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RAILROADS ARE OF MOST IMPORTANCE

SHOULD BE EITHER OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE PUBLIC GOVERNOR BICKETT SAYS.

SENATE FIDDLING AWAY TIME

"Now is the Psychological Moment for Putting This Railroad or Public Utility Program Across."

Raleigh.—The government should make it impossible for a man or set of men working for a public utility to go on a strike, is the opinion of Governor T. W. Bickett brought back from the governor's conference which met in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The problem of averting strikes, especially in big public utilities which affect of the three big matters considered at the conference of the governors. The North Carolina executive had more to say about this particular point than on any of the other subjects under discussion.

Illustrating his point, that a man engaged in a public utility work should not be allowed to strike, the governor said that the railroads, for instance, are much more a vital part of the nation than either the army or the navy. It is recognized that the railroads are so necessary to the public welfare that they should either be owned by the public, or should be controlled by the public. Now is the psychological time for putting this railroad or public utility program across, for 4,000,000 soldiers, who are just out of the service understand the viewpoint, and would back up such a move. Instead of disposing of the treaty and getting at these vital things the senate is fiddling its time while Rome burns, the governor thought.

Success in Preserving Records.

The North Carolina Historical commission is meeting with remarkable success in its efforts to preserve North Carolina's war history. Concrete examples of this success are one of the finest world war museums in this country; a department of war history created in the historical commission by the general assembly; and definite provision for publishing a complete history of North Carolina's part in the world war.

Wants Resolution Passed.

Washington (Special).—Representative Godwin appeared before the house committee on military affairs and urged the immediate passage of Resolution 894 to authorize the secretary of war to transfer, free of charge, to the department of agriculture and the postoffice department certain motor propelled vehicles and motor equipments for use in the transmission of the mails and the construction and maintenance of the public highways.

The delay caused by the refusal of the secretary of war to transfer to the state these vehicles and equipment is a serious matter to the several communities.

No Blanket Investigation.

Explaining that he will draw bills of indictment if the grand jury of Mecklenburg county makes presentations in cases growing out of the recent car barn tragedy in Charlotte, and adding that in his opinion, the solicitor has no power to conduct a blanket investigation, Solicitor George W. Wilson, of the Fourteenth Judicial District, has written a letter to the governor setting forth his position in the matter.

Bond Issue is Validated.

Caldwell county's quarter million dollar road bond issue is validated. Martin county wins its \$100,000 suit for the delivery of bridge bonds declined by the Wachovia bank, highest bidder, on the ground of irregularity, passed local legislation and former Sheriff Windley, of Beaufort county, gets new trial on charge of misappropriation of county's money, the supreme court decides in its first cases of the fall term.

Insurance License Restored.

Announcement was made in the shape of a formal statement for the press that the license of the Globe and Rutgers Insurance Company, cancelled by the insurance commissioner on September 5, had been re-instated in compliance with an order signed by Judge Henry F. Lane, holding courts in the western part of the state. The insurance company, through Paul W. Schneck, of Greensboro, state agent, brought suit against the commissioner to restrain him from cancelling the license of the company.

Notwithstanding the fact that the people of North Carolina invested more than \$110,000,000 in Liberty Bonds of the first four issues and gave tremendous sums outright to the various forms of war work and war relief, deposits in North Carolina banks increased fifty-seven per cent during the two years of January 1, 1917, to January 1, 1919.

These record breaking deposits have been reported by the banks of North Carolina to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, the amount of money in current, or circulating, accounts and in saving deposits being far in excess of anything ever before experienced in the history of banking in the state. Comparative figures just completed, show that from January 1, 1917, to January 1, 1919, the total volume of the deposits in the North Carolina banks increased more than \$72,040,000.

One of the features of the reports filed by the banks is the remarkable increase shown in saving deposits. This is not by any means confined to North Carolina but is true of the banks throughout the Fifth Federal Reserve District and, indeed, all over the United States. In North Carolina the amount of money to the credit of savings accounts increased more than \$14,703,000 within the period given above, or 32.85 per cent. There are 537 banks in the Old North State.

Insurance License Revoked.

The license of the Globe and Rutgers Fire Insurance Company, of New York, to do business in this state, was revoked by order of Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, and at the same time the commissioner cancelled the licenses of some eighty or ninety agents and representatives in North Carolina.

This action by the Commissioner, which eliminates the company from writing fire risks in North Carolina, follows a hearing in his office when Paul W. Schneck and attorneys of the company appeared to defend a charge against the company of issuing policies in North Carolina varying with the standard fire policy required by the department.

Governor Hasn't Power.

Neither the constitution or the statute law of North Carolina confers upon the governor any power to originate an investigation or to create machinery upon which an investigation may be conducted, according to a formal opinion of Attorney General J. S. Manning, furnished, following the request upon the governor for an investigation into the recent car barn tragedy in Charlotte.

Cheap Water Systems.

That efficient water systems can be installed on the average farm with little expense to the owner, has recently been demonstrated by Mr. E. R. Roney, farm engineering specialist of the agricultural extension service, who has recently returned from the piedmont section of the state, where he helped to install water systems on two farms. In both cases, the water is being pumped by means of hydraulic rams.

The total cost of installation was about \$65 and \$125.

18,603 Men Wanted.

A six day campaign to increase the membership of the American Legion in North Carolina to 18,693 as part of the nation-wide drive of the organization for a million members will begin September 15. The state's quota is arrived at on a basis of 80,947 men in the service.

More than one-third of the million—400,000 soldiers, sailors and marines of the recent war organized in upward of 3,500 posts from coast to coast—has already been organized.

Governor Bickett to Speak.

Gov. T. W. Bickett will deliver the opening and the closing address before the week's conference of the state and county council, at Chapel Hill, September 15-20.

The state and county council, something new under the sun for North Carolina, is to be held under the auspices of the governor of the state, the State University, the State Association of County Commissioners and the state departments charged with carrying into effect the state public welfare laws.

Rotary Heads in Raleigh.

Raleigh has been decided upon as the next meeting place for the presidents and secretaries of the Rotary clubs of the Carolinas and Virginia, and the date is October 16. This announcement was made by Rogers W. Davis, governor of the seventh district, composed of the states of North and South Carolina and Virginia.

Portsmouth, Va., had been a strong bidder for the meeting, but Governor Davis explained that Raleigh was specially chosen because of the geographical location.

The Prince Of Leaders

(Isaiah 9:1-7.)

(By Rev. M. C. Connor, Wesleyan Methodist Pastor.)

"The men of America for the Man of Galilee" has been a rallying cry for some years.

Let us now say: All mankind for the Man of Galilee. He is the Prince of Leaders, the Prince of Peace. He leads to manhood and womanhood, to the highest attainments and greatest achievements of peace time.

For years the world has been challenged to war works; now the Prince of Peace, having led us through the burning fiery furnace, challenges us to follow where He leads, to harvest the world.

Earth has been blessed with many great leaders, but the Prince of them all is Jesus, "The Man of Galilee," the "Son of God." God sent many prophets into the world, but they were abused and deserted, so He sent His own Son. His divinity is clearly stated in Isaiah, "The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Jesus Himself stated it so clearly that the men of His time said, "You make yourself equal with God"; and He answered, "I do; for so I am."

This is the assurance of us all. Men are certain sometimes to blunder, the best of them, manifest in the flesh; He can not make any mistake. This not only wins our heart, but it satisfies our mind, and gives us an undying hope.

This fact has become so well known that we fail to fully appreciate its worth.

The heathen people that hear it for the first time marvel, and adore, and give themselves to the Divine Leader with a devotion that should bring the blush of shame to nine out of ten American Christians. Those that say Jesus is only a good man, take the wires out of the electric lamp, and hold it up to the deluded for admiration. They would take the sun out of the heavens that we might admire the moon, whose secondary light is from the sun. The Leader of the Church in ages past as well as today, the leader of the hosts of good in every department, is the Divine Prince of Peace.

(Rev. R. A. Culp, M. E., next week.)

THE ADVANTAGE OF LARGE SCHOOLS.

Do the people really know what it will mean to consolidate the small schools? Why do people want to hold to the one teacher school? The small district can have only one teacher who can draw only \$62.50 per month. No high school subjects can be taught, nothing above the seventh grade. Most of those children will never have any training above the seventh grade. Some few will go off to the high school at a high cost.

Out of three of these one teacher schools a three teacher school can be established. If as many as twenty high school pupils can be maintained a principal of the high school may be paid as much as \$125 per month out of the state and county funds. If at first not enough pupils can be secured for a high school the school will be rated as an elementary school of three teachers and the principal may be paid \$100 per month for the year 1920-1921. Earl, Bolling Springs, Patterson Springs, 3B's, Elizabeth, Double Shoals, Lattimore, Mooresboro, Union, Fair View, Caesar will each receive \$100 per month for their principal 1920-1921, provided they employ one who can do high school work.

As it now is most people in the county can not secure high school advantages without sending their children to some other school far from home and at a great expense. They are helping to build up other communities when they could build up their own by having a school large enough for three teachers. There is no excuse in Cleveland county for a one teacher school. We have good roads and the county is able to provide transportation.

J. Y. IRVIN.

MISS MALTBY TO SPEAK.

Back from the war hospitals of Europe, a company of American Red Cross nurses are touring the country on the Chautauqua Circuits in a new and far-reaching public health campaign. Four nurses have been assigned to cover the chapters in this division, and Miss Frances Maltby will speak in Kings Mountain on September 23rd on the program of the Radcliffe Chautauqua Circuit, her subject being "A Record and a Prophecy."

The need for public health nursing has been strikingly demonstrated in this country during the year 1918. In the United States alone, the epidemic of influenza was responsible for the deaths of 240,000 people, while tuberculosis claimed 150,000 victims. In addition to this, approximately one-third of the men who were examined for military service were found to be physically unfit, the majority on account of defects which might have been remedied if taken in hand in time, as would have been the case if there had been compulsory examination of school children years ago.

The public health nursing program of the Red Cross offers one specific answer to the question "What is the Red Cross going to do in times of peace?" The address of Miss Maltby will take up five general topics, the first three of which take public health education itself into the home of every one in the audience.

The first of these is a plea and argument for the employment of a public health nurse in every community. The second part of the nurse's "message" is the urgent matter of home hygiene and the care of the sick.

It is the third part of the lecture that asks whether or not the women

in the audience can cook, and the question is as far from frivolity as it is from impertinence.

THE CHAUTAUQUA ENDORSED BY REV. KERR.

For a number of years several of the citizens of Kings Mountain have endeavored to furnish instructive lectures and wholesome entertainment for our town and community. Lyceum numbers have been presented at intervals during the school year and chautauquas have been engaged for last summer and for a few days during this September. As a rule we have had good entertainments but sometimes we have not accomplished all we had hoped. It takes money to get something that is worth while along these lines and not a little has been spent by private individuals to meet obligations that have been assumed. With co-operation on the part of all, better attractions can be secured from year to year. Great educational leaders and splendid musicians appear on the lyceum and chautauqua stage in our country. Practically all of our Christian colleges have lyceum courses.

The writer of this article does not endorse every particular thing that has been done in our effort to supply this wholesome entertainment and it may be that there are other disappointments in store. But the aim is praiseworthy and if all will join in these efforts it will be possible for us to have in Kings Mountain entertainments equal to "the best." Let us cultivate a taste for the best in recreation and entertainment. This is the proper way to overcome a tendency that all good people desire to correct.

Mr. Radcliffe, of Washington, D. C., directs the movements of about sixteen hundred chautauquas in the United States and Canada. It is his desire to make a contribution in this way to the blotting out of illiteracy in our country. In our school auditorium on Sept. 20, 22, 23 we are to have addresses on Education, Home Making, and Care of the Sick, along with music, readings and other numbers of a kindred nature. Let us make this a success.

G. L. KERR,
Chairman of Committee.

SHE TRIES HER PLAN.—No. 2.

Hello Ladies! I have been trying to get an early breakfast. It takes me about an hour. Say, have you all made any muscadine jelly yet? I have and it sure is fine. Try it. Come around some day and we can hunt some vines. They are plentiful this year.—OLD LADY.

A PLAN SUGGESTED—NO. 1.

Hello ladies! I have found a secret about happiness at home. A lady friend of mine told me how she pleased her husband. She slipped out of bed of a morning and got him an early breakfast when he wanted to get to work early. Then she could go back to bed and sleep another nap after he gets to work. Ladies, let's try this a while. Let's wash the dishes at night and sit the flour and pick the rice and cut the meat and set the table and see just how quick we can get them off to work. Let's try to smile or sing all the time they are about. This might be good for us and them too.—THE OLD LADY.

HAMBRIGHT A DELEGATE.

Mr. G. F. Hambright has been appointed by Governor Bickett as a delegate from this county to the Farmers National Congress which meets at Hagerstown, Md., October 28-31.

TEACHERS MUST HAVE CERTIFICATES RENEWED.

Under the new school law it is a misdemeanor for a teacher to teach without a certificate in force. The law makes it a misdemeanor for the committeemen and the treasurer to pay a teacher without a certificate in force.

If a teacher holds a state certificate that expired July 1, 1919 it is worthless unless renewed. There are about twenty teachers in the county who did not do the Reading Circle work last spring neither did they attend the summer school. Their certificates expired July 1, 1919. Their only chance of teaching on a first grade will be for them to take the examination on Leiper's Language in the Grades and Raper's Teaching the Fundamental Subjects. Both of the books can be had from Alfred Williams and Company, Raleigh, N. C. The examination on the above books will be held October 14th and 15th. Any teacher who fails to take the examination in October will have to teach on a second grade or not teach at all.

J. Y. IRVIN.

ABBOTT-WHEELER.

Word comes from Oxford, N. C. to the effect that Miss Vera Abbott of Kings Mountain was married to Mr. Hugh Wheeler of that city. Miss Abbott was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Abbott and was lately employed on the local telephone exchange.

REV. KIRK LIKES CHAUTAUQUA.

The chautauqua when conducted according to its original intention is wholesome from the standpoint of recreation, entertainment and education.

E. L. KIRK.

Baltimore.—Hubert E. Smith, of Pleasant Garden, N. C., was killed here in a motorcycle accident.

Rocky Mount.—C. C. Chaik, well known citizen and contractor of this city, died at his home, heart trouble causing his death.

Chapel Hill.—After several months of study and investigation definite plans were announced for the new school of commerce at the University of North Carolina.

Washington.—A delegation headed by Judge Jeter C. Pritchard came here from Asheville to protest against the contemplated sale of Keelworth Inn to the public health service for a government tuberculosis hospital.

Asheville.—For the second time in the past few weeks a still has been discovered and captured on the estate of Mrs. Edith S. Vanderbilt, the widow of the late George W. Vanderbilt, of Biltmore.

Hickory.—The Christian Literary society of Lenoir college has been reorganized with 40 or more members and starts out the year with indications of increased interest in literary topics.

Raleigh.—Wearing the French Croix de Guerre and division award for bravery while under fire on the front, Lieutenant Walter Simpson has returned to Raleigh after long service in Europe, for a short leave of absence.

Kinston.—Lenoir a typhoidless county is a probability. A systematic campaign waged by the health bureau against the disease has resulted in the immunization of a large part of the population.

Concord.—Hugh, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Endy, of Route 5, lost his leg here when, while playing around a mowing machine operated by his father, his leg became entangled in the blades. The boy was rushed to the Concord hospital where amputation was found necessary.

Shelby.—The resignation of Sheriff W. D. Lackey from office has caused no little comment in Cleveland and there is much speculation as to his successor.

Lumberton.—Eight divorces have been granted in Robeson superior court this week, the divorce question taking up much of the court's time during the first week.

Asheville.—The town of Waynesville is to have a new hotel with 250 rooms and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by the end of next spring.

Raeford.—The largest crowd of Hoke county people ever assembled welcomed the Hoke county boys back from the great war with an old-fashioned picnic. It was the general estimate eight thousand people were present.

ACCIDENT OCCURS TO WILSON PARTY

AUTOMOBILE COLLISION CAUSES DEATH TO TWO AND INJURY TO THREE OTHERS.

ALL WERE NEWSPAPER MEN

Mr. Small Was Former Superintendent of the Southern Division of the Associated Press.

Portland Ore.—Ben Allen, of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, member of President Wilson's party, and James R. Patterson, of Portland, Ore., were killed, and two other newspaper men injured in an automobile collision on the Columbia highway when the presidential party was returning to Portland from a tour over the highway.

The injured: Robert T. Small, Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Stanley Reynolds, Baltimore Sun. The extent of Small's injuries had not been ascertained at the hospital where he was taken, but friends said they are not considered serious. Reynolds suffered a broken shoulder.

It was 17 automobiles back from the automobile bearing President and Mrs. Wilson. While Patterson was attempting to regain his position in line, a spectator's automobile is said to have crossed ahead of him and in trying to avoid this car his machine struck another and overturned. It developed that Arthur D. Sullivan, news writer, of Oregon, who was also riding in the car, was among the injured, bringing the total number up to three.

Later information brought the information that Small, who was riding in the tonneau with Sullivan and Reynolds, was thrown clear and escaped with painful bruises and lacerations. Mr. Small was former superintendent of the southern division of the Associated Press.

APPEAL FOR HELP SENT OUT BY CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

Dallas, Tex.—First definite news of life loss came late from the Texas gulf coast territory, stricken by a tropical hurricane that swept in from the gulf.

Flooded by water and battered by gales, the city of Corpus Christi sent out an appeal for help, estimating its dead "up to 25 or more" with 3,000 persons homeless and in need, and property damage approximating \$3,000,000.

This appeal brought prompt action from state authorities and southern department headquarters of the United States army at San Antonio. A relief train was ordered started from San Antonio for Corpus Christi with tents, coats, blankets and medical supplies and foodstuffs.

FORCE AT FLUME NOW NUMBERS 26,000 SOLDIERS.

Paris.—Twenty-six thousand Italian troops are now in Flume, according to the latest advices to the Italian peace delegation here. The British and French troops have left the city, lowering their flags at d'Annunzio's request.

The Italians are being reinforced constantly by deserters from the regular organization. It is feared in general conference circles that the Nitti government may fall because of the premier's denunciation of d'Annunzio.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE LEADERS ARE CONVICTED.

Jackson, Minn.—A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-partisan league, and Joseph Gilbert, former organization manager, were sentenced to three months in the Jackson county jail here by Judge E. C. Dean, without alternative of fine. Townley and Gilbert were convicted here July 12 on a charge of conspiracy to teach disloyalty.

MINORITY REPORT OF TREATY IS PRESENTED BY McCUMBER

Washington.—Rejection of all proposed amendments to the German peace treaty and modification of the recommended "strong" reservations was urged in an individual minority report filed with the senate by Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, next in rank to Chairman Lodge. Senator McCumber did not join in the recent Republican majority report and voted with the Democrats on amendments and several reservations.