

## Boys From State Going To WLW

Cincinnati, Aug. 8. — Don White, known for many years as "Sam Briarhopper," and Fred Kirby, the "Smiling Cowboy," known together as the "Carolina Boys," are the most recent additions to the staff of WLW's rural entertainers. Coming from WBT, Charlotte, North Carolina, they joined the staff of the Nation's Station Tuesday, August 1.

White, whose real name is Walden Whytsell, and Kirby, are both radio veterans of nine years' standing. White was a member of "Al Hopkins' Original Hillbillies," who were first heard over WRC, Washington, D. C., in 1930. About the same time Kirby was launching his radio career with a program of his own over WIS, Columbia, South Carolina.

Both are versatile entertainers. White is adept at playing the Hawaiian and Spanish guitars, the violin, ukelele, banjo and several other like instruments and can sing as well. Kirby can sing Irish ballads, religious hymns, (he once had a program in which he sang nothing but hymns) and sings and yodels mountain tunes. White comes of a musical family, for each member of his household in West Virginia either sings or plays some instrument. His grandfather was a singing teacher. Kirby, claiming no inheritance, admits he just picked up his abilities.

The making of a recording was responsible for the meeting of White and Kirby and the ultimate formation of the "Carolina Boys." It happened in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1934. In an attempt to make a recording with another of his friends of "Bury My Heart Beneath the Roses," Kirby sought just the right blend of harmony. But it wouldn't work out with his friend. Just as he was about to give up and go home without making the record, white, whom

he had met some months before, happened along. Kirby asked him to try the song with him—once over lightly. It was just what Kirby and the recording agent wanted. So they made the recording together and have stuck together ever since. Thus began the "Carolina Boys."

White is author of a song book comprised of his collected mountain songs, which last year was published by American Music, Inc., of Portland, Oregon. Kirby writes song, both rural tunes and Irish ballads, many of which he sings on his programs. But he calls his song-writing a hobby.

Kirby has had a screen test in Hollywood and plans to direct his energies toward the motion pictures within the next year or two. He's good looking.

Among the sports both boys enjoy tennis and horse back riding. But White has one peculiarly his own. He likes to build things with tools.

Both are 29 years old, though White will be 30 September 25 and Kirby was just 29 July 19. White was born in Wolfcreek, West Virginia, September 25, 1909. Kirby in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 19, 1910.

### MRS. CUMMINGS DIES

Washington, Aug. 9. — Mrs. Homer S. Cummings, wife of the former attorney general, died tonight at Ruthven, the charming home overlooking Rock Creek park where she built her reputation as a gay and original cabinet hostess.

She had been ill of high blood pressure, since she and Cummings returned from a Florida vacation March 21. An unfavorable heart condition developed July 30 to make her condition precarious.

The pig stands good chance to lose some of its commercial value. Tooth brushes as well as other brushes are now being made of plastic material which is non-absorbent and infinitely better in every respect.

## Da Vinci Inventions Exhibited in Milan



More than 200 working models of inventions conceived by Leonardo da Vinci, one of the most versatile men who ever lived, are on exhibition in Milan, Italy. Da Vinci, Italy's fifteenth-century "Thomas Edison," is best known for his painting, "The Last Supper." He was also an amazingly prolific sculptor, scientist, anatomist and inventor. This "flying machine" was constructed from his original plans.

## This Month On The Farm

August is a busy month on the average North Carolina farm, so here are a few suggestions from State College specialists on various summer tasks:

**Swine**  
H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist, says hogs should have access to cool, shady places and a constant supply of fresh clean water during the hot sultry days of August. If natural shade is not available, an artificial shade can be made of boards, brush, or straw. A good mineral mixture should be available to every hog in the herd. A good mixture can be made of 10 pounds ground limestone, 5 pounds steamed bone meal, and 2 pounds salt. Don't mix the minerals with the feed, but keep them in a separate compartment where they will stay dry. Good pasture is necessary and should be furnished.

**Veterinary**  
Livestock losses due to the consumption of certain plants under conditions favorable to the formation of hydrocyanic acid are large during drought periods, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian of the State College Experiment Station. Chokeberry, black cherry, and Johnson grass produce the poisonous acid when their normal growth is stopped or retarded by adverse conditions such as drought, bruising, trampling, or cutting. To prevent livestock from becoming poisoned, eliminate these dangerous plants from your pastures and paddocks. Hydrocyanic acid poisoning produces death quickly, although antidotes have been developed which give good results.

**CATTLE**  
John A. Arcey, extension dairyman, advises farmers to prepare their land now for winter grazing crops. Growers in the Upper Piedmont and Mountain section should seed these crops the latter part of August so that they may make sufficient growth before cold weather sets in.

**AGRONOMY**  
Enos Blair, extension agronomist, has several suggestions for farmers for the month of August. If crimson clover seed are to be sown in the fall, they should be in the ground before August 15. These seed should be scattered between rows of corn, cotton, or tobacco, and covered lightly—about a half-inch deep. Use 30 pounds of seed per acre. Vetch, Austrian winter peas, and cleaned crimson clover seed may be sown during the latter half of August in growing crops such as corn, cotton, and tobacco. The best time to sow alfalfa is during the last week of August. Other suggestions are: begin filling silo as soon as the corn is well blazed; watch small grain in storage and treat for moths and weevils when necessary; and make plans for reorganizing your farm with a good crop rotation system, to begin with your fall sown crops.

**Dandelions**  
R. L. Lovvorn, agronomist in forage crop investigations, offers this suggestion: A 2 per cent solution by weight of copper nitrate, applied at the rate of 200 gallons of water per acre, is one of the best chemical mixtures known for the control of dandelions in the lawn or pasture. The spraying should be done on a clear day, preferably in the morning. For small areas, 1-2 pounds of copper nitrate dissolved in 7-12 gallons of water is sufficient to spray 1,000 square feet one time.

**Plant Diseases**  
Dr. R. Frank Poole, plant pathologist of the Experiment Station at State College, comes forth with these suggestions on com-

mon plant disease. Spray your apple trees with two pounds of copper sulphate, plus two pounds of lime, plus 50 gallons of water to control common summer rot; spread onions on wire or latted boards well above the floor in a dry and well-aired place to prevent rot; give air to the tobacco in storage when necessary to prevent moldy condition; knock peach mummies caused by brown rot from the trees to prevent serious blighting of the limbs; and pick cowpeas when mature to prevent blackening and decay that usually follow periods of wet weather.

**Milk Shakes**  
Here's a bit of advice from Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent, on how to beat the heat: Drink plenty of milk shakes, for they are not only refreshing but nourishing as well. They offer the full value of milk and contribute more calories in the chocolate, caramel, fruit pulp or syrup, and other ingredients that may be added. Vanilla and almond extracts make good flavors. Nutmeg and cinnamon may be sprinkled on top of the drink. Always add a dash of salt to milk shakes and other summer drinks. Besides improving the flavor, salt also is needed to replace the large quantities lost in perspiration during hot weather.

## WPA Ordered To Begin Dismissals

Washington, Aug. 6. — The WPA today ordered its state administrators to resume the dismissal of persons who have been on the work relief rolls continuously for 18 months or more.

Colonel E. C. Harrington, the works projects commissioner, telegraphed the administrators that dismissals should be resumed since Congress adjourned without adopting recently-enacted legislation requiring them.

The dismissals had been suspended by Harrington on July 28 pending a final decision by Congress on proposals to ease the requirements of the new relief act.

In his telegrams today, the commissioner said: "All relief workers except (war) veterans who have been continuously employed on WPA projects for 18 months or more . . . must be dismissed prior to August 31, and after August 31 all relief workers except veterans who have been continuously employed for 18 months must be discharged at termination of such continuous employment."

Harrington did not estimate the number yet to be dismissed, but he had said previously that the act called upon him to drop approximately 650,000 persons by September 1. The number dismissed prior to suspension of the policy was probably negligible, he added.

In New York alone, officials reported that 55,000 relief workers would be dismissed between now and September 1, at the rate of 2,500 a day. They said 20,000 had been discharged there before the policy was suspended.

Harrington's telegrams today said that no person discharged because of the 18-month rule would be eligible for reassignment to WPA work until 30 days after his dismissal, and then only if relief authorities certified that he was in need.

Such certification would not entitle the discharged employee to immediate reassignment to a project, the commissioner said, but merely to have his name placed in the file of those awaiting assignment.

## Universal Offers A Credit Service

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 8. — A new and exclusive "emergency credit certificate" plan to meet the problems of emergency credit requirements of motor car travelers away from home has been offered to its time payment customers by Universal Credit Company. It was announced today by Ernest Kanzler, president.

The plan is available only through Ford, Mercury and Lincoln-Zephyr dealers. Mr. Kanzler said, and it intended to benefit particularly thousands of their customers who travel by automobile extensively or who spend their vacation periods in motor travel.

Under the new Universal plan which has just been released to the company's 168 branches through the United States and to Ford dealers and their staffs, a new "emergency credit certificate" is to be issued to Universal time payment customers. The certificate entitles the holder to credit for payment of the costs of emergency repairs, or for the purchase of tire replacements, accessories or other emergency necessities from any Ford, Mercury or Lincoln-Zephyr dealer in the United States.

Mr. Kanzler said it was anticipated that the new credit certificate would be used primarily by travelers who are away from home whose credit has not been established in the locality where the emergency needs arise and whose vacation plans might be greatly upset by the extra outlays necessitated by these emergency expenditures.

The new emergency credit certificate plan is simple in operation, Mr. Kanzler explained. "Thousands of tourists and others who travel extensively by automobile have experienced the need for emergency repairs on the road, for tire replacement or

## Tobacco Vote For Next Year

Washington, Aug. 9. — Farmer representatives of blue-ribbon tobacco growers today said their hopes for better prices for the yellow leaf on prospects for sharp curtailment of production next year with quota restrictions on marketing.

They concluded after a meeting with buyers that it would be better to let the record-breaking 1939 crop be sold in the usual manner with hope it would average between \$15 and \$18 a hundred pounds.

Plans for an early farmer election on the question of invoking marketing quotas on the 1940 crop, a procedure made possible when President Roosevelt signed tobacco amendments to the 1938 farm law, were out of the question.

Growers who previously had expressed hope an early referendum would help bolster 1939 prices concluded it would be best to wait until later in the year when a curtailment program for 1940 had been formulated.

## Roosevelt Tackles Bills Of Congress

Hyde Park, N. Y. — Having sent a parting shot at those legislators who blocked his neutrality, lending and housing programs, President Roosevelt tackled today a file of bills which Congress did approve in its closing days.

He arranged to spend most of the day in the library of his Hudson Valley home deciding whether to sign or veto the measures.

Mr. Roosevelt said at a press conference yesterday he still had to act on 145 bills which he had not yet examined and about 10 more which he had sent back.

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It was at that conference that he said a solid Republican minority and about 22 per cent of the Democrats in the House and 25 per cent of those in the Senate had favored on neutrality and the lending and housing proposals.

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