

## Record Number of Freshmen Apply for Entrance Here

The number of freshmen applying for entrance to the University of North Carolina each fall shows a substantial increase over that of the previous year, and the applications this year, according to figures given out today from the office of Dr. T. J. Wilson, Jr., registrar, are proving no exception to the rule. Six hundred and seventy-six applications have already been filed, and many more are pouring in daily. This number corresponds to that received August 13 of last year, and exceeds

the 1925 applications of the corresponding date by 120.

Judging by the applications, indications are that the total student body will near the 3,000 mark. The number enrolled last year was 2527.

Four days, September 19 to 22, have been set aside as freshman week, when the incoming men will be "shown the ropes." Registration for freshmen takes place September 21 and for upperclassmen September 22. Class work for the fall quarter will begin Friday, September 23.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET AUGUST 9 AND 10

Orange County Association Gathers East of Hillsboro—Prominent Men Attend.

It was announced yesterday by officers of the Orange County Sunday School Association that the annual County Sunday School Convention will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 9 and 10, in the new Sharon Methodist Church, four miles east of Hillsboro, N. C.

Taking part on the program will be the following well known Sunday School workers: D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Ione Alverson, Raleigh, Young People's Division Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

In addition to these outside speakers, several of the best known Sunday School workers in the County will have parts on the program. The Convention is interdenominational, and workers from all Sunday Schools in the county are invited to participate in the work. The Orange County Sunday School Association under whose direction the Convention is being held, is one of the units of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Each of the 100 counties in the State is now organized into a county Sunday School Association. In charge of the arrangements for the convention are E. C. Liner and Henry Smith, President and Secretary of the County Sunday School Association. These officers are requesting the co-operation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday School leaders in the effort to make the convention a success.

Following a custom inaugurated several years ago, the officers have announced that again this year a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition for the pennant among the Sunday Schools of the County.

Farm boys attended from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. a recent four-weeks' special course conducted by the agricultural instructor of Arcadia (Wis.) High School. Classes were conducted in arithmetic, English, farm shops, feeds, and feeding; and an hour was devoted to physical training.

About 1,200 adult students, many of them professional men and women, were enrolled for study during the winter term in one or more of the 22 courses offered by the New School for Social Research of New York City. The school is now in its eighth year.

## BOOK REVIEWS

*The North Carolina Chain Gang*, by JESSE F. STEINER and ROY M. BROWN, Price \$2.00, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, N. C.

The Carolina Press and the Institute for Social Research are at it again. In the *North Carolina Chain Gang*, just published by the local press, Dr. Steiner, formerly professor of sociology at the University and Mr. Brown, Research Associate, have furnished the first authentic account of convict road work in any southern state. The book is the first to appear in a series of studies that the Institute is making of crime in North Carolina. Full of human interest, the volume is a careful, scientific work based on inspection of thirty-three camps in twenty counties with statistical studies of 1600 Negro and 800 white convicts.

Among the phases treated in detail are the history and development, types of camps, problems of organization, administration, health and sanitation, maintenance of discipline, economic aspects, and case studies of typical criminals.

As the writers well say "it is a discouraging picture that is presented, for there is evidence on every hand of mismanagement, inhumanity, and futility." "Their chief responsibility, as the officials see it, is to keep the prisoners at hard work and to prevent escapes. No thought is given to the education of the illiterate or to the reformation of those not yet hardened to crime." The goal of the system is the exploitation of the prisoners in the interests of good roads, but the chapter by Mr. Brooks goes far toward proving that road work by convicts is an economic loss except where modified by the honor system and the use of machinery.

In many counties the men are locked over night, Sundays, and Saturday afternoons in movable steel cages, eighteen feet long and seven feet in length and width, eighteen men to a cage. The pictures drawn of health, sanitation, and discipline are particularly depressing. Confinement on bread and water diet and flogging are the reliance for punishment and the shot gun and the ball and chain the main preventives of escape.

In its history the author shows that the road gang is the peculiar product of the complex of crime during Reconstruction, the presence of the Negro, and the mild Southern climate. Once authorized by law in most of the states the system has been retained only in the South.

To the layman the most interesting chapter of the book is the case histories of three typical Negro convicts, written by Arthur Raper. Tom Simpson, church organist, choir director, self-styled "Shaw University graduate" was regarded by his church as one of their "best workers," but they just couldn't

keep him off the roads. Tom, serving his third sentence, was convinced that the devil had a hoodoo on him and characterized himself fitly when he said, "I am no fool; yes, I am a fool, too!" Ham Taylor is an illiterate, feeble-minded dope fiend and "cocaine peddler" with a police record of eighteen charges ranging through the whole decalogue. Bob Johnson, on for murder, totally illiterate and with a mental age of less than seven years, completes a trio of portraits presented with much insight.

The statistics of prisoners show that Negroes commit relatively more crimes of violence and larceny while white men are prone to check flashing, offenses against morality, and violations of prohibition laws. One thing that stands out is the large number of young offenders on the roads. Another is that seventy-four per cent of the prisoners, both black and white, are too illiterate to read a newspaper.

Dr. Steiner and Mr. Brown have done an original, careful and painstaking piece of work which reflects credit on the University and should be of value in helping to formulate policies concerning a most vexing social problem. Heretofore, the public, even if interested, has been forced to rely upon sensational newspaper exposes of floggings and occasional outrages. This book offers the intelligent citizen an opportunity to draw nearer the facts.

The writers advocate that North Carolina follow the lead of her sister Southern states, Virginia and Maryland, and abolish the whole medieval system. The book closes with a vigorous quotation from former Governor Bickett: "As for the county chain gang system, it is hopeless. The only thing to do is to cut off its head."

### Old Tree Must Come Down

One of the old oak trees on what used to be called, in Civil War times, the Fetter place—now the home of Vernon Howell—is being destroyed. This is because of the attack upon it by borers, and its consequent decay. The axemen have had a delicate job to perform, because the tree stands near the house, and if it were felled in the usual way it might fall on the house and crush it in. Therefore the limbs have been cut away one by one. The trunk still stands, but it will probably come down before long.

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11:00—Morning Services  
9:45—Sunday School  
7:00—Christian Endeavor

## Glee Club Gives Radio Concert

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concert scheduled at the American Club, London, for August 12. Two other concerts will be given in London during the week—one at Aeolian Hall and the other for the Queen Alexandra Memorial. One of the foremost among the events of the musical program will be a concert at Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, in the interests of the Shakespeare Memorial Foundation.

The Club will sail for France on August 21, and will spend a week in Paris before their first concert at the American Cathedral on August 28. On September 4, they will sing a vesper service at St. Luke's, Paris, and that night will give a concert at the American Students and Artists League. This will be their final European appearance, for on September 6 they will sail for home from Bologne. The Club will disband in New York.

## Public Welfare Institute Acclaimed Great Success

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sistent and tell the child to do one thing, and let him see you do another."

On Friday Dr. W. S. Rankin, of Charlotte, Director of the Hospital and Orphan Division of the Duke Endowment, spoke before the Institute.

"There are 49 counties in North Carolina without a hospital bed," he said. "We have one bed for every 517 persons, whereas the average for the country is one for every 291."

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The program of the Institute for Friday was devoted to phases of organization and administration. Dr. Rankin's address was followed by a discussion of county hospitals, led by Mrs. W. B. Waddill, of Vance, and J. M. Hall, of Halifax, and addresses on county organization of social forces by A. W. Cline of Forsyth, Miss Lucile Eifort, of Moore, and Miss Helen Dunlap, county supervisor of Edgecombe counties.

In the afternoon, Edwin Bridges, Pardon Commissioner, addressed the group on parole work, and the Institute was brought to a close by a burlesque dinner given at the Carolina Inn, at which K. T. Futrell, retiring president of the North Carolina Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare, presided. It was at this meeting that the new officers were elected.

## Honor Students from England to Study at U. N. C.

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This is the third annual group of commonwealth fund awards. Counting the new students with the forty commonwealth fund fellows now in this country, the total number is 63. The institutions elected, besides the University of North Carolina, are Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, California, Chicago, Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Stanford, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Second Summer School of Law Has Been Opened

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University of Pittsburgh law school; Leon Green, of the Yale law school; and A. C. McIntosh and Albert Coates of the University of North Carolina, are teaching in the second term which will last until August 26.

Trusts is the subject of Mr. Madden's lectures. Judge Connor's province is mortgages. Mr. Green continues instruction in torts; Mr. McIntosh is teaching code pleading, and Albert Coates real property.

This summer, for the first time, the law students in the University are able to take a full schedule of regular work for the law degree.

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