

CAPITAL LETTERS

By Thompson Greenwood

APPROACH — Although this session of the Legislature was often pretty dry, there were moments of humor. For instance, when Governor Cherry went into the House to make his hospital speech to the joint session—

The galleries were full, the whole place crowded and quiet, waiting for the Governor. House members and Senators had been sent to escort His Excellency. On the dais sat Speaker of the House Oscar Richardson and Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, with the latter presiding.

Finally, at the door there was a little jostling of the crowd. The sergeant-at-arms didn't know just what to say, but felt he should make some little comment, so he intoned in royal voice: "The Governor and his escorts are now approaching."

Everything was quiet for a second. And then Ballentine banged the table with his mallet, thought for an instant while the Governor halted. "Let him approach!" said Ballentine. That seemed to everyone the best thing to say, and after that, with Cherry grinning, things got down to an even keel.

PAUL — Dr. Frank Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, is a dead ringer for Paul Yelverton, Raleigh undertaker. Dr. Frank spoke very nicely to one of the State officials during the last week of the Legislature. Without a moment's pause, the official said: "Why, hello, Paul. What are you doing up here?"

Dr. Graham muttered something, and to rid the official of embarrassment made a hasty departure.

"Why didn't Paul answer me," asked the official. Told of his mistake, he thought of going and correcting the error, but decided that would make matters worse.

April—By May 1 many of the appointments to be made by Governor Cherry (he will have around 30 big-paying positions to fill) will have been taken care of. By that time — if the present pace continues—virtually all the legislators will have been back to Raleigh at least once regarding some local appointment.

Funny thing, those who visited the Governor last week left in extremely good humor, feeling that they had struck good blows for their favorites. It is fine that they left in a happy mood, but many are doomed for disappointment, of course.

JONATHAN — Appointment of Jonathan Daniels as FDR's Good Man Friday gives this state an excellent entree into the sacred halls of the White House. In fact, we have not had better since Jonathan's father was Secretary of the Navy in the other World War.

For a long time now we have been forced to go to the president through our Congressmen and Senators. Our best contact was Congressman R. L. Doughton. With all due respect for Senators Bailey and Reynolds, they had little or no influence on President Roosevelt, except in an adverse way possibly.

Now it is different. Max Gardner is close to the Government's innards, and that is a help to Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

HANCOCK—Frank Hancock is another North Carolinian close to the President. As head of Farm Security Administration and the guiding force at this time over the Commodity Credit Corporation, he is one of the most powerful men in the Nation. Yet two years ago he was nothing more than representative from Granville County in the Legislature. If you remember, he lost out as Congressman when he ran against Our Bob Reynolds in 1938.

Comptroller Lindsay Warren is also regarded as one of the closest men to the President.

So if you want something done in Washington, contact your Congressman as usual, but then wade in on the big boys: Daniels, Gardner, Hancock, and Warren, or friends of these gentlemen.

SHINDIG—There is going to be a real shindig here in Raleigh on April 15 when Joe Blythe, of Charlotte, puts on the Jefferson Day Dinner. Present will be Vice President Harry Truman, Democratic Chairman Steve Hannagan, RFC Chairman Fred Vinson, and Mae Oliver, North Carolinian who is a high official in the Democratic National Executive Committee.

DIGEST—Glenn Tucker, principal of the Bolivia High School in Brunswick County, has his teacher want ad printed in the current issue of Reader's Digest. Tucker, a Wilkes County native and a graduate of Wake Forest College (1942), ran this ad in several State papers. He will probably receive around \$100 for it from the Digest.

Last month, John Harden, now secretary to Governor Cherry, had one of his squibs carried in the Digest. Written while he was with the Greensboro Daily News, it was picked up by a lady and sent to the Digest. It is said that Harden received \$25 for the item; the News, \$25; and the lady who sent it in, \$25.

PROESCHER'S — Legislators who want to have a big time in Raleigh often went to Proesch's place out near Cary. There they could drink a little beer, get a good meal and watch soldier boys dance with the girls. It was the nearest thing to a night club around Raleigh. It burned a few days ago at a loss of around \$12,000 to the owner.

Registered With Local Board

Eight white and six colored men compose the list of recent registrants with the Local Selective Service Board. These men are as follows: Ernest Gordon Graff, Bolton; Ernest Hugh Robbins, Southport; Jim Henry Williams, Bolivia; Olan Lee Williams, Leland; Jackie Bennett, Wampee; Rudy B. Hewett, Charleston, S. C.; Samuel Victor Ramsey, Leland; William Otis Grissett, Shallotte.

All of the above men are white. The colored registrants are: Atee Gore, Supply; Paul Junior Odens, Leland; John Franklin Baldwin, Leland; Norman Robert Gore, Longwood; Oscar James Vernon, Leland and Henry Elbert Mitchell, Supply.

The cacao tree was first known in Latin America.

Examination Called For Rural Carrier

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Supply. The examination will be held at Southport.

Receipt of applications will close on April 26, 1945. The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date.

The salary of a rural carrier on a standard route of 30 miles served daily except Sunday is \$1,800 per annum, with an additional \$20 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 30 miles. Certain allowances are also made for the maintenance of equipment. All regular, full-time rural carriers receive additional compensation at the rate of \$300 per annum. Temporary, substitute, and auxiliary rural carriers and rural carriers serving tri-weekly routes receive an increase of 15 percent of their earned basic compensation, but such increase in compensation will not in any case exceed an average of \$25 per month for the fiscal year or fractional part thereof.

The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually residing in the Supply territory who have been actually residing there for six months next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications, and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 1977 of January 1944. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles.

Form 1977 and application blanks can be obtained from the supply office or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington 25, D. C.

Applications are not desired from persons engaged on war work unless the position applied for requires the use of higher skills than the worker is using in his present employment.

New Food Stamp Validation Plan

RALEIGH — District OPA director Theodore S. Johnson called attention today to the new OPA policy in issuing food stamps.

New red and blue food ration stamps now become good on the same date: the first of each calendar month, he pointed out.

Blue stamps and red stamps will be validated in blocks of five, making a total of 50 blue points for canned fruits and vegetables and 50 red points for meats and fats each month, he said.

Fakirs are religious mendicants, common to all creeds of India.

The tear gland (lachrymal) is about the size of an almond.

Pure chocolate is about 50 percent oil or fat content

The automotive industry began 1945 with a production rate in excess of \$10,000,000,000 annually.

Penicillin Is Now Available For Civilians

W.P.B. Released Drug For Civilian Use March 15; Quantity Appears To Be Normal

Penicillin is now available throughout North Carolina for civilian use in sufficient quantity to meet present needs, it was reported today by the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association.

The War Production Board released the drug for civilian use on March 15th and a "spo check" made by the Association today of wholesale drug houses, drug stores and hospitals revealed that the quantity allocated by manufacture to North Carolina appeared to be ample.

The drug is being released in vials contained 100,000 units of Sodium Penicillin for human parenteral medication. Distributors have been authorized to sell 1,280,000 vials from March 15

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to March 31 and an additional quantity of approximately 1,500,000 vials during April.

Hospitals may now receive their needs direct from the various distributors of the drug. It will no longer be necessary for them to place orders through the Chicago penicillin distribution unit.

"Our aim is to produce a quality product, a potato uniform as to size, shape, and color of skin and meat. If we are to avoid the predicament in which the commercial Irish potato growers now find themselves, the general quality of all sweets grown in North Carolina must be stepped up," declared Westcott.

He revealed that last year approximately six carloads of the highest type Louisiana certified seed sweet potatoes were purchased by the State Department of Agriculture and were distributed. In cooperation with the Extension Service, to growers of 20 counties, being sold at cost.

Specialists of the Extension Service and the Department are now in the process of moving all surplus certified seed from these counties to counties which did not receive seed from the initial shipments effected in 1944.

"It is hoped—and believed—that these seed, if properly produced, will multiply and rapidly make available to all producers a high type North Carolina Sweet Potato for bedding in 1946," said Westcott.

All-Out Drive For Production Sweet Potatoes

RALEIGH — A far-reaching cooperative program looking to the eventual establishment of the sweet potato as one of North Carolina's first money crops has been announced by Harry Westcott, vegetable marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture.

Westcott said the program which was prepared and is being carried out jointly by the State College Extension Service and the Department, is designed to standardize the North Carolina-grown sweet potato.

The cacao tree is a fruit-bearing evergreen which grows to heights of 20 to 40 feet.

Falconry was a favorite recreation of the aristocracy of the middle ages.

A cockroach gets an entire new skin seven times before it matures.

There are more ants in the world than any other single creature.

Colic is a term in medicine used for any paroxysmal abdominal pain.

Madam Dean

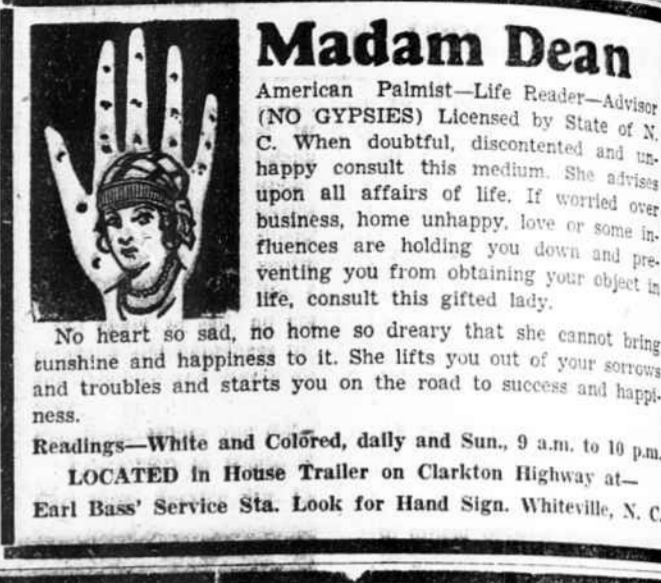
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—Your Good Judgment

ALL Agree--the TIRE Situation Is Serious

Passenger car tire production scheduled for the second quarter of this year is almost one million less than for the same period in 1944. Only one million passenger tires are allotted for the 24 million passenger cars now in operation. Only the most essential drivers are eligible for certificates and it is very doubtful whether their needs can be met. Tire care and conservation is necessary today more than ever before.

HERE, BRIEFLY, IS THE LOCAL PICTURE

THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED PASSENGER CARS IS 6,280

THE APRIL PASSENGER CAR TIRE QUOTA IS 235

Not a very cheering picture. But it does not necessarily mean that driving must stop. It does mean that you must continue to take better care of your tires. Keep within today's speed limits—keep tires properly inflated—watch wheel alignment—make repairs promptly—and ABOVE ALL—when the casing is worn smooth RECAP AT ONCE. Another sound piece of warning is to—

Follow the Advice of Your Tire Repairman—

In order to give adequate service he has kept abreast of the various synthetics used, knows the proper means of vulcanization, the various types of repairs, the curing of synthetics. It is an art which has kept America on wheels—has lowered transportation costs. And remember that the Army needs millions of tires to win the war. Take care of yours—for their sake.

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