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Man Of The Year

We were particularly interested in last week's cover picture for The State Magazine, which was a portrait of Senator James H. Clark, of Elizabethtown. One reason for our interest is the fact that Senator Clark, resident of Bladen county, which is paired with Brunswick in alternating in the matter of electing a State Senator, frequently has represented this county in the upper house of the North Carolina General Assembly. Never has he failed to discharge his duties with dignity and ability.

Another reason we were glad to see this honor go to the Bladen county man is that it is a recognition of dignified and conscientious ability and service rendered his state without fanfare.

And a third reason why we were glad to see this selection is that we believe it establishes an interesting precedent. We think that Carl Goerch is in position to sound public opinion sufficiently to give weight to his choice, and we shall look forward to this as a regular yearly feature to The State Magazine.

Winter Weather

It takes a day like Sunday to make us appreciate the wonderful conditions under which we are permitted to live most of the time.

There's no use denying it, Sunday was a hard day. Of course, there are some folks who say that the ice wasn't very thick, that it wasn't very slick and that the limbs which broke from trees were rotten away, but the fact remains that Southport people had a first class sample of bad weather on their hands.

But as is customary when our people meet up with conditions a little out of the ordinary, Southport citizens got down to the business of thawing themselves out, and by Monday noon folks already were talking about that bad spell of weather.

Considerable suffering was avoided by the two Southport fuel oil dealers, who saw to it that nobody had to go without. The plumbers and their helpers had emergency calls to meet, and city employees were out most of the day cleaning up dangerous debris and restoring interrupted power service.

It was a hard week-end, all right, and one to which local citizens probably will hark back for many years to come; but there was nothing about it too tough for folks who have a way of adjusting their lives to meet any emergency.

Moral Purpose

"Signs of sickness in our educational system are not academic but moral, and better pay for our teachers will not cure the malady unless the moral purpose of education are revived, declares Stanley High in The Reader's Digest for December. While our 2 1/2-billion-dollar-a-year school system is, materially, the "most impressive educational establishment in history, the little red schoolhouse was morally a better investment."

It is useless to expect our children to become articulate, self-disciplined and informed unless they learn the values which make such attributes worthwhile, the author contends. A poll taken in American institutions of higher learning recently revealed that 96 per cent of all students "devoted no time to any systematic study of ethics, the science of the good life." A Regents' inquiry into secondary school education in New York State concluded: "We are turning out a vast number of boys and girls each year who are not ready for adult life. They have no idea what opportunities exist, how to look for a job, or how to work when they get a job. Few have implanted in them any seeds of individual inner life, or any protections against mob hysteria, propaganda, prejudice or economic gold bricks."

High finds no educational value, per se, in increased educational appropriations. "Our schools are not something

apart. What the rest of America largely determines what the schools are. The little red schoolhouse had moral purpose because America had moral purpose. Our forefathers did not expect education to make up, at public expense, for their private deficiencies, but to strengthen the moral training which they gave their children at home."

Believing that parents and laymen must share the blame for the lapse of ethical purpose in education, High urges a revival of home training in moral values.

Excellent Opportunity

If the trustees of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and the Southern Governors Conference do not come to an affirmative agreement on the proposal to make Meharry into a regional school for the training of Negro doctors, they will miss a great opportunity to render a notably constructive service to the South.

The college, a high class Negro institution, has been offered to the Governors Conference for that purpose with the only major provision being that it be made to retain the present high standards.

The South needs more doctors, more white doctors and more Negro doctors. Proportionately, the shortage of physicians and medical care is even greater among our Negro population than among our white population. The South needs more and better educational facilities for white people and for Negro people. The South needs more practical action to improve the lot of all our people, and it needs less flaunting of prejudice from either side of the color line.

The Meharry offer poses a practical plan for action which would work to the advantage of both races. Disease and contagion know no color line, and the treatment of Negro patients by well-trained Negro doctors would release the time of many white physicians for work with white patients.

Moreover, if this institution were accepted as a regional school and its operation proved successful, it would encourage the establishment of other regional schools in other fields of study, such as law, other professions and the technical fields. And best of all, it would be a positive step toward demonstrating that we are ready to stop talking and start acting.

The Meharry school is one of only two institutions in the country dedicated to the training of Negro physicians and surgeons, the other being Howard University. Both Meharry and Howard maintain high standards, but Meharry is doubtful of being able to continue its present high standards with the funds now available. Therefore, it is being offered to the Southern Governors Conference to be used as a regional institution in which Southern states would share jointly in operation and administration.

The Governors Conference is known to look favorably upon the proposal and will probably reach some decision within the near future. If it is passed up, that will not be a forward step for the South.—(James A. Rogers, in Florence (S.C.) Morning News.)

Sure Cure

Granddad didn't touch his breakfast one morning and I was worried. But as I left the house he said, "Don't you fret. I've got a recipe for this ailment. Be all right in a half hour."

At noon I was relieved to find him on the front porch, looking his usual self. "Told you I had a recipe," he twinkled. "Every man has times when he figures he's no 'count. When that comes on me I just sit down and write my obituary, the way it'd come out in the County Weekly. By the time I get through with 'he was an upstanding citizen, a devoted husband and father, a tireless civic leader,' and some of the other highfalutin' embroidery they throw in, I'm feelin' fine. And there's nothin' bitter to swallow and no doctor to pay."—Reader's Digest.

Saving all pigs farrowed becomes more important when corn and feed prices are high. Saving an extra pig or two per litter is the same as saving several bushels of corn.

A total travel distance equalling 12 trips around the world in 14 months is the flight record of Seaman R. L. Wickham, enlisted flight orderly of the Naval Air Transport Service. In flying 269,000 miles in that time, Wickham served NATS passengers 4,320 in-flight meals.

Capital Letters

By Thompson Greenwood

CLAMORING—With the State adding huge sums to its large surplus every week, the clamoring among teachers and State employees for a special session of the Legislature continues unabated. As R. Mayne Albright and others have pointed out, if the State income continues at its present rate, the general fund surplus on next December 31 will total in the neighborhood of \$116,000,000.

Governor Cherry would not mind a special session so much if the Legislators would merely increase salaries and possibly pave the way for a high construction bond issue and go on back home. However, no living man knows what a special session will do. That's why Governors—particularly if they are near the end of their term—are reluctant to call them.

FIRST COUSIN—The man whom Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott has named as chairman of the committee to decide if he should run for Governor is Mrs. Scott's first cousin, Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw, a one-time medical practitioner who has done all right in a textile way. Although there was some skepticism around Raleigh at the choice of Jordan, many Scott supporters thinking he was a dyed-in-the-wool Johnson man, Br'er Jordan says not so. He is very close to Governor R. Gregg Cherry, however, and the final decision he gives Scott may rest upon a word from Governor Cherry.

JOHNSON MEN—Capitol Hill political soothsayers declare that they have heard—and some of them even bring up that old "unimpeachable source" backlog—that the main financial support for Charles Johnson stems from Bos Hanes of the Wachovia Bank, Charles Cannon of Cannon Mills, and Gordon Gray of the Winston-Salem Journal. Could be. However, the less Johnson says about it, the better.

NOTES—Latest reports show that legal whiskey consumption is up in North Carolina. There was a decline among the old stores, but the new ones in Charlotte, Asheville, and in the towns of Franklin County, more than made up for this loss.

Deacon Greene, Buncombe County politico, informed Kerr Scott last week that he was committed to Johnson. "Why can't you fellows get together down there?" sang the deacon over the telephone.

On the night that Kerr Scott said he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as Commissioner of Agriculture, D. S. Coltrane, his excellent assistant, was on the verge of announcing his candidacy. He was advised by an old-time politician who happened to be present to "wait a day or two." Within 24 hours, L. Y. Ballentine had his announcement prepared. Now they are saying that if Coltrane had been first to throw his hat into the ring, Ballentine would have stayed out of this contest.

Bob Redwine, who handled this State's national advertising program for many a year as representative of Eastman Scott in Atlanta, has been retained as public relations advisor for the N. C. Dairy Products Association. He is in the public relations business now and has several accounts. He knows what it's all about. In the advertising game, at least. Mayne Albright has come out in favor of removing the sales tax from restaurant meals, etc.

As long as Josephus Daniels lived, the News and Observer was always regarded as one

of the strongest J. M. Broughton sheets. However, now that the elder Mr. Daniels is gone, there is a feeling that the paper may be neutral in the senatorial race. And may even lean slightly in the direction of Senator W. B. Umstead.

Kerr Scott is the only department head in Raleigh who is not attempting to hold his job another 4 years. He says 12 years is long enough.

FRIEND OR FOE?—State Treasurer Charles Johnson's office is just across the hall in the State Capitol from that of the Governor R. Gregg Cherry is not a great supporter of Treasurer Johnson.

The evidence, nevertheless, is to the contrary, as you will see. Had it not been for Governor Cherry, William B. Umstead would be running for Governor—in which event Charlie Johnson would not be. Senator Umstead could have become a candidate for Governor with little or no opposition. Governor Cherry appointed him to the U. S. Senate.

Then there was W. P. Horton, who wanted to be appointed to the Senate. After Umstead received this appointment, Horton felt he was in line for the Governor's office. He didn't get the nod from Cherry—but he was appointed chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee. This removed Horton.

At this time, came along Kenneth Royall, now Secretary of the Army. With a little prodding from Governor Cherry, he would have become a gubernatorial candidate. He didn't get the prodding, he remained where he was, and Johnson sailed along.

Lt. Gov. (Stag) L. Y. Ballentine was regarded by everyone as the natural opposition for Charles Johnson, and for month after month Johnson-Ballentine talk hogged political conversation. It seems safe to say that if Governor Cherry had pulled out the stops for Ballentine, he would have announced. But—evidently—Cherry did not go along as Ballentine stalwarts had wished. At least not to the extent they wanted. So, Stag prepared to run for State Treasurer, and now is the candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture. Meantime, Johnson sails along.

Now comes Kerr Scott. The decision rests largely with Cherry. Meantime, Johnson folks should include in their prayers each night a word of thanks for decisions made during the past 18 months by Governor R. Gregg Cherry.

He may be looked on as foe, but evidence lines him up as friend—definitely.

OFF THE CUFF—On the highway leading from Raleigh to Wake Forest are two large signs advertising Harold's Club in Reno—and on one of the signs are these words—"Reno or Bust!" What in thunder are they up to out there?

Teachers who are dissatisfied with the salaries they are making should look into the kindergarten business. There is a meek little housewife with just average educational training operating a little kindergarten in the basement of her home here. She keeps the children about four hours a day. She charges \$6.00 per week. She has 20 children enrolled. That runs \$120 per week in this arithmetic book. Nice spending money. And she still has time to do the work about the house, etc. With high living costs forcing parents to work, this seems like a good project for almost any community.

Radio stations have been built as fast as dirt doobers' nests

Swine Breeding Mart Top In '47

Hog Producers In Forsyth Led In Sales With Average Of \$213.63 Per Head

The North Carolina Swine Breeders' Association conducted 16 purebred hog sales during 1947 and sold 354 hogs for \$36,257, according to Jack Kelley, Extension Swine specialist at State College.

Mr. Kelley stated that this was quite an increase over the 1946 sales when 136 hogs were sold for \$13,174.

The highest average received for purebred hogs during 1947 was obtained by breeders from Forsyth County when they consigned 11 hogs to the national sale at Centerville, Ind., the specialist said. These hogs sold for \$2,372, or an average of \$215.63 per head.

Plans for next year's sales have already been made. Mr. Kelley said, and the list of sales include the following: Berkshire Sale, Southern States Fair Ground at Charlotte, January 29; Duroc Sale, Worsley's Livestock Market

in North Carolina during the past five years. Like to buy one? . . . there are two away up west. . . . Two in the northwest. . . . One in the eastern Piedmont, and one down east. . . . There will be others before long now. . . . Bad management, lack of experience, insufficient advertising dollars. . . . Meantime, keep an eye on FM. When you purchase a radio, be sure it has an FM band. . . . Also, television should be available in North Carolina within 18 to 24 months. . . . A cable for this is now being laid from Washington via Richmond to Charlotte. . . . WBT should be first, then WSJS in Winston-Salem. . . . WPTF in Raleigh.

at Rocky Mount, February 16; All Breed Sale, Benthall's Livestock Market, Rich Square, February 25; and All Breed Sale, Sawyer's Livestock Market, Elizabethtown, February 26.

Not only is the Association planning these sales, Mr. Kelley said, but they have set up the following four point program to be carried out this year: improve purebred hogs by production testing; use pasture to prevent worms and diseases; consign only standing hogs to purebred and, take part in county and district fat barrow shows.

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Some farmers lost the cover on their tobacco beds, we still have a supply of Tobacco Canvas in stock and can help you replace this loss. Others believe that it will be necessary to sow their plant beds again. We have COKER'S and McNAIR'S Tobacco Seed in Stock.

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