

CAPITAL LETTERS

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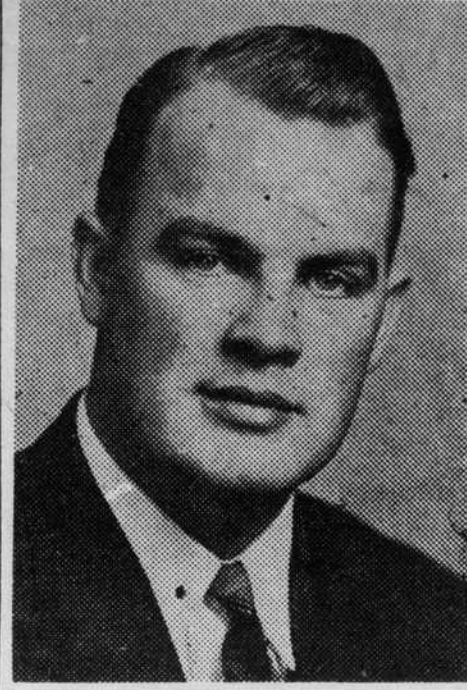
WEATHER — Nothing is being said about it, but chances are very good that North Carolina will soon have a weather bureau unsurpassed by any outside of Washington. Dr. Charles F. Sarie, assistant director of the National Weather Bureau, was in Raleigh all last week conferring with highway, agricultural, and even educational leaders regarding the project.

If the station comes to North Carolina, it will be located at State College. Much of the forecast data released by the various agricultural agencies — mainly the crop reporting releases — will be based on the research of this weather bureau. You should read

something more about it within a few days.

Although situated in Raleigh, the station will serve the entire state, giving weather reports on every section of the state and of adjoining states.

SOMETHING — You know, Mark Twain made a remark to the effect that we always talked about the weather, but never did anything about it. Well, according to what Dr. Sarie says, we will come pretty nearly doing something about it upon completion of the war. He said that it will be possible to foretell accurately the weather in any section



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of the United States one week in advance, possibly longer.

Weather reports in the Eastern states will be based on the weather in Canada and the South Atlantic birthplaces of all Eastern United States weather.

ACCEPTANCE — At least two North Carolinians who are connected prominently with the National Democratic Executive Committee have been approached regarding President Roosevelt's acceptance speech. It seems that the Democratic political horses are not so much worried about the speech itself as where it should be delivered from — Washington, Hyde Park, or Normandy.

In 1932, Roosevelt flew from Albany to the Convention; in 1936, he was present; in 1940, he stayed in Washington; and in 1944, he will likely be at Hyde Park... though there is more chance he will be across the water.

Several warhorses wanted him to be in Normandy, for they held

this would help with the soldier vote and would at the same time give the President that international flavor, which is a vote-getter at this particular time. Others thought this move would be too obvious — too much of a play for the bleachers.

President Roosevelt is now in France and will make formal acceptance speech at Hyde Park upon his return to this country.

SNAKES — A 16 - page booklet on poisonous snakes of the Eastern United States has just been published by the State Museum. Included in the booklet is a first aid guide. According to Harvey Davis, director of the Museum and co-author (with Dr. C. S. Brimley) of the publication, it is the first thing of its kind which has been published. Selling for 10 cents each, the booklet contains drawings in color of all the poisonous snakes and tells you how to get well if you get bitten by one of them.

(There used to be an old man in Yadkin county who kept a poisonous snake around his shack at all times. He frequently was bitten and thus had a good excuse for drinking likker and home brew).

STEALER — Back in 1937, this column's editor visited Chapel Hill to look over the football team for his paper. It was late August and hot. But George Stirnweiss even then was the fastest thing in North Carolina. Now, as you probably know, or don't know and don't care, he is with the New York Yankees, and if anything is a little faster than in 1937. He is about to run the American League pitchers insane with his base-stealing. A while back he stole second and third on consecutive pitches. The unhappy pitcher called time out, flung his glove to the ground, stuck the ball in his hip pocket and yelled

MEN HAVE BEEN RECLASSIFIED

3-A Classification Has Been Abolished; Now Is Class 2-C

LOCAL BOARD NO. 2

Several selective service registrants under the jurisdiction of Surry County Local Board Number 2, in Dobson, have recently been reclassified.

Among this group a number of men formerly classified as 3-A (dependency deferment) a classification which has been abandoned, have been reclassified in 2-C (agricultural deferment). In this group are:

Dallas D. Draughn, Woodrow Jackson, Sebastian C. Southard, Otis I. Bledsoe, Oscar B. Fowler, Claude W. Thore, Alvin C. Stanley, Johnie A. Collins, Jonas Johnson, Lawrence M. Key, Charlie E. Wall, Coy White, John W. Whittington, Marvin J. Martin, Columbus F. Riggan, Berkley W. Rogers, Roy C. Haymore, John W. Hutson, Woodson P. Anthony.

Registrants reclassified from 1-A (eligible for military service) to 2-A (occupational deferment) include:

McGree W. Ray, Paul O. Wilson, John E. Moxley, Max F. Boyles, William G. Cooper, Paul H. Latham, Walter M. Johnson, Dewey W. Puckett, David R. Pardue, James H. Saylor.

One registrant, Elmer L. Bruner, was reclassified from 1-A to 2-C.

Ellis L. Danley, Bryce D. Reavis, Esker D. Hinson and James R. Hemric were reclassified from 1-A to 2-C by the Board of Appeals.

Arvil M. Brendle was reclassified to group 3-D (extreme case of dependency) from 1-A, and Andy M. Johnson was reclassified from 2-A to 1-A by the Board of Appeals.

William A. Kennedy was reclassified from 2-B (war work deferment) to 1-A and Melvin Isaacs, Jr., from 3-C to 1-A.

Dewey G. Mason was reclassified from 2-A to 2-A-H; Caleb S. Marsh from 4-E-H to 4-F-H and Ralph E. Stanley from 1-C to 4-F.

Two new registrants were also classified: James Martin was put in Class 1-A and James R. Cornell in 2-A.

Bruce E. Johnson and John H. Coe have been inducted into service following enlistment.

WILL OBSERVE SAFETY WEEK

Million 4-H Club Members To Take Part In National Program July 23-29

PRIZES ARE PROVIDED

One million 4-H club boys and girls throughout the United States will do their part in the observance of National Farm Safety Week, July 23 to 29, to help "Save Manpower for War-power."

This will be the second year that 4-H'ers have participated in a nationwide safety program to impress farm people with the vital need of preventing accidents on farms that result in 18,000 deaths and 1 1-2 million persons injured annually. Last year more than 400,000 club members in 31 states enrolled in the National 4-H Farm Safety Activity, and made a very creditable showing. Members in 44 States are enrolled in the activity this year.

As outstanding achievement incentives in this year's 4-H Farm Safety Activity, William G. Mennen, of Newark, N. J., is providing roundly \$10,000 worth of honor medals, U. S. War Savings Bonds, National 4-H Club Congress trips and college scholarships as awards respectively to county, state, sectional and national winners. In addition, the county in each state reporting the most outstanding 4-H safety program in 1944 will receive a special plaque designating the honor.

to Stirny on third: "Okay, kid, now go ahead and steal home and get the hell off the field, will you please!"

RUMOR — There is a rumor around Raleigh that Wilkins P. Horton will be the next head of the Highway Commission.

TROUBLE — Look for some serious trouble between the milk producers and distributors when the producers meet in Raleigh on Friday, July 21.

SCOTT — W. Kerr Scott was selected to represent the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture at the National Democratic Convention. This is considered quite an honor for Scott and the state.



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PLAN ONE covers our own employees as they come back:

1. Assurance to each man of his old job or another as good or better.
2. Review of changes in the man and in the business since he went away to be sure he gets the best job for him now.
3. Recognition of the development of men during the war, by providing better jobs than they left, either at once or as soon as possible.
4. Provisions in the case of a man not physically up to his old job for finding one he can do, temporarily or permanently as soon as possible.

PLAN TWO aims to take as many new people as possible from the armed services into our business. Post-war petroleum will need more people. Wartime experience will equip many men for this business. Here is our plan for these men:

1. Careful analysis of the man's abilities as they can best fit our business on the basis of a real career for him.
2. Special training with pay to prepare the man for prompt assignment to a definite job on a regular basis.
3. This also means full participation in old-age pension, disability, savings plan, and other individual job-security benefits which our employees share.
4. Opportunities for further training to prepare for advancement on a basis of proved ability.



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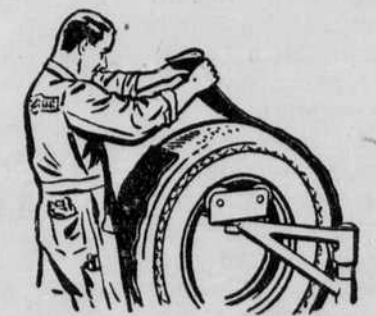
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