

News and Comment From Raleigh

CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

CLURE—Those favoring the Meredith and Wake Forest colleges have set up offices in Raleigh as headquarters for the fight of that great mess of brotherly (or sisterly) love, the Meredith arms of Wake Forest.

Put this prescription in that little book, don't forget it.

Dr. William Moore is head of the Veterinary Department of the N. C. Department of Agriculture. He is an outstanding man, as are many others with the Department.

Dr. Moore has had all seven degrees of the Department. He is a Grange man, and that's something you consider the fact you can't get the seventh degree at the National Grange Convention.

Dr. Moore, seventh degree man, all set to receive the annual award for outstanding service in North Carolina agriculture.

At the opening session of the State Grange meeting here, the man at the door stopped asked him the pass word. Dr. Moore did not remember, was re-admitted. Finally, he asked a fellow over in the crowd who helped him out of his predicament.

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sadistic pleasure, they told him he had not even seen the picture.

With no show of embarrassment at all he blithely admitted that, "I went to the show, but I didn't go in."

"I went to the show, but I didn't go in," he said. "I went to the show, but I didn't go in."

ALCOHOL—The State Grange is awfully dry, but at its convention last week it came in an inch of putting itself in favor of approving the manufacture of whiskey after the war.

POLITICS—Well, Oscar Pitts and Ralph McLean, of the State Prison Department, will resign their positions on December 31 to take over the Asheville Livestock Yards.

MONEY—W. B. Umstead and his cohorts on the Democratic Executive Committee have done a wonderful piece of work in raising funds for the Democrats.

WEEKLY—This column was wrong recently in saying that a large State newspaper would soon take on the Hearst "American Weekly."

PAMPHLETS—Those who opposed the educational amendment which was voted on Tuesday sent out 50,000 pamphlets during the two weeks prior to November 7.

of the opposition was designed as a dig at Governor Broughton, who lost some business support, but who stuck to his guns in favoring the amendment.

Home On Leave



ROBERT B. COLKITT, AMM, third class, left this week for San Diego, Calif., where he is stationed, after spending a several days leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colkitt. He entered the service as a volunteer in March, 1943 while he was a student in the Waynesville Township high school, later receiving his diploma.

He took his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and from there was sent to the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla., where he took training in the Aviation Machinist school. Here he also took radar training and aerial gunnery.

From the latter he was sent to the P-V-1 specialist school at the Lockheed Aircraft Factory in Los Angeles, and from there was sent to a school of practical engineering at North Island, San Diego. From here he was transferred to Chicago for special training in turbo-supercharger school, and then sent back to San Diego, where he is now stationed with a Liberator Squadron.

He has a brother in the service, Lt. (jg) Ben Colkitt, Jr., U. S. Naval Air Corps, who is also stationed at San Diego.

Cpl. Oscar Howell Given Purple Heart

Cpl. Oscar Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Howell, who was killed in action in France on July 30, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for bravery and wounds in action. The award has been sent to his wife, the former Miss Polly Liner of Waynesville.

Cpl. Howell entered the service in January, 1943 and was inducted at Camp Croft. From Croft he was sent to Camp Young, Calif., and then to Camp Maxey before being sent overseas, where he served for six months.

Prior to entering the service Cpl. Howell was employed by the Dayton Rubber plant here. He is survived by his parents, his wife and two sisters, Miss Clara and Miss Fanny Howell, of Waynesville.

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Moody Brothers Meet First Time Since June, 1941

Tech. Sgt. Fred H. Moody and Joe Howell Moody, seaman first class, sons of Mrs. B. A. Noland, are home this week visiting their mother. It is the first meeting of the brothers since June, 1941, and both have had months of overseas duty.

Tech. Sgt. Moody entered the service on Sept. 10, 1941, as a volunteer. He was inducted at Fort Bragg and from there was sent to Keesler Field, Miss. Later he was sent to Jackson Barracks, La., and from there to Panama, West Indies, and various places in South America. He is serving as an administrative specialist in the Air Corps.

He returned to the States in June of this year and has been stationed at McClellan Field, Calif. Before entering the U. S. Air Corps he was employed as bookkeeper for Garrett Furniture Company here.

Sgt. Moody is entitled to wear the American Defense ribbon, American War Theater, and five stripes for every six months in the service; and the Good Conduct ribbon.

Seaman Moody entered the Navy in April, 1942 and was inducted at Camp Croft. From the latter he was sent to Bainbridge, Md. for his boot training, and from there to Little Creek, Va. Before being assigned to sea duty he also served on the Armed Guard at Brooklyn.

He is serving as a gunner on a Liberty Ship, and has recently returned to this country from three weeks service in France. He has served in the American waters, in Africa, Italy, Sicily, Scotland and England.

At the time he entered the service he was employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Cpl. Henry Mathis Home After 29 Months Overseas

Corporal Henry Mathis, son of George Mathis of Balsam, has returned after serving overseas for the past 29 months. He will spend a 30-day furlough with his family.

Cpl. Mathis entered the service in January, 1941 as a volunteer and was inducted at Fort Bragg. From the latter he was sent to Fort Jackson where he was stationed until he was sent overseas.

He has served in several parts of the Pacific war theater and was wounded in combat. He is entitled to wear the Good Conduct ribbon, Purple Heart, Three stars for three major combats, the pre-Pearl Harbor, and Pacific Theater ribbon and five stripes for overseas service.

He has been in the states for several weeks, having been a patient in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. since his arrival.

Prior to entering the service Cpl. Mathis was engaged in farming.

Capt. Jack Coskey of Seattle, Wash., is spending a 15-day leave here as a guest in the home of Mrs. John F. Cabe.

Wins Farmer Degree



CARMELO HOLLINGSWORTH, seaman first class, member of the 1943 graduating class of the local high school, who has recently been awarded the American Farmer Degree at the National Convention of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hollingsworth of Pigeon Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Howell, who have spent the summer on the Soco Gap Road, have returned to town for the winter and have taken an apartment in the Kirkpatrick for the season.

Pvt. Linuel Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, has returned to Fort Bragg after spending a five day furlough here. Pvt. Miller came at this time to attend the funeral of his grandfather, the late R. E. Miller.

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She told in detail how her husband had to increase the family clothing allowance — and how hard it was to balance the food budget — and wasn't it dreadful how much *more* everything cost!

So Bill Coleman quietly reminded her that at least *one* household necessity had *not* gone up. She almost exploded, "What's that?"

"Electric service," said Bill. "And government figures* show that instead of increasing, the average price of electricity has actually *decreased* since war began."

The shock was a little too much for Mrs. Frazer. Luckily, Ed Lutz was there to catch her.

You may find Bill's statement as hard to believe as Mrs. Frazer did. But it's a *fact*. And it's not just a wartime phenomenon. Electric rates have been coming down for years — so far and so fast that, with increased usage, the average family pays only about *half* as much per kilowatt-hour as it did 15 years ago.

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