

CAPITAL REPORTER

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Raleigh, N. C.—North Carolina probably will lose one seat in Congress, despite early reports to the contrary.

The latest check on population gains and losses shows that the Tar Heel state is below the national average in gains.

Although the state picked up from 3,500,000 to more than four million noses counted this year, the percentage of gain is a flat 13 per cent. The national average gain is 14.3 per cent.

Virginia and Florida are the only two southern states that are even up to the national average.

Seats in Congress (referring to the House, of course) are assigned on the basis of population. But any reshuffling is done on the percentage of gain and loss.

This would result in a knock-

down dragout battle in the legislature over redistricting, and likely would send the General Assembly into one of its longest sessions.

Willis Smith, U. S. Senator-nominate, has resigned as head of the Kerr Scott-appointed committee to study the impartial administration of justice.

In his resignation, Smith said he was quitting because he expects to be busy, but added a barb at Scott, Smith said the committee had not been able to operate because of lack of funds.

The committee's secretary, Allan Langston of Raleigh, denied this, saying that the chairman (Smith) had kept the committee from working.

The governor's office said the

committee never was supposed to have any appropriation; that its members were appointed because they were believed to be "public-spirited citizens" who could afford to come to Raleigh and make the study at their own expense.

The governor's office compared it with the Advisory Committee on Highway Safety, all of whose members were appointed because they were believed to be "public-to do something about the highway death toll. This last committee has no appropriation either.

The Justice Committee held only one meeting. That was for organizational purposes on February 10. It has done nothing since.

Folks in the Eastern Tobacco Belt are mighty peeved about the delay in opening of their markets. It was the second year in a row that the Belt opening was delayed, and from editorial and personal comment, the boys in Wilson, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Greenville and other markets seem to think there's something more than meets the eye in the move.

They point out that Fred Royster of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Association, knew more time was needed for Georgia-Florida growers when the dates were first announced. They seem to think he could have done something about the situation a long time ago.

Ironically, the Middle Belt—where Royster has at least a partial interest in one warehouse—stands to benefit most by the move. Their markets will open only 10 days behind the Eastern Belt. A lot of growers in that section, which includes Henderson, now probably will sell their tobacco on the Middle Belt rather than truck it to the Eastern Belt, as they would have if there were more time between openings.

If enough folks get sore about the Eastern snafu, it could hurt Royster's chances at the speakership of the house of Representatives. With his only announced opponent, Frank Taylor of Goldsboro, reaping criticism for his part in the Advisory Budget Commission's denial of a bonus to the teachers, this could set the stage for a dark horse to snap up the 1951 speakership.

State Civilian Defense Chief E. Z. Jones of Burlington isn't getting too good a response from mayors of North Carolina's cities and towns. More than two weeks ago he asked them to appoint Civilian Defense bosses for their municipalities. Up to now only 42 of the more than 350 incorporated towns and cities have named a Civilian Defense head.

Jones is preparing a map of each town and city, showing graphically what would happen to it in case of an atomic bomb attack.

Maybe it will shake the mayors out of their lethargy. Or maybe it will take a bombing or two in this country to wake up the folks. Whether you like it or not, we're at war.

Incidentally, a rumor keeps popping up here that Charley Johnson is aiming to run again for governor in 1952. The ex-state treasurer who got his lumps from Kerr Scott has moved to Charlotte and some folks are claiming he is now eligible as a candidate from the west. It's reported here that the conservative "Old Guard" is inclined to favor Charley. But a one-time loser has a hard row to hoe. O. Max Gardner of Shelby was the only man to do the trick in modern times. Cam Morrison of Charlotte whipped Gardner in 1920, but Gardner announced in



Valentina Cortesa, M-G-M's lovely importation from Italy, plays the romantic interest in Spencer Tracy's life in "Malaya," excitement-pitched adventure drama, which will be shown at the Marco Theatre Thursday and Friday. Others in one of the year's ace casts are James Stewart, as Tracy's fellow-adventurer, Sydney Greenstreet, John Hodiak and Lionel Barrymore.

1928 and was unopposed by another Democrat. Gardner is the only one-time loser ever to make the grade, and also is the only ex-lieutenant-governor ever to be elected governor.

A Mocksville over in Davie County recently Secretary of State Thad Eure made himself a speech. The occasion was the annual picnic for the Masonic Orphanage. Reports reaching Raleigh are that Thad sent up a few trial balloons to see what his chances are for either the gubernatorial race in 1952 or the senatorial race in 1954.

He picked a good spot for an easterner to test the validity of the old east-west rotation tradition. The next governor by tradition is supposed to come from the west.

In talking to Colonel Thomas Upton, new State Selective Service boss, Governor Scott said he wanted politics kept out of Selective Service in North Carolina. The governor again said he would not ask deferment for any State employee.

You might be interested to know that occupational deferments are not expected to enter the picture until the draft tempo is stepped up.

Note to hoarders: The big brass in Raleigh hears that the biggest manufacturing cuts on consumer

items will be in radios, autos, television sets, refrigerators, and washing machines—in that order. These cuts have started already. No big reductions are expected for a while yet in other items.

Captain L. R. Fisher, Highway Safety director, has asked county commissioners of the state to set up a safety Council in each county. This week he'll send a complete kit on highway safety to each chairman of a county board of commissioners, showing them just how it's done.

The State Merchants Association has plans in the making to keep an eye on all requests for rate increases by utilities. The association's executive committee has okayed the plan, and will present it to the board of directors for approval at a September session. The plan calls for expansion of an existing Transportation Committee and renamed it the "Transportation and Utilities Committee." This group will take a look at all utility rate boost requests and pass along information to members for possible protest or approval. Attorney I. M. Bailey of Raleigh will be the number one watch dog.

Folks in North Carolina who buy insurance should have a kind word these days for Insurance Commissioner Waldo Cheek. Since he's been in office—some 15 months—he has ordered reduc-

State College Tips To the Housewife

Keeping the house dry in hot, humid weather and thus preventing mildew and mustiness, has become easier in the last few years, according to agricultural engineers. Improved electric fans, designed for special purposes, help keep the house better ventilated and thus aid against mildew. Among these are the new adjustable window fans which are made to fit into windows of various shapes and sizes.

Among the chemicals used for drying air are silica gel and activated alumina which absorb moisture—that is, take up moisture from the air and hold it instead of dripping. These are put out in various types of containers, including cloth bags which may be hung in clothes closets. When they have taken up all the moisture they can hold, they may be dried out in a slow oven and used again.

Calcium chloride has long been used to absorb moisture. As this chemical takes up moisture from the air, it liquefies and then must be replaced with a fresh dry supply. It may be put in a cloth bag with a container underneath to catch its drippings, or may be spread on copper wire over a container. The container should be enamelware, glass or some material which will not rust.

tions in insurance premiums of all types totaling more than \$7,000,000. That's about \$1.75 saved for every man, woman and child in North Carolina.

A Hindu fakir, who went without food for 53 days to become the world's fasting champion announced that he'll marry a French gal renowned for her cooking. Apparently, he's made "fast" time with her.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Council Smith, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned administratrix or her attorneys within one year from the date of this notice or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 26th day of August, 1950.
Dessie Smith, Adm. of Council Smith.
Peel and Peel, Attorneys at Law, Williamston, N. C.
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NOTICE

Under and by virtue of a judgment and order in a special proceeding entitled "In the matter

of: D. A. Roebuck and wife, Ha Mae Roebuck, Mrs. V. G. Taylor, Dr. Charles Roebuck, Mrs. Sallie Bridges and husband, Hal Bridges, Mrs. Frances Sprague and husband, Stuart Sprague, E. M. Nobles and wife, Mrs. E. W. Nobles, R. T. Morgan and wife, Della Morgan, Nellie Clyde Nobles, Bertram Reads and husband, Robert Reads, Ex-Parte," the undersigned Commissioners will, on Monday, October 2nd, 1950, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door in Williamston, North Carolina, Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property:

Adjoining Highway 125 on the South, Concho Creek on the North, Speight Farm (now owned by Griffin and Peel), on the East, and Mrs. V. G. Taylor on the West. Containing 200 acres, more or less, and known as the Fred Roebuck Farm.

The last and highest bidder will be required to deposit 10% of the price bid at the sale.

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