News and Comment From Raleigh

CAPITAL LETTERS ..

By

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ER—Within the past year, te has spent around $95,000 purchase of new test farms in Ashe, one in Haywood, e in Washington county. program of experimenta- ll begin which will lead to ptation of North Carolina ture to the needs of the post- rld.

UBLE—the little city of ille, down in Pitt county, is cked by troubles at East- Carolina Teachers college. nds of graduates of this in- n throughout the state are , too, by the turmoil at the ol. The situation at ECTC been happy for several t only in recent months general public known about usations and general back- that has occurred on and the campus.

president of the college was d of using funds of the col- r his own gain. He was ted by the trustees. The f public opinion against him him to resign. He has been d by the Pitt county grand ew six of the leading teach- e been released by the same that exonerated the presi-

Eastern Carolina has some- to think about this summer the dry weather and the to- crop.

TOR—Dr. Charles E. Mad- ecutive secretary of the n Mission Board of the rn Baptist Convention for t 12-15 years, has resigned, know. Nearing 70, Dr. wants to spend his remain- rs in the country. This heard last week that he is of settling down as pastor e fine little rural church in Carolina. Dr. Maddry is ly one of the best thinkers South—especially in regard ing ahead in the matter of ary endeavor—but he is very good manager and has ly done more than any other for Baptist finances dur- past decade. He is a native nge county.

NIELS—If you ever have a worthwhile project you ke given attention by the big boys in Washington, your best bet for success is to get in touch with Jonathan Daniels, who is one of the President's assistants. Daniels rates in the National Capital, and when he speaks, various underling bureaucrats "jump like a black snake," as one state official expressed it last week.

Recently the State Department of Agriculture had some little difficulty getting the ear of Washington officials on an important program. The matter rode along for quite some time. Finally, Daniels was contacted and things started popping. The boy really has power, IF the plan is for the PEOPLE and not for private business, and IF it is sufficiently liberal to suit the Daniels taste.

SPEAKER — Governor Broughton received quite a little jolt last week when Governor Kerr of Oklahoma, was made speaker for the National Democratic Convention, for Broughton was a hard-working candidate for the place.

But here is the real story: Mae Oliver, of this state, is assistant treasurer of the National Democratic Committee. She has been running things fiscal with a rather free hand since Dick Reynolds has been in the navy. Mae Oliver, as it happened, was on the speakers committee for the convention. Since she is from North Carolina and did not look with great favor on Broughton as speaker, he was not chosen. There is still some dissension among the Democrats in this state as a result of the 1940 primary, and this corner's opinion is that the failure of Broughton to get the speakership honor is part of it. More about this later.

UNSTEAD — William Unstead, who did such a nice piece of work for Cherry, in that recent race (maybe you read about it) with Dr. McDonald, will be the next chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee. This has been settled, but the news may not come out for a few days.

VISITORS—Gregg Cherry and the other leaders in his campaign gathered in Raleigh last Friday night, and telephone wires hummed through the state with their conversations, their plans. You will hear about them in due time.

Irece Wilson Wins First Prize In Mountain Echoes Subscription Drive

Prizes were awarded to the pupils of St. John's School who had sold the most copies of their school paper, Mountain Echoes, during the past year.

Irece Wilson of the 4th grade, won the first prize of a $25.00 War Bond for having sold 353 copies. Second prize of $10.00 in War Stamps was awarded to Harry Kerly of the 4th grade for selling 215 copies. Talmadge Morris, 5th grade, received $5.00 in War Stamps as third prize for having sold 178 copies.

Honorable mention was won by the following: Tommy Boyd, 5th grade, 176 copies; Bobby McKay, 3rd grade, 172 copies; Charles Furtado, 3rd grade, 119 copies.

Pvt. William R. Frazier Spends Furlough Here

Private William R. Frazier, Jr., is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Frazier. He entered the service on May 26, 1943 and was inducted at Fort Bragg. From Bragg he was sent to Fort Knox for his basic training and then to Camp Chaffee, Ark. From the latter he was sent on maneuvers in Tennessee. He is now stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky. Pvt. Frazier was a member of the graduating class of 1943 from the Waynesville Township high school.

George Dawkins, U. S. Navy, Visits Family

George Dawkins, U. S. Navy, who resided here for three years and made his home with his sister, Mrs. Joe Howell, is now stationed at Mare Island, Calif. He recently had a 30-day leave which he divided with his mother in Candor and his sister, who is now residing in Wilmington.

Young Dawkins returned to the States this Spring after being stationed in Dutch Harbor, Alaska for the past 18 months.

SNAP SHOTS

By

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Staff Writer

Into the lives of all of us there comes certain days when it seems as though a soft curtain had been slowly lowered and the sunshine completely shut away from us. We are depressed without really knowing what is wrong and we find ourselves viewing life through smoke-colored glasses.

Then, suddenly, something happens and the whole world changes in a minute. The curtain has disappeared and the sun is flooding our hearts. We smile happily and forget that, only a few moments before, we were down in the depths.

We are going to share with you a letter that came to this writer and brought so much pleasure that we feel sure you will enjoy it as thoroughly as we did. It is from Sgt. Joe Shipley, son of Mrs. Claude Shipley and the late Mr. Claude Shipley, of Hazelwood, and is as follows:

5th June, 1944.

My dear Mrs. Frazier:

What a great surprise to read the April 6th MOUNTAINEER and your wonderful column SNAP SHOTS, and to find an open letter to my good friend, Marcus Rose, and me.

Surely I remember those happy days and what a good time we had at Alexander's, and what fun it was looking forward to your visit every morning. I remember the incident you recalled as if it was yesterday. One might think that due to the fast changes of the world one would forget. But no . . . Away back inside of our memories are all those good things and surely that is what each of the men in the service are fighting for. If we thought they were gone, surely our hearts would not be in the battle.

One cannot imagine the heartbreaks that we see here in Italy and the other countries I have visited. The people don't laugh or if they do, it is not at all like the people at home, and that alone has struck my imagination. And the expression on each face! Like, shall we say, a dog on a leash. No, Mrs. Fraizer, there is no place like home and no people like the people at home.

We read of the gripes of the civilians at home. Rationing, strikes and other petty things like that. They should get down on their knees and thank the good Lord that they live in such a grand country as ours. But did you know that even with all those gripes that one has, that's what makes America the grand country it is. Maybe griping makes some people happy; anyway we have that right without fear of persecution.

Yes, I know the people at home are doing every thing in their power for us and I know that each and every one of us appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts.

I know that with each day, a day nearer victory and home, we turn more and more to our memories, and look forward with the thrill of the unknown, to seeing home and our friends.

Thanks again for the lovely letter and, most of all, for remembering. As ever,

Joe.

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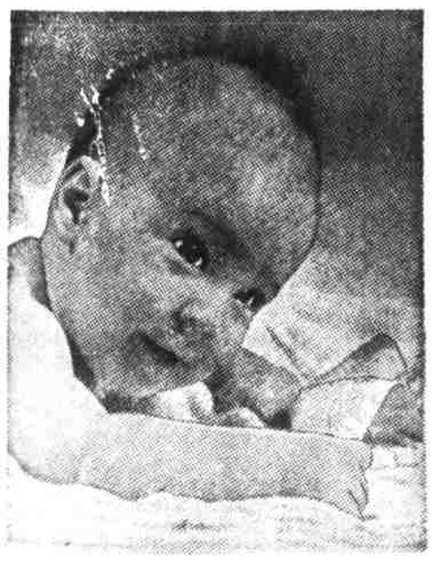

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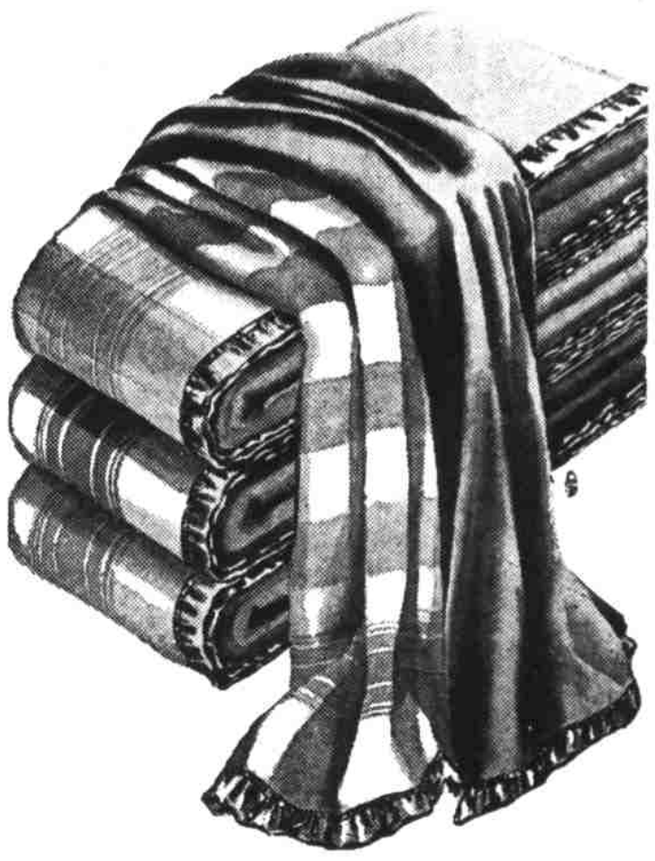

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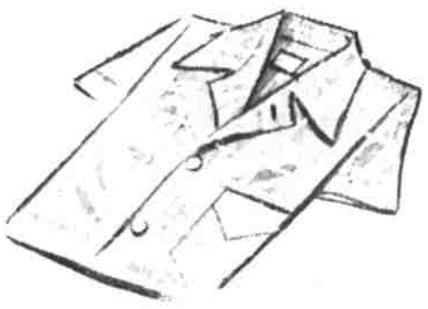

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