

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

State Is Retaining Greater Number Of Persons Qualified To Teach

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STAYING HOME . . . Although N. C. colleges still graduate more teachers who leave the State to teach than we get from other states, we are doing better at keeping our teachers home.

The N. C. Dept. of Education reports that 52.35 per cent of our graduates of 1962 who were prepared to teach stayed in this State to do it.

Reason for the improvement, no doubt, is better pay. Now that the Legislature is at last providing sick leave, we will keep even more of our teachers at home.

We need them as badly as anybody . . . and worse than most.

HOME FOR ELECTIONS . . .

One of the hit tunes during World War II was something to the effect that "I'll Be Home for Christmas, If Only in My Dreams."

It's been that way on election days in many a county in North Carolina. Nobody went so far away that they couldn't be home . . . via absentee ballot . . . come voting time.

Death was no barrier, either, on occasion. In fact, the absentee ballot was the nearest thing on earth to life everlasting.

The Legislature has tightened up those absentee ballot laws considerably. And that is a major accomplishment. No minor surgery, that!

The best comment on it came in last Sunday's Charlotte Observer editorial cartoon. It showed the two mountaineers at the porch of their cabin. One of them held a copy of the local paper which had headlines reading: "N. C. Legislature Tightens Absentee Ballot Law."

He stares off into the distance and says to his brother: "I've never felt til now that our folks was really gone."

POISON! . . . Most of the states' legislative sessions have ended. However, a few like Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, California, and Illinois are still in session.

In Ohio last week a bill was introduced in the Legislature to have all packs of cigarettes sold in that State to have plainly printed on the package at least one-quarter-inch high the word: POISON.

Nobody thinks the bill will pass . . . but this is not the first time this legislation has been offered in other states. This illustrates one reason North Carolina industry . . . particularly that related to tobacco (as what isn't in this State) . . . must spend more and work harder to guard the crop which sets us apart from all other southern states.

UNCERTAIN . . . With adjournment of the 1963 session

of the N. C. General Assembly less than 30 days away, there is still uncertainty about how the State House—pardon, Legislative Building—will be operated in the two-year period between legislative sessions.

Right now, the beautiful six-million-dollar structure is overseen by a committee representing both houses of the Legislature. George Cherry is Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds of the Raleigh area. He is expected to have major say-so on the Legislative Building during the months from adjournment of the current Legislature until the convening of the next.

What days will the building be open to the public? What will be the hours schedule? How many guides will be kept to show around and give the brief lectures as do the legislative pages now? Will meetings other than legislative be permitted to be held in the Legislative Building? Does the State plan to buy other nearby property—particularly that adjacent to the Legislative Building?

These and a host of other questions face the Legislative Building Committee as they make plans to leave Raleigh 30 days hence.

STILL GOING . . . New car sales in the State and nation are breaking all records.

Figures released last week by the on-the-ball N. C. Automobile Dealers Association showed April sales ran 12,477 to 10,086 for the same month in 1962.

Said Time Magazine in its issue of May 17: "While all eyes are on the pace of car sales in the nation's auto showrooms (April set another monthly record), 1963 is also proving a greenbacked year for the men who preside over the dusty, sun-baked used-car lots . . . about four used cars are now being sold for every three new ones, and at least 13 million used cars will probably be sold in 1963."

There is more and more confidence being shown in used-cars . . . and in used-car dealers. One of the things helping with this, in North Carolina at least, is the Guaranteed Warranty Program. You probably ought to know what this means before investing a whole lot in a used-car.

MID-YEAR . . . The Ford Motor Co. came out with something new this year. It brought out new models in mid-year, calling them the 1963½ vintage. It has paid off—or something has. Last year this time Ford was trailing Chevrolet in new car sales by 500 cars. The month of April Chevy sold 2,866 and Ford 2,845 . . . this year.

Incidentally, news reaching us is that Volkswagen is the "hottest thing going" in the used-car field. Time reports that at a wholesale auto auction a 1960 VW carried a wholesale price of \$1,080 as against \$1,000 for a 1960 Ford Galaxie that when new cost \$1,000 more than the VW.

Here is the way some of the new cars sold in N. C. in April: Pontiac, in third place, 995; Buick, 724; Dodge, 637; Falcon, 625; Oldsmobile, 687; Rambler, 577; Plymouth, 424; Corvair, 323; Comet, 321; Valiant, 239; Mercury, 253; Volkswagen, 357; Cadillac, 182; Chrysler, 112; Studebaker, 54; Lincoln, 22.

Mrs. Teague Rites Are Held

Mrs. Naomi E. Hodges Teague, 84, of Boone, Rt. 4, widow of George David Teague, died Tuesday, May 14.

She was born in Watauga County to Riley and Violet Moody Hodges.

Surviving are three sons, Graham and Odell Teague, both of Boone, and Riley Teague of Manquin, Va. 19 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 11 a. m. Thursday at Boone Baptist Church by the Rev. C. O. Vance and the Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Reading Workshops Are Being Offered

For the sixth consecutive summer Appalachian State Teachers College will offer workshops in reading, it was announced this week by Uberto Price, director of the ASTC Reading Center.

The first workshop has been scheduled June 17 to June 28 and is under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Mullaney, coordinator of secondary reading, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. She has had extensive experience in the field of reading on both the elementary and secondary levels and in corrective and developmental reading programs.

The second reading workshop will be directed by Dr. Sidney J. Ranch, associate professor of reading and education, Hofstra College, Hempstead, N. Y. This workshop is scheduled for July 29 to August 9.

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