

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

LARGEST farm bureau convention is now in Chicago with all 200 going on five days.

Joe Williams, assistant to State Secretary Flake, is the master of ceremonies. He's a whiz at organizing and those making the trip in to provide for him handsome Christmas presents.

Rateigh last Friday at 3 o'clock in the 2,000-member convention for the 2,000 members which just goes to show what devoted members the farm bureau has in this country.

Spent Friday night in Washington, Va., and the next morning, arriving in Chicago Sunday afternoon.

Spent out of Chicago and only this (Thursday) and may expect them some time Saturday night.

was used for some kind of fertilizer doings, and the Farm Bureau would like to see the Government step into the plant food business again.

The National Grange is against it, and the State Grange is one of the leaders in the fight against it—and there is just a chance that the North Carolina unit of the National Farm Bureau may go along with the State Grange in opposing the idea.

The general feeling around Raleigh is that the bill to put the Government into the fertilizer business may be defeated before it reaches Congress. The plant food boys feel they can withstand the Government's lime program all right, but they are afraid the manufacture and sale of fertilizer by Uncle Sam might eventually put them out of business.

Since North Carolina used about one-sixth of all fertilizer sold in the United States, this State finds itself right in the middle of the battle.

was no doubt the most important at the convention. The Farm Bureau has been in a fight with the Grange and the fertilizer boys.

The Farm Bureau wants to maintain around 100,000 war plants for the fertilizer. You know, the war Muscle Shoals

AS THIS COLUMN hinted nearly a year ago, Dean W. Colvard, who runs the mountain test farms at Waynesville and Transou is resigning and will be replaced by Howard Clapp, whose father was in charge of the Mountain Test Farm at Swannanoa for several years.

The rejuvenated and growing Animal Industry Department at State College has been after Colvard, a native of Ashe County, for two years and they have finally succeeded in getting him. As an expert in livestock work, his talents will now be directed toward experimental work for all the test farms instead of for only two. So he really isn't being lost to the test farms.

Here is another hint: Colvard will probably go to school for another year or two on a leave of absence after he goes with Animal Industry. He would like to have his doctorate. On the sunny side of 35, he is a cock-sure and confident man and with the next 10 years should emerge as one of the outstanding livestock specialists of the entire United States. He's that good.

JAMES A. GRAHAM, now teaching agriculture out from Statesville, will take over the mountain farm at Transou, in Ashe County. Graham is a 200-pounder and looks like an All-American tackle, 27 years old. He grew up on a big livestock farm near Salisbury and married a W.C.U.N.C. grad, and she is versed in home economics. The house they will live in is

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RADIO STATION WPTF which lost virtually all of its personnel to the armed services is now beginning to get them back. This State's best program director, Graham Payne, has regained the staff and you can tell a difference already in the general programming.

Working with W. G. Enloe, who manages—and well—five of Raleigh's six theaters, WPTF has a show four times each Saturday on the stage of the State Theatre, broadcasting this hill-billy entertainment at 7:15 and 11:15 Saturday nights. Although it's as corny as all get-out, Richard Mason, WPTF announcer in the old days and now the able manager of the station is said to be tickled pink with the show, and so is—evidently—everybody else.

AN OFFICIAL of the State Democratic party last week directed a stinging letter to our delegates in Congress protesting against continuation of the draft. He said the calling up of thousands of boys each week from high school and college is rank foolishness. With the war technically over and the occupation forces utilizing only a very small per cent of the men and women in the armed services, what in thunderation are they doing—what do they plan to do—ditch these boys?

Those wanting two years' military training for every American boy are getting their wishes right along, and the bill hasn't even approached the fighting stage as yet. It begins to look as if the Army will continue dragging our young men away from home and education until the war has been declared officially concluded by President doing its reputation no good—s doing its reputation no good—good football teams or not. The boys being drafted now can be kept in the service until six months after Truman decides the war is over.

LAST WEEK a group of veterans pulled into Fort Bragg from the Pacific coast. They had ridden six days and six nights in railroad

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Then there's Jennie. She has grown up into quite a young lady so her choice would be "FLICKA" or "THUNDERHEAD," both by Mary O'Hara. Few books have roused the popularity of these two books so beautifully written. To those who love horses—and who doesn't?—add the beauty and grandeur of Wyoming plateaus to the deep, warm-hearted adoration of a boy; you'll find a combination that makes the blood flow a bit faster and the heart beat in double-time.

Along comes Bill. Now Bill is pretty serious-minded and doesn't go in so much for the frivolities of life. He is just on the rim of high school and has his eye on a journalistic career. Can you think of anything more appropriate than a FUNK & WAGNALLS DESK STANDARD DICTIONARY for his room. He will rise and call you blessed every time he opens the book to settle a question in his mind.

Oh, oh! Have you been biting your nails trying to think what you can give Nell, for Nell is just stepping over the brook of adolescence into the soft sands of young ladyhood? Can you imagine her unbounded joy if she found wrapped in Christmas wrapping, the newest copy of "EMILY POST'S ETIQUETTE"?

Jim has always loved good books and his library is the pride of his coaches built in 1896. There were no seats... there were benches. There was no dining car. They ate K rations all the way.

One of them who had been through a lot of hell in the Pacific said the ride was about the worst thing he had encountered.

He doesn't care for the frothy things but watch his eyes when he sees the title of the book you have so carefully selected for him. It is Sir Walter Scott's "IVANHOE" in a special classic edition.

"Grandpa" has always been the one in the family who had a quotation for each hour of the day. He was brought up on 'em and when he opened his Christmas package, what do you think he found? Why "BARTLETT'S FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS," the latest revised edition and edited by Christopher Morley and Louella D. Everett.

Now with Grandma, it's a little different. She loves good down-to-earth philosophy and would like more than anything else a little book or two she could read each day and get inspiration for the tasks that lie just ahead. There are two of these books that fill that desire exactly. "FIVE MINUTES A DAY" by Robert Speer and "ABUNDANT LIVING" by our own E. Stanley Jones. Either or both of these books will be a reminder for 365 days of your thoughtfulness.

Then there is a book for The

Women Quit Plants For Duties At Home

WASHINGTON—The Labor Department says 25 per cent of the 4,000,000 women employed in factories last June had quit work or been laid off by the end of September.

Its information, the department's labor statistics bureau said, "makes clear that many women who accepted war jobs when there was an urgent need for their services are voluntarily returning to private life."

House. No one could ever forget the home and all that it means, so lay at the foot of the tree this little book, "THE HOME BOOK OF PARTY GAMES" by Jerome S. Meyer.

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