

News and Comment From Raleigh

CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

PROGRAM—Those favoring the merger of Meredith and Wake Forest were hopelessly beaten before the State Baptist Convention had hardly gotten under way in Charlotte last week. They seemed to lack a definite program of action, and were not knowing what approach to take. In addition to this, they were up against some fellows who have had a world of experience in the North Carolina legislature. The merger folks were out-manuevered all the way around.

Incidentally, Max Gardner really did very little for the merger, his name being used by the merger crowd for the influence it might carry in the fight. What little Mr. Gardner did, was done from Shelby.

SCOTT—Between the time he was elected in November, 1936, and the time he took office, in January, 1937, W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture wrote a private letter to each employee in the Department who would not have a position under Scott in the new year.

Scott told the employees flatly—and the commissioner can do this sort of thing very effectively—that they had better start looking for another job. Of course, all this created quite a bit of talk around Raleigh—but the firing occurred in January as scheduled.

NOW—Some folks want Governor-elect Gregg Cherry to give out the names of those who can expect the ax next year. However, he is keeping silent on the matter and likely will not make any important announcements along this line until after the legislature adjourns.

While Scott's program was helped by advance notifications of departure, Governor Cherry's would be hurt, it seems, and there is no concrete reason for him to start creating trouble at this time. This whole business would make interesting reading, but the curious ones—and they are plentiful—will have to wait a while.

Incidentally, the ax man of four years ago, Oscar Pitts, is already out. We know that. There are others.

CAM—Congressman Cameron Morrison, former Governor and former U. S. Senator, will become a former Congressman in January. He is one of the 70 odd lame ducks who will cripple through the next few weeks of this session. Now on the verge of becoming a statesman, he will return to his farm out from Charlotte and live a peaceful life—as peaceful a life as his vigorous mind and body will let him live. He's the type of man who doesn't retire.

Speaking of Congressman Morrison and thinking of Thanksgiving, reminds one that the biggest flock of turkeys—around 15,000—are on the Morrison plantation, Morriscroft.

JONATHAN—The re-election of President Roosevelt will provide Jonathan Daniels, son of Josephus, a position in Washington for the next four years, if he wants it, and he probably does. Daniels is one of those fellows with a position for anonymity close to the President. Admitting he is a bureaucrat, Jonathan finds time to help the President and to write interesting little pieces for such magazines as the Saturday Review of Literature, Harper's, and the Nation.

RIFT—There have been whisperings around Raleigh for two or three weeks now that everything is in jeopardy between William Umstead and Gregg Cherry. Umstead, usually efficient and some-

times boringly meticulous, made Cherry a good manager and did a bang-up good job with the election campaign. But there were a half-dozen men in the background, among them Sandy Graham and W. P. Horton, who played important, thought relatively anonymous roles in the Cherry campaign, without whose help Bill Umstead would have been lost.

There is probably nothing at all to it, but the rumors do persist—rumors are very good at persisting—that all is not well, that Umstead sometimes forgets that Cherry is the new Governor, that he is a wee bit too aggressive about matters which would ordinarily fall in Cherry's field.

MEETING—A meeting was held in Raleigh recently to look into that matter of the Speaker of the House in the next Legislature. It was a funny get-together and almost wholly without precedent. It did no good, so far as anyone is able to tell, except to start political rumblings. Cherry said he would come out with a statement some time soon on his choice for speaker.

UZZELL—George Uzzell, of Rowan, who would have been Speaker in 1941 if Governor Broughton had not gone to bat for Odus Mull, now looks stronger for the place this time. Oscar Richardson, of Union, virtually had the place sewed up until that funny meeting. There are many in the Cherry camp who would like to see Uzzell get it. Whatever you may hear or read, George Uzzell is a fine and able young man, but so is Richardson. So, as they say around home, the race will be real interesting.

Charlie P. Parton Buried On Sunday In Moody Cemetery

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Moody cemetery on Jonathan Creek at 2 o'clock for Charlie P. Parton, 70, of the Ratcliff Cove section, native of Haywood county, who died suddenly at 6 p. m. Thursday. The body remained at the home of a son, Lyda Parton, on the Walnut Cove farm until funeral services were conducted on Jonathan Creek. Rev. E. H. Dennis, pastor of the Shady Grove Methodist church officiated.

Serving as pallbearers were: David J. Boyd, Hub Caldwell, Bryan Medford, David Underwood, Dock Boyd and Guy Phillips.

Mr. Parton was employed at the time of his death as a harness maker by the Underwood Supply and Lumber Company.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Dovie Franklin, one son, Lyda Parton of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1; five daughters, Mrs. Fred Tucker, Mrs. George Messer and Mrs. Sylvester Cagle of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2; Mrs. Jarvis McDonald and Mrs. Doyle Cagle of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1; one brother, Jim Parton of Gastonia; two sisters, Mrs. June Woods of Gastonia and Mrs. Mattie Messer of Gaffney, S. C.; 25 grandchildren. A son, T-5 Low Parton, 21, was reported killed in action on October 28.

Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Chief Electrician's Mate Eli K. McGee and Mrs. McGee announce the birth of a son, Eli Kennedy McGee, Jr., in Newport, R. I., on November 14.

In Rhode Island



HARRY SWAYNGIM, fireman second class, son of Grover Swayngim and the late Mrs. Swayngim, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, one of six brothers in the armed forces is now stationed at Newport, R. I. He entered the service in July of this year and was inducted at Camp Croft. From Croft he was sent to Camp Peary, Va., where he took his boot training. From the latter he was sent to Newport, R. I., his present post, where he is attending an electrician's school.

Before he entered the service Fireman Swayngim was employed at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. He has five brothers in the service: S. Sgt. Fred Swayngim, Camp Butler; Pvt. Roy Swayngim, N. S. Army, France; Cpl. James Waldo Swayngim, U. S. Army in Holland; Clyde Swayngim, U. S. Navy, now on sea duty; Pvt. Robert Swayngim, U. S. Army, in Belgium. Fireman Swayngim's wife is the former Miss Katie Franklin.

T/4 Carol O. Janes Gets Good Conduct Medal

Technician/4 Carol O. Janes of Waynesville, was awarded the good conduct medal at company ceremonies October 17 in France. He is attached to QM Depot Company with the Third U. S. Army, and has been serving in France since July 11 of this year.

The following is an extract of a company order that gave the award of the good conduct ribbon:

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HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for Nov. 26 is Deut. 8:11-20; Luke 12:13-34; 19:11-27; Acts 19:23-28; I Thess. 4:11, 12; II Thess. 3:10-12, the Golden Text being Eph. 4:28, "Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need.")

IN DEUTERONOMY 8:11-20, near the close of his life, we find Moses laying down the law to his people. He begs them not to forget the Lord their God who brought them out of slavery in Egypt, accompanied them in all their wanderings, provided them with food, and protected them in all ways. Knowing them—and human nature generally—he was afraid that when they were settled in new homes and grown rich and prosperous, they would forget God.

This fault is not peculiar to any particular race of men. It is universal. When success crowns our efforts and we are wealthy and happy, we are quite likely to forget God. We assume that prosperity is the result of our own cleverness, and are proud of ourselves. We do not even think of those less fortunate than we, assuming that if others are not blessed it is their own fault.

Sorrow Brings Us to God

But when sorrow comes, then we cry out to God to help us.

Luke tells us of a time when Jesus was talking about the spiritual things of life, and a man came to Him to ask Him to speak to his brother about dividing an inheritance with him. Jesus' answer was that the court should settle that question. He was not the judge of such matters. Turning to His disciples He said:

"Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." And then he told them a parable about a man who prospered exceedingly. His harvest was so great that he tore down his barns and built larger ones and prepared to enjoy a life of ease, but that very night he died and his riches were of no good to him. He had worked hard and grown wealthy, but apparently had not considered that his wealth was a trust and should have been used, at least in part.

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for helping those who were not so well off.

Jesus also told another parable, how a certain rich man went to a far country leaving his 10 servants in charge. To each he gave a pound and told them to carry on while he was gone. When he returned the first told him he had now ten pounds in place of one; the second had five pounds; the third said he had put his pound in a napkin for fear he should lose it and be punished, so he had nothing but the pound which had been entrusted to him. The first was praised and given ten cities over which to rule, the second was to rule over five cities, and the third was relieved of the one pound to which he had clung in fear.

First Is Real Christian

The first could be likened to the Christian who takes his blessings and diligently multiplies them, does not waste his time in idleness and sin, but lives a full life of thankfulness and charity. The second does the same, but in lesser degree, and the third is he who lives in fear, and does not dare trust his Master and strive to multiply the trust that has been given into his hands.

We haven't much space to tell of the Ephesian silversmith who earned his riches by making silver images and shrines to the goddess Diana, and resented Paul's teachings of Christ, as taking away his business. He was not concerned about the souls of the people to whom Paul preached, only that their salvation meant less wealth for him. Paul, in his letters to the Thesalonians, tells them to "study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands . . . that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may lack nothing."

And finally, "we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat," for Paul had heard there were some who would not work, but were busy-bodies, and they were commanded and exhorted that "with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."

There are still some people in the world who consider it a disgrace to work with their hands. They live on the bounty of others with no shame. Work well done brings God's own blessing, whether it be work with the hands or with the brain.

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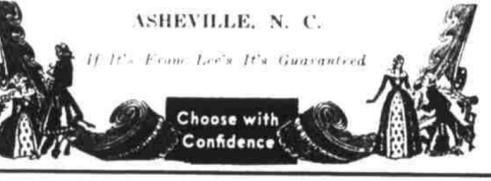
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