

## School Opening Finds Plants Inadequate

Raleigh—North Carolina's biggest business, operation of its public schools, comes out of its summer lull. Early September sent approximately 32,000 teachers into the state's 2,400 schools when close to 850,000 children will be waiting. For thousands of 6-year-olds, probably more than ever before, it is the beginning of a big adventure. For thousands of high school seniors, it is the beginning

of the end. Their parents and other Tar Heel citizens will vote Oct. 3 on whether to issue 50 million dollars in bonds to continue the school construction aid. Facilities constructed with 47 million of the 50 million dollars in state money made available in 1949 should be in use this fall, according to John Cameron, director of school house planning. The projects on which the state money was spent was supplemented by more than 22 million in local money. These new facilities include about 3,600 classrooms, 77 auditoriums, 66 gymnasiums, 178 lunchrooms, and many others. In spite of this, Cameron estimated a total of 7,783 more classrooms are needed to relieve overcrowding and replace outmoded or substandard units. A high birth rate in 1947 and a new school entrance age adopted in 1953 will increase the number of first graders. C. D. Douglas, controller of the State Board of Education, said the 1947 birth rate jumped about 12,000 over the 1946 figure. He estimated between 8,000 and 9,000 of these children will be six years old and ready for school this fall. A new regulation allows children who are six by Oct. 15 to enter school. The old rule required them to reach six by Oct. 1. This change will bring in an additional 4,000 or 5,000 children, Douglas predicted. Average daily attendance in the schools was 834,000 last year, an increase of 9,500 over the year before. With this as a yardstick, Douglas figured average daily attendance this year should be between 845,000 and 850,000. He estimated between 700 and 800 more teachers than were employed last year will be needed to take care of the increased attendance. There were 31,610 teachers employed last year, counting those employed both by the state and by local sources. Those paid by the state, excluding vocational teachers, totaled 29,331. The number employed by the state this year will be some over 30,000, but it is impossible to say what the exact number will be, Douglas added. Including those hired by local sources, the teacher force should approach 32,000 this year. The average teacher will receive a \$3,118 salary. The A certificate range will be \$2,430 to \$4,320. The G certificate range will be \$2,772 to \$3,807. The salaries represent a flat 10 per cent increase over last year. Rural children will be driven to school in 7,053 school buses, about 300 more than last year's fleet of 6,741. Seven small high schools which were closed by consolidation last year will be operating again. They were reopened under a law passed by the 1953 Legisla-

## Serves In Korea



CPL. CLIFTON V. ASHLEY

Cpl. Clifton V. Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ashley of Boone, Route 1, is now serving in Korea with the U. S. Army as a switchboard operator. Cpl. Ashley would like to hear from his many hometown friends. His complete address is: Cpl. Clifton V. Ashley, U. S. 53118084, Hq. Btry. 987 FA-BN, APO 20 c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

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The schools are Merry Hill and Mars Hill in Bertie County, Magnolia in Duplin, Prospect Hill in Caswell, Stem in Granville, Hargravesville in Hertford, and Sandy Hill-Farm in Moore. In each case, local funds will hire additional teachers.

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I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour. When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand, counted the glasses, corks, bottles, and sinks with the other which were 29, and as the house came by, I counted them again, and finally had all the houses in one bottle, which I drank.

I'm not under affluence of in-cohol, but some think peep I am. I'm not half so drunk as you might drink. I fool so foolish I don't know who is me, and the drunker I stand here the longer I get.

P. S. MORAL: BE CAREFUL NOT TO DRINK THIRTEEN BOTTLES. There is no telling what would happen then.

Your friendly agent, PAUL

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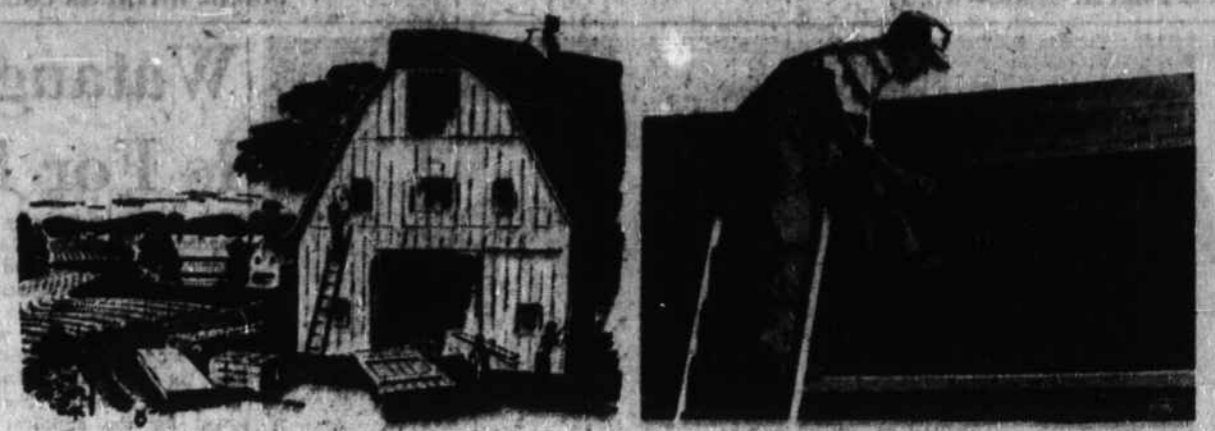
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- 10.—Paint the barn
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- 13.—Put on new siding or asbestos shingles
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