

# Around Capital Square

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Raleigh, April 9.—Several state agencies report to flurry of interest in possibility of developing a silk worm industry in North Carolina. In recent weeks the department of agriculture, the central experiment station and the state advertising bureau have received inquiries from other states on the subject. One such inquiry came from Greece, and others have come from New England and the far west. Officials have no explanation for such widespread interest, since they know of no industry on the subject that might have stimulated it.

RECURRENT — Old timers recall that there have been other instances a good many years ago of similar inquiries, and there are said to be a few mulberry groves in the state where silk worm culture was tried. Dr. L. D. Bayer, director of the experiment station, is compiling a data for use in answering the requests. At present there is very little dependable information at hand. One man suggested that perhaps veterans seeking new businesses which they might establish through aid of the GI bill were thinking of silk worm culture.

ONLY — A little word sometimes has big meaning. A few days ago this earner had an item about Col. A. L. Fletcher, chairman of the unemployment compensation commission. It was intended to say that Col. Fletcher was "not only a veteran

of two world wars; but also saw service on the Mexican border." In the process of typing the word "only" was omitted. Result: the meaning of the sentence was exactly reversed and Col. Fletcher was inadvertently rebuffed of just credit for valiant participation in World Wars I and II. As a fighting officer of the famed 26th Division in the first and an executive officer in Washington during the second world war, the colonel's record stands up with the best.

MEMBER — Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, has accepted membership in the organization which he expects to have very little to do with. He received Monday a membership card in the International Association of Rattlesnake Hunters, along with an invitation to attend the annual convention at Oklawaha, Fla. He was right glad the invitation arrived too late for acceptance since the snakehunters convened on the Saturday before he got the notice. Being practically a teetotaler, the commissioner was not interested either in the Friday night party frankly designed for "preconditioning the stalwarts" preparatory to a snake hunt.

PICTURES — The blank space on the wall of the governor's outer office was filled Monday with a large-size photograph of long leaf pines and flowering dogwoods in the sandhills. This completes the plan for decorations. Already posted were pictures of the Wright Memorial at Kitty Hawk, a scene of human progress

from the coast and two mountain scenes.

FORTRAITS — The inner office walls are still bare. Governor Cherry has called upon the department of archives and history to furnish data on past governors and to aid in selecting portraits for his office, together with such biographic sketches of the subjects.

ARCHAISM — The governor was an ardent hanger-on picture in the outer office where the pine and dogwood scene was placed. John Hadden and Ruth Hadden contended that outer office was their backluck and if they wanted a picture of the big boss it was their picture. Governor Cherry stopped the talk with the emphatic statement that a picture of himself would go up in the office so long as he was in it, and furthermore, no other picture would follow the portrait of any living former governor to be hanging in the office. He would permit of the name of ten most recent deceased governors in the case, excluding them when another one dies, of a hanging portrait of the earlier executives in the mansion or some other state building.

UPPED — North Carolina and its political subdivisions are not alone in facing the problem of higher pay for employees or losing them to private industry. The Civil Service Commission recently through the National Association of Government Employees of Chicago that pay increases are being granted all over the country to county and municipal employees. These pay raises are not made as adjustments benefiting certain groups, but the general trend is for blanket increases, mostly of fixed sums. This does not hold true in the low bracket classes.

STRUGGLING — County and city commissioners throughout North Carolina are approaching preparation of new budgets and are faced with a serious problem. It is feared that many employees on the state payroll will demand tax reduction on the dollar. At the same time, the state is in a great hurry to raise the tax rate, and it is estimated that the state will have to raise the tax rate by one or two cents in the dollar. The state is in a great hurry to raise the tax rate, and it is estimated that the state will have to raise the tax rate by one or two cents in the dollar.

HISTORIC — Dr. Christopher P. H. Jones, director of the North Carolina department of archives and history, will in New York address the national society of Colonial Dames Monday and emphasized the great interest of the state. Most of the state's tourist advertising plans on natural scenery and recreational areas, but the historic landmarks on Roanoke Island, Bath, New Bern, Salem, Wilmington, Raleigh and other points which have played prominent parts in national history. He pointed out what the state is doing to restore and preserve the historic value of these places.

54¢ — For the first time in many years farmers in the United States got more than half the consumers' dollar for foods. The U. S. department of agriculture figures he got 54 cents last year out of the consumers' dollar. Reason: more efficient handling, reduced marketing costs and the fact that farm prices rose faster than retail food prices.

## Vitamin E in Menopause

By HERMAN N. RUNDSEEN, M.D.

THE use of a variety of glandular substances known as estrogens for the treatment of the change of life has been helpful to many women. However, according to Doctor Christ J. Christy of Boston, there are certain patients in whom estrogens cannot be employed, particularly those suffering from cancer. Then, too, in patients where there is a history of cancer in the family, some physicians prefer not to use estrogenic substances.

Prolonged use of estrogens, according to Doctor Christy, is unnecessary and may actually be harmful. For this reason, he began treatment with patients who had symptoms due to the change of life. The vitamin E was given over a period of six months in the form of tablets taken by mouth.

Patients Studied — Twenty-five patients were studied who ranged in age from 42 to 55 years. No patient was treated who did not have severe symptoms of circulatory upsets. The amount of the preparation given varied with the severity of the symptoms.

It was found that almost all of the patients rapidly responded to the treatment and either had complete relief or generally marked improvement. Hot flashes became less frequent and less severe. Furthermore, excessive sweating also was lessened and the patients changed for the better in their mood and outlook.

Seven of the patients had complete relief of their symptoms,

while 16 had marked relief. Two did not respond to any great extent. The patients who did not obtain complete relief might have shown greater improvement if the dose of the vitamin E had been increased. No reactions such as headache, dizziness, or constipation, vomiting, diarrhea, or soreness of the breasts were noted.

In view of the good results obtained with the vitamin E in the treatment of these women, it would appear that it might be beneficial in all cases in which the menopause or change of life seems to produce severe symptoms.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. A. A.: When I have a cold or indigestion my eyes become inflamed. The eyelids and the tissues under the eyes itch and burn. What causes this trouble?

A.: Answer: It is possible that the trouble is due to allergy or oversensitivity; that is, you may be sensitive to something that you come in contact with, such as dust, and pollen of plants.

An examination by an eye specialist to determine the cause of the trouble would be advisable.

A. D.: I've had a bad breath and a little phlegm in my throat for years. What would you suggest?

Answer: The condition which you describe might be due either to a chronic sinus infection, chronic infection of the throat, or possibly a disorder known as alkaline rhinitis.

Careful study by a nose and throat specialist to determine just what disorder is present would be advised.

## STATE CRAB PACK SHOWING INCREASE

Packs of canned blue crab meat along the North Carolina coast, during the war, are expected to be greatly increased for the post-war markets. R. L. Sullivan, vice president of American Can Company, reported today.

Mr. Sullivan said that from a small business in 1936, having a total pack in this country and Alaska of only 250,400 pounds, valued at \$130,753, the crab meat canning industry developed a pack of 1,463,506 pounds, valued at \$1,194,483 in 1943, a period of only seven years.

The meat of these crabs is white, firm and succulent, according to the can company official, and should find ready acceptance in today's quality markets. He explained that marked improvement in processing methods, designed to maintain the whiteness of the meat, had been achieved.

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## Bit Temperamental



ABOARD the Army transport Bridgeport, which brought another contingent of GI brides to the U. S., WAC Pfc. Edith Ward is attempting to arrange the hair of 11-month-old Melvin Pavich to make him more photogenic. But Melvin has become temperamental since winning a beauty contest of babies aboard the ship. He is the son of Mrs. Irene Pavich, who is en route to St. Paul, Minn., to join Cpl. Milan Pavich. (International)

## FSA Supervisor Gives Year Report

A recent survey made of 102 Farm Security families in Vance county by Mrs. Elizabeth T. Curran, associate supervisor, revealed that these farm men and women were conscious of food production and conservation as well as debt payment during 1945. Their accomplishments were not what they desired because of unfavorable weather conditions and shortage of labor during the year.

The women canned 29,700 quarts, an average of 235 quarts per family. In addition to the food canned, 2,250 bushels potatoes, dried beans and peas were stored. 306 hogs were fed out to make a total of 69,158 pounds dressed weight. Twelve bees were hatched for home consumption by these families, 4,356 laying hens on these farms, making an average of 43 layers to the family.

Some of the points of Farm Security Administration are for each family to have two milk cows, 50 laying hens, 20 quarts canned food per person and at least 1 lb. of an acre of garden per family member.

Recommendations of N. C. Extension Division in home management were taught in demonstrations, etc. The types of demonstrations were: Pruning of orchards, insect and pest control, pressure cooker, cleaning and care, brining, drying, canning, food preparation, treatment of garden seed and clothing construction.

## Columbus County Farmers Making Great Advances

Whiteville, April 9.—Assistant Agent J. P. Quinerly of the State College Extension Service has worked out a plan with the Columbus County Farm Bureau which promises to make farmers in that area the best fed residents of the state.

Quinerly reported today that 1945 yields from the three pounds of certified sweet potatoes sent to each of the 2,700 Farm Bureau members in Columbus county averaged at least one bushel of potatoes for each seed potato distributed. That reflects a return of better than 50 to 1.

Mrs. Frances Gore, 52-year-old farm woman who lives in the Bethel section, produced 13 bushels from the three potatoes she planted under the plan last year, netting a 650-pound yield from a three-pound start.

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