

**AROUND CAPITOL SQUARE**

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In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 3. — By the time this is read definite announcement may have been made with respect to the resignation of R. G. Dayton as assistant director of the budget. Dayton conferred with Governor Cherry at two separate times Tuesday and it is known the matter was discussed. The governor indicated he would have a statement within a few hours.

**UNREQUESTED** — It was noted in this department some weeks ago that Dayton had under consideration at least three offers from private business at salaries more than he believed that he will not keep on turning down these attractive offers, and odds are he will be out of state employ within a few months if not right now. Governor Broughton persuaded him to stay with the budget bureau in face of an attractive proposition from outside, and Governor Cherry has been trying to keep him. If the resignation comes it will definitely not be by request of the governor.

**INDISPENSABLE** — The governor confessed he might experience some difficulty in replacing Dayton, since the post calls for so many characteristics seldom found in one man, but he does not believe any man is indispensable or that state machinery will be seriously impeded by change. He said Monday he had no idea who would be named in the event Dayton resigns, but added "I'll find somebody who can do a good job."

**PREPARATION** — Word comes from Manteo and Nag's Head that at least two hotels and a number of cottages and tourist homes are under construction in the area getting ready for the big crowds expected to attend this summer's showing of the Lost Colony play on Roanoke island. The play will open on June 30, after a shutdown of four years during the war. Manifestations of interest in the project from all over the country indicates that every available room will be needed to care for visitors.

**HOSPITALS** — The state hospital board of control is scheduled to meet at the Raleigh hospital Friday, for consideration of routine matters. The executive committee will meet at Carol's hotel the night before. General Manager R. M. Rothgeb said he knew of no matters other than usual reports from the several institutions and furtherance of the building program.

**BUTNER** — The hospital board has not abandoned hope of acquiring at least a part of the Camp Butner unit, although prospects for early acquisition are not as bright as they seemed a few months ago. It was pointed out by a board member the other day that even if the army reactivates the camp, there is little likelihood it will need the entire hospital plant, and consideration is being given to partial use by the state.

**OLD GOLD** — This story is credited to former Governor J. M. Broughton, who is noted for his wisecracks. He and a group of other Baptist laymen were discussing the Wake Forest situation, when the former governor suggested that removal to Western-Salem would necessitate changing the college colors and rewriting the song. Someone said that would not be necessary, that a condition of the proffered Reynolds gift was that the name and traditions of the institution would remain the same. "But you don't understand," came back the governor. "You know it will never do to stand in the shadow of a Camel cigarette factory singing about old gold and black." The other fellows saw the point and agreed some revision might be called for, one of them intimating that in view of the unexpected big money they might substitute "New gold" in the song.

**IMPRESSIVE** — The important place occupied by daily newspapers in American life is shown by report of the American Newspaper Publishers association that the people of the United States and Canada last year spent \$803,593,000 for daily papers. This was divided \$766,005,000 in the United States, \$57,588,000 in Canada. Expenditures for weekly papers and magazines would boost the total considerable over a billion dollars, according to competent estimates.

**DEBTS** — Noting that government surveys show the net agricultural income per farm in North Carolina increased from \$631 in 1939 to \$2,081 in 1944, Brooks James, agricultural economist with State college extension service, says this is the time for farmers to pay debts, not to make them. A good many farmers who have been struggling with high labor costs, scarce farm machinery, and similar problems during the past two or three years may be disposed to question the accuracy of the government figures, or at least the definition of that word "net," they are doing right well toward liquidating long standing debts. Farm Security Administration, crop production associations and other lending agencies have reported Tar Heel farmers generally anticipating payments on future obligations.

**WARNING** — Raleigh hotels have attained the status long sought by many businesses in having all they can possibly handle. In fact, there are signs posted in all hotel lobbies and many of the eating places warning the public to avoid Raleigh on May 10 and 11, dates for a big Shrine ceremonies. More than a month ago the hotels were turning down requests for room reservations on those dates.

Nitrogen is a necessary component of most of the high explosives and propellents used in warfare; a great part of the supply of nitrogo now comes from the air through several nitrogen fixation processes.

**The Day's News In Pictures**

**ARRANGING FLOWER SHOW DISPLAY**



**SOCIALLY PROMINENT** flower fancier Mrs. Harold I. Pratt of Glen Cove, L. I., New York, is shown helping a workman arrange her display at the International Flower Show in New York City. Mrs. Pratt is the co-chairman of the planning committee for the New York Botanical Gardens. The most recent preceding flower show was held in 1942. (International)

**Regulars from Texas "At Home" in Japan**



Always good for a laugh are road markers such as these, which our regulars often set up in foreign countries. The three Texans above have outdone themselves in loyalty to their home state. A sense of humor, and the ability to make friends is an important attribute of a "Guardian of Victory."

**WHERE ACRES OF SURPLUS PILE UP**



**MOUNTAINS OF SURPLUS** war property, of which the above photo taken on Guam shows a mere fraction, are today piled up on Pacific islands. In the Navy's "Operation Roll-up," the value of excess material rounded up is placed at \$400,000,000. The Army soon will announce a billion dollars "junk pile." With manpower sharply reduced, both Army and Navy are maintaining the equipment as best they can pending its final sale by a Federal Commission. (International Exclusive)

**THEY'LL SEE THE REAL JOE SOON**



**GATHERED ABOUT HIS PHOTOGRAPH** are the family of Pfc. Joe Fazio, Brooklyn, N. Y. Fazio, stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, expected to have his family join him there but instead he's now on his way home to join them in Brooklyn. Grouped about the picture are (l. to r.) Mrs. Katherine Fazio; Jeanne, 2; and Ursula, 4. (International Exclusive)

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