

DETOUR MAPS ARE PLACED IN HOTELS

TOURISTS ADVISED OF ROAD CONDITIONS AND GIVEN CHOICE OF ROADS.

REPORTS ISSUED MONTHLY

This is New Service of State Highway Commission Which Became Effective With July Detours.

Raleigh. The state highway commission, for the convenience of motorists, has placed in the hotel lobbies of the state, large maps of the detours in effect during each month. This is a new service of the commission which became effective with the July detours.

The purpose of the maps, it is said, is to indicate to a traveler going from town to town where he will have to detour. A man at Greensboro traveling to Raleigh, for example, would only have to glance at the map in Greensboro and see if any detours are marked up on the Greensboro-Raleigh road.

He would then be in a position to choose his road so as to avoid detouring or, if two roads were not available, he would at least be advised of road conditions before he commenced the trip.

This service, it is believed, will be of great assistance to motorists passing through the state as, because of the great amount of road construction now in progress, many, many roads are being replaced temporarily by detours.

The detour reports of the commission which are issued monthly may be found in all public libraries of the state and will supplement the map so far as giving the exact mileage and location of all detours is concerned.

Large maps of the entire highway system of the state, it is stated, have been furnished to such hotels as would agree to display them prominently in their lobbies. These maps give the route number and are plainly marked so that a trip through the state may be made by route numbers taken from the map, aided by the route number signs which are along the roads at frequent intervals.

Expecting Great Farm Convention.

A good crowd of representative farmers and their wives will be present at the Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention at the State College on July 31 and August 1 and 2 according to reports that are now being received by James M. Gray, secretary of the convention.

Mr. Gray thinks that this is because of the good program which has been arranged and because of the outstanding speakers which he has secured. The fact is, however, that North Carolina farmers have become accustomed to attending the convention and those who want to swap experiences with their neighbors are almost sure to come again.

The college, as usual, is going to furnish free lodging but the guests are expected to bring their toilet articles and bed linen.

New Bern Labor Office Closed.

Temporary discontinuance of the State Employment office at New Bern was announced by M. L. Shipman, director of the Employment Service. Withdrawal of the appropriation made by the American Red Cross immediately after the disastrous fire in New Bern last December is given as the reason for abandoning the office.

Assistance from the county or city will ensure its reopening.

New Bern is Omitted from List of Offices Reporting Placements During the Week.

The aggregate totals announced are appreciably smaller than the placement for the preceding week. A total of 618 men and women applied for work, 575 employers asked for help, and 388 men and 81 women were found employment during the week, according to the report.

More than half the number placed during the week were classed as unskilled labor, the figures being given at 311. The demand for unskilled labor is still great, but the number available during the week is taken as an indication that the exodus of negro laborers to the north has been checked, and that more of them are seeking work at home.

Skilled labor maintains its second place in the line, and domestic help third, and clerical and professional a bad fourth. Not an office in the state has a skilled or unskilled laborer listed for more than 24 hours at the time.

Prohibition Director Makes Report.

Salisbury.—North Carolina moonshiners lost exactly 111 illicit stills during the month of June, according to the report of activities of federal prohibition agents in the state, issued by State Director R. D. Coltrane, who headquarters here.

Sixty arrests were made and 122 prosecutions recommended. The mixture of liquor and property during June was smaller than April or May.

Cotton Crop is Most Promising.

"The cotton crop of North Carolina is unusually promising considering the planting season and is the largest in its history," according to a statement issued here by Frank Parker, statistician of the co-operative reporting service of the United States and North Carolina departments of agriculture. The report is based on information received from 26 counties of the state.

"With the acreage at 103 per cent," says the report, "North Carolina shows the least increase of any state. The average for the cotton belt is 13 per cent increase. It is reported that the increase would have been more had the April report not been given publicity. That report showed the same acreage per cent according to the planting intentions of several thousand cotton farmers. It is further recognized that it was the speculator who suffered most by that 'intentions' report, which indicated prospective planting.

"The present condition of 80 per cent of a normal or full crop prospect for 256 pounds per acre, if applied to the 1,703,460 acres, means that the crop might be over 910,000 bales if the state conditions remain favorable. The boll weevil and adverse weather conditions must be reckoned with before early frost gets its share. These figures are based on conditions now and do not include any but favorable influences to follow. The last crop made 350 pounds per acre and 851,000 bales.

"There are estimated to have been planted in the United States the greatest acreage of any year, 38,287,000 acres with a prospective yield of 11,412,000 bales or 17 per cent increase over the 1922 production. The present condition prospects are 1.3 per cent below last year's report and six per cent below the 10 year average.

"The weather conditions in North Carolina have been unusually favorable for cotton during June. The recent rains have helped to relieve the drought that might soon have become serious, even on cotton. The boll weevil has not become noticeably bad but its presence and activities are now claiming the attention of the southern cotton counties of the state.

Weevil Declared Not Poisonous.

Inquiries received by the state board of health from widely separated sections of the state indicate a fear of the boll weevil that is entirely unfounded. The state board of health is advised that this pest of the cotton plant is without danger other than the damage which it does to one of the state's leading farm products.

The boll weevil is not poisonous. It does not infest fruits or berries, nor any of the garden vegetables, such as corn, beans, cabbage, lettuce, okra, tomatoes, or the like. The only food that satisfies the appetite of this insect is the cotton boll, and it eats this preferably when young and tender, when the squares are just forming.

Popular superstition has enlarged the field of activity of this insect which is having a revolution in the agricultural habits of the entire south. In some sections the weevil is reported in the blackberries. From another comes the report of having found it in the okra. A far eastern county attributed a serious illness to the weevil having been cooked along with some snap beans.

A Piedmont county thought it was infesting the cabbage. In all instances a consuming fear seems to have taken possession of some of the people lest the boll weevil take their lives.

In answering such inquiries the state board of health has endeavored to reassure those unduly fearful with the definite statement that there is nothing to fear from the boll weevil except the partial destruction of the cotton crop. The insect is not poisonous and infests only the cotton plant.

N. C. Leading in Building.

For the first time since March, 1922, the number of permits issued for new work in twenty-four of the leading cities of the Fifth district was lower in May than the number issued during the corresponding month of the previous year, but several North Carolina cities were among those figuring in increases of new work, according to a study of the Monthly Review of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank just made public here.

May, 1922, permits totaled 2,273 in comparison with 2,475 issued in May, 1922. In the estimated cost of the work also, May of this year dropped below May of last year, the totals being \$11,443,583 and \$12,548,712 respectively, it is stated. The combined valuation for both new work and alterations or repairs totaled \$13,461,852 in May, 1923, in comparison with \$14,451,569 in May, 1922, a decrease during the current month of 6.9 per cent, according to the Review.

Mail Checks to Growers.

Checks aggregating more than two million dollars went out to the thirty-four thousand members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, one day from the Raleigh headquarters, General Manager U. B. Blacklock announced.

These checks represent the fourth distribution made to members, bringing the total advances up to 23 cents a pound, basis middling, and making a grand total of fifteen million dollars that has been paid out on the 135,000 bales of cotton.

N. C. JEWELERS ELECT OFFICERS

B. F. ROARK, OF CHARLOTTE, WILL HEAD ORGANIZATION FOR NEW YEAR.

ASSOCIATION MUCH PLEASSED

New Wedding Anniversary Schedule Makes Many Changes Over the Old.

Hendersonville.—B. F. Roark, of Charlotte, was elected president of the North Carolina Jewelers association meeting in Hendersonville. Other officers were Charles E. Henderson, vice president of the western district; W. E. Lineback, of Winston-Salem, central, and W. F. Chears, of the eastern district. W. G. Frasier, of Durham, was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Delegates to the national convention are B. F. Roark, Charlotte; W. G. Frasier, Durham; Fred N. Day, Winston-Salem and J. M. Fox, Rocky Mount. Alternates are A. J. Holmes, Lumberton; W. H. Hawkins, Hendersonville; R. H. Leonard, Salisbury; Charles E. Henderson, Asheville, and T. D. Hatcher, Raeford.

The association is very much pleased with a new set of bylaws which are a great improvement over the old.

Feeling is very optimistic about the business prospects of next year and the members are well satisfied with the work accomplished.

Twenty-three new members were elected to the association and the secretary reported that there had been twenty-four new memberships this year. He reported that the association had been active legislatively and was making progress in their efforts to have the excise tax law repealed, and that they had secured the passing of the fake auction law in the state legislature.

E. S. Quigley, assistant to the national president, in an address stated that jewelers as a whole had lost money this year. He stressed the importance of high business ethics and of systems whereby the trade may determine their operating costs.

Many will be interested in the new wedding anniversary schedule the jewelers have drawn up. The golden wedding now comes at the fifteenth year of married life. The new schedule is as follows:

First, nickel ware; second, china; third, mahogany; fourth, leather; fifth, cut glass; seventh, jewelry; tenth, silver; twelfth, pearls; fifteenth, gold; twentieth, sapphire; twenty-fifth, diamond; thirtieth, wooden; fortieth, platinum.

Belleve Movies Harm Children.

Lake Junaluska.—Declaring that most of the films have features, that are hurtful in their effect upon children, Miss Minnie Kenedy, Nashville, Tenn., Superintendent of elementary Sunday school work, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in an address before the Social Service Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here, suggested that some organization of parents and other interested citizens should be created for the specific purpose of caring for the local moving picture situation.

Award Contracts For New Prison.

Rocky Mount.—The Nash county board of commissioners in special session at Nashville, awarded the consolidated contract for the new county home and jail which it was decided to build some time ago. The bid of the local contractor for the two structures was \$124,890.50.

First Brood of Weevils Appear.

Aberdeen.—The first brood of cotton boll weevils to be bred in the over-wintering squares this year is now making its appearance, according to Dr. R. W. Leiby of the boll weevil laboratory here, which is maintained by the Agricultural Experiment Station.

"The first specimen was bred on June 28," says Dr. Leiby, "and at the present time the weevils are emerging in numbers from squares collected in the fields in the southern counties of the state."

Dr. Leiby states that he and his workers have found that the new weevils begin to lay eggs in the squares within a few days after they emerge; that the eggs hatch in three or four days; and that the weevil will deposit an average of nearly four eggs a day in squares growing on cotton confined in cages.

Henderson Office Makes Showing.

Henderson.—Receipts for the Henderson post office during the fiscal year ended June 30, last, puts the local office approximately within \$4,000 of the mark necessary to be reached to put the office in the rank of first class, which is \$40,000 a year. For the fiscal year the gross receipts are announced as being \$35,926.78, as compared with \$32,099.19 for the fiscal year ended July 30, 1922. This is an increase of a little more than eleven per cent, and leaving only \$4,074.27 to go to reach the \$40,000.00 mark.

ROTARIANS HEAR ADDRESSES

Architecture and Lumber Discussed and Report of International Convention Heard.

Gastonia.—A report on the International convention held recently in St. Louis, by Joe Separk, the club's representative, and shop talks by Hugh White on architecture and by Elmer Spencer on lumber were the features of the luncheon of the Gastonia Rotary club held at the Gastonia Country club. Jim Henderlitz presided over the business session and the program was in charge of Edward Switzer.

Hugh White read an interesting paper on the origin, development and prevention of the various leading styles of architecture from the time of the construction of the pyramids up to the present day, touching, of course, only the high spots along the way. Elmer Spencer gave some interesting facts about lumber with special reference to Southern yellow pine. He gave a numerous interesting comparative figures on the price of lumber covering a period of years and showing that lumber is now high.

Joe Separk's report on the International Rotary convention at St. Louis was of unusual interest. There were 10,000 Rotarians present from nearly all of the 27 counties now covered by Rotary.

College Faculty Complete.

Greensboro.—The faculty for North Carolina College for women is complete for the coming college year, announcement being made of its makeup by the acting president, Dr. W. C. Jackson, who is also vice-president of the college. Twenty-two new teachers will take part in the instruction given the students, while six of the faculty are on leave of absence.

Dr. Jackson continues as acting president until such time as Dr. J. I. Foust, president, who has granted a leave of absence, because of illness, last spring by the board of trustees, becomes well enough to resume his duties.

Bridge Built in Halifax County.

Scotland Neck.—The County Highway bridge force has completed a 22 foot bridge across the run at Shield's Commissionary, which is elevated about five feet above normal water level. This is the 16th bridge which has been completed in this section of the county, and work is nearing completion on the bridges at Smith's Hill run. There are about eleven more in the territory around Scotland Neck to be rebuilt before work in this section is completed. This work is in charge of W. C. Walton and is being done entirely by county work forces. There are about 197 bridges in the county over 12 feet long and all of them have been or will be rebuilt of standard Halifax county construction.

Inspector Falls in Dipping Vat.

Ahoke.—Cattle dipping vats in Hertford county have come into use for many other purposes during the three weeks they have been in operation. The latest use to which they were put was the dipping of one of the local federal inspectors, "Bill" Brewer, who has charge of the twelve vats in this vicinity, took his first dip in the brine. He was wrestling with an unruly member of a cow herd when he tumbled into the narrow vat, and got a taste of what he had been giving the cattle.

Summer School Making Progress.

Asheville.—The Asheville summer school opened with an enrollment of about 15 hundred teachers from all parts of our country, extending from Alaska to Cuba, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A North Carolina Teachers club numbering 900 members has been organized with Miss Sara S. Alexander, of Charlotte, as president; Miss Kate Neal, secretary, and Miss Mary Kestler, treasurer.

To Build Homes For Teachers.

Aberdeen.—The Aberdeen School Board has chosen James B. Lynch, of Wilmington, as architect to get up plans and specifications for the new teacherage. The board decided to build the teacherage of brick instead of wood, feeling that in the long run it would be economy, since it would mean cheaper insurance, less liability to be burned and superior in beauty of school architecture.

A colored teacherage has just been completed, the erection of which was financed by the Rosenwald fund, contributions from the colored patrons of Aberdeen, contributions from the local white school board and from the county board of education. The educational slogan of Aberdeen is "Watch us move upward and onward."

Storm Causes Damage to Pitt Crops.

Greenville.—As the result of a devastating wind and hail storm passing through Pitt county, several thousand dollars damage was done in various sections.

In one community about five miles from Greenville on the north side of Tar River, damage of property thirty and forty thousand dollars was done within a radius of about two miles. There were about one hundred acres of tobacco literally destroyed by hail and wind and probably a similar number of acres of cotton and corn.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JULY 22

JOHN THE APOSTLE

LESSON TEXT—Luke 9:49-56; John 19:25-27; I John 4:7, 8. GOLDEN TEXT—"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."—I John 4:16. REFERENCE MATERIAL—Mark 1:16-20; John 13:21-25; Acts 4:13-20; Rev. 1:9. PRIMARY TOPIC—The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved. JUNIOR TOPIC—John, the Beloved Disciple. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—John, the Bosom Friend of Jesus. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—A Character Study of John.

I. His Intolerance of Irregular Service.

(Luke 9:49, 50).

John was conscientious in his intolerance of this disciple. There seems to have been no question but what the man was really casting out devils, even though he did not possess the same credentials as the twelve apostles. There seems to have been no question as to the reality of the truth which this disciple taught or the work he did. The same spirit has been manifested all through the Christian centuries. Whoever witnesses truly of Christ and does His work has God's recognition. Christ rebuked John's intolerance and declared that "he that is not against us is for us." May we everywhere show the same consideration to those who are doing the Lord's work even though they are not members of our particular church.

II. John's Righteous Indignation.

(Luke 9:51-56).

1. Jesus' Face Set Toward Jerusalem (vv. 51-53). He knew what was before Him. He knew the awful fate awaiting Him at Jerusalem. Even though the dark shadow of the cross hung across his path He resolutely nerved Himself for the ordeal. The cross was no accident. The supreme purpose of His coming was to save the world through His sacrificial death. This was in the plan of God from all eternity. The cross is the grand center of the Christian religion. Everyone who follows Jesus must take up his cross.

2. The Inhospitable Samaritans (v. 53). The Lord was to pass through that city on His way to Jerusalem. When the people discerned that His face was set for Jerusalem they refused hospitality to Him. This insult to the Lord so aroused the anger of John and James that they desired to call down fire from heaven to destroy the Samaritans. It was John's love for his Lord that prompted this suggestion. Christ rebuked him and corrected his spirit, but He knew that it proceeded from a heart of love. Love will brook no insult to its object. Mistaken love has done much harm in the church. The pages of history are red with the blood of heretics, to the everlasting shame of the persecutors. Persecution is not the way to deal with those who differ with us. The spirit is not only wrong, but it is futile, for the blood of the martyrs has always become the seed of the church. May Christ's rebuke to John take from our hearts the spirit of intolerance and revenge. Jesus came not to destroy men, but to save them.

III. John's Care of Christ's Mother.

(John 19:25-27).

1. Jesus Saw His Mother (v. 26). Perhaps His physical suffering had so dimmed His vision that He had not seen her before. But even His death agonies did not cause Him to forget her. While engaged in the redemption of the world, He displayed His tender human interest in this beautiful act. The cross is the center from which love flows.

2. John Took Mary to His Own Home (v. 27). The same John who wished to call down fire upon the inhospitable Samaritans now was engaged in the tenderest act of human affection. He was caring for the mother of his Lord. The reason Jesus entrusted her to John was that He knew his real heart of love. He knew that John's experience was such that he could enter into full sympathy with her in her great sorrow.

IV. Test of Divine Birth.

(I John 4:7, 8).

John's experiences in life were such that now near the close of his life he declared that the supreme test of fellowship in the divine life is love. Love is the bond of perfection—the cord that binds all virtues into one harmonious bundle. All the fruits of the Christian life spring out of this root. God is love. All that is good and beautiful in our lives is but the very life of God flowing through us.

So With All Men.

All men think all mortal but themselves.—Young.

Religion is Necessary.

Genius, without religion, is only a lamp on the outer gate of a palace; it may serve to cast a gleam of light on those that are without, while the inhabitant is in darkness.—H. More.

Fortune of Complaint.

The usual fortune of complaint is to excite contempt more than pity.—Johnson.

Must Count on Christ.

All history is incomprehensible without Christ.—Renaud.

Summer Find You Miserable?

It's hard to do one's work when every day brings morning lameness, throbbing backache, and a dull, tired feeling. If you suffer thus, why not find out the cause? Likely it's your kidneys. Headaches, dizziness and bladder irregularities may give further proof that your kidneys need help. Don't risk neglect! Use Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands have been helped by Doan's. They should help you. Ask your neighbor!

A North Carolina Case

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