

Capital Letters

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\$10—Priming of tobacco is virtually complete in some sections of the State, and is well under way throughout Eastern North Carolina. Whether you grow tobacco or not, you may be interested in knowing that farm laborers in many counties have formed airtight little unions and are drawing as high as \$1 per hour for working in tobacco. That's \$10 a day any way you look at it at this time of year. This wage is not the average, it's the top so far. The average daily wage this season is around \$5.50.

In Yadkin County 20 years ago the best wage for the farmer who could tell at a split second if leaves were ready to come off was \$2. This wage ranged downward to 75 cents for the boys whose voices were changing, for those who were gradually being promoted from the "handing up" stage in the shade at the edge of the field to that of the man who moved with the shed.

CAMPAIGNS—Failure of Governor Gregg Cherry to reappoint Judge Richard Ellard Dixon of Chowan County to the Superior Court bench and Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott's decision to discharge Gid Hill a Day Food and seed inspector with the State Department of Agriculture are causing some little excitement in Northeastern North Carolina. They are both waging active campaigns to keep their respective positions, getting county commissioners to pass resolutions and having leading politicians throughout the State to write letters in their behalf.

Men don't seem to have the pride they once possessed. The drives these men are conducting to remain in office are cheapening them in the eyes of many and will do them no good in later days and no good now. They would

know this themselves if they were better acquainted with Cherry and Scott.

TOUR—The State Board of Agriculture and various officials of the department and their wives will inspect the agricultural experiment stations of North Carolina between July 23 and August 3.

They will spend the night of July 23 at North Wilkesboro or Jefferson after inspecting the Oxford tobacco farm and the Statesville station. On July 24, they will look over the new Upper Mountain Farm in Ashe county. The night of July 25 will be spent at Asheville or Waynesville and the nights of July 25 and 26 at Waynesville, where the beautiful Mountain Test Farm is situated. They move to Raleigh on July 26 and spend the week-end there, traveling over the eastern part of the State during the following week, spending the nights at Edenton and Plymouth, completing the tour with the inspection of the farm near Wallace on August 3.

JULY 4—In Eastern North Carolina, the bulk of the farm work is done by Negroes—but they did little labor this July 4. On that day your correspondent passed through the towns of Windsor, Williamston, Plymouth, Washington, Grifton, Greenville, Rocky Mount, Ayden, and through other communities, but the colored folk were dressed in their Sunday best. If they could hire a truck, they were on picnics.

Reminds one of the time about 25 years ago when a group of Chadbourne Negroes took a special train for a July 6 outing at Lake Waccamaw. As the train pulled out of course the riders had to stek their heads out to wave and yell at friends—or just to yell for the fun of it.

A half-dozen young fellows of Chadbourne, equipped with long, leafy branches of trees, suddenly emerged from some bushes as the train came along and swept off around 150 hats of all description. Someone said they performed the act as one would brush down a hornet's nest, and the subsequent noise on that train was really something to hear.

There might have been a lawsuit, but nobody seemed to know who did it and most of the headgear was restored to the rightful owners.

NOTE—Those dihard individuals who have no use for the Negro unless they need him to

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E. R. CALDWELL, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Caldwell, of Waynesville, who was recently graduated from the Bowman Gray Medical College, Winston-Salem, has been commissioned a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Medical Corps. He has been assigned to Gallaher Hospital, Washington, D. C. for a nine months period of internship.

LI Caldwell is a graduate of the local Township high school and of Wake Forest College. He entered the service in June, 1942 and continued his education at the Bowman Gray Hospital College under a government program. He and his wife recently spent a week with his parents prior to going to Washington.

work or fight may be shocked by the following news item recently carried in the national Farm Bureau paper:

"To increase friendly relations between colored and white races, 125 Negro children are expected to spend two weeks this summer as guests in Vermont homes. Last year, a number of Farm Bureau members in the northern part of the state were hosts to one or more of the children."

Those good Americans who believe what they say in the salute to their flag "with liberty and justice for all" will applaud this Farm Bureau project.

FAIR—No official announcement has been made, but there will positively be no State Fair this year. One is planned for 1946, and those after 1950 will rank with the best in the world. In fact, after 1948 there will be a continuous fair—a permanent exposition at the Fairgrounds out from Raleigh. Watch for it and remember where you first read about it.

Oliver Yount Given Promotion Aboard A Destroyer In Atlantic

Oliver A. Yount, Jr., Waynesville, has advanced to machinist's mate, third class, USNR while serving aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic fleet.

He wears the American theatre ribbon and the European-African-Middle Eastern theatre ribbon with one star, for his participation in the invasions of Southern France and Normandy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Yount, Sr., of Waynesville. They have another son, James Leon, corporal, in the Army. Their other son, Sgt. Cecil Blaine, lost his life in the Battle of Iwojima.

Yount graduated from Waynesville high school in 1943.

Pvt. Robt. B. Caldwell Is Discharged

Private Robert B. Caldwell, son of Levi Caldwell, of Waynesville, RFD No. 2, who has been in the service four years, has recently been discharged, according to information from Camp Gordon, Ga.

Pvt. Caldwell served overseas for 20 months in the European theatre. He is entitled to wear the European theatre ribbon, with three battle stars, Good Conduct medal and Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon.

At the time he entered the service he was engaged in farming and plans to return to his former work.

T/Sgt. William Sawyer Graduates From B-29 Mobile Training Unit

T/Sgt. William D. Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sawyer, of Waynesville, has graduated from the B-29 Mobile Training Unit at Gulfport Field in Mississippi.

Formerly a B-17 mechanic, he is now qualified to work on the giant Superfortress.

T/Sgt. Sawyer entered the service in October, 1941.

Mrs. W. W. Norman, who has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Barber, Jr., has returned to her home in Griffin, Ga.

Boone Price Aboard Cruiser Crosses Equator

Boone Price, seaman second class, aboard a light cruiser in the Pacific, is now entitled to wear the title of "Full-Fledged Seal-bark", since he has crossed the equator and undergone the customary initiation.

Seaman Price is the son of Mr. Bertie Price, of Waynesville.

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