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STATE IS BEHIND IN SUICIDE RATE

AMERICAN RATE 15 PER 100,000
WHILE IN NORTH CAROLINA
RATE IS ONLY 3.9.

Raleigh. With the 1924 suicide rate in America a little over 15 per 100,000 population, North Carolina lags far and happily behind, with a rate of 3.9 per 100,000 population, according to figures for the State compiled by the State Board of Health. The suicide rate in Raleigh, however, was 6.5.

The highest suicide rate per 100,000 population was in San Diego, Cal., where it was 45.2. Strangely enough San Francisco with 37.8 and Los Angeles with 32.8, were in second and third places, giving uncontested honors to California.

In North Carolina during 1924 there were 108 suicides, of which 94 were white persons, 13 negroes and one Indian. Sixty-four of the total number of suicides used firearms to kill themselves. Ten of the 13 negroes suicides used guns.

Asheville led the State during the period with seven suicides. Charlotte was second with four. In Greensboro, Hamlet, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Salisbury and Winston-Salem there were two suicides each. Kinston and High Point each had three suicides during the year.

Kee Saved From Death Chair.

Judge Thomas J. Shaw and Solicitor Porter Graves, two of the slowest trial officers to interfere with jury verdicts, saved Ernest Kee from the electric chair and the Forsyth boy of 19 years will get a life sentence at hard labor.

The removal of Kee from death chamber will make space for another condemned man. The prison is filling up with capital felons and it had been emptied after a record-breaking half year for the electric chair. There are only four men awaiting death days; but there are numerous men held for safekeeping who will later be sent back, condemned to death and then brought back to die.

Announces New Advisory Board.

An advisory board to make an investigation and survey of the scope of the work that should be undertaken in the future at Caswell Training School at Kinston, was appointed by Governor A. W. McLean. Members of the advisory board are: Dr. W. S. Rankin, Raleigh, chairman; Dr. Thomas W. Vernon, Morganton; Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, Wake Forest; W. C. Dowd, Sr., Charlotte; Gilbert T. Stephenson, Raleigh; Captain Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro; Henry A. Page, Aberdeen, and J. O. Carr, Wilmington.

Deny Right to Sue State College.

Contending that although the North Carolina State College has been declared a corporation by statute it is still a mere institution of the State and therefore cannot be sued, Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt and Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash filed a demurrer in the Wake County Superior Court to the complaint filed recently in the suit of Emmett McCoy, negro janitor, for \$5,000 damages for personal injuries while working at the college.

Financial Statement on Prison.

Governor McLean announced that a detailed statement of the financial status of the State's Prison would be issued soon.

"A public accountant, employed by the State auditor's department, made an audit of the prison at the same time audits were made of other institutions," he said. "His report is in the course of preparation, and as soon as it is completed it will be given out for publication."

Prisoner Gets Brief Parole.

Governor McLean has paroled Oscar Dacus, of Mecklenburg county, who was convicted of prohibition violation at the July, 1924, term of court and sentenced to serve 18 months on the county roads. He has been 12 months in prison.

Governor McLean places the clemency on the ground of first offense and further on the perhaps fatal illness of the prisoner's father. The parole, however, lasts only a few days. The prisoner is to return to the camp on or before August 15 and give himself up to the sheriff. A right to revoke this brief parole is reserved by the governor.

Otis Wright, of Cleveland county, and B. F. Dickerson, of Wilson, are not so lucky. They are serving 12 and six months respectively for prohibition violations and their petitions are declined.

33 Years Ago

—IN—
Washington
County

Items gathered from issue of
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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hampton spent a few days at Nags Head this week.

Mr. W. B. Ward has resigned his position with W. H. Hampton to accept a similar place in Washington.

Mr. J. C. Spruill, wife and children, have been visiting in the lower part of the county.

The addition of another story to Peal's carriage factory is a decided improvement.

Misses Blanche Barden and Mary Hilliard have been visiting Miss Nellie Chesson.

Mrs. J. H. Smith and daughter, Isolind, have been spending a few days in Roper.

Create Bureau at State Prison.

Superintendent George Ross Pou of the State's Prison addressed a letter to each sheriff of the State and to 150 chiefs of police throughout the State, calling their attention to an act of the recent General Assembly creating a State Bureau of Identification.

Superintendent Pou announced the appointment of Deputy Warden H. H. Honeycutt as director of the State Bureau of Identification. Deputy Warden Honeycutt has for the past three years been in charge of the identification department of the State's Prison and is one of the leading finger print experts of the South, having been so declared by the chief of the Bureau of Identification of the city of Richmond. Deputy Warden Honeycutt will perform his additional duties without increase in his present compensation. The act creating the Bureau of Identification was sponsored by the Police Chief's Association and by Superintendent Pou.

Mr. Pou stated that the taking of finger prints was not alone for the purpose of detecting criminals but for the protection of the innocent as well. Within a few years the bureau is expected to be of invaluable assistance to Solicitors in giving in detail the former prison record, if any, of the defendant. The information should also be of aid to the trial judge in determining the sentence of the prisoner.

The Identification Bureau of the State's Prison was established by Superintendent Pou during his first term of office. The Bureau has been high complimented by Wm. J. Burns, former Chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice. It was established after Mr. Pou had conferred with Mr. Burns relative to the most modern methods in use.

There are on file now more than 2500 prints of State Prisoners.

Thirty Counties Benefited.

When loans by seventeen counties to the State Highway Commission already approved are executed, the State Highway construction fund will have been supplemented by \$12,313,000 and thirty counties will either have benefited or will be in way of receiving benefits of road construction which otherwise they might have waited years for in the pro rata distribution of bond money.

Thirteen counties have already loaned the State commission \$6,064,040.

Cleveland Flags Fly at Half Mast.

Cleveland.—Flags on all municipal buildings here will fly at half mast in honor of William Jennings Bryan, until after his funeral. This announcement was made by William J. Murphy, secretary of City Manager William H. Hopkins, in the absence from the city of Mr. Hopkins and Mayor C. C. Townes.

The country has lost its leader in politics and religious movements, Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war, declared when informed of the death of William Jennings Bryan.

Bicycle For Sale—in good condition; Herman Chesson, Route 2



A Home Suggestion

THE SPIRITUAL STANDARD OF A COMMUNITY IS STAMPED BY ITS CITIZENRY. THE TOWN OR COMMUNITY WITH THE WELL-FILLED CHURCH PEWS IS THE PROSPEROUS; THE PEACEFUL AND HAPPY PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE. BECAUSE—THEREIN ARE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE WISDOM OF THE PRACTICE OF "THE GOLDEN RULE."

IN THIS DAY OF MOTOR CARS—GOOD ROADS AND THE APPEAL OF PLEASURE—EVERY CITIZEN SHOULD TAKE PARTICULAR CARE TO SEE THAT THE SPIRITUAL STANDARD OF HIS HOUSEHOLD IS NOT WEAKENED. CHURCH SERVICES HAVE THEIR UPLIFTING INFLUENCES WHICH CANNOT BE EXPLAINED IN MERE WORDS. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERY MOTHER AND FATHER—BY EXAMPLE—GIVE THEIR CHILDREN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BALANCE THEIR LIVES WITH CHURCH INFLUENCES—THE SPIRITUAL—AS WELL AS THE MATERIAL.

WHY NOT ESTABLISH A STANDARD IN YOUR HOME THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WILL ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES REGULARLY? EACH MEMBER SHALL GO TO THE CHURCH OF HIS OR HER CHOICE—BUT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT—ALL SHALL GO—

—and—THIS SUNDAY

Basket Pic-Nic At Wenona

Mr. J. L. Ray superintendent of Blackland Experiment Station, which is a state conducted farm operated at Wenona, was here this week passing out invitations to the people as a whole to attend a Field Day and Basket Pic-Nic which is to be held at that place Thursday of next week.

Full program appears elsewhere in this issue. The people of that section join Mr. Ray in issuing this invitation and it is expected that a large crowd will attend. The occasion is well worth the trouble it takes to prepare for it and it is hoped that Plymouth will be well represented.

Frank Davenport

Mr. Frank Davenport, aged 81 years, died at his home near Bath last Sunday at 9:30 A. M. after a very brief illness. He was buried in the community grave yard Monday afternoon.

The deceased was born in this county and moved to Beaufort county about thirty years ago.

He is survived by two sons, Messrs. T. F. and Luther Davenport of Oak City, and two daughters, Mrs. George Cutler and Mrs. Virginia Gay of Bath.

R. L. Whitehurst D. D. S.

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Special appointments can be made for any hours.

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Sunday School Institute

A Sunday School Institute for religious workers will be held at the Methodist church at Mackeys beginning Friday night, August 7th, and running through Saturday.

Rev. H. E. Spencer of Duke University and Mr. L. L. Gabel, our Sunday School field secretary will conduct the institute.

Sunday School officers and teachers and others interested in a better trained church and Sunday School are invited and urged to attend.

W. G. Lowe

Two Million Dollar Hotel.

Hendersonville.—J. P. Stolz, owner of the Fleetwood Hotel in Miami, Fla., and prominent Florida and New York hotel man, announced his intention of erecting a hotel here similar to his Miami hotel, costing approximately \$2,000,000. Mr. Stolz made his announcement at a banquet given by the local chamber of commerce. He also announced that he would construct what he described as one of the largest broadcasting stations in the United States. Work on the projects will start with the least practical delay.

To Abolish New State Salaries.

It was officially predicted that the new schedules to be reported by the Salary and Wage Commission will not be approved by the Governor and put into effect before October.

The prediction was accompanied by the official announcement that Julian Price, chairman of the commission, will not return to the State from a business trip until August 10 and that the next meeting of the commission will not be held until after that date. The report of the commission was due on July 1, but was delayed.

CORN
R. F. D. 2, Plymouth

Party For Popular Bride-Elect.

Miss Mavis Thigpen entertained Wednesday morning with a delightful bridge and rook party honoring her sister, Miss Martha Thigpen, a bride-elect of this month. The guests were received at the door by the hostess and shown into the living room where the tables were arranged. There were prizes for the top scores and an attractive bride's book for the honor guest.

Little Miss Meredith Johnson, dressed as a miniature bride, presented the book in a very original manner.

Those attending were Misses Isa Gordon Tucker, Sue Frank White and Mrs. Nathan Tucker of Hertford, Misses Inez Bell, Hope Hardison, Madeline Moore, Dorothy Williams, Stella Ayers, Mesdames B. G. Campbell, A. L. Owens, H. A. Williford, Robert Johnston, J. B. Edmondson, J. B. Flaughter, Van B. Martin, W. R. Hampton, W. H. Clark, Henry Blount, A. B. Litchfield, E. D. Carstarphen, F. J. Knight, Cicero Norman, Macon Norman, Jas. W. Norman, R. P. Walker, Lewis Horton, E. G. Arps, Herman Alexander, A. L. Alexander, B. F. Read, J. W. Read, H. V. Austin, H. A. Liverman, Abe Adler, P. W. Brinkley and Zeno Lyon.

Highways Letting Draw Many Bids.

Eighty contractors submitted bids for twelve highway projects at a letting by the State Highway Commission. The projects will cost the State around \$2,000,000.

The low bid for the twelve projects were as follows:

Project 131-B: Hyde county: 8.19 miles of paving on Route 91 from Scranton to Swan Quarter. Low bid for roadway by Frank Mitchell Construction Company, of Aulander, at \$150,647.70.

Project 197: Washington county: 11.76 miles of paving on Route 90 between Roper and Martin county line. Low bid for roadway by F. J. McGuire, of Norfolk, at \$726,004.

Project 246: Jones county: 7.72 miles of grading on Route 30 between Polkville and Onslow county line. Low bid for roadway by Nello L. Teer, of Durham, at \$57,736.80.

Project 335: Robeson county: 10.5 miles of grading and structures on Route 21 between Lumberton and Cumberland county line. Low bid for roadway by Jamison Brothers, Inc., at \$52,923. Low bid for structures by Rhyme and Kitchen at \$63,573.15.

Project 424: Franklin county: 5.73 miles of paving on Route 90 between Wake and Nash county lines. Low bid for roadway by Zeigler Brothers at \$155,943.70.

Project 434: Granville county: 6.19 miles of paving on Route 75 between Oxford and the Tar River. Low bid for roadway by R. G. Lassiter and Company, of Oxford, at \$195,520.20.

Project 547: Hoke county: 13.73 miles of grading and structures on Route 70 between Reaford and Moore county line. Low bid for roadway by J. A. Marrow at \$56,210.25.

Project 585: Randolph county: 2.33 miles of paving on Routes 70 and 75 east and south from Asheboro. Low bid for roadway by Zeigler Brothers at \$61,426.

Project 618: Cabarrus county: 3.07 miles of paving on Route 74 between Mt. Pleasant and Stanley county line. Low bid for roadway by Zeigler Brothers at \$113,012.95.

Project 851: McDowell county: 12.07 miles of grading and structures on Route 104 from the intersection with Route 10 to Yancey county line. Low bid for roadway by W. H. Anderson Construction Company at \$277,747.40. Low bid for structures by Albert Brothers, Inc., at \$41,860.10.

Project 883: Rutherford county: 9.40 miles of paving on Route 20 between Forest City and Cleveland county line. Low bid for roadway by Wilson Construction Company at \$275,847.20. Low bid for structures by Appalachian Construction Company at \$11,330.

Project 889: Yancey county: 7.84 miles of grading and structures on Route 104 between Harvard and McDowell county line. Low bid for roadway by W. H. Anderson Construction Company at \$73,848.20. Low bid for structures by Albert Brothers, Inc., at \$26,146.50.

McLEAN OFFERS CASH PRIZE

Will Give Prize at Exposition This Fall For Best Display of Cotton Dresses.

Charlotte.—Governor A. W. McLean is not stopping with a verbal letter of approval of the idea of increasing the interest among the women of North Carolina in making their own garments from Carolina-made goods, but is now offering a cash prize of \$100 in a contest to be held by the Made-in-Carolinas Exposition this fall.

Governor McLean's offer came in a letter to Mrs. Mayme Moore Sifford, director of the fashion and fabric department of the exposition, who visited the governor's office recently and secured from him a letter of hearty approval and endorsement of the idea this department is trying to carry to the women of the two states.

Details of the ward have not been worked out. Governor McLean announcing that he is so much interested in promoting the use of cotton goods in the making of wearing apparel that he is planning to offer a prize of \$100 for the best display of dresses made from products of the North Carolina cotton mills.

Governor McLean's letter to Mrs. Sifford follows:

"Referring to our recent conversation in regard to the Made-in-Carolinas Exposition, I am much interested in promoting the use of cotton goods in the making of wearing apparel.

"I have in mind offering a prize of \$100 to be awarded at your exposition this fall for the best display of ladies' dresses made of products from North Carolina cotton mills. Please look into the matter and suggest to me if this is practicable, and if so, what the terms of the contest should be so as to bring about the greatest amount of interest.

"I am tremendously interested in the success of this movement to increase the use of North Carolina cotton-made goods.

"Sincerely Yours,
(Signed) ANGELO W. McLEAN,
Governor."

Seaboard Air Line Extension.

Asheville.—Tentative plans for the extension of the Seaboard Air Line railway to Hendersonville were announced at a banquet given by the Hendersonville chamber of commerce. Solomon D. Wardfield, president of the Seaboard, is now in New York city negotiating with bankers for the loan of \$35,000,000 for the financing of the extension. It was announced, and according to present indications the railroad extension into Hendersonville will be a reality of the near future.

The plans have not been announced in detail, but it is generally understood that the extension will be from Lenoir through the Chimney Rock section.

Jones and Onslow Have Fine Tobacco.

Kinston.—Jones and Onslow counties have produced the finest tobacco crops since 1918, according to local warehousemen returning from "grading" in that territory. The quality of the weed in those counties is superior to that in Lenoir and some of the central counties of the belt. The yield will be of bumper proportions. The "stand" in Jones is far better than last year's, while Onslow, not yet among the leading bright leaf counties, is believed to have made the largest crop in its history. Cultural conditions ever since transplanting days have been "perfect" in the lower belt.

Campaign Against Fires.

Raleigh.—An active campaign against forest fires is being waged in North Carolina, headed by Governor McLean, who, in cooperation with the state department of conservation and development, has sounded many notes of warning. The governor, in an address at Asheville, outlined his forestry policy as enunciated by him on previous occasions, and urged the people to unite in fighting forest fires.

During his address at Asheville, the governor pledged the support of his administration to all engaged in the work of fighting forest fires. He declared a united public opinion would prove a very effective weapon and, at the same time, urged educational campaigns against this form of waste, to be carried on in the schools and colleges.

The department of conservation and development has assigned speakers to numerous institutions, including many of the summer schools, to tell of the evil results of forest fires.

Large School of Carp.

Madison.—One carp weighing 11.12 pounds and 21 smaller ones, several of which weighed three or four pounds each, were caught in Dan river, a few miles below town, one day this week by Abe Neal and Stokesdale.