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CARE OF FEEBLE-MINDED.

In The University News Letter S. H. Hobbs, Jr., makes a survey of the treatment accorded the feeble-minded in the various States of the Union.

Mr. Hobbs finds that the States do not vary greatly in the proportion of the total population that is feeble-minded but there is great variance in the number of such cases reported in the several States.

The survey shows for instance, that New Hampshire has many more feeble-minded in institutions than North Carolina, but that does not mean there are more feeble-minded persons there per population than in North Carolina.

Mr. Hobbs finds that only a small part of the feeble-minded in the United States are in institutions provided for their care.

The feeble-minded are usually divided into three classes: idiots, imbeciles and morons. An idiot is a mentally defective person having a mental age of not more than thirty-five months, or, if a child, an intelligence quotient of less than twenty-five.

North Carolina has one institution for the care of feeble-minded, the Caswell Training School, located at Kinston. This school was authorized in 1911 and opened in 1914.

An outstanding fact is the rapid increase in recent years in the number of states providing special institutions for feeble-minded.

and forty-four in 1925. A most glaring fact is that although about ninety per cent. of the negro population of the United States live in the South, no Southern state had provided an institution for the care of feeble-minded negroes as late as 1923.

The establishment of separate state institutions for the care of epileptics is a comparatively new development in the care of this class.

RED CROSS FLOOD CONTRIBUTIONS.

Official figures by States and cities of over 100,000 population on the fund of the American Red Cross for relief of the hundreds of thousands of sufferers in the Mississippi River flood area have been compiled for the Manufacturers Record by DeWitt Smith, assistant to the chairman of the Red Cross, and are published in the issue of June 9 of that paper.

North Carolina didn't do any too much in this crisis. This State, the figures show, contributed \$160,730.30, sent in by 115 Red Cross chapters.

Table with 3 columns: State, Chapters, Amt. Alabama 76 \$153,042.11, Arkansas 50 97,000.00, Florida 67 158,334.59, Georgia 109 134,464.79, Louisiana 43 210,150.16, Maryland 22 193,881.15, South Carolina 57 63,234.88, Tennessee 37 251,059.17, Virginia 112 167,622.37, Texas 188 338,000.00

Twenty-four of the largest cities in the nation had fallen short of their quota on May 31st. Included in the list were Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Baltimore, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Seattle, Providence, Scranton, Toledo, Akron, Syracuse, San Antonio, Salt Lake City, Cambridge, Lowell, Jersey City, Spokane, Tacoma, Kansas City, Kans., and Fall River.

New York City exceeded her quota, giving \$1,589,000 on a quota of \$1,200,000. Of 70 cities of 100,000 population or over, 46 exceeded their quota.

It is easier as a rule, to get funds for a cause of this kind in urban than rural sections. We do not mean that city people are more liberal than country people, but it is easier to get the message to the city dweller than to the rural dweller and in addition relief organization and agencies are as a rule better organized in the cities than in the rural sections.

North Carolina cities did well, especially in this immediate section, but in some of our rural sections the relief call met practically no response at all.

The Red Cross asked for donations of \$15,000,000 and the total secured by June speaks well for the generosity of Americans.

TYING THE COUNTIES.

Stateville Daily. The State Highway commission has prepared a contract designed to give the commission complete authority in road location.

Whereas, the present location of said road has not been surveyed or examined with sufficient care to enable the State Highway commission to determine what extent, if at all, said present location may be the most practicable route for the permanent location of a State highway to serve the traffic between said termini.

And, after such new location may be made, to absolve the State Highway commission from any and all claims on the part of the said county as to further maintenance of such portion, or the whole, of said road as may fail to coincide with the new location.

WHAT WE NEED.

Hickory Record. Sanford Martin, editor of The Winston-Salem Journal, has outlined a program for North Carolina.

What North Carolina needs most today is not industrial leaders of wider vision so much as political leaders in whose ears the school bell rings louder than the cash register.

In the battle that is ahead, the first objective is a free ballot. Government never will be humanized in North Carolina until all the voters shall have a fair opportunity to cast their ballot without fear of intimidation or the dread of embarrassment at the polls.

We should have an election in North Carolina that will tend to encourage, not discourage, a majority of the people to attend elections.

A SPECIAL SESSION—IN OCTOBER.

New York World. From the point of view of flood relief there is one good thing to be said about the proposal to call a special session of Congress in October.

Often enough there is but the bare land to welcome them (the survivors) back. Thousands have had their home washed away or damaged, businesses have been prostrated, crops have been destroyed, hundreds of thousands of animals have perished, resources of food and forage are gone.

Well, there will be no special session of Congress to supply credit and assistance now. Even the idea of a special session in October has nothing to do with "the plight of the Mississippi flood sufferers," we are told by The World's Bureau in Washington, and other reports agree.

No session of Congress now, regardless of the flood. But a session of Congress planned especially for the purpose of cleaning up the V-see case and passing a tax bill in time for a June convention. That is the program now. It is nothing to be proud of.

Well, a patched-up navy will be all right if the government can keep peace patched up.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

WATCH OUT CAPTAIN.

BY WICKIE WAMBOLDT

Captain Lindbergh is in danger; he is in more danger than when winning his plucky way in the dead of night over the dark, ominous, lonesome ocean.

Captain Lindbergh performed an incomparable feat and the world wide is honoring him for it. But the Captain must take care! He is standing on the slipperiest spot on which mortal man can plant his feet, the pedestal of unbounded public adoration.

Remember Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson; recall his courageous exploit—how under the guns of the enemy he scuttled the collier Merrimac in the entrance of Santiago Harbor to botch up Cervera's fleet.

Also, remember Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila Bay. When he came back after destroying the Spanish fleet, we wanted to give him the country.

We are famous for slaying our heroes. The fust and pulver and kotowing and praising and putting are no guarantee of our fidelity.

Yes, we kill our heroes. The bigger the hero, the sooner and harder we kill him if he offends us. And we are very easily offended.

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Ruling on the Validity of The County Finance Act

The Tribune Bureau

Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, June 13.—The county finance act is valid and counties may proceed to authorize bonds under its provisions, as a result of the opinion just handed down by the Supreme Court in the case of Frazier vs. commissioners in Guilford county, affirming the decision of the lower court.

The question of whether a physician may appeal from decision of the Board of State Medical Examiners after they have revoked his license and demand a trial in court was also decided when the Supreme Court held that a physician might demand a complete court trial, in reviewing the case of the Board of Medical Examiners against Dr. Robert S. Carroll, of Asheville.

The appeal to the Supreme Court was solely to determine procedure, the state maintaining that the court could merely review the record of the case as presented before the board of examiners, while attorneys for Dr. Carroll maintained that the entire case should be tried "de novo" before a jury.

In all, 39 opinions were handed down by the court, the majority of them of a routine nature.

Though the court normally was supposed to adjourn its spring term Friday, press of work prevented it and it will not adjourn until June 25th, it was announced.

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TAR HEEL WOMAN IN OCEAN TRAGEDY

Rescued Sailor Tells Mrs. Phil Pomeroy and Four Others Perished.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 11.—Added to the mysteries of the sea tonight was the explosion and destruction of the patrol cruiser-yacht, Cinnabar, Miami to New York, off the North Florida coast late Monday night, in which five persons apparently went to their deaths.

Telling an incoherent tale of death and horror of seeing his companions one by one slip into the sea from the bit of wreckage they had clung to, Nick Harabaglia, Austrian seaman, last night was rescued north of St. Johns bar by the crew of the tug Peerless from the wreckage after he had thus floated without food or water for four days.

Those said by the survivor to have been on the yacht and who are unaccounted for, are: Phil Pomeroy, Miami; Mrs. Pomeroy; a man named Moore; an unidentified seaman; an unidentified negro cook.

Pomeroy was said to have been a former resident of Minneapolis, while Mrs. Pomeroy was a native of Waynesville.

As sole surviving member of the G. A. B. post in Harton, Vt., E. G. Colleton, who is 82 years old, carried out the Memorial Day program and helped to decorate the graves of his departed comrades.

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