

Kidd Brewer's "RALEIGH ROUNDUP"

ALEX SHUFORD . . . The forced landing of Alex Shuford, and his party near Nassau last week, reminds this writer of a similar experience out in the South Pacific during the war.

Our party included Admiral Paul Hendren, a native of North Carolina, Orville Campbell, who wrote "All The Way Choo Choo" and now lives in Chapel Hill, and yours truly.

We were flying the same type plane as the one owned by Shuford. It was a Navy PBV flying boat referred to as a Land Cat. This is one of the safest planes ever made. It does not go fast, but it can land either on water or land.

We were flying in bad weather and failed to locate the small island of Boro Boro, which was our planned stop on our way to Tahiti. We landed in a lagoon near a small island and struck a coral reef. Fortunately, we did no real damage to the hull of the plane and we were able to shove off and anchor for the night.

Some of us spent the night on board and some stayed with the natives on shore. The chief of the island gave a big party for the Admiral which lasted most of the night. We had difficulty in communicating due to the language barrier but it worked out alright.

The next morning, as we prepared to take off, we found that we were within sight of Boro Boro. The natives in their out-rigger boats, surrounded the plane and made it difficult for us to find room for the take off. We finally made it, however and were on our way. We were fortunate in that we had no difficulty with our plane from a mechanical standpoint. Shuford and his party were not as fortunate.

It is my understanding the Alex Shuford's Land Cat is the one formerly owned by the late Errol Flynn, and that Alex has had trou-

ble with it before.

THE PRESS . . . It is apparent that Governor Sanford, in his first year in office, has not enjoyed the good press that was enjoyed by Luther Hodges, his predecessor. It appears from this corner that Terry already has received as much criticism from the newspapers as did Hodges during both of his terms.

For most political observers this is difficult to understand. One observer said recently, "Luther Hodges just seemed to have the press eating out of his hand. He had a way of pushing aside questions which he did not wish to discuss — and yet everyone seemed to think that it was alright. Hodges created what is known as 'the image' which could do no wrong."

A world traveler was interviewed recently and he made the statement that in all the countries in which he had traveled, including Russia, he had not heard as much criticism of our government and of our leaders as he had heard since he had been in the United States.

Our information is that North Carolina has received more new industry during Sanford's first year that we did during Hodges' first year in office — but the public hasn't heard much about this. The main topic seems to have been about the \$200,000 plane which the state bought to be used in this connection.

Sanford has been criticized more for appointing youthful Democrats to positions in the Administration than Hodges was for appointing youthful Republicans. It really must be frustrating to Governor Sanford.

LT. GOVERNOR . . . The best guesses around Raleigh are that there will be an election for Lt. Governor as a result of the test case brought about by the filing,

The Veterans Corner

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q — It is too late for a disabled World War II veteran to receive vocational rehabilitation?

A — Disabled World War II veterans must have completed their vocational rehabilitation by July 25, 1960, except in cases (a) where the veteran was too seriously disabled to have begun earlier, (b) in cases where the veteran received an original discharge barring him from training, but whose discharge later was changed to make him eligible, or (c) in certain cases where the veteran was late in establishing his service-connected disability.

Q — What is considered wartime service during World War I?

A — Service between April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918. For those who served with the U. S. Military Forces in Russia, the per-

iod is from April 6, 1917, through April 1, 1920.

Q — I have a GI loan. Can I get an amortization table from the VA so I can keep track of my interest, balance, etc., to facilitate my financial planning?

A — No, the VA does not have these tables. You might consult your lender.

Q — How many U. S. troops were killed in service during World War I as compared with World War II?

A — There were 131,000 deaths in

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OVERHEARD . . . "It seems a shame that none of the Atlantic Coast Conference football teams are going to play in a bowl game this year. If the contract with the Orange Bowl were still in effect, Duke would be playing in Miami come New Years Day. Yes, it appears that this section is left out.

SOBER THOUGHT . . . If you are feeling sorry for yourself this Christmas, give a thought to T. Lamar Caudle. He has had more than enough trouble for one man since he was fired as Assistant Attorney General by President Truman. Sometimes one wonders just how much a human being can take.

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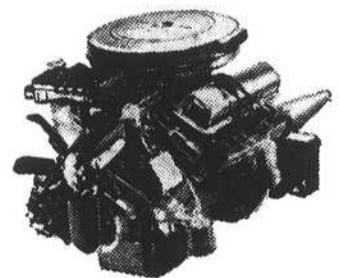
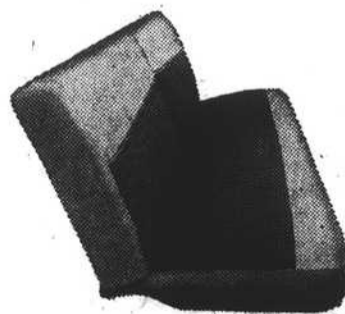
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