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Seven Students Get Degrees From King's

Kings Business College of Charlotte awarded diplomas to 240 graduates in ceremonies held at the new David Owens auditorium on Monday night, November 25. Graduates represented 32 counties in the Carolinas and Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Texas.

occasion was the Honorable Charles Raper Jonas, Member of Congress representing the Tenth District. A special Honor Diploma for outstanding achievement was presented to C. D. Spangler, prominent residential builder, who attended the King's in 1926-27. Music for the occasion was played by the Charlotte Little Symphony. Rev. W. Emory Trainham was the officiating minister.

Cleveland County residents in the graduating class include: Alfred Tate, Senior Accounting; Robert Littlejohn, Business Administration; Blanche Green Glover, Junior Accounting; Kathleen Beam, Mildred Hastings, and

Carol Ann Herndon, General Business; Julia Ann Owens, Junior Secretarial.

Miss Beam has been placed with J. E. Bevis, CPA, and Miss Herndon with Brock Barkley, attorney, both of Charlotte.

A high velocity gun that uses steam-heated helium instead of gun powder to propel bullets, is being fired at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Silver Spring, Md., to test the flight characteristics of projectiles.

Fall and winter prices for feed grains probably will continue below last year's levels.

IN MEMORY

In memory of our beloved wife and mother, Della Turner Cornwell who departed December 5, 1955.

Until memory fades and life departs, You'll live forever in our hearts, time takes away the edge of grief, but memory turns back every leaf.

C. T. Cornwell and Daughters

Check stored grain for insect losses.

Barkley Advises On Social Security

A social security card is identification for social security purposes only, and should not be accepted as identification for other purposes, Lex G. Barkley, manager of the Gastonia social security office reminded local storekeepers and their employees today.

A person can obtain a social security card and work under any name he wishes, Mr. Barkley said. To receive his old-age insurance benefits at age 65 or later, he must prove that he is the person for whom a social security account has been set up under that name and number, and that his earnings have been credited to that account. Therefore, a social security card is no guarantee that an individual is using the name his mother gave him, or that he has a bank account.

To illustrate the hazards of cashing checks where only a social security card is offered as identification, Mr. Barkley cited a true story. A few years ago, he said, police in Tampa, Florida, answered a call from a supermarket manager and picked up a woman "customer" who, using several different social security cards as identification, had passed close to \$1600 in worthless checks during her travels through six Eastern cities.

The 25-year old woman, Mrs. Freida McGurkin, claimed that she had been led into criminal careers by a man she met while working as a waitress in Baltimore. He had planned all their operations, she alleged, and had taken all the money. The man, Thomas Gerald Ryan, 29, deserted his accomplice before the Tampa police arrived at the supermarket. The general plan followed by the couple was for Mrs. McGurkin to visit the local social security office in each of the six cities on their itinerary to obtain



GARDEN TIME

M. E. Gardner
N. C. State College

Last week I gave some general information about North Carolina related to weather and climate and pointed out some of the extreme differences that occur in temperature, rainfall, soil types and plant materials. This time we will discuss the Coastal Plain. The climate of the Coastal Plain is mild and suited to the production of a wide variety of fruit, vegetable and ornamental crops. This area is the home of the Muscadine ("Scuppernon") grape, yaupon, venus fly trap, zenobia, the majestic water oak and many other rare and beautiful plants. Lettuce, snap beans, peppers, cucumbers, sweet corn, shallots, early Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, Strawberries, blueberries, azaleas, camellias and many other crops grow to perfection in selected areas. In fact it would be hard to find an area where so many crops can be produced as successfully. It is possible to have a year around garden, and many people do. We are still cutting high quality broccoli and cauliflower at our Faison Research Station.

The annual average temperature for the Coastal Plain is 64 degrees; the average July temperature 80 degrees; and the average January temperature is 46 degrees. The annual average rainfall varies from 54 inches near the coast to 48 inches further inland. The rainfall is usually rather well distributed but irrigation is necessary to alleviate dry periods. On the other banks, where the temperature is modified by the ocean, the length of the growing season is 280 days. Inland the growing season shortens to 210 days, in limited areas, while the average for most of the area is 220 days. The average date of the first freezing temperature in the fall will vary from November 10 to December 10. Average is close to November 5 for most areas. The average date of the last freezing temperature in the spring varies from

Water Problem Study Closed

RALEIGH — The State Board of Water Commissioners closed its grass roots inventory of the state's water problems on December 1.

The decision to conclude the county-by-county study was reached at a meeting at Greensboro after Board members heard reports on the progress of the program.

Members were told that detailed reports have been received from 23 counties and that another 20 to 25 reports are expected from other counties by the end of November. Nine of the counties that reported are located in the Coastal Plain, 12 are in the Piedmont and two are in the Mountain area.

In explaining his Board's action, Chairman J. R. Townsend of Greensboro, said the members felt that the need for an early appraisal of the problems that have been reported greatly outweighs the benefits that would be derived from prolonging the study. He said the Commissioners also felt that by the end of the month all sections of the state would be well represented.

"If we can get reports from several counties in the northeastern section of the state and from the Mountain region," Townsend said, "We should have a very accurate picture of the major water problems facing the people of North Carolina."

February 20 to March 30—the average between March 25 and 30.

The soils of the Coastal Plain are unusual in many respects because they range in character from muck (peaty types) to the lighter sandy loams. They warm up quickly in the spring, are easily handled and highly productive when properly managed.

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