worn, according to Henri Creamer, authority on textile fashions. In gorgeous gowns, wraps, and for rich lining effects.



The cape pictured, then, of soft colored cheney velvet is very much in the mode now and for the fall too. It is simple in line, and like all capes, quite possible of achievement at home. The cape proper is gathered into a shaped shoulder yoke which is held by a cut steel buckle, whose glitter is reflected in the wide bands of silver lining trimming the inside of the cape which is lined with the same coral velvet. The slender strap slippers are silver too.

The collar is of globe dyed in coral color. It is very fashionable to dye the fur to match the garment with which it is worn. The capes as you will see, has quite a new note in that it does not meet in front, or wrap over, but remains open, showing part of the dress.

WHY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS?

Requests are continually coming in to the State Board of Health for data and statistics that would boost county health work in states that want to put in health departments in some of their counties. These requests usually come from states that have done very little intensive health work. If we compare mortality figures of counties with whole-time health departments, with counties that have no health departments, very little is shown. Only those who are familiar with health work in North Carolina can understand why a county that has had a health department for several years does not show a decided difference in the mortality rates from a county that has had no health department. In fact we can find counties in North Carolina that have no health department which have a crude mortality rate lower than a health department county. There are several reasons for this condition.

First, in the prevention of disease probably ninety per cent. is bound up in the word "education." The State Board of Health has been continuously and everlastingly, seven days to the week and three hundred and sixty-five days to the year, conducting educational campaigns in various ways.

Second, putting on the hookworm campaign, co-operating with the Rockefeller Foundation. This campaign went into practically every county in the State, not only treating those who had hookworm, but also giving instructions in home sanitation and personal hygiene, which was not only of the greatest value to every living person in the State, but reaching out and benefiting thousands who were then unborn.

Third, then came the great typhoid vaccination campaigns, conducted by the State Board of Health, reaching every county and hamlet, which have been repeated year after year, reducing deaths from typhoid fever, and at the same time teaching sanitation to the multitude.

Fourth, using the State Laboratory of Hygiene of the State Board of Health in the prevention and cure of disease by sending out free samples vaccine, typhoid vaccine, tetanus serum, and practically free antitoxin, toxin-antitoxin and anti-rabic treatment; also making Wassermann and other examinations free. This service is for the people of the whole State, regardless of whether they live in counties with health departments or counties without.

Fifth, the State Board of Health several years ago put on an educational moving picture show, going into practically every county from the mountains to the sea, teaching the great lesson of prevention of disease, especially to the people in the rural sections.

Sixth, Examination of school children by the Bureau of Medical Inspection of Schools, and treating those with defective vision and teeth, diseased tonsils or adenoid growths. This service goes to all counties alike, counties with health departments and counties without.

Seventh, The tuberculosis sanatorium, until recently under the direction of the State Board of Health, has been conducting a high-class extension department, holding tuberculosis clinics in various counties. This extension department has agencies in practically every county in the State.

Eighth, Then came the State-wide privy law, sponsored by the State Board of Health, and immediately under the direction of the engineering department, which is charged with its enforcement. This has been a wonderful law in disease prevention, preventing such diseases as cholera, typhoid, typhus, fever, intestinal parasites, etc. This law is like the rain, descending on the unjust as well as on the just, on the counties without health departments as well as on those with health departments.

The engineering department of the State Board of Health has supervision of the waterworks of the different towns of the State, regardless of their being situated in counties with or without health departments.

Ninth, In every county in the State there is a quarantine officer, under the supervision of and responsible to the State Board of Health, to look after the quarantine of contagious diseases.

Tenth, The Bureau of Maternity and Infancy of the State Board of Health is putting on a campaign in the various

counties looking to the reduction of deaths in maternity and infancy. Eleventh, Many counties not having whole-time health departments have had whole-time nurses fostered by the State Board of Health, Red Cross and other agencies.

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