

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

BLIND—The shortage of capable office help is extremely critical in Raleigh, but it is having its good effect, too, for employees who would normally have a difficult time of it to find decent positions are now holding down good jobs. Around a score of blind men and women are working in State offices, and they are doing well, too. The stenographers are more thorough than many of those who can see.

Go down the halls of State buildings and you will find the "seeing eye" dogs patiently waiting for their bosses. The blind workers do not want sympathy or pity, they just want to be

treated as nearly as possible like everybody else, and that's the general attitude which prevails in the places where they are employed.

TOUR—Members of the State Board of Agriculture, Fred E. Miller, director of test farms, and Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott, left Raleigh Monday morning for a tour of the farms in the western part of the State. They are especially interested in tobacco and cattle projects at the experiment stations in Ashe and Haywood counties.

CHANCE—There is a good chance that one of the State's best county superintendents who was recently fired from his position may go to Wilson as county superintendent there. Incidentally, it is about the best school job in the State.

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COMDR. CHARLES L. FERGUSON, medical officer, son of Mrs. Dottie Ferguson and the late H. C. Ferguson, is serving aboard a new U. S. cruiser somewhere in the Pacific, according to information received from the fleet home town distributing center of the Navy. He was serving on board the first time the new ship went into battle against the Japanese on March 13.

The guns of the ship sent two Japanese bombers crashing into the sea not far from Japan, and the carriers she defended so well are free to launch their planes.

Comdr. Ferguson graduated from the Waynesville high school and University of North Carolina and Harvard University, receiving his commission soon after his graduation in the medical school at Harvard. At the time he entered the navy he received the highest grade out of 1,200 taking the Naval examinations. He also graduated from the University of North Carolina with the highest scholastic rating in his class.

His wife is the former Miss Glennie Coman, daughter of James C. Coman and the late Mrs. Coman of Lake Junaluska.

ANOTHER As said sometime back Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who as Governor was not nearly as bad for education as Dr. Ralph McDonald early in 1936 promised he would be, is for Federal aid to schools. Here is another letter you teachers and school sympathizers and aren't we all? may be interested in reading. I am strongly supporting the bill providing Federal aid to education. I have made a strong statement in behalf of the bill, and I am actively contacting the various members of the committee and urging their support of it.

You may advise my inquiring

friends that I am earnestly and enthusiastically going down the line for the teachers in this fight.

AGAINST The above words are from the man whom teachers voted against by the thousands in the primary of 1936, proving once again that we all make mistakes now and then.

NOTHING There is less than nothing to that talk about former Governor J. M. Broughton's becoming your next Secretary of Agriculture. However, he does stand in well with the national administration. His strength under Roosevelt was through Josephus Daniels, and his strength under Truman is through his very good friend, Senator J. W. Bailey.

204 The N. C. Agricultural Extension Service has just issued the first book for agricultural workers ever put out in this State—at least of its kind. It has 204 pages containing such information as how to measure lumber, general information on the construction of farm buildings, methods of irrigation, determining the age of horses by looking at their teeth, it can be done, and other similar down-to-earth facts.

These fertilizer companies who put out these little pocket booklets will have to get a real move on if they want to come up to this Editor P. H. Jeter most of the credit leaving good portions to assistants R. T. Maddux and L. P. Watson.

CHANGES Speaking of agriculture, you may expect some changes in the State Department of Agriculture personnel. There will be two big changes and they will involve Western North Carolina men. No they can't be announced yet. You will have to wait until about July 1.

UNION John L. Lewis, who is going back with the AF of L, believe it or not is even now laying plans to organize office workers in Southern states, figuring that they may be ready to join some organization as war-end cuts in salaries begin. The CIO has a fund of \$5,000,000 set aside to begin unionizing Southern farms as soon as price cuts on various agricultural commodities begin making the farmer dissatisfied.

If you want facts on these associations, they can be supplied you.

GARDEN One of the best Victory Gardens in North Carolina is in the yard of Josephus Daniels, who was 83 years old a few days ago. The garden covers about a half-acre. However, Mr. Daniels doesn't work it. He doesn't believe in exercise has never taken any, and gives this habit much of the credit for his old-age vigor.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



Cpl. Leon E. Webb Graduates From Army Air Field

Corporal Leon E. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe C. Webb of Waynesville, RFD No. 1, was graduated last week at Boca Raton Army Air Field, Fla., a technical school of the AAF Training Command, from an advanced communications course.

Cpl. Webb has a brother, Neal Webb, who is also serving in the armed forces.

Sgt. Charlie Clement In Texas Hospital

McKINLEY, TEXAS: Sgt. Charlie J. Clement, Maggie, has just arrived at the Army's Ashburn General Hospital, McKinley, Texas, from overseas.

Before being returned to this country, Sgt. Clement served in the Pacific Theater of operations. He has been presented three Bronze Star Medals.

His mother, Mrs. Fannie Clement, resides in Maggie.

Pfc. Robert Brown Serving With Marines

Private First Class Robert Brown, son of Fletcher Brown, of Fines Creek, formerly of Lake Junaluska, has arrived in Okinawa. Pfc. Brown is attached to the U. S. Marines. He entered the service in 1943 and took his training at San Diego, Calif. Upon completion of boot training he was sent to the South Pacific theatre and then to Palau. From the latter he was transferred to his present station.

S/Sgt. Lane Arrington Serving With 8th Air Forces In Europe

Among the 125,000 men and women of the Eighth Air Force congratulated on VE-Day by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who assumed command in January, 1944, is S/Sgt. Lane Arrington, Jr., of Waynesville, RFD No. 1.

Since August, 1942, when combat operations began, Liberators and Flying Fortresses of the Eighth dropped more than 700,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets. Fighter pilots shot down 5,250 Nazi planes and destroyed 4,250 others on the ground. Bomber gunners shot 6,000 German interceptors out of the air.

As the Eighth grew in strength, it was assigned the powerful Luftwaffe, and proved the feasibility of an American idea—precision daylight bombing over the Reich.

After beating the Luftwaffe into relative impotency, the Eighth threw its growing weight against Germany's rail system and vital sources of oil. Those campaigns, in conjunction with British Royal Air Force and the U. S. 15th Air Force disorganized all transports in Germany, restricted German military operation in the air, on the ground, and paved the way for the march of Allied armies across Europe.

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