



By EULA N. GREENWOOD

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner held here in the State Fair Arena — now and then called the Cow Palace — was more Democratic (small "d", or the large variety), but less prestigious than the ones we used to have in a downtown hotel.

When we used to have only 500-600 people present, you could be somebody: see and be seen. There was prestige attached to one's presence. Of course, the old dinners were nothing as money-raisers compared to the ones we have brought on here lately. \$14,000 in ads, too!

And, after all, that's what the dinner's for: to make money for the Party—not to boost any Democratic for office over any other Democrat.

We thought the Party leaders were wise when they put their foot down against any organized demonstrations (Kennedy of Charlotte, running against Kitchin of Wadesboro, wanted to do it.) What we like about the State Fair Arena as the site for the love-feast is that it provides room for all the county representatives to the county representatives to the Dinner (over 1,500 were planned for and expected.) It was all superbly handled.

NOT SAME . . . The chief difference between the old and the new dinners is that formerly those participating spent the night in Raleigh. Now most of them return home by chartered bus, planes, and by auto immediately after the meeting.

As late as Saturday noon all the Raleigh motels and hotels except the Sir Walter had rooms available.

We checked with at least a half-dozen. One of them, the Andrew Johnson (owned by the late Sen. J. W. Bailey heirs, incidentally) said they were filling up fast for Saturday night: "The Boston Pops Symphony will be in town that night, you know", said they by way of explanation. This indicates that Raleigh can absorb big crowds now without an extra breath. But the teachers had us stretching!

FESTIVE! . . . In our little visits at the Sir Walter Saturday afternoon, we noted that county groups here from the Fifth Congressional District for the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner seemed all to be on the fifth floor.

As some of us walked down the hall toward the Forsyth County Headquarters, a rank odor met us before we reached the door. Well, somebody sick already, we thought, and so early in the afternoon, too.

It turned out to be delicious, imported cheese, but the stinkiest ever!

BAD PART . . . This reminds us of what happened in Raleigh recently when a couple were planning a big after-game party at their home during the Atlantic Conference tournament here. They had asked their new maid to stay late that night to help them with preparations and serving.

About 8:30, after the children were in bed, our friend went into the kitchen to see how everything was coming on. There she found the maid carefully cutting out the blue veins from the Roquefort cheese. She explained she was sure "nobody would want to eat that old

The Veterans Corner

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

Q — As a Korean Conflict veteran, I have a \$10,000 non-participating, term GI insurance policy. A special dividend is being paid to those who convert this type policy to a non-participating permanent plan before September 14, 1963. If I convert half my policy now, will I get some dividend payment?

A — You will get half the dividend if you convert half your policy. You will receive the remainder of the dividend if you convert the remainder of your policy before the deadline, September 14, 1963.

Q — Does a publication exist explaining the benefits available to veterans and their dependents?

A — Yes. It is called "Federal

mouldy stuff."

ON DIET . . . We hear from time to time that Gov. Sanford leans heavily on metrical to keep down his weight. But just across the hall from him is another good Scotland County native, State Treasurer Edwin Gill, and we learn that he is following another road to reduction.

If we have it right, Mr. Gill, being of literary leanings, got his inspiration from the best-seller, "Calories Don't Count." Be that as it may, he and the Governor and you and I should follow some line to keep down the avoirdupois. So say insurance firms.

And, by the way of passing, we would note that two other members of the Council of State, namely State Secretary Thad Eure and Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine have lost, and are keeping off, overpoundage.

Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" and may be purchased from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. The price is 20 cents per copy. Veterans organizations or others desiring copies in quantity may obtain discount rates.

Q — Does the Va maintain an active-service history of each veteran in its files, battles he has been in, honors he has won, etc.?

A — No. Such information should be sought from the branch of the service in which the veteran served. The VA records will show the VA benefits the veteran has received and other information pertaining to him since he left the armed service.

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