

News and Comment From Raleigh

CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

GOING—Nathan Yelton, comptroller of the new State School Board, is going into Army—whether the school board wants him to or not. Yelton won't be in the front lines, however. In fact, he will be away back to the rear with the army of occupation. Entering as a captain, he will likely be promoted to a major within a few months after he completes his initial training. He received his beautiful uniform last week—C. O. D. \$165.

Although virtually everybody knows that Comptroller Yelton is a Cherry man, he has not publicly declared himself for either candidate for governor. And he will be away, from January right on through the nightmarish primary days and all—so the position he now holds will in all probability be waiting for him upon his return, whether THE MAN is Cherry or McDonald.

GRIFFIN—Lloyd Griffin, as secretary of the State School Commission, went down the line for W. P. Horton in 1940. Griffin was not only under obligation to Horton, but he liked him and believed in him. Well, you all know the story: Broughton received 147,000 votes; Horton, in second place, got 105,000. There was no second primary, for Horton withdrew, and one of Governor Broughton's first moves was to remove Lloyd Griffin and place Yelton in his place. However, with the exception of Griffin, all the old State School Commission and Board of Equilization personnel are still doing business at the same old stand.

And Griffin, who received \$4,800 per year as secretary of the State School Commission, is now executive secretary of the North Carolina Taxpayers Association at a salary of \$6,600 per annum.

LeRoy Martin, original secretary of the State School Commission, is vice president of the Raleigh Wachovia Bank and Trust Company at considerably more than that.

BANKERS—A lot of bankers in the land are Roosevelt haters; no one can deny this understatement of the situation. But North Carolina bankers should not be so strong in their wrath toward the New Deal—as you can see—when you realize that 10 years ago the combined resources of all banks in the State were \$186,000,000. . . . This fall, the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company alone has approximately \$250,000,000 in ditto. In fact, many banks in North Carolina are money poor—don't know what to do with all of it. Compare the figures presented and then consider the bankers' attitude toward the Roosevelt. The American Trust Company (Charlotte) with \$156,000,000 lacks only \$30,000,000 having the resources which ALL the banks in the State had 10 years ago.

CHERRY—Carl Goerch, editor of State Magazine, received an unusual item the other day from Gastonia. It seems that a little girl in one of the schools in Union county was asked to give a sentence using the word "cherry". She replied pertly: "Cherry will be the next governor." The sentence was sent to Cherry headquarters.

Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted

DR. ALDEN C. DOWNS

will examine eyes and fit glasses in Sylva at the Carolina Hotel Friday, November 19, from 9 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

If you have eye troubles or don't see well you should consult Dr. Downs on above date.

and from there to Editor Goerch and so the utterance of a little girl will become important political propaganda. And so goes the race for governor.

LEADING—The Goldsboro News-Argus, which has been conducting a poll on the candidates, issued another report last week. McDonald is still leading, and so is Hoey, with Cherry coming up fast and Bob Reynolds gradually falling back.

No Trains For Junior But Dolls Promised For Sister

CHICAGO—Santa Claus will do better by little girls than he will by little boys this Christmas, according to a survey of priority-conscious toymakers.

Junior will be hardest hit by the train shortage. Manufacture of metal and electric toys ceased 18 months ago by government orders. Stores report their left-over stocks have been snapped up and manufacturers have been unable to devise satisfactory substitutes.

"About the best a railroad-minded boy can expect is a wooden train to be pulled about on a string," said one manufacturer, whose shop now makes flashlights for the army.

Department stores have a wide selection of dolls, many dressed as Waves, Waacs, and Marines. Most have plastic or bisque heads and all have the conventional curly hair.

The china doll is no longer—she was a German product. And priorities have claimed the "didey" doll. Rubber was the secret of her success.

Toy buyers report that almost any young home-maker can expect to find a doll's house under her Christmas tree. But it will be made of cardboard and the electric wiring and "real" plumbing of former years, will be missing. Doll furniture is still available, as are glass and plastic dishes.

War-minded small fry will get cardboard and wood construction sets with which toymakers hope to fill the gap. There are army camps, model airplanes and whole navies. The tin soldier made in Japan has been replaced by a patriotic cardboard variety.

The transportation problem has hit the younger generation. Skates, velocipedes, scooter and wagons, are war casualties, and manufacturers say they are unable to develop sturdy wooden substitutes.

Chances are it will be a quiet Christmas. The makers of air rifles and cap pistols turned long ago from "play" to real firearms.

Materials for most musical instruments are frozen. The miniature bugles produced by one concern gave the army an idea for full-sized plastic bugles. Now it's entire output goes to the army's reveille men. Tonettes, which when properly hooted produce ear-splitting notes, are now the official army recreation instrument.

As for St. Nick himself, he'll be around. Employment agencies report enough white-haired men available to fill all their Santa Claus demands.

Mothers Club Holds Meeting At Cullowhee

The Mothers Club for the training school of Western Carolina Teachers College will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon in the school cafeteria, with Mrs. C. F. Dodson, presiding.

In charge of the program for the afternoon is Mrs. Wiley Crawford. Mrs. W. A. Ashbrook will talk on problems concerning the pre-school child, and Mrs. Carl Killian will discuss making contacts with parents and homes of children in school.

Hostesses for the afternoon are: Mrs. Carl Smith, Mrs. Clara Hall and Mrs. C. T. Phillips.

Civilians To Have Thanksgiving Turkey After All

With enough turkey on its way overseas for the holiday dinners of U. S. S. military forces, the War Food Administration said yesterday that turkey sales to civilians may be resumed Monday.

The turkey embargo had been in effect since August 2 to make it possible for the U. S. armed forces to purchase 12 million pounds of turkeys in time for shipment overseas, and to obtain part of the requirements for the forces here at home. Overseas requirements have been met in full and a good share of domestic military needs have been assured.

The entire turkey needs of the armed forces, totaling approximately 35 million pounds, represent less than 10 percent of the total U. S. supply. The remainder of the supply—expected to total 445 million pounds—will be available for civilians.

Lifting of the turkey embargo order at this early date, Army and Food Distribution Administration officials state, is indicative of the cooperation of the public and all branches of the turkey industry. In responding promptly to the Army's call, they have helped to assure turkey dinners on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year, for our men and women serving overseas. The order, (Food Distribution Order 71) has worked smoothly and successfully and is being revoked now because the goal has been reached.

Cancellation of FDO 71 is effective Monday at 12:01 a. m.

Penny Boost Of Postage Rate Okayed

WASHINGTON—The house ways and means committee has approved a one-cent increase in postage rates.

Together with other revisions in the excise levies, the committee's present plans provide for an estimated yield of something over two billion dollars in new excise taxes.

Under the new committee proposal, out-of-town postage rates will jump to four cents and local mail will cost three cents.

However, the committee cut down its previously recommended ten cent rate for air mail, and made it eight cents. It also stood by its previous action of doubling all second-class mail rates, but exempted newspapers and religious publications from the increase.

The schedule for general admission taxes, previously jumped to 30 per cent, was cut back to 20 per cent.

Do You Remember?

(From The Ruralite, Nov. 14, 1930)
Rev. T. R. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. E. L. McKee will leave tomorrow for Charlotte, to attend the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Churches.

The first snow of the year fell in the Platt Balsam mountains today as Old Man Winter took a firmer grip on this section of Western North Carolina.

"Quarterback," Coach Charlie Poindexter's German police dog, swallowed a half dollar at the Western Carolina-Maryville football game at Cullowhee, and now there is a student at the college wanting his "half back".

The student wanted to buy a bag of peanuts and tossed the silver coin into the air when "Quarterback" came by. The dog was attracted by the shining coin, and as the boy tossed it, "Quarterback" leaped into the air, opened his mouth and the half dollar went down "Quarterback's" throat.

Mrs. J. W. Fleeman and Mrs. Williams have returned from Chicago where they attended the World's Fair.

(From The Ruralite, Nov. 13, 1928)
The Literary Department of the Woman's Club will meet next Monday afternoon, Nov. 19, with Mrs. J. D. Cowan. Mrs. E. Ford King, chairman of the department wishes all members to be present.

The W. A. Enloe Chapter and B. H. Cathey Chapter of U. D. C. will jointly entertain with a tea at the home of Mrs. L. W. Keener on Friday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock, honoring Mrs. E. L. McKee, State President of the U. D. C. and Mrs. J. R. Buchanan, secretary. All members are urged to attend.

Miss Helen Warren, Marjorie Sherrill, Ruth and Mary Wilson, spent last Wednesday in Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Enloe, Misses Mary and Ann, returned Sunday from Lafayette, Ga., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Enloe.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. McGuire and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gray of Murphy and Rachel Brown spent the week-end at the McGuire camp at Norton. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McCurry of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stevens of Pendleton, S. C., and Mrs. Oscar Coward and Roger Coward, joined the party.

As one of the meek, we decline to inherit the earth in its present condition.

Distribution Plan For Farm Machinery Announced For '44

A new farm machinery distribution program which provides for actual rationing of considerably fewer items than in 1943 and sets up a much more flexible system for distributing the greater amounts of machinery to be available in 1944 has been announced by the War Food Administration, according to Glenn A. Boyd, chairman of the county USDA War Board.

Reflecting the prospects for increased machinery production in 1944, the new program provides for distribution control over only 46 types of farm machinery, of which only 31 actually are on the list of rationed items, Mr. Boyd said. Tight production and distribution factors made it necessary to put distribution and rationing controls in effect on 91 items of machinery for the 1943 farm machinery manufacturing year.

"Although some production difficulties are expected, the machinery outlook for 1944 is much improved," he declared. "Production of new machinery under WPB order L-257 is authorized at an average of 80 per cent of 1940, which was a better than normal production year. Compare this with the authorization of 40 per cent of 1940 under L-170 for this year, and it is easy to see why we expect more machinery in the near future. The WPB recently advanced the beginning of the farm machinery manufacturing year to July 1 in order to make some of next year's machinery available this fall."

In view of the improved outlook, he said, the new distribution and rationing program is designed to place greater responsibility for distribution in normal trade relationships among farmers, dealers, and manufacturers.

"This order sets up three schedules of machinery and methods of distribution for each, and establishes a national reserve equal to 20 per cent of the authorized production of the items in each schedule," he said. "This reserve will be used to meet new needs in areas where significant shifts in crop production have taken place and to provide additional equipment in areas where seasonal conditions indicate unusually heavy production."

Schedule I in the new program lists 19 types of machinery which will be rationed to farmers and over which more complete distribution control is maintained because of their importance in obtaining increased production of urgently needed war crops. This schedule includes planters, listers with planting attachments, grain drills, manure spreaders, power sprayers, combines, corn binders, corn pickers, potato diggers, and pickers, mowers, rakes, hay loaders, pick-up hay balers, ensilage cutters,

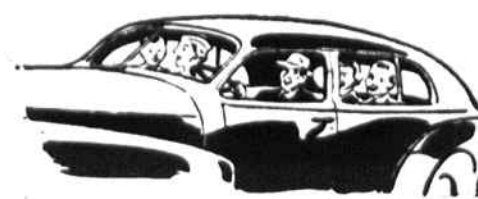
tractors, and stationary straw and hay balers.

State and county distribution plans will be obtained from manufacturers for 80 per cent of the authorized production of this equipment as soon as possible. To obtain such equipment, individual farmers will, as in the past, apply to the County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee in the county in which the farm is located.

State War Boards will tabulate county distribution plans and will analyze such plans in relation to needs in these counties, and may make adjustments in the distribution plan for any type of Schedule I equipment up to 10 per cent of the number of machines reported by the manufacturers. State War Board also will set tentative quotas which will establish the number of purchase certificates each county may issue.

Schedule II lists 12 types of equipment which will be rationed, but on which distribution is more flexible. State Distribution plans will be obtained, but manufacturers will not be asked to submit county plans. Farmers will obtain purchase certificates from County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee.

Schedule III consists largely of 15 types of tractor-drawn or mounted implements which will not be rationed, distribution being controlled only through State distribution plans. Items in this schedule include beet and bean drills or planters, moldboard plows, disc plows and tillers, middle-busters, disc harrows, soil pulverizers and packers, cultivators, rotary hoes, dusters, grain binders, stationary threshers, and irrigation distribution equipment such as portable pipe and extension.



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