

Probationers Refund Much Court Costs

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—Since the State probation system became effective in North Carolina on November 1, 1937, a total of 8,962 cases have been placed on probation. Just a little more than half of these have come from superior court, the others from county or municipal recorder courts.

Figures compiled by Harry Sample, director of probation, at request of this bureau, show that during the six years the system has been in operation probationers have paid back into court costs almost a half million dollars. That item alone would seem to justify the program, because it has had no net cost to the state.

There had been no method of letting defendants out on probation so they could earn a living. These would have been the only ones who could have been put on probation. This was the case in 1937, but since that time the system has been expanded to include all probationers.

Retention of probationers in the state is the result of a study made in 1942. It showed that 81.41 per cent of probationers in 1937, 82.01 per cent in 1938, 82.01 per cent in 1939, 82.01 per cent in 1940, 82.01 per cent in 1941, 82.01 per cent in 1942, 82.01 per cent in 1943, and 82.01 per cent in 1944. In other words, 82 per cent of probationers in 1943 had not been in prison since 1937.

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First Autumn Finals Held

Durham, Oct. 27.—Duke University's first autumn commencement exercises concluded Monday with 63 graduates to be the first to receive their degrees under the wartime accelerated academic program.

Governor J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina delivered the commencement address, congratulating the students for completing college work ahead of schedule and wishing them success in their careers. Nearly all of the students, most of them having taken technical courses, will enter the armed forces or war industrial work.

Another feature of the graduating exercises was the conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Bishop C. C. Dillard, resident bishop of the Charlotte area of the Methodist Church, who on Sunday delivered the commencement sermon.

Graduates were congratulated also by the university through Dean William H. Wainwright, dean of the university, who presided at the ceremony. President Robert L. Flanagan, who was honored to be out of the city on an important official business.

Only bachelors degrees were conferred, the degree of bachelor of arts in science, and bachelors degrees in electrical, mechanical and chemical engineering.

Fertilizer Demand Next Year Probably Biggest in History

College Station, Raleigh, Oct. 27.—The demand for fertilizer in 1944 will probably be the heaviest in history and North Carolina growers will need considerable more tonnage because of the increase in tobacco acreage, Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Extension Agronomy at N. C. State College, declared here today.

He pointed out that transportation, labor and storage difficulties make it necessary to keep fertilizer moving from manufacturing establishments to farmers' needs for fertilizer in 1944 are to be met.

He suggested that growers make application now for all the fertilizer they will need this fall and next spring and recent delivery of this fertilizer during the fall and winter months.

Five years ago the total fertilizer consumption in the United States was about 1.2 million tons and last year it was 10 million.

Hoarding Empty Bottles Hinders The War Effort

"Don't let empty soft drink bottles accumulate in your basement and don't throw them away. Do return them to your dealer as quickly as possible and collect your refunded deposit." This was the plea made today by C. O. Seibert of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and S. J. Lane, Jr., of the Lane-Neb. Bottling Co.

It is the patriotic duty of every loyal citizen to conserve and put back into circulation anything that has re-use value. Glass container factories are working at top speed. They now have the additional burden of supplying containers for food products which were previously canned. Thus, homemakers are urged to help relieve the situation by taking empty bottles to their dealers to cash them in.

You will not only be doing the bottles a good turn, but you'll profit, yourself. The refunds you obtain from the bottles may be enough to finish filling your War Savings book. Then, too, you'll be rid of the litter they cause in your basement. Besides that, there will be more of a chance for you to obtain your regular supply of soft drinks if you don't hoard bottles.

The war effort will be aided and the soft drink bottle greatly assisted in maintaining a steady supply of carbonated beverages if all bottles are returned promptly hereafter.

PLAYMAKERS OFFER NEW PLAY AT HILL

Chapel Hill, Oct. 27.—Giving their first performance of a five-night run of the first major production of the year, the Carolina Playmakers will present "The Boss of Bar Z" or "The Queen of the Valley" in their theatre at the University tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

An old-time Western melodrama, complete with vaudeville skits, hero, heroine, villain and cattle rustlers, the production will be presented again Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the same time except Wednesday night. Then it will be given at 7:30 for the benefit of officers and members of the senior battalion of the Navy Pre-Flight school.

NEW BEEF CATTLE BOOK

College Station, Raleigh, Oct. 27.—A new bulletin on raising beef cattle in North Carolina, by L. I. Case, in charge of Extension Animal Husbandry at N. C. State College, has just been published by the Extension Service, according to Agricultural Editor F. H. Jeter. It contains information on establishing the beef herd, suggestions for beef cattle feeding under present conditions, and particular points involved in herd management. It also covers the common diseases and parasites of cattle.

Stalin Meets Tough Guy In Our Mr. Cordell Hull

By HELEN ESSARY, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 27.—Today's questions in Washington—Does Mr. Stalin have an idea of the sort of man Cordell Hull really is? United States secretary of state is. Does Mr. Stalin know that the fundamentally a Tennessee sharpshooter? Does he know that he is a Tennessee mountaineer who gets his man with the skill of a mountaineer and plus the vim of a Canadian mounted policeman? Does Mr. Stalin know that no American species can be closer-knit, more dogged, more tenacious than a Tennessee mountaineer? That a Russian who won't tell what's on his mind is a babbling brook compared with a Tennessee mountaineer who won't tell what's on his mind? Does Mr. Stalin know that beautiful, esthetic profile of the United States secretary of state hides a tougher toughness than lurks behind the walrus mustache of a Soviet premier? Mr. Stalin never tell anybody anything at all as to what he is going to do. He merely does it. Nor does Mr. Stalin tell anybody what

he has done or why he did it. He bides his time and then he strikes again. His belief that "It's deeds and not words that are important" is also an old Tennessee conviction. At the current tri-partite meeting Mr. Stalin is going to meet his personal and diplomatic match in the canny, cautious, carnivorous Mr. Hull. Important is this question—Has it occurred to Mr. Churchill that his open meddling into United States politics by way of an indirect attack on the reports of the five traveling senators is a kind of "island hopping" that will make no American really love Britain more? Moreover, Mr. Churchill, I can't believe it unparliamentary or traitorous for Americans, British, Chinese or Russians to disagree out loud now and then. We are a big United Nations family, aren't we? And was there ever a family worth its ration coupons that didn't fall out regularly and with stimulating zest? Let's have the fellows out in the United Nations family now while the war is still in progress. We waited until the war was over, before we began to get our American feelings hurt. Now is the time for all good Allies to start their Uncle Snydler era.

2,400 Dairy Calves Brought In
College Station, Raleigh, Oct. 27.—In answer to the nation's call for more milk as the No. 1 food item for the coming year, the State College Extension Service has brought in 2,400 dairy calves and bred heifers during the last five months from Mississippi, Tennessee, and Wisconsin, Extension Dairy Specialist A. C. Kimrey announced today.

Most of these animals will be used as family dairy cows, according to Kimrey, and the number above does not include several cars bought at private sales and brought into North Carolina through dealers. The dairy animals were about evenly divided between white and Negro farmers.

This year a bumper rice crop—over 70 million bushels—is expected from a record number of acres planted in rice. This means about an 8 percent increase over last year. Five farmers using kerosene for tractor operations have been warned to increase the use of horses for farm work.

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