

Young White Men Now Fill State's Prison

Two-Thirds Of New Prisoners Are Under 30, Two Thousand Between 18 And 21.

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—The trend in the prison department of the North Carolina Highway Commission is so far away from the old "sweet box" idea that a new plan is now going into effect where every prisoner, even 60 and 90-day termers, are accorded privileges of "trusties" unless it is apparent they will not work in cooperation with prison officials. Short termers, for the first time, are being "put on their own" as much as possible, said Sam D. Scott, supervisor.

Formerly only long-termers were allowed "trusty" status, and they only after they had gone through a probationary period. Now no discrimination as to length of term is drawn among the men sent out to work without guard, added Supervisor Scott, who said that in many cases the only duty of the prison employes assigned to the groups of prisoners was to keep the men at work.

No "Sweet Boxes."

"We haven't any such thing as a 'sweet box'—never had one in the State Highway Department," stated Mr. Scott, objecting to the application of the term to the half-dozen "detention cells" in use by the department. All of these were inherited from counties when the State took over county penitentiaries, and all meet every requirement of the highway commission. State Board of health and State welfare department, the supervisor added, revealing that the preponderance of young men in the prison camps called for different treatment that might be accorded hardened criminals.

Two-Thirds Under 30.

More than two-thirds of the pris-

oners received by the highway department in year ended July 1 were under 30 years of age, or 8,867 out of the total of 12,139. These figures will be published shortly in the biennial report on State Institutions prepared by R. Eugene Brown, director of the division of institutions in the State board of charities and public welfare.

Declaring the punishment devices of the highway prison camps properly might be designated "solitary confinement cells," Supervisor Scott said that they were designed for sanitation and ventilation, and contained sufficient space for a man to stand up or lie down comfortably within them. They are, he said, seven feet high, ten feet long, and three and one-half feet wide, and that in winter inmates are supplied with blankets. In extremely hot weather, no one is confined in them, the supervisor said, and at all times inmates are visited daily by a doctor who prescribes the diet.

Youthful Prisoners.

Revealing the youth of most of the prisoners, the report will show that in the last annual period five negro boys under 15 years of age were admitted to the road camps. Four white boys 15 years old, and 25 negro boys 15 years old were also admitted.

A total of 875 boys 16 and 17 years of age were included among the highway prisoners. The distribution for the group was as follows: White boys, 244; negro boys, 625. Indian boys, seven. Of these, eight white boys and five negro boys were married.

In the group from 18 to 21 years of age, there were 2,135 prisoners. Of these, 779 were white boys; 1,332 were negro boys; and 24 were Indian boys. Seventy-six white boys, 125 negro boys, and four Indian boys of this group of young men 18, 19 and 20 years of age were married.

In the group ranging in age from 21 to 24 years, there were 2,667 young men; from 24 to 30, there were 2,837.

A total of 2,284 men from 30 to 40 years went to the State road camps. The group from 40 to 50 numbered 835 men. There were 358 prisoners between 50 and 60 years of age. Ninety-nine men between 60 and 70 were admitted, and 16 who were 70 years of age and over.

The State assumed responsibility for the maintenance of roads and control of prisoners sentenced to work on the roads on July 1, 1931, and set up a prison department to have charge of the road camps under State control.

The quality of breeding hens on the poultry farms of Rutherford county is now far superior to that which existed when blood-testing was first begun in the county. Inflection of bacillary white diarrhea is the lowest that it has ever been, says R. L. Sloan, county agent.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of Susan Bowen, late of Cleveland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me properly proven on or before the 15th day of November, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons owing the said estate will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This 10th day of October, 1932.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of Jacob Alexander, late of Cleveland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me properly proven on or before the 15th day of October, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons owing the said estate will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This 10th day of October, 1932.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of David A. Miller, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me properly proven on or before the 15th day of October, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of October, 1932.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed on January 30th, 1931, by J. W. Silver and wife, Mary Silver, to me as trustee for the Shelby Building and Loan Association, and recorded in book 133 page 603, in the office of the register of deeds for Cleveland county, N. C., and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, I will sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., on Monday, December 13th, 1932, at 12 o'clock M., the following described real estate:

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NOTICE OF RESALE OF STOCK

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina in Bankruptcy—No. 810. In the Matter of Phenix Mills Company, Inc. (Kings Mountain, N. C.), Bankrupt.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Cleveland County, in the Superior Court, W. C. Jones, Plaintiff vs. Martha Jones, Defendant.

NOTICE

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, for a divorce on statutory grounds, and that she is required to appear at the clerk's office of the superior court of Cleveland county, N. C., on the 29th day of January, 1933, at 10 o'clock A. M., to answer to the complaint of the plaintiff, as provided by said 30 days summons published in this case.

NOTICE

This 29th day of Oct. 1932. A. M. HAMBRICK, Clerk of Court.

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding; Never Rode Train

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wright Greeted By 150, Raised Own Food And Stayed At Home.

(Special to The Star.) Fallston, Nov. 19.—On Nov. 18 about 150 persons met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wright to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The occasion was attended by the children of this honored couple and the crowd included children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, their pastor and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright were married Nov. 16, 1882 by Rev. J. E. Hartsell, a minister of the Methodist Protestant church and to this union ten children were born, seven of whom are now living. They have 43 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Soon after their marriage they moved to Catawba county where they stayed for thirty-five years and then moved back to Cleveland county near where they were born and reared and where they now reside, near Fallston.

They never have ridden on a train or bus, have been out of the state very few times, always lived on the farm, and have sold more meat and bread than they ever bought, thus setting a fine example for other farmers.

The program started about noon with a short talk by his pastor, Rev. A. D. Shelton and then the children presented to the father a new suit of clothes and to the mother a nice coat. Then the crowd turned their attention to the sumptuous dinner which was spread on a long table in the yard. After partaking of the fine dinner the crowd departed, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wright many more years of happy, useful life.

They are loyal members of Friendship Methodist Protestant church at Fallston.

Box Supper Friday At Poplar Springs

There will be a box supper at Poplar Springs school on the Fallston road on Friday night, Nov. 25th, proceeds to go toward paying for repair work recently done on the building.

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Questions & Answers

(Our readers can get an answer to The Cleveland Star, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. Write your name and address on one side of the paper, state your question clearly and enclose 3 cent stamp for reply postage. Do not write legal or religious questions.)

Q. How can narcissus bulbs be kept after they have bloomed? A. When the bulbs have ceased blooming they should be placed immediately in a shallow trench in the ground, covered with earth, and allowed to remain there for two or three years, before they are forced in water again. If they are the "paper white" narcissus, however, it is useless to plant them, as they will not live.

Q. Who was Thorfinn Karlsefni? A. A Scandinavian explorer. Q. What does the mark "Reg. U. S. Pat. Off." mean? A. It is a legal notice that the mark or name is registered in the Trade Mark Division of the United States Patent Office, and that anyone who infringes the mark is liable to suit for infringement.

Q. How is a son, who bears the same name as his father and his grandfather, designated? A. He has the suffix 3rd after his name. Q. Is a fraction a number? A. No, it is part of a number. Q. How many negroes are there in New York City? A. The 1930 census shows 495,632 in the New York Metropolitan district and 366,202 in New York City. Q. Can the residents of Wash-

ington, D. C. vote in elections? A. No. Q. Should all the words of a motto be capitalized? A. Yes. Q. Is the first "E" in economics pronounced with the long or the short sound? A. Both pronunciations are authorized in leading dictionaries. The long "E" is given preference. Q. What does finesse mean? A. Subtle management, artfulness. Q. Do retired Presidents of the United States receive a pension? A. No. Q. From what book or play was the movie "The Blonde Venus" taken? A. It is an original scenario by S. K. Lauren and Jules Furthman. Q. Was there a total eclipse of the sun in 1869? Was it visible in the United States? A. The eclipse occurred August 7, 1869, and the path of totality extended from Montana to North Carolina. Q. How many Roman Catholics are in the United States? A. The religious census of 1926 enumerated 18,605,003. Q. What is the Nine Power Pact? A. A treaty concluded between Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United States regarding principles and policies to be followed in matters concerning China. Q. Who was the first Governor of Ohio? A. Edward Tiffin.

Thinks Maid Was Guilty In Lindy Kidnapping Affair

Inspector Walsh Thinks Violet Sharpe Was "Agent" Of Lindbergh Kidnappers

Jersey City, N. J.—Police Inspector Harry W. Walsh, in the third of a series in the Jersey Journal of copyrighted articles describing his part in the investigation of the kidnapping and subsequent slaying of the Lindbergh baby, asserts he is "convinced" that Violet Sharpe, maid in the home of Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, was the "informant—the agent—of the kidnapers."

Miss Sharpe committed suicide during the investigation. "I am convinced," Walsh writes, "that Violet Sharpe deceived us, that she did so deliberately. I am convinced that she was the informant—the agent—of the kidnapers."

"I believe she committed suicide in panic, fearing her guilt had been discovered, or over-burdened with her guilty knowledge after news of the baby's death."

Walsh, who was in charge of the questioning of the employes at the Morrow home, said he arrived at these conclusions from the following facts:

"She was the recipient of the phone call at 10:30 Tuesday, March 1, that ordered Betty Gow (the baby's nurse) to Hopewell. This gave her knowledge that the baby would be in Hopewell that night. "She told conflicting stories concerning her movements on the night of March 1. "She insistently refused to reveal the identity of the person she was with on March 1. "Her physical condition changed for the worse after it became known the baby was dead. I attributed this change to the working of her conscience. I believe that previously she had been buoyed by the hope that the baby would be returned safely, she would get a cut of the ransom money, and no one would be the wiser. "Ended Life "She ended her life just before she was to be questioned again by the police and, as I believe, when she feared the screws of detection of her guilt were getting tighter and tighter."

Walsh says the persons with whom Miss Sharpe spent the night on March 1 later were located and exonerated of any suspicion. Walsh denied any "third degree," was applied to Miss Sharpe, stating that she was questioned only twice subsequently to the original questioning together with the other members of the Morrow household. These last two periods of questioning, he writes, lasted six minutes and three minutes, respectively, and both were done in the presence of agents of the United States department of justice, state troopers and members of the Newark police department.

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Libby To Return To Stage; Awaits Birth Of Her Baby

Torch Singer, Widow Of Smith Reynolds, Plans To Go Back To Broadway.

Winston-Salem.—Mrs. Libby Holman Reynolds cannot understand why people should think she is jubilant over the murder charges against her being not pressed when she lost her husband, Z. Smith Reynolds, aviator and sportsman, who was fatally shot July 6, according to Benet Polikoff, member of her counsel, who returned here after conferring with his client at her secret retreat.

Mr. Polikoff quoted the raven-haired singer, who was given her freedom last Tuesday when Judge A. M. Suck ordered the murder indictment against her and Albert "Ab" Walker not pressed at the request of Solicitor Carlisle W. Higgins, as saying she was pleased over the action taken in superior court here, but that it did not bring back her husband.

She was pleased over the fact that the stigma of a murder charge has been removed and that her baby can be born without its mother having to stand trial for the murder of its father, Mr. Polikoff said.

As to the plans of the former Broadway singer, they are rather vague at the present time. She is planning nothing until after her baby is born, Mr. Polikoff said. She is considering a return to the stage after the birth of the baby, but until that occurs she is not planning anything, Mr. Polikoff said his client was in need of money at the present time, but does not know of any way in which to get it.

Mr. Polikoff said his client only wants to be let alone and be allowed to live in privacy as any other citizen would. She is still under the care of a specialist. At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Polikoff said that this writes final in this chapter of the life of Mrs. Reynolds. He stated that the case has been removed from the criminal docket and nothing further can be said or done about it.

State's Debt Is Rated High

North Carolina Has Third Largest Bonded Indebtedness In United States.

With the exception of the states of New York and Illinois, North Carolina has the largest bonded indebtedness of any of the 48 states, according to a compilation of state debts made public November 15 at a meeting of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers at Richmond, Va.

North Carolina's bonded debt, May 31 was \$175,509,000, and was eclipsed only by New York, with a bonded indebtedness of \$444,157,000, and Illinois, with \$189,209,500. It was greater by \$35,000,000 than California's \$142,369,500 and \$75,000,000 above Minnesota's \$100,105,033.

The states of Nebraska, Florida, and Wisconsin have no bonded indebtedness. Only six states have indebtedness in excess of \$100,000,000. Against this bonded indebtedness of \$175,509,000, North Carolina has \$30,287,100 in sinking funds, giving it a net bonded debt of \$145,222,900. Its net bonded indebtedness per capita is \$45.81, almost twice that of New York, which is \$26.02. Only the following states rank above North Carolina in per capita bonded debt: Arkansas, \$57.76; North Dakota, \$44.96; South Dakota, \$67.48; and West Virginia, \$49.63.

War Claims Graft Shown In One Case

(Frederic E. Manson, Williamsport, Penn.)

A Tennessee negro, who fell over a garbage can while training in an army encampment during the World War, was recently awarded \$10,000 from the federal government for the injuries he received. When he gets his check it will be for but \$9,000, however. The other \$1,000 goes by law to the attorney who handled the case.

By provision of law, there is no way to settle a war risk insurance claim between the United States government and a World War veteran without permitting some lawyer to pocket ten per cent of the claim.

Last year something like \$800,000 in lawyers' fees was paid by the taxpayers of the nation in settlement of veterans' claims. And this isn't the worst of it. On all future payments of each claim settled the lawyer keeps on getting his ten per cent. In the case of the Tennessee negro, who was also awarded in addition to the original \$10,000 a \$57.50 monthly payment as long as he lives, the lawyer in the case gets \$5.75 of that amount every month just as long as payments are made.

These facts speak for themselves, even though the whole thing is perfectly legal under the laws. Should not there be a change made in a law that provides such rich legal pickings from the public treasury? Common sense would seem to indicate that veterans' claims should be settled without legal fees of any character. And congress should see to it that this polite form of graft is outlawed as soon as possible.

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Answers To Star's Question Box On Page One

Below are the answers to the test questions printed on page one.

1. James Bland, a negro.
2. George M. Pullman.
3. Norway.
4. Negro educator.
5. South Africa.
6. Three dollars per month.
7. A square, ten miles on each side.
8. Violin maker.
9. Kelt.
10. William Tyndale.
11. Distinguished Service Cross.
12. Composer.
13. The green coloring matter in leaves.
14. A mountain antelope of Europe and Western Asia.
15. Constable.
16. Council or assembly.
17. Siberia.
18. Acrophobia.
19. He died of pneumonia contracted while flying to aid the Bremen crew.
20. No.

Doughton May Be Put "On The Spot"

Advocates Of Sales Tax Have Hood In Their Eye For Congressman.

Washington.—Representative Doughton of the Ninth District, may be quite lonesome at the President's conference on revenues and debts next week. His vote against the sales tax and his successful fight to thwart the ways and means committee on that proposition gives him a distinction. A great effort is to be made during the coming session of Congress to put over the sales tax.

"Farmer Bob" may be put on the spot. That the advocates of a sales tax are stronger than ever and more determined is conceded here. Mr. Doughton becomes more important as the new Congress approaches. Representative Collier of Mississippi, chairman of the ways and means committee, retires and Representative Rainey of Illinois, a candidate for speaker may quit that committee. That gives the chairmanship to "Farmer Bob" unless the sales tax supporters can defeat him.

At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Polikoff said that this writes final in this chapter of the life of Mrs. Reynolds. He stated that the case has been removed from the criminal docket and nothing further can be said or done about it.

Democrats Have Congress Control

Strong Majorities In Both Houses Of Congress As Result Of Election.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Final returns from the recent congressional elections show the Democrats to have won out with majorities of