

URGES CITIZENS TO UNITE ON QUESTION OF BETTER ROADS

Secty. Shackell Would Have County Follow "One Mile" Suggestion Col. Bridgers

GOOD ROADS MUST COME SO LET ALL BOOST THEM

Editor Southerner: The letter by Col. Bridgers published in yesterday's issue on the question of good roads was very interesting and showed a gauge of thought which I would appreciate if followed by all the people of the county.

Men are busy, we know, but the matter of good roads is one so broad in scope, affecting so many people—their homes, children, happiness and religion, that it would seem to be the one live subject upon which we all could unite.

The last two days' rain gave one a pretty good idea of the effect dirt roads have upon those who are obliged to travel. Tuesday night there were many from adjoining towns who came to Tarboro to attend the concert but some of them rather than face the agony of travel over almost impassable roads, had to pen remain here over night.

Such a thing as this could not happen if our main county roads were in fit and passable condition. Hard surfaced roads to those who made a twenty mile trip on Tuesday night would have been worth everything and this condition is not singular and in the future will be more and more an usual condition unless we bestir ourselves and make the effort to obtain the only kind of road that will henceforth satisfy us.

As I see the matter it is not necessary to go into any gigantic scheme of road contracting. Like Colonel Bridgers, I would advocate a mile of experiment on hard surfaced roads and then, when found practical and economical, which I truly believe will be found, to extend another mile or two until we have secured for ourselves the main arteries of our county paved with a serviceable and permanent roadway.

In the past we have found that when we wanted anything done we had to do it ourselves. This is another case in which we must rely upon our own efforts and do what we purpose doing to better the roads of the county without worrying ourselves with what the state and nation are going to do for us. Don't figure too much on outside help in solving our problems, but let us manfully face the situation and do the very best we can—permanence and economy always considered.

It seems to me past comprehension to believe that the people of this county are willing to forego the convenience, safety and time-saving that will be theirs when we have well graded, hard-surfaced thoroughfares throughout our county, nor do I believe these same people, who have in the past and a keen eye to labor-saving appliances, have not given some consideration to the question of good roads. If they have or have not now is certainly the time when every one of them should look to his and her own interest and time-saving and determine that the present roads we so frequently travel over in this age of activity are not good enough for the people of Edgecombe who know a good thing when they see it, and will have nothing but the best.

—R. G. Shackell.

Baseball Thursday

The Pinetops school baseball team will journey to this city tomorrow to cross bats with the Tarboro school team at the fair grounds. Last year Pinetops and Tarboro were greatest of rivals, and the rivalry still remains. The game tomorrow promises to be hard fought from the umpire's first call of "play ball" to the final putout.

Rob Pawn Shop Diamonds Valued At Over \$18,000

(By Associated Press.) Detroit, Mich., April 29.—Two armed men entered a pawnshop here early today, held up the clerk, and escaped with diamonds said to be valued at \$18,000.

NOTICE

The William Dorsey Pender chapter, U. D. C., will hold its regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Powell, Miss Annie Wimberly hostess, Tuesday, May 4th, at 3 o'clock p. m.—Mrs. C. F. Clayton recording secretary.

LIFE PRISONERS GUESTS AT DINNER

Pardoned Prisoner Gives Sing Sing Pals Banquet When He Leaves Prison.

(By Associated Press.) Ossining, N. Y., April 29.—Seventeen life-term prisoners at Sing Sing were the guests last night at a dinner given by William Perry, who was released after serving fifteen years of a life term.

The dinner was held at the warden's residence. Perry's sentence was commuted by the governor, whose secretary noticed Perry's politeness while serving in the warden's house.

Troops Await Signs Of Rumored Juarez Revolt

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, April 29.—American troops last night awaited the first sign of the rumored revolt in Juarez, just across the border from this city.

The troops were placed near the border, and a dead-line established by the local police, beyond which the civilians are not permitted to pass.

Merchants' Meeting

A special meeting of all the merchants of Tarboro is called for tonight at 6 o'clock in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce to determine upon the closing of all stores from May 1 to September 1. This has been the custom for the past two years and all merchants are asked to be present. By order of R. B. Peters, president.

Ex-Soldiers Gain Titles California Farm Lands

(By Associated Press.) Berkeley, Calif., April 29.—Thirty-seven soldiers have been given a title to farms by the California Land Settlement Board.

BARBECUE DINNER

Barbecue dinner will be served at the Tar Heel, Friday. All members are expected to be present. Parties wishing barbecue sent out, phone No. 173.

Need Of College Trained Men Will Be Discussed

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 29.—Commissioner of Education Claxton has called a conference to be held here on May 14 to consider the need of college trained highway and highway transportation engineers and other technically-trained men in the automotive industries.

Bandits Make Get-a-way With \$1,800 Cash Money

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 29.—While 25 conductors and chauffeurs were congregated in front of the Fifth Avenue Coach Company's office this morning, three masked men entered the building and at the point of revolvers took \$1,800 from the cashiers and escaped.

RIISING BACK WATERS HAVE MAROONED MANY FAMILIES

(By Associated Press.) Yazoo City, April 29.—The steamer Sunbeam left here today carrying provisions to the marooned farmers in the delta district who have been cut off by the rising back waters of the Sunflower river. Scores of families are living in the second story of their homes and much livestock has been lost.

Squibs From Whitakers

The Southerner received this morning the following inquiries from a subscriber whose home is at Whitakers: "What has become of the roads of Edgecombe? Have they all turned to holes?" "How long will it take a person to become bald-headed by riding on the public roads of Edgecombe county in an automobile?" "Why should Edgecombe have the reputation of having the worst roads of any county in the state?"

136 ORDERS BEHIND BUT COUNTY AGENT GOT HER CAR FIRST

Kind Deed During "Flu" Epidemic Gives Agent The First Choice Place

BREAD UPON THE WATERS WAS NOT THROW AWAY

Raleigh, April 29.—Getting money from county boards is not the easiest indoor pastime, as many a person can testify—they always have to be shown, especially in this year 1920.

The Onslow County Board of Education was in session and the district home demonstration agent was pleading for enough salary to keep the Onslow home demonstration agent on the job—also for a new car, with a self starter, to make her work more effective over the whole county. She was interrupted by a farmer who said:

"Gentlemen, I have the finest little woman in the world at home, but she doesn't know anything much about cooking and sewing, and she doesn't know much about sewing, and she doesn't know as much as she needs to about 'fixing up' the house. Then I've got some girls who are about grown now, and neither one of them knows how to make even a dress for herself—and gentlemen, that is not as it should be. Just to show you how much we believe in home demonstration work, and how much we need it in my home, I will tell you that my wife and I have offered Miss McFadden a furnished room and her board free of charge just to get the benefit of a few suggestions from her from time to time. You know that I am not a rich man, and if the home demonstration work means that much to me, it must mean a good deal to the other folks of this county too."

The board decided that it could not afford to lose the home agent, and made an appropriation big enough to give a substantial increase in salary and make a new car possible.

The agent immediately went down to place her order for the car. A big gruff man waited on her and told her that there were just one hundred and thirty-six orders in ahead of hers and that she might expect her car in about eighteen months. Of course she looked and felt disappointed that the car could not be delivered earlier. As she started out of the door the big man called her back—his face softened, and his voice was kind. He said, "You nursed us when we had the 'flu,' you may have the first car that comes in."

Big Fire Unknown Origin At Jackson Mississippi

(By Associated Press.) Jackson, Miss., April 29.—A fire of undetermined origin here last night, which began in a feed mill and swept an entire block, is estimated to have caused a loss of more than \$100,000.

Negro Murderer Caught

(By Associated Press.) Lynchburg, Va., April 29.—John Williams, a negro, charged with the murder of Police Detective Mann, was brought here today from Ohio. Sheriff Willis, of Greenville, S. C., also identified the negro as the man wanted in that city for killing two policemen there.

Negroes Favor Suffrage

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 29.—The negro Republican convention was held here yesterday. Besides electing twelve delegates to the Republican National Convention, the assembly unanimously adopted resolutions favoring woman suffrage.

To Ask Recount

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 29.—With General Wood leading Senator Johnson by only a few hundred votes in New Jersey, in the Presidential primary, Senator Johnson's campaign manager has announced that a recount would be asked in four counties.

It is believed by the Moslems that at the Judgment day painters will be required to furnish with souls all the representations of human beings which they have made. Failing in this ordeal, they will lose their own souls as a forfeit for their presumptuous imitation of the work of the Creator.

LETTER ON SORROW FROM MRS. WEEKS

Speak The Word That Will Cheer Friends On Their Lonely Way.

I feel deeply impressed to write from the topic today, "Sorrow." My text is found in St. John 16:22. "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

These are the words of our dear Lord to His disciples, and how comforting they are to those of us who follow in His footsteps. Friends, if there were no sorrow in the world, we would have a bit of heaven here. Christ Himself said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but he that overcometh the world, he shall have the life." In this old cold world today is more love, more pure and undefiled religion, more thought of others, and not so much of self. Some of the chief causes of sorrow today are disappointment of marriage, men marrying for money, women doing the same, gambling, drunkards, lying, lawless, men indifferent and negligent to wives, wives to husbands, non-congeniality, non-support of the home by husbands, disappointments in engagements, jealousy, fornication, husbands forever gone from home, wives responsibility of children, criticism, ridicule, stumbling blocks, street loafers, unkind remarks that leave their stain forever, wife a Christian and husband going to the devil, husband a Christian and wife going to the devil, and the poor kids not knowing where to go. Some of the sorrows of a minister's life is lukewarmness of members' indifference, non-cooperation, in other words the "back-sliding bunch." So there is sorrow for every class in the world, the rich and poor, high and low. Every heart has its sorrow, but I want to say to you the man or woman who lives closest to God can easiest solve this problem, for there is no peace away from Him.

Friends, if we could know of the heartaches bravely hid beneath the smile of courage day by day.

We'd not withhold the kindly deed and thought to cheer our friends upon their lonely way.

Faithfully His,
Mrs. G. E. WEEKS.

Repudiates Confession

(By Associated Press.) Pontiac, April 29.—Anson Best has repudiated the confession which the prosecuting attorney here said he made in the Vera Schneider case.

Agriculture Students To Do Practical Farm Work

West Raleigh, April 29.—Agricultural students at State College who desire to do so will be given an opportunity to work on some of the larger farms of the state during the summer months. Dean C. B. Williams believes that a system of teaching agriculture effectively can not be secured except by students learning how to do things properly with their own hands.

A good many students have expressed a desire to secure summer employment on some of the progressive North Carolina farms as a supplement to the theoretical and practical instruction received in college, and the dean's office has been in correspondence with a number of the larger plantations. Favorable letters have been received from the Lake Latham farm, Robane; Cleverland, Mr. Uria; the Coastal Plain Station farm of the department of agriculture at Rocky Mount; and the Mountain Station farm, at Swannanoa.

Several others are to be heard from. It is believed that the above plan will offer mutual advantages to the farmer and student. In a measure, it will relieve the acute shortage in farm labor, and while the compensation offered, wages will run from \$40 to \$60 per month with board, does not compete with some other lines of work, this will be a secondary consideration as the experience gained will be invaluable.

Georgia Women Register

(By Associated Press.) Waynesboro, April 29.—Acting on a request from the Georgia Woman Voters League, the tax collector of Burke county is permitting women to register for the Presidential election, if the 19th amendment is adopted by then.

TODAY'S NEWS OF TARBORO 20 YEARS AGO

Twenty years ago today was Sunday.

INCOMPATIBILITY NATIONAL CUSTOMS CAUSING TROUBLE

French War-Brides Are Returning Home Because Of American Customs.

HOMESICKNESS IS SAID TO BE REAL CAUSE TROUBLE

(By Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., April 29.—Incompatibility of American and French customs has caused 12,000 of approximately 50,000 French war-brides to return to France, according to Mrs. Edmund H. Johnson, president of the recently organized L'Espoir Franco-American club here.

The club, formed at the suggestion of Mrs. Odette de Bouillon, of Paris, is expected to broaden the interests of French girls who became the brides of Americans overseas, and to make them contented in their new homes.

Mrs. Johnson, herself a war-bride, and wife of a professor of languages at the University of Pittsburgh, declared that members of the club are learning English, of course, but very slowly, and "when one cannot talk, one thinks too much."

"We of France are individualists," she said. "We live within ourselves and our own people, and that makes it doubly hard for the French girls who have left their homes and families. Not that they do not love their husbands, to be sure, but they miss their people."

Five Killed Two've Hurt In Headon Train Wreck

(By Associated Press.) Sanborn, Minn., April 29.—Five persons were killed and twelve injured in a head-on collision between two passenger trains near here early this morning. Four cars and both engines were wrecked.

To Celebrate Hudson Bay Company's Anniversary

(By Associated Press.) Winnipeg, Man., April 29.—One of the oldest anniversaries on the North American continent will be celebrated here in pageants beginning May 3. It is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Hudson Bay Company.

Sir Robert Kindersley, G. B. E., latest of the line of Hudson Bay Co. governors that began with Prince Rupert, of the House of Stuart in the Cromwellian Wars, a visitor from England will take part in the pageant on the Red river here and in the subsequent street pageants which will be held successively in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

The Red river pageant will start from the site of old Fort Garry, early capital of the company's once vast empire and about which Winnipeg grew, and pass down stream 18 miles to Lower Fort Garry. It will include Cree Indians from Hudson Bay; Swampy Creees from James Bay; Ojibways from Lake Superior, Plain Creees from northern Saskatchewan; Blackfeet, Piegnans and Assiniboines from the prairies and the Rocky Mountains and tribesmen of Athabasca and British Columbia.

Sir Robert and his entourage will make the trip in old-time North Canadian style. A flotilla of freight boats, piled high with furs will trail in their wake in charge of factors and trappers in pioneer costumes.

When he reaches Lower Fort Garry, Governor Kindersley will seal the ancient friendship between the Redmen and the company by smoking the calumet of peace, a pipe, especially designed for the occasion.

Strike Leaders To Be Tried By Grand Jury

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 29.—An outright gift of \$2,000,000 and a conditional pledge of an additional \$3,000,000 from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial fund to the northern Baptist new World Movement was announced today.

MISSION SERVICES DRAW BIG CROWDS

Father Duffy Becomes More Popular With Congregation At Each Service.

The music being preached at Calvary church by Father Gavan Duffy of New York is growing daily in interest and power. Last night an overflowing congregation was held at intense attention by the wonderful spirit-filled eloquence of the Father Duffy.

In his instruction, which precedes the sermon, he explained the nature of that implicit faith which brings God's miracle working power into human lives, and gave a number of thrilling instances in his own experience of manifest miracles worked by God where such faith was present.

His sermon was upon "Hell," which men may bring upon themselves by lack of love, and his exposition of the parable of the rich man and Lazarus was heart-touching beyond the description of written words.

The asking of questions through the medium of a question-box is encouraged, and a number of most illuminating answers to questions asked were made.

Father Duffy will continue his mission through next Sunday night. One may be allowed to use all the citizens of Tarboro to take advantage of this good man's presence, and give him an opportunity to show them these truths of God that have been revealed to him during the years of a prayerful, self-denying and devoted life spent in England and America. He comes to us with no other hope or purpose than to glorify God and help us, and to neglect a chance to profit by his advice and instruction is not wise or good in any man or woman among us.

Ratification Campaign Costs Women Vast Sum

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 29.—The campaign for the ratification of the Federal Women's Suffrage amendment has cost the National Woman Party \$32,000, it was announced from headquarters today.

ARE SERMONS INDISPENSABLE TO BE QUESTION BEFORE THE BISHOPS AT LAMBETH MEET

(By Associated Press.) London, April 29.—Whether or not sermons are indispensable is one of the questions that the bishops of the Anglican church may decide at the Lambeth meeting held here in July, it was announced today.

Girls' Friendly Society

There will be a short meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society at the home of Mrs. Frank Hart tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Government Ownership Is A Step Toward Socialism

(By Associated Press.) Louisville, April 29.—Government ownership of railroads is a step toward socialized government, President Markham, of the Illinois Central railroad, declared today at a meeting of the Louisville Transportation club.

Amer. Academy Political Science Meet Tomorrow

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 29.—Economists, bankers and educators will discuss problems arising from the war, chiefly as they affect the high cost of living and price inflation, at the semi-annual meeting of the American Academy of Political Science to be held here tomorrow. Professor Samuel McCune Lindsay, of Columbia University, in making the announcement, said the prime purpose of this national forum was "to bring together the best thought of the nation in an effort to remove the hazards of the era of reconstruction."

Strike Leaders To Be Tried By Grand Jury

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 29.—Federal action to punish the strike leaders in this section began today, when a number of witnesses were called before the Federal grand jury at Newark.

EVANGELIST PARTY MAKE FRIENDS AT M'KENDRE CHURCH

Mrs. Steidley and Mr. Pledger of "Cyclone Mac" Party Conduct Services

CHURCH WELL FILLED MORNING AND EVENING

(By J. C. B.) Services at McKendree church Sunday, the 25th, were conducted by Mr. G. C. Pledger and Mrs. Mary Steidley, the two talented people who have been with "Cyclone Mac" in the great evangelistic campaign in Rocky Mount.

It was a treat to have these two gifted people with us and we are all enjoyed it. Very seldom in life does such opportunity as this knock at the door of a little country church and it was very nice and clever in these people to lend their presence to us. It made "Old McKendree" feel proud of itself and reminded us of the days gone by, when we could see the church full of interested people. It was a God-send that they could be with us and their memory will be with us in years to come.

Mrs. Steidley is a lady who has had several years experience in this line of work and is gifted in the delivery of the words of the bible. She carries love and sunshine in her face and all who meet her love her. seldom have we heard preacher who can deliver the words of God more effectively than she. She finds all the joy and love of a consecrated life.

Mr. Pledger has had several years' experience with some of the greatest evangelists of our country—McLendon, Sunday, Gypsy Smith, etc. He has such a sunny, happy disposition and is especially gifted in gaining the love of the children and that love is the kind that will go to the grave with many of them for this is the real love that children have. No one is Mr. Pledger gifted in giving treats to children but to older ones also.

We had the pleasure of a duet by he and Mrs. Steidley, who has one of the sweetest voices we ever heard, Sunday. If you wish to see Pledger shine and be happy, give him a bunch of children and in a few days he will have them raising the top of a house with their little voices.

In the party was also little Maybeth Steidley, daughter of Mrs. Steidley, a sweet, dear little girl, full of life and a splendid singer for her years. May God keep her and let her follow the foot-steps of that sweet and noble mother of hers.

We are hoping that these and two others of the party will join us in a "Luncheon" meeting at McKendree in a few days. If so, you may expect to see McKendree church go over the top for Jesus.

PERSONALS

Mrs. G. F. McNeally is attending the fashion show at Wilson today.

Mrs. W. H. Lilley of Wilson is to be the guest of Mrs. G. T. McNeally, Thursday.

Miss Reba Bridgers of the American Y. M. C. A., over seas, is spending her vacation in Florence and Rome.

Colored Baseball

There will be a baseball game between the Portsmouth Giants and the Tarboro All-Stars (colored), at the fair grounds on Monday, May 3.

Everybody May Import Liquor In Ontario Now

(By Associated Press.) Toronto, April 29.—Summer residents in Ontario, whether citizens of Canada or the United States, may import liquor the same as permanent residents, according to a ruling of the license commission made public today.

Fair Price Committees Public's Own Weapon

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 29.—Attorney General Palmer declared today that "unfair" prices was not the fixing of a price, but the exercise of lawful discretion in announcing what the government would regard as a violation of the law. He further said that the fair-price committees were the public's weapon for fighting the rising living cost.