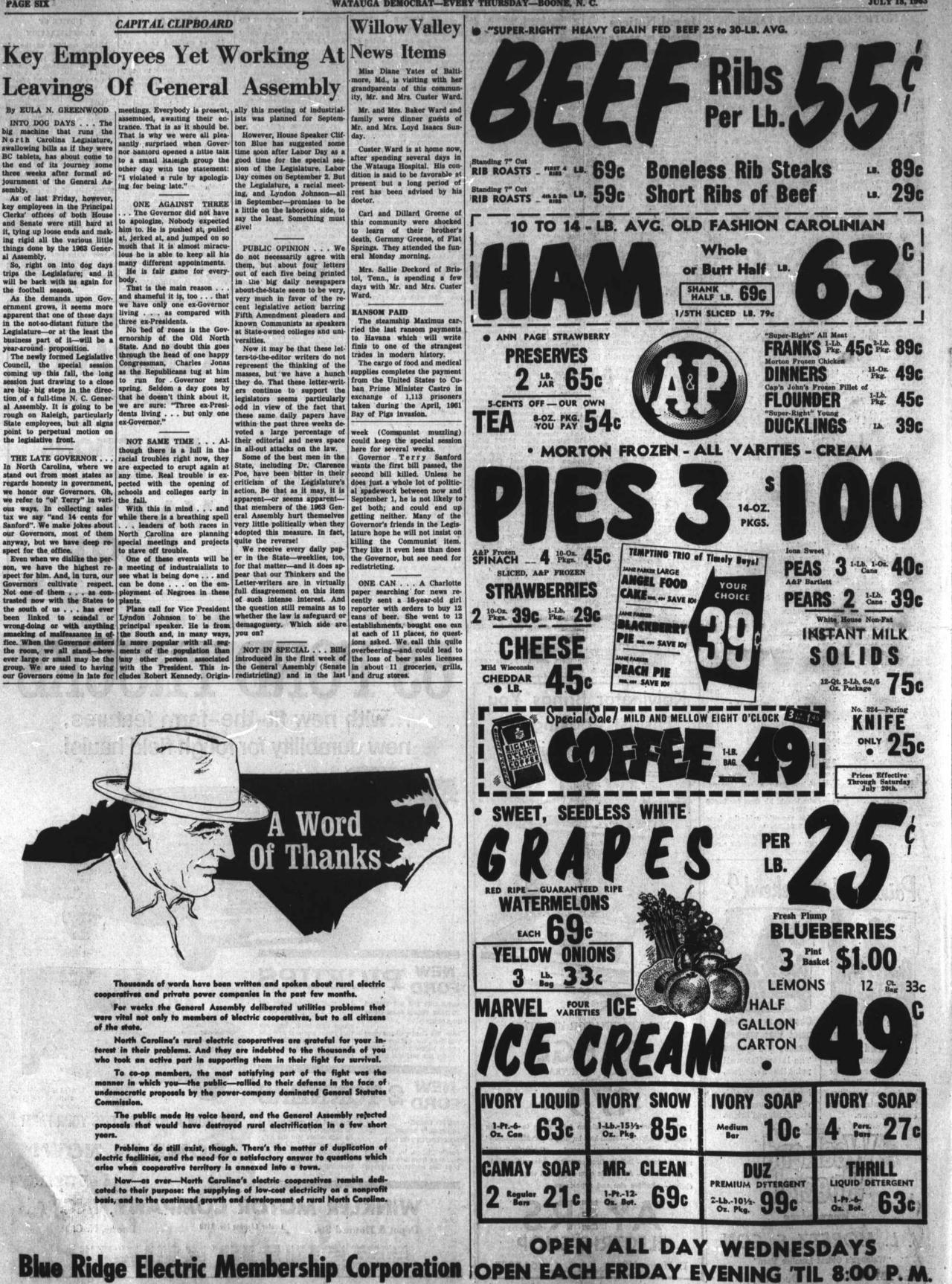
WATAUGA DEMOCRAT-EVERY THURSDAY-BOONE, N. C.



Key Employees Yet Working At News Items Leavings Of General Assembly

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

big machine that runs the North Carolina Legislature, swallowing bills as if they were BC tablets, has about come to the end of its journey some three weeks after formal ad-journment of the General Assembly.

As of last Friday, however, key employees in the Principal Clerks' offices of both House and Senate were still hard at it, tying up loose ends and mak-ing rigid all the various little at, jerked at, and jumped on so things done by the 1963 General Assembly.

So, right on into dog days trips the Legislature; and it will be back with us again for the football season.

As the demands upon Government grows, it seems more apparent that one of these days in the not-so-distant future the Legislature-or at the least the business part of it-will be a year-around proposition. The newly formed Legislative

Council, the special session coming up this fall, the long session just drawing to a close are big- big steps in the direc-tion of a full-time N. C. General Assembly. It is going to be rough on Raleigh, particularly State employees, but all signs point to perpetual motion on the legislative front.

THE LATE GOVERNOR . . we honor our Governors. Oh, we refer to "ol' Terry" in vari-the fall. ous ways. In collecting sales tax we say "and 14 cents for Sanford". We make jokes about our Governors, most of them anyway, but we have deep re-

spect for the office. Even when we dislike the perthe south of us . . . has ever

By EULA N. GREENWOOD | meetings. Everybody is present, ally this meeting of industrialassembled, awaiting their en- ists was planned for Septem-INTO DOG DAYS . . . The trance. That is as it should be. ber. That is why we were all plea-santly surprised when Goversantly, surprised when Gover-nor Santord opened a little talk time soon after Labor Day as a to a small kaleigh group the other day with the statement: "I violated a rule by apologizing for being late."

ONE AGAINST THREE . The Governor did not have much that it is almost miracu-

lous he is able to keep all his many different appointments. He is fair game for everybody. That is the main reason . .

and shameful it is, too . . . that we have only one ex-Governor living . . . as compared with three ex-Presidents. No bed of roses is the Governorship of the Old North State. And no doubt this goes

through the head of one happy Congressman, Charles Jonas as the Republicans tug at him to run for . Governor next spring. Seldom a day goes by that he doesn't think about it, we are sure: "Three ex-Presidents living . . . but only one ex-Governor."

NOT SAME TIME . . . Al- their editorial and news space

though there is a lull in the in all-out attacks on the law. racial troubles right now, they In North Carolina, where we are expected to erupt again at state, including Dr. Clarence stand out from most states as any time. Real trouble is exregards honesty in government, pected with the opening of schools and colleges early in With this in mind . . . and

> while there is a breathing spell eral Assembly hurt themselves . . . leaders of both races in North Carolina are planning special meetings and projects quite the reverse! to stave off trouble. One of these events will be

Governors cultivate respect. Not one of them . . . as con-trasted now with the States to plants. son, we have the highest re- a meeting of industraialists to Plans call for Vice President the question still remains as to

However, House Speaker Clifgood time for the special session of the Legislature. Labor Day comes on September 2. But the Legislature, a racial meeting, and Lyndon Johnson-all in September-promises to be a little on the laborious side, to

say the least. Something must givel

PUBLIC OPINION . . . We do not necessarily agree with them, but about four letters out of each five being printed in the big daily newspapers about-the-State seem to be very, very much in favor of the re

cent legislative action barring Fifth Amendment pleaders and known Communists as speakers at State-owned colleges and uni-

versities. Now it may be that these letters-to-the-editor writers do not represent the thinking of the masses, but we have a hunch they do. That these letter-writers continue to support the legislators seems particularly odd in view of the fact that these same daily papers have within the past three weeks de

Thousands of words have been written and spoken about rural electric cooperatives and private power companies in the past few months.

For weeks the General Assembly deliberated utilities problems that were vital not only to members of electric cooperatives, but to all citizens of the state.

North Carolina's rural electric cooperatives are grateful for your interest in their problems. And they are indebted to the thousands of you who took an active part in supporting them in their fight for survival.

To co-op members, the most satisfying part of the fight was the manner in which you—the public—rallied to their defense in the face of undemocratic proposals by the power-company dominated General Statutes Commission.

The public made its voice heard, and the General Assembly rejected proposals that would have destroyed rural electrification in a few short years.

Problems do still exist, though. There's the matter of duplication of electric facilities, and the need for a satisfactory answer to questions which arise when cooperative territory is annexed into a town.

Now—as ever—North Carolina's electric cooperatives remain dedi-cated to their purpose: the supplying of low-cast electricity on a nonprofit basis, and to the continued growth and development of rural North Carolina.

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