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## School Bells Will Not Ring

School bells will not ring next Wednesday. By action of the board of health and board of education officials, school opening has been postponed until Oct. 1, unless it is found before this time that there is little danger of additional infantile paralysis cases.

Disease certainly has played hob with "the well-laid plans of men" this summer. Vacationists were kept home by quarantine and business at the beach took a nose-dive. Beaufort's recreation program stopped dead halfway to completion, and businessmen, mopping their brows, wonder whether to attribute the state of affairs to polio or to hopes of hitting the lucky number.

Carteret county's number of cases now totals seven, the latest one having just developed within the past week. And just a short distance from here, at the air base, stringent measures have been taken to control an epidemic—the number of cases there being about double those in the whole of this county.

Postponing school a whole month seems like a long time. But it's a wise step that has been taken. Parents will feel more at ease and here it's a case where losing time may save money and good health.

## And They Lose Their Way . . .

A stranger has just ridden into Beaufort. He's looking for the Western Union office so he can send a wire home to let the folks know he arrived safely.

"Ah," he says happily as he comes to the Turner and Ann street intersection. "The Western Union office is on this street," and he turns south on Turner because the little blue and white sign saying "Western Union" points that way.

Cruising slowly along and straining his eyes he fails to find the Western Union office. Luckily, just as he's about to run into Taylor creek he sees the police station and asks an officer where the telegraph office is.

The policeman of course directs him one block east, then a turn to the left on Craven, where to and behold, on the right hand side of the street he finds the Western Union office.

Mopping his brow, he steps out, so glad that at last he's found what he was seeking that he forgets the sign was on the wrong street.

Maybe a little talk between the chamber of commerce and the telegraph men would help get the Western Union office on Turner street or the sign on Craven.

## LOOKING FROM EAST TO WEST



## Raleigh Round up



By Eula Nixon Greenwood  
BAGPIPES — Joe Crawford, former Winston-Salem policeman who carried Forsyth County for Kerr Scott in the May 29 Primary, is now making efforts to have North Carolina's bagpipers—particularly the Democratic variety—participate in the inauguration of Scott here in January. A leading citizen of Wilmington has agreed to foot the bill, providing kilts and other Scottish harness, for the event.

Crawford feels all this would be in keeping with the bagpiping which was done over the radio in behalf of the Aljance farmer during the campaign and would lend an unusual touch to the inauguration. This is no doubt true, but Scott himself is thinking only of the election in November at this time, and can't see beyond that, for as another gentleman of Scotland said: "November chill blows loud w' angry south, the snort 'n' winter day is near a close; the m'ny hearts retreating frae the plough; the black'ning trains o' crows to their repose."

BEYOND THE SCALE — Pity the poor butcher. Time was when he could glance casually at his computing scale as it finished its rolling and tell you how much your meat cost. No more. No more can he say with an Einstein eye: "That will be \$1.43."

C. D. Baucum, superintendent of the Weights and Measures Division of the State Agriculture Department, reminds you that most meat has gone beyond the pale of the scale. In other words, computing scales go up to about 70 cents per pound. When these scales were made, nobody had any idea that pork chops and sirloins would go beyond this.

So, if there is a moment's lull behind the counter after your meat has been weighed, don't fret. It's just your butcher dipping into higher mathematics. And, if you are a penny-watching housewife, you should dip right with him, advises Carson Baucum.

HOTEL BATTLE — There is a friendly battle going on here in Raleigh regarding which hotel will be the Democratic Headquarters for this fall's campaign, which will get under way officially about Labor Day.

The Sir Walter, sometimes referred to as the political center of North Carolina, has had it for years and has, in a way, built its reputation around this fact. However, Scott had his headquarters in the Hotel Carolina, and still maintains an office there. All the other candidates were in the Sub Walth. Despite all the backstage bickering, Democratic offices will probably open in the Carolina—and may be transferred over to the other hotel if the pressure is sufficient.

STATE EMPLOYEES — They don't call it that, but there is a union of State employees being developed here in Raleigh, with branches extending to other sections of North Carolina. Referred to as an "association," this group has two principal goals: a five-day work week and better pay. The organization, begun rather quietly two years ago, is now throwing its weight around considerably, and is

thought to have some political strength. The leaders say they have been promised—this promise coming during the recent gubernatorial campaign—the five-day week, which coincides with that of the U. S. employees here.

As a matter of fact, little work is done in State offices on Saturday mornings. If it isn't football, it's a trip to the beach, or some other urgent matter.

SOCIAL NOTE — L. Y. Ballentine of Fuquay-Varina and J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, the former being the Democratic Nominee for Agriculture and the latter being ditto U. S. Senate, had dinner the other Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerr Scott at their rural estate near Haw River.

They talked about the weather.

NOTES — The new home economics teacher in the Edenton High School is Miss Miriam Scott 1948 graduate of W. C. U. N. C., a niece of Kerr Scott, a daughter of Burlington Dairyman Ralph Scott, and a very good-looking young lady, which is to say that she looks like her mother's side of the family.

It comes pretty straight that J. M. Broughton received a flat fee of \$10,000 for defending James R. Creech, Smithfield wife-killer convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to die. . . . The case will be carried to the State Supreme Court . . . and the new Governor may have the final say as to whether Creech will go to the "gas chamber" . . . Don't forget the name . . . James R. Creech . . . Will he be executed?

The papers said that the new secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee, Victor Bryant was a Johnson-Umstead man . . . He was mildly for Johnson, but the only thing which tied him to

Senator Umstead was the fact that he lived in Durham. . . .

HARD FACTS — The teachers drew from R. Wayne Albright the promise that their minimum salary would be \$2,400 per year . . . Then W. K. Scott and Charles M. Johnson solemnly pledged the same, saying that salaries would run from \$2,400, for first-year teachers, up to as high as \$3,600 for those with experience. Albright and Johnson were freed of the responsibility of making this dream come true. It now falls on the agrarian shoulders of Scott. Can he do it? Can he deliver?

The school budget this year will run approximately \$62,300,000. If Scott follows through on his promise, this figure will be pushed up about \$30,000,000, raising the total output to schools to \$92,000,000 per year. This money must come from the General Fund . . . unless they start dipping into highway money. The General Fund income this year will run right at \$123,000,000. But in NORMAL years (1940 for instance) the General Fund revenue is only around \$44,000,000.

It's easy to talk and to have visions of sugar plums. But the hard facts are: How can North Carolina pay its teachers from \$2,400 to \$3,600 per year? How can the State take from the General Fund \$92,000,000 per year, for schools alone, when this Fund's income is only \$44,000,000? Perhaps we can do it for 1949-51, but the odds are against it. However, it cannot be done for more than two years UNLESS the State's income stays above the \$125,000,000 mark . . . UNLESS highways suffer . . . or UNLESS we increase the sales tax or go back to a tax on land.

Forget all these big figures if you wish, but just put this down: Scott's promise to teachers cannot and will not be entirely fulfilled . . . and it may fall far short of fulfillment.

OFF THE CUFF — The Advisory Budget Commission is now on a tour of Western North Carolina

PENCILS — RULERS PAPER  
BELL'S DRUG STORE  
BEAUFORT

institutions . . . will begin its biennial "sitting" in the Revenue Building the latter part of October, at which time it will receive the budgets of the various departments and start the whittling process. . . . In on the deliberations will be Kerr Scott . . . though he will have no official connection, he will be requested to make recommendations. . . .

Towns and counties which want to keep their areas wet as regards beer should see to it that the laws are enforced. Where the sheriffs and police hold a tight rein over the beer retailers, the retail outlets are decently operated strictly within the law. A note to local recorders and judges: Did you know that the law makes it MANDATORY that you revoke the retail beer licenses of persons convicted of law violations? Did you know that licenses can be revoked for as little as disorderly conduct by customers on the outlet's premises?

L. A. Martin, Lexington dry leader, is the Democratic nominee for the Legislature from Davidson County. . . . He's resigning as head of the United Dry Forces, but will be one of the referendum whips in the General Assembly if the Republicans don't get him in November.

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Gazing at some high sunflowers, the visitor asked, "And what are those enormous blossoms in that big field?"

"Just dandelions," the native replied disinterestedly.

A few minutes later they came to the Los Angeles river. "Ah," said the Yankee, "I see some one's radiator is leaking."

Excavations at Pompeii were started about 1748 and the city has been about half dug out of the volcanic debris that destroyed it in 79 A.D.

## Graphotype, Photostat Operator Needed at Lejeune

The civil service commission's fourth regional office in Washington, D. C. has just announced an examination for addressing machine and graphotype operator, and also blueprint and photostat operator. This examination will be used for filling vacancies at the Navy department, Marine Barracks, Camp Lejeune. Salaries range from \$2284 to 2408 per year.

The examination will consist of a written test plus certain experience requirements involving the operation of one or more types of duplicating machines. Applications and detailed information may be obtained from the post office or from the director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R," Third and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

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## In The Good Old Days

### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

School committees were to meet to elect teachers for the coming school term. All those who desired to teach were to file application. The War Department refused to make any improvements on the Newport river. The improvement desired was a channel seven feet deep from the junction of the inland water way and Newport river to the town of Newport.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The Beaufort street paving program had started. St. Paul's school was to open within one week with a full staff. The Western Union office was changing its hours, the office to be open from 8 until 7 each week day, being closed only from 12 until 1 and from 5 to 6.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Work was to start soon on a

new super Coast Guard station with quarters for 30 men at Fort

Job House Drug store, which was located in the Duncan building, would soon move into the old post office building at Craven and Front streets.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

The beach bridge which was damaged by a tug was reopened for traffic. It was to be closed for two hours Saturday noon for further repairs.

The U. S. Coast Guard took over the annex of Morehead City hospital.

"Flying Tiger" John Morrison, who had recently been promoted to the rank of Captain, received

parents Saturday to spend a week. She likes to stay here.

Mrs. Richard Lewis, her little daughter of Norfolk and her grandfather, Mr. Gilgo of Davis visited at the home of Mrs. James W. Wade Monday afternoon.

### India-Japan Trade Receives Shot in Arm

TRICHUR, India — (AP) — Trade between Japan and India, virtually at a standstill since 1941, is expected to receive great impetus as the result of a tour of India by a trade mission. The mission has just completed its work, after assembling a long, detailed list of what India wants in the way of capital goods and manufactures from Japan. Official announcements say the Government of India hopes to receive a reply to its requests soon after the mission returns to Japan.

As a result of the mission's visit, the Government of India has made available to Japan 85,000 bales of cotton and 14,000 tons of raw jute

Primitive man used stones as ornaments, munitions, tools, currency, household equipment and some of his objects of worship.

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