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EDITORIAL PAGE

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It Is More Blessed to Give . . .

Today is the last day in many grocery stores where donations can yet be made to the box car of food being sent overseas by Carteret county. The car will be packed this weekend and sent on its way early next week, just one of many cars which are part of the 23 relief trains heading this month toward large Atlantic coast ports. Known as "Yuletide Specials," these trains will symbolize the true Christmas spirit in a tangible way to persons who do not face joy and merry-making this season, who face, instead, without our help, a bleak Christmas full of want.

These contributions, when they reach Europe, are distributed through the churches, solely on the basis of need, with no regard to race, religious, or political affiliation. The bulk of CROP goods gets into the hands of children, widows, the aged, and ill. It reaches those who have no money to buy and who will receive relief through no other channels.

The county CROP committee, working since Dec. 6, has met with splendid cooperation from farm bureau members, home demonstration club members, and others in outlying communities. How well the grocery store owners have worked will not be known until their "Food for Europe" boxes are emptied today and tomorrow. School children and church congregations have done well — it is not known, however, whether all of these contributions will completely fill the box car.

That's why, if anyone has not yet contributed a can of tomatoes, a package of beans, or some other food item in an unbreakable container, they should do so today. If the box in the neighborhood grocery store has already been emptied by the CROP committee, the contribution can be taken to the NEWS-TIMES office, 807 Evans street, Morehead City, or to the office of the CROP chairman, B. J. May, second floor of the postoffice building, Beaufort, as late as Monday.

There are thousands of children in Europe, little old wise people, thin, undersized, pale, yet patient, ragged and barefoot, living in bombed-out houses and dank cellars, orphans, many of them, and uncounted thousands waiting in special centers for artificial limbs to replace arms, hands, or legs.

How can our Christmas be merry when the shadows of this misery fall across our land of plenty? If there is joy in giving, give before it's too late to those who haven't known joy or will not know happiness for many a year — unless we help!

Wanted: One Mobile X-Ray Unit

Tomorrow one week will be Christmas. The end of the tuberculosis Christmas seal sale. The end of a busy season when many of us haven't been able to think any farther ahead than Dec. 25—getting those packages wrapped and cards in the mail. But there will be many days following Dec. 25, 1948. Days in which disease can strike any one of us, and in many instances does—only we discover too late how sick we are.

To safeguard against tuberculosis striking any one of our county residents in such a manner, the Carteret County Tuberculosis association aims this year to obtain enough money to finance the coming of a mobile chest X-ray unit to the county.

This X-ray equipment, which can take a picture in several seconds, will make it possible to detect the beginnings of TB and enable the doctor to take necessary steps to curb the disease and cure the patient.

Health officials, the tuberculosis association, and the Christmas seal sale committee are distressed at the small financial return thus far in the Christmas seal campaign. The goal of several thousand dollars is far, far away.

We acknowledge that there are many expenses to be met at Christmas time, and the well-worn pocketbook, like an old rubber band, will stretch just so far.

In the budget for Christmas giving, however, don't forget to include something, even though it may be small, for the TB association.

Thoughts for an open mind..

Life is not, for mere passing pleasure, but for the highest unfoldment that one can attain to, the noblest character that one can grow, and for the greatest service that one can render to all mankind.

A character is a man who knows what he wants, who does not allow his temper and moods to govern him, but acts on firm principle.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them up on the tablet of thine heart.

Did your path suddenly turn sunny because someone gave you a cheery greeting? A different world because someone had been unexpectedly kind to you? You can make today the same for somebody.

—Jim Morrill

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THE LID'S OFF



Raleigh Round up



By Eula Nixon Greenwood
LEGISLATIVE NOTES — Lying just the other side of the holiday season is the 1949 session of the Legislature. When does the Legislature meet?

The North Carolina Legislature convenes on Wednesday after the first Monday in January each odd-numbered year—unless called to special session by the Governor, in which event it gathers when he says gather.

So, this year, with the first Monday coming on January 3, the general assembly will convene on January 5. There will be a caucus held on Tuesday night for electing the Speaker of the House, etc. Members of the Legislature receive \$600 per term. They must stay in session for 60 days.

There are 1200 members of the House and 50 in the Senate. To be in the State Senate, a citizen must be not less than 25 years old. Age does not matter in the House.

A session of the Legislature usually costs around \$275,000, with a special session running at least \$100,000, whether it stays one day or one week.

Attorneys usually dominate the General Assembly. From 40 to 50 per cent of the members are lawyers as a general rule, and they, being conversant with legal lingo, are the members who put the final touches on the bills.

And that is our government lesson for today.

NO LETUP — Individuals and corporations looking for tax reductions should set their sights beyond 1949. The consensus in Raleigh is that there will be no tax cuts on the State front or on the national level next year. On the contrary, there may be some tax increases. Kerr Scott promised cafe operators, etc., that the sales tax would be removed from meals served in public eating places, and he is expected to recommend this to the Legislature. However, it will likely be necessary for the State to get this lost revenue from some source.

BILLION-DOLLAR GOVERNMENT — North Carolina, which only a few years ago could count its expenditures in the hundreds of thousands of dollars—with the casualness, and then only in whimsicality, and then only in whimsicality — is now moving swiftly toward the billion-dollar figure.

In fact, if requests placed before the Advisory Budget Commission this fall could be granted, Kerr Scott's administration would cost the taxpayers over one billion dollars! It's setting so we talk rather glibly in billions. What is a billion?

This will give you some idea: If an inventor 1948 years ago had built a perpetual motion machine whose main wheel would make a complete revolution each minute, the wheel would have turned only a little more than one billion times from the birth of Christ until the present hour.

NOTES — The Norfolk Virginia-Pilot refers to recent Raleigh developments as the "Dread Scott Decisions." Gov. Gregg Cherry says he is looking forward to being "denaughtured" on January 6, and that's not bad word play for a man who admits he's just as

though he has not received any mail from Kerr Scott as yet.

GARNISHMENT—There is now strong sentiment spreading in the State for a garnishment law with teeth in it in North Carolina. Virginia has a law of this nature. Though it is often messy, it has been very effective in the collection of bad accounts. The fact that there seems to be a great desire for a cold-hearted garnishment law in North Carolina is important within itself. However, more important is the fact that the payment of debts has become so slow in this day of plentiful money that it seems necessary to attach a man's wages in order to obtain settlement. Nevertheless, merchants in almost every section of North Carolina are pleading for a strong garnishment law. They want the Legislature to get on it this time.

soon use "ain't" as "isn't," leaving the choice to his secretary. "If 'ain't' ain't right, just use 'isn't'," says the Governor to Secretary Bill Snyder.

Kerr Scott may have trouble with his syntax, but the people will have no trouble knowing what he is talking about. . . . Incidentally, they are saying that Charles Parker will stay with him as secretary only through the Legislature, then will become head of the Board of Conservation and Development. What's all this chit-chat about the State Highway Commission selling 1947 Chevrolets with thousands of miles of good wear in them? This column noted the street talk regarding this, checked on it and found it to be true. . . . These trucks were light-weight and were sold at more than it would cost the State to purchase heavier new ones . . . under State contract.

State employees, most of them in the higher salary brackets, are now raising funds with which to purchase Gov. Cherry a handsome going-away present. Edwin Gill, Harry McMullan, and Gurney Hood are spear-heading the project.

CROSS — Let it be known by all and sundry that J. M. Broughton did not turn down Hathaway Cross as his administrative assistant. It was the other way around. . . . Matter of fact, Cross accepted the job in early Sept., as reported here at the time, but after 10 weeks decided he would prefer to live in Raleigh and practice law. It takes a man these days to refuse a \$10,000 position, but Hap Cross did it. He's expected to inherit some valuable Gates County farm property . . . and that may have had something to do with his decision to remain in North Carolina.

PORTS — Robert W. Redwine, itinerant advertising, newspaper, and public relations man, will do the lobbying in the 1949 Legislature for the N. C. Ports Authority. Since his influence with the members of the General Assembly will be in the heavyweight division, our ports should have easy sailing this time. J. M. Broughton was instrumental in our receiving \$90,000 from Uncle Sam for a ports survey. At least this corner is of the opinion he turned the trick, and it is thought that about \$60,000 of this has gone to Chip Roberts' firm in Atlanta for a general survey of our ports situation.

Redwine will follow through in the Legislature. The ports have done only fairly well with the General Assembly heretofore, but with Redwine at the helm their legislative success is virtually assured.

OFF THE CUFF — R. Mayne Albright will be in charge of a Statewide radio broadcast each evening while the Legislature is in session. . . . Scott revealed last week that former Lt. Gov. Elmer Long will be his liaison man during the General Assembly, as reported here several weeks ago. . . . Henry Hilton, he said would be his personnel director, as you read here three weeks ago. . . . Raleigh still thinks Edwin Gill will move out as Revenue Commissioner,

Federal Government Seeks Property In Croatan Forest

Condemnation proceedings have begun by the Federal government in acquiring four tracts of land within the area of the Croatan National forest. On October 11, the Federal government began proceedings in the condemnation of two tracts in Jones county, one of them containing 59 acres and the other 34 3/10 acres.

Two Craven county tracts are described as located on Hancock creek. Jesse L. Moore, and wife,

parent owners of one tract; and James L. Hardesty and wife, Cassie Hardesty, the apparent owners of the other tract. Legal papers name a large number of other individuals, however, who may have property. It adjoins some property owned by Craven county.

The condemnation proceedings have been begun by the United States district attorney on behalf of the attorney general, and the land is described as necessary, and advantageous and its acquisition in the interest of the United States. Its use, among other things, is described as the production of timber. Queenie Moore, are named the ap-

:: Smile a While ::

Caller: I want to see the boss. Office Girl: Sorry, but he's in conference with the vice-president and general manager.

Caller: Let me in. I know a funny story, too.

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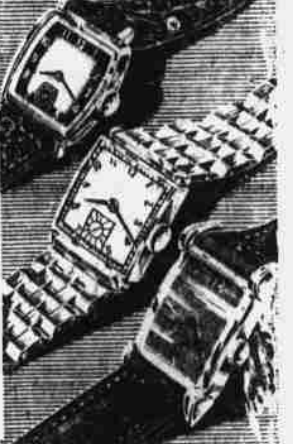
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