

News Items From Raleigh And The State At Large

Raleigh.—George McNeill, Fayetteville, State Senator from Cumberland, may be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the next gubernatorial Democratic primary in June, 1936. He was in charge of the committee which inaugurated Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and developed into one of the ablest and most popular members of the 1933 General Assembly. Mr. McNeill is a business man and should he reach the proposed post, will be one of the very few such officials in the history of the State who were not lawyers.

His father was the organizer and for many years active head of the North Carolina Firemen's Association which he served as honorary president until his death. If his son runs he is sure to have the support of the fire fighters.

New Relief Project

Relief families having land available will be asked to plant onions in October for use next spring. Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief administrator, has advised county administrators. It is expected that all of the 135,000 families who have cultivated gardens will plant onions, and the various county and community gardens will be thus utilized. Information is being collected to determine the amount of seed sets that will be needed. All sections of the State except about twenty mountain counties can produce onions, it is stated.

Merchants Collecting Taxes

Our investigations thus far made indicate to us that merchants in general are collecting approximately 3 per cent. of their gross sales at retail and the public is not being imposed upon by the merchants," Harry McMullan, director of the sales tax division, says, adding: "We think it is only fair to the merchants to make public this statement." The statement is in response to criticism from customers that merchants are taking advantage of the tax to add more than is required, thus profiting as a result under the name of the sales tax.

Such criticism is not justified, Mr. McMullan states, since merchants in general are co-operating fully and are serving the State as tax collectors at no income for their trouble. He points out that they opposed the tax because they felt they would have to absorb it, but when machinery required that it be passed on to the consumers, the opposition practically ceased. While under the schedule they add one per cent. on a 10-cent purchase, they sell many items below 10 cents on which they receive no tax. Mr. McMullan states. It even up very well, he said.

Oyster Beds to Be Developed

Development of thousands of excellent oyster beds in the sounds of excellent oyster beds in the sounds of North Carolina should be undertaken as a public works project. Bruce Etheridge, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, points out. While about 12,000 acres of bottoms are used for oysters, 1,172,000 acres are suitable for oyster culture, he said. By intelligent development, the North Carolina waters could produce, in contrast to the usual 500,000 bushels a year, selling for about \$200,000, fully 5,000,000 bushels bringing \$2,000,000, he said. Governor Ehringhaus approves the project, which would put hundreds of people to work. Efforts will be made to secure funds from the public works program, Mr. Ehringhaus said.

County Funds Not to Be Invested

County sinking funds may not be invested in bonds of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, Attorney General D. G. Brummitt holds in an opinion written last week. The Home Owners' Loan Corporation was formed by act of Congress this year and the Secretary of the Treasury authorized to subscribe \$200,000,000 in stock. The corporation is authorized to issue two billion dollars in bonds, the four per cent. interest on them being guaranteed by the United States. But the bonds themselves are not bonds of the United States, Mr. Brummitt states, saying the Local Government Act as amended, limits sinking funds investment to bonds and notes of the United States, and these bonds are not eligible for investment, not being U. S. bonds.

Auditors Report Expected

Rumors are persistent around Capitol Hill that when the report of the auditors of the Revenue Department is made, and it is expected any time now, it will cause reverberations that will shake well to the foundation. Nothing definite is learned, except that the audit is about finished and the report is apparently under way, and may be expected this week.

Early reports were that there were irregularities, possibly reaching as far as embezzlement in a few cases, and thus involving criminal actions. That has not been enlarged on. Intimations are that the irregularities are very extensive and will involve several people. Whether there is collusion among employees is not known outside. A worker or two have been allowed to go, when it was found they were involved. Amounts of money in

Another President



Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin, a professor in the National University of Havana, is the man selected by the Cuban Junta as Provisional President during the political upheaval in the little island republic.

involved appear not large, but the report of the investigation may increase the amounts.

It is known that M. C. S. Noble, executive deputy commissioner, Geo. C. Scott, accountant making the investigation, and the Budget Bureau, have had their heads together and apparently are at work on the report. This investigation may be dovetailed with the extensive shift in personnel that is promised for the department, or the two may be only slightly interlocking—to the extent that a vacancy caused by the investigation will have to be filled.

Veterans Cases to Be Reviewed

Approximately 1,000 cases of North Carolina World War veterans have been filed for review with the special board named to review the claims for presumptive service connection which has been sitting in Charlotte for more than a week, and will be sitting almost continuously until December 1. The review board considers only those cases in which there is a presumptive service connection which has not been definitely established. When service connection has been established without question, the Federal government assumes its responsibility for the veteran. Veterans with presumptive service connection are required to file papers in proper shape for review.

The board is expected to complete its work before Congress convenes, soon after December 1. It is likely that the number will reach 1200 before the work is finished.

The board includes Paul R. Yountz, Charlotte; Frank Smithers, Raleigh; and Paul Dana, Pinehurst, with two Veterans Administration men, Dr. Byington, Washington, D. C., and Attorney Turney, Columbia, S. C. The department of labor has two men assisting veterans in preparing and filing their claims, F. A. Hutchinson and Jack P. Land.

"Veterans with possible service connected disability had better get busy and file their claims, for this may be the last chance," said Commissioner of Labor A. L. Fletcher.

Etheridge Issues N. R. A. Statement

A statement issued by R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, last week urged North Carolina "not to lag behind other states in taking advantage of the liberal terms of the public works phase of the N. R. A., and asks every public agency to consider its public needs and prepare to make application for funds needed.

At the same time, Charles Johnson, State treasurer, as director of local government, issued a note of warning and states that he and his commission will not give approval to applications for loans unless they are for "absolutely necessary" improvements such as water and sewer works where the public health is endangered.

Mr. Etheridge asks that officials anticipate their needs for years to come and plan to meet them through the public works program, which offers 30 per cent. outright, the remainder to be paid in 25 years. Mr. Johnson states that the only difference now and a few years ago is one per cent. or less in interest rate.

Tobacco Growers Reduce Acreage

Although North Carolina growers of flue-cured tobacco have signed up almost completely to reduce acreage to a maximum of 303 per cent for 1934-35, during the two weeks marketing holiday, Governor Ehringhaus asks that eastern markets remain closed while another step is taken—an agreement with buyers as to prices for this year's crop. South Carolina has agreed, too.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has drafted an agreement after conference with federal officials and buyers and will hold a public hearing on it on Thursday of this week, when the terms, not yet made public, are subject to any change that may be deemed necessary. The steps up to this time deal with the quantity of tobacco to be grown the next two

Cronin and Griffith Plan World Series Strategy



The youthful manager, Joe Cronin, shortstop, and foxy Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators in the American League, are already mapping World Series strategy, having just about cinched the pennant in their league. Mid-September indications were that the New York Giants would be the National league team that the Senators would face in the fall diamond classic.

years, but this week the problem is on prices that are to be paid for the remainder of this year's crop.

If reasonable terms can be reached by growers and manufacturers, or buyers, with the governor as umpire, Governor Ehringhaus, with the aid of the Federal government, will have accomplished a feat that literally thousands have tried for nearly three hundred years, all in vain.

Governor's Appointments

Raleigh.—Eighty-seven of the 187 appointments made so far by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus have been made in what is generally regarded as the western half of the State, while one hundred have been made in what is considered the east, which includes Wake County.

Tending further to equalize the east and west appointments, it is recalled that while 16 appointments have been made in Robeson County, practically all, if not all, of them are of trustees of the Indian school at Pembroke, which most of the New Hanover appointees are the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Wrightsville Beach. Included also, are the judge and prosecuting attorney of Thomasville and recorder of court. A factor also

is naming of trustees or directors of institutions close enough to them to be able to attend meetings, or other sectional groups, as the State Park Commission.

Wake County leads with twenty, but included in these are officials who reside in Raleigh now, but are classed as residents of other sections. Notable in this class are A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, who comes from Wayne County and Stanley Winborne, public utilities commissioner, who came from Hertford.

HIS THEOLOGY MADE TO FIT

New York.—Morris Simmons, listening to a street evangelist, interrupted to air some theological views of his own—and the result was a broken nose.

Police told a magistrate the crowd beat him up, but Simmons said it was the police.

"Afterwards, at the police station," he said, "a policeman kept looking at his wrist watch, the crystal of which had been smashed; and each time he looked at it he hit me on the nose."

\$612,086 SPENT TO IMPROVE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS

Raleigh.—Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said last week 1,230 school improvement projects involving the expenditure of \$612,068.72 were carried out during the "depression year ending June 30, 1933."

Terming the amount of work "very encouraging," Dr. Allen said sixteen white and 36 colored schools were erected with 209 new classrooms.

"These classrooms were erected at the lowest average obtained in North Carolina in the last fifteen years," Dr. Allen added, explaining some cost as little as \$250 each.

There were 69 other school structures, such as gymnasiums, teachers' homes, shops and garages erected and 396 schools were repaired and repainted. Grounds were improved at 495 white and 189 colored schools.

Funds to finance the work came from the following sources: Literary loan funds from the state, \$108,570; general county funds, \$81,908; district funds, \$51,115; private donations, \$97,257; and federal aid funds from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, \$273,217.

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It's the little daily dose that does it," so take a half teaspoonful of Kruschen in a glass of hot water every morning before breakfast. Get Kruschen at any live druggist in the world—a jar lasts 4 weeks and costs but a trifle. —Adv.

Dr. C. B. Baughman, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Elizabethon, Tenn., will be in the office of Dr. J. B. Hazzaman in Boone on the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession.



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