

IN THE WAKE OF THE NEWS



BY ATTY. ROGER D. O'KELLY

Women White-Collar Workers Advise to be on Alert and be Sure of Job After War

"GET ON THE BEAM!" the Bureau of Labor warns women white-collar workers. "Don't get caught in a post-war clearance. None too sure, apparently, of these sixty-million post-war jobs, the bureau in a new pamphlet, "Retain Your Thinking," lists eight check questions on job habits and four anathemas on employees—the gossip, the absentee, the clock watcher and the privilege squarer.

No "droopy frocks," no "strait-lining locks," no chipped finger nails on the job, the leaflet advises, expanding on the question of good grooming. No "temperament" either, they suggest, no "rages," "revenge" or "chips on the shoulder."

Asking "are you environment-wise?" they remind the typist and the file clerks of the nation that "the boss may be an eccentric fossil, the company rules may reckon with age, but if they pay you a

Man Once Sentenced To Death, Paroled

Mack Morris Taylor, who was sentenced to death in 1931 on a charge of first degree burglary in Richmond County, was paroled by Governor Cherry on last Thursday. The boy was just 18 when the crime was committed, and was saved from the death sentence to serve a life sentence in prison by Governor Gardner. This second sentence was subsequently lessened to 30-40 years by Governor Hanes.

Taylor was charged with entering a home and stealing thirty-five cents. He did not attempt to molest any of the occupants, however.

In the parole Governor Cherry said: "The Prison Division informs me that this prisoner has now served, with gained time, 16 years of his sentence. His previous record and reputation appear good. The trial solicitor, F. Donald Phillips, recommends parole for this prisoner, as do the Chief of Police of Hamlet and the welfare authorities of Richmond County. The party whose house was entered states that he does not feel that the prisoner entered the home with the intent to do bodily harm to any member of the household. The trial judge, Hon. A. M. Stack, is now dead. The prisoner will have employment upon his release from incarceration.

"Therefore, I am this day granting the above named a parole for the remainder of his term, under the supervision of Mrs. Josephine Kirby, superintendent of Public Welfare of Wake County, upon condition that he be of good behavior and engage in gainful employment."

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Prof. Weatherford Speaks At Fayetteville State Teachers College

FAYETTEVILLE — During the annual observation of the National Negro Health Week, Professor Allen E. Weatherford, Director of the Department of Health and Physical Education, St. Augustine's College, delivered an address to more than 500 students at the Fayetteville State Teachers College. Speaking on the topic "Some Problems Facing Our Present and Future Negro College Students," Professor Weatherford pointed out that in many scientific quarters, the Negro health problem is viewed as a peculiar problem to the group. This burden of proof lays a heavy responsibility upon research, public health education, health education in Negro colleges, health service, and upon the realization of a closer integrated family life among our group.

Professor Weatherford revealed statistics to indicate that the rejection rates for Negroes during World War I were higher for the Negro groups than for whites. The same is true for the Negro group for World War II. In 1938, it was revealed that there were about 249,000 thirteen-year old Negro children in the United States. Of this group, 224,190 had eye, ear, nose, throat, mouth, mental and physical defects. These children were in our public and private high schools;



ALLEN E. WEATHERFORD, Director of Health and Physical Education at St. Augustine's College

these Negro boys and girls of yesterday are our college students and rejectees of today; they are our future citizens, fathers and mothers of our Negro generations of tomorrow. With such knowledge of facts, it is not difficult to understand why the Army has to reject more than 5,000,000 persons of which our Negro group constitute more than 50 per cent.

What can our Negro colleges do about the situation? Our college students need to be exposed to more persons with the true research spirit to inspire them to seek the truth and to accept it for its value; our students need more exposure to more persons with the true research spirit to inspire them to seek the truth and to accept it for its value; our

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CONTINENTAL FEATURES
"For Community cleanliness, curb your dog!"



Capt. B. E. Scruggs, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, was recently selected as Personal Affairs Officer. Long service in Civilian Life and the Army has equipped him to know the soldier's problems. Capt. Scruggs carries other responsibilities, among which are: Information and Education Officer, Library Officer and Assistant Public Relations Officer.

4 Promotions Announced

Columbia, S. C. — Four promotions have been announced by Julian H. Scarborough, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia.

ROBERT B. GARY, former secretary-treasurer of the Greenville (N. C.) Production Credit Corporation, was promoted to the vice-presidency of the PCC; CHARLES S. HIGGINS, formerly head accountant of Columbia County PCC, to acting treasurer of the corporation; and JOHN L. MARSHALL, head accountant for the production credit associations in Georgia to assistant treasurer of the corporation.

Dr. Darr served as secretary-treasurer of the Statesville (N. C.) Production Association from its organization in 1934 until 1937, when he was elected secretary-treasurer of the Greenville (N. C.) association. He remained in this position until his promotion to secretary of the corporation. He was reared in Fredell County, N. C.

Mr. Fillingim has been connected with farmers' lending institutions for 12 years. From 1934-35 he was employed by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia as credit examiner. From

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American Farm Help Poorly Organized For Vital Needs

NEW YORK — The unrepresentative character of American farm organizations is responsible for many of the difficulties which face present-day farmers, according to Percy McWilliams in Small Farms and Big Farm, a 32 page pamphlet issued today as Pamphlet No. 100 in the series published by the Public Affairs Committee of New York.

"Since the Farm Bloc in Congress has been exceptionally successful of late years in getting other important concessions after another from Congress, the ill-effects that farmers are well organized for the protection of their interests on the economic and political fronts."

"Nothing could be farther from the truth," Mr. McWilliams declares. Agriculture is less than 30 per cent organized on a national basis. The few major farm organizations — the National Grange, the American Farm Bureau Federation, and the National Farmers Union — have a combined membership of less than two million, as compared to the almost thirteen million in the A. F. of L. and CIO.

Some of the weaknesses of these groups Mr. McWilliams finds to be organizational in character; they tend to be sectional, rather than national in composition; their staffs and their programs are not suited to meet today's problems; they have neglected a key segment of American agriculture, the Negro farmers; and they have opposed the

organization of farm laborers. Not so serious, however, is the fact that the existing farm organizations, and consequently the Farm Bloc in Congress, do not adequately represent the interests of American agriculture. A serious lack of communication between some of the farm organizations and company which is to study in the areas that industrial, financial, and other non-agricultural interests have a large measure of control over policy and program.

Mr. McWilliams says, "The secrets of the success of the Grange and the Farm Bureau in lobbying legislation through Congress with the aid of the farm bloc consists in this silent alliance between Big Business and Big Farming."

The pamphlet shows how agricultural activities are more and more being taken over by such non-agricultural interests as the canners, power companies, the fertilizer companies, the banks, the farm equipment manufacturers, and the transportation companies.

"This process," Mr. McWilliams says, "is creating a widening economic and social gap between large and small farmers, or more accurately, between commercial farming as business and farming as a way of life."

"But our main concern should not be to preserve any one type of farm, for no one type has a monopoly of economic or social efficiency. What is important is not the size of the farm, but what happens to the people who work the land."

"It is absolutely essential," the pamphlet concludes, "that interested groups be democratically organized in associations that speak honestly for the interests they are supposed to represent."

And further, "if democracy in agriculture is to be our chief concern in forming agricultural policy, then important fields of action are clearly indicated. Putting a 'floor' under the family-sized farm by the removal of the present hidden subsidies to industrialized farming; the removal of special privileges now enjoyed by certain farm organizations; and the enlargement of governmental aids of various types (not restricted to price alone) to those groups engaged in agricultural production other than commercial farmers; a concerted effort to break the hold of food processors and distributors on far introduction — these are but a few of the directions in which such a policy might move."

Small Farm and Big Farm, by Percy McWilliams, is the one-hundredth in the series of popular, fact-

WILLIAMS SENTENCED TO DIE IN GAS CHAMBER

SANFORD — Bernette Williams, alias Bill Williams of Lee County, was sentenced to death in the gas chamber at State Prison on May 13 following his conviction on charges of rape and lewdness of Kathleen Hall, white woman of Curmeck. The jury deliberated just 15 minutes before returning a verdict of guilty.

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The defendant virtually shouted demands of the charges against him while on the stand, saying that he was in Colton with friends on the night of the crime. The friends, Arthur Cameron, Ed Robinson and Will Duffie, failed to substantiate Williams' story.

Mrs. Williams said that her boy was home by midnight on the date of the crime, and that he wore slippers and gray trousers instead of the khaki trousers and boots as State witnesses testified.

Counselors argued long and heatedly before the case finally went to the jury.

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Convict Fatally Wounds Fellow-Prisoner

An inmate at the Wilkes County prison camp on Easter Day, stabbed a fellow-convict with a sharpened file in the camp cellhouse.

Walter Hightower, 38, already serving a 25-30 term for second degree murder, is said to have "jumped on" Willie Bunker, 20, with a dagger-edged file, to which a handle had been attached, and stabbed the man five or six times.

The murderer was brought to Central Prison here for safekeeping, pending his trial.

Hightower, sent from Guilford County, has been confined to the camp since 1939. Bunker was sentenced in Surry County in January to 24 months on a larceny and receiving charge, which was his first offense.

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