

CAPITAL REPORTER

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was mere chance, the radioman said, that a Republican happened to be the one who released the letter to the press.

There will be more cussing (and explaining, no doubt) about the matter come 1954 when Mr. Smith seeks to stay in Washington.

Speaking of MacArthur, a Raleigh bookshop had volumes of a biography of the general on display, with no price tag in sight. Flanking MacArthur's book were copies of General Eisenhower's "Crusade in Europe," prominently marked "was, \$5 now only \$1.98."

That raised the immediate question of the price of the MacArthur tome, and an inquiry resulted in the answer, \$2.

I pass this incidental intelligence along for whatever you want to make of it. A recounting has brought these various comments: "So MacArthur isn't worth but two cents more than an old book about Eisenhower; I wouldn't give you two cents for all generals: Wonder what the MacArthur book will be selling for a year from now; and a very brilliant, 'so what.'"

Another bookstore displayed MacArthur's address to Congress for a half-buck along with these titles—"Washington Confidential," "Lincoln Finds a General" and "The New Popular History of the World."

The Council of State still hasn't done anything about that boost in the amount the Motor Vehicles Department could spend for cars from \$1,500 to \$1,600. Council members got the idea cars couldn't be bought for less than \$1,500, now want to talk to Col. Landon Rosser about his request. The Colonel hasn't been in town on the days the Council of State met for the last couple of weeks, though. Maybe they'll get around to it one of these days. Meanwhile the order for 50 Pontiacs for Highway Patrol brass is being help up pending further Council action.

The 1951 General Assembly was the most expensive in the State's history. By the time all the bills are in, it will total at least \$480,000, according to figures from the office of Auditor Henry Bridges. This puts it well above the 1949 session's \$341,000, and would beat it without the raise given legislators by some \$10,000. It's more than

double the amount spent in Reconstruction year 1869—something over \$202,000—when they were supposed to be throwing their money around.

ENGINEER SHORTAGES BOOST NON-FARM JOB OPENINGS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Accelerated demand for mechanical and electrical engineers and other professional, technical, and skilled workers needed in the advancement of the defense program has substantially increased the number of non-farm job openings which could not be filled in the communities where they originated, the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security announced.

Bureau Director Robert C. Goodwin reported to Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin that as of March 27 the State employment services had reported a total of 50,000 unfilled job openings for workers in professional, managerial, skilled, service, clerical and sales, semi-skilled, and unskilled fields.

Goodwin said the needed workers were being sought through the labor clearance facilities of the United States Employment Service and the 1,800 local offices of the State employment services.

"Currently the most serious occupational shortages are in the engineering field," Goodwin said. "Under the labor clearance activity operated by the USES and affiliated State employment services, employer job orders which cannot be filled in the communities where they originate are placed in clearance with other local offices in an effort to recruit needed workers from outside localities. Current reports indicate widespread shortages of engineers with some three-fourths of the States showing unfilled openings for 1,736 mechanical and 1,317 electrical engineers. Altogether, 4,272 engineers are being recruited through clearance facilities."

The State reports showed increased demands for stenographers and typists and vocational training teachers. In the skilled field, the heaviest demands were for machinists, tool and die makers, machine-tool operators, sheet-metal workers, electricians, skilled aircraft assembly workers, airplane and auto mechanics and repairmen.

In the semi-skilled field the bulk of the openings were for lumbermen, raftsmen, and wood choppers.

FEBRUARY FACTORY LAY-OFFS AT POSTWAR LOW FOR THE MONTH

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Factory lay-offs dropped from 10 per 1,000 employees in January to 7 per 1,000 in February 1951, reaching the lowest rate for February since World War II, according to preliminary estimates by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Factory hiring, at a rate of 46 per 1,000 employees, stayed at about the same high level as in January, after allowance is made for the fewer working days in February. Hiring exceeded the combined total of lay-offs, quits, and other separations, particularly in the aircraft, machinery, and other metal-working industries.

Lay-offs in durable goods manufacturing, including the metal-working industries where defense production is concentrated, dropped to 6 per 1,000 employees in February, or about half the January rate. This was the lowest lay-off rate for any February since 1943, when employment in these industries was nearing a wartime peak.

In nondurable goods plants, both hiring and lay-offs remained substantially unchanged between January and February.

The rate at which factory workers were quitting their jobs in February, 21 per 1,000 employees, was unchanged from the preceding month. Since February, 1950, the quit rate has doubled but still does not exceed the February, 1948, level and remains substantially below the wartime rate.

CHARLOTTE TYPOS

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Craft, retiring secretary; H. F. Carriker, and W. R. Cashwell.

A. M. Jones and Mr. Primm will represent the union at the International Typographical Union convention in Atlanta, Aug. 18-25 and Claude L. Albea, F. R. Vita and A. M. Jones will represent the union at the State Federation of Labor convention in Asheville in August. Mr. Albea, Mr. Craft and Mr. Vita were named delegates to the Central Labor Union and Mr. Albea, H. L. Beatty, Mr. Carriker, W. J. Boger, and Mr. Farris were elected delegates to the Allied Printing Trades Council.

Chapels participating in the election were The News, The Observer, the Herald-Press, Inc., Carolina Linotyping Co. and Stalls Printing Co.

The Charlotte union voted to invite the Virginia-Carolina Typographic Conference to hold its 1952 Silver Anniversary convention here.

New York. — Glass Bottle Blowers Association (AFL) is giving away a 20-page record book for bowlers. In addition to space for recording 120 games, it contains information for beginners, and a page of accurately defined bowling terms. A free copy of the book can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the association, 12 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Adger Clinton Boyce, late of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, this is to notify all person having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at her residence on East 36th Street, at the railroad, North Charlotte, North Carolina, on or before the 17th day of May, 1952, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

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