

NEWS AND COMMENT FROM RALEIGH
CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

ZIPPER—Several funny things happened while State officials were conducting the Democratic political gatherings over the country.

officials—you all know him and love him—found it impossible to zip up his pants. He pulled, he jerked, and he grunted—and he would push down and try to get a little run-and-go, but it stuck every time.

One of the most humorous incidents occurred near Williamston as the speakers were en route to that thriving Northeastern North Carolina town.

Finally one of the other brethren was called in for assistance. Time was growing short, and it was no occasion for fiddling around. The helper, deciding to get the zipper zipped in a hurry,

Young Man With A Horn Scores With Band



Erskine Hawkins pictured above with His Celebrated Orchestra, with lovely Effie Smith (inset left); also sax king and male vocalist Jimmy Mitchell (inset right), are currently appearing on a tour of one-nighters after the musical aggregation's engagement extraordinary at Joe Morris' Plantation Club in Los Angeles. Hawkins, by the way, was the first name bandleader to appear at the L. A. niter after its gala opening about two years ago.

Just now the 20th Century "Gabriel" is rendering rhythm that's hot—playing dates in Kansas City, Kan.; Topeka, Kan.; Oklahoma City, and Tulsa, Okla.; Hot Springs, Ark., and hopping to Hopkinsville, Ky.; Gary, Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; Louisville, Ky., and winding up in Youngstown, Ohio, before filling a week's stand at The Met in Cleveland, Ohio.

REPORT MADE BY HEALTH DEPT.

Vital Statistics Report Made—Clinics Are Held In County

During the month of September there were 90 live births and 22 deaths reported in Rutherford county. One case of whooping cough and one case of scarlet fever, was reported, says Dr. J. T. Ramseur, county health officer.

In the immunization clinics 61 persons were vaccinated against smallpox, 126 against diphtheria, 22 against whooping cough and 66 against typhoid fever. In tuberculosis control there were 10 x-ray examinations and one patient was admitted to the sanatorium for tuberculosis. Three patients were admitted for prenatal care and three for contraceptive service.

Physical Ed Program In school hygiene 80 children were examined at Cliffside in co-operation with the physical education program. The general clinic for mothers and infants, immunizations and venereal disease in Cliffside was re-opened and will continue every Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m. except the first Friday of each month when there will be no clinic in Cliffside.

In the orthopedic clinic which is held in the Rutherford court house on the first Friday morning of each month 29 patients were examined by Dr. J. H. Cherry, 23 of these were from Rutherford county, 2 from Polk county and 4 from McDowell county. Two patients were admitted to the orthopedic home for treatment.

Tonsil Clinic At the tonsil clinic which is held at Rutherford Hospital every two weeks, there were 20 tonsillectomies. No school examinations were held during the month of September, but the schedule has been outlined and the screening completed by the teachers so that all children in Rutherford county schools who show evidence of ill health for any reason, will be examined by the health officer before Christmas, and recommendations will be made at that time toward improvement of their condition.

Mr. Powell and Mr. Gibson are working together in sanitary control in Rutherford county so as to give Mr. Powell the advantage of Mr. Gibson's knowledge and experience. They adjusted seven complaints and made 28 visits to inspect the construction of septic tanks. Fifteen new septic tanks have been completed during August and September.

At a meeting of the Board of Health in the district the standard milk ordinance which had applied only to Rutherford county was re-enacted so as to apply to the entire district with the following change: whereas in the past, Grade A, Grade B and Grade C raw and pasteurized milk could be sold in the district, only pasteurized and raw Grade A milk may now be sold in the district. Producers are allowed a period of one year from the date of enactment to comply with these regulations. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Powell inspected all Grade A Dairies in Rutherford and Polk counties and in addition, those dairies in Henderson and Buncombe counties who deliver milk to pasteurization plants in Tryon. A sample of milk from each of these dairies was analyzed.

The Health Department has continued in its work during the last quarter under the direction of Dr. Ben Washburn up to September 9th, and then on his retirement Dr. Jackson T. Ramseur continued as Health Officer. For the purpose of records, it should be stated that Dr. Ben Washburn served as health officer for the Rutherford-Polk district for a little more than four years, coming out of retirement at the onset of the second world war and offering to serve in that capacity as a patriotic service. During these past four years in spite of handicaps of equipment the district health department has developed under Dr. Washburn's able leadership into one of the outstanding health units of the state, serving as a model for students, and offering many services not available in other districts.

The people of Rutherford and Polk counties owe Dr. Washburn a tremendous debt, it is certain, that his contribution to the health and security of his native community will serve as a foundation for the development of healthful living in the future.

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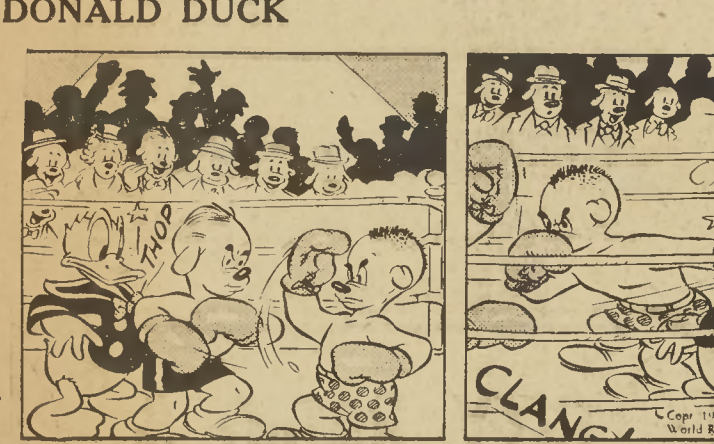
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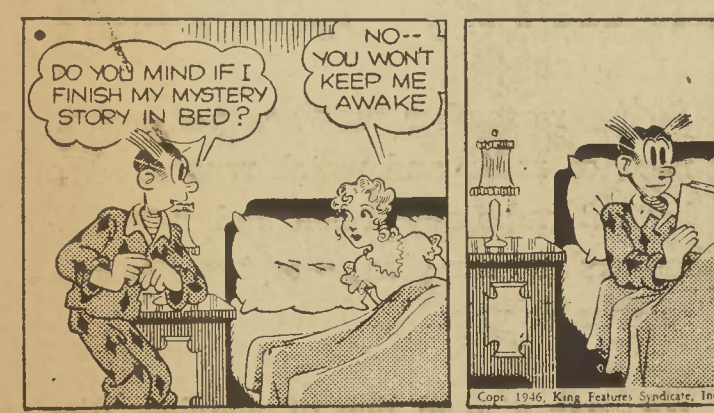
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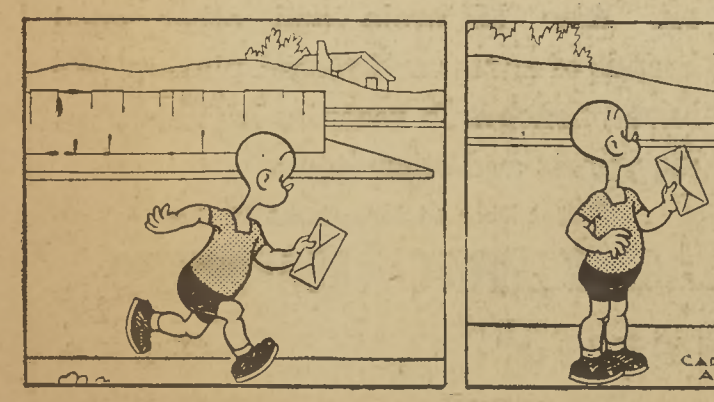
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LITTLE HENRY



took both hands, gave a mighty lunge, practically lifting our hero from the floor—but no good. They laughed at first, but the matter was becoming serious. Northeastern Democracy was at stake only a few miles distant. Well, what to do? The unzipped gentleman was to make a little talk, and not even good Democrats would forgive his standing up there that way. It just wasn't done.

Strange to say, the men's underwear shortage saved the day. One of the fellows present agreed to sacrifice the two safety pins he was using on his shorts to pinch-hit for the stubborn zipper. The trip continued, the man (who may be your next Governor) made his speech, and only two commandments were broken—one who the zipper got stuck and the other when the speaker said: "I'm delighted to stand before you here today—"

GREER—Within the next few weeks you will have an opportunity to hear Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the N. C. Good Health Association and superintendent of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, speak on the need of improved health facilities. He and Harry B. Caldwell, who has been made executive secretary of this association, should appear in your section pretty soon now.

Greer, who has a strong resemblance to the late Woodrow Wilson, makes a wonderful speech. You shouldn't miss it. You will enjoy every minute of it. And if you aren't careful you may have to use your handkerchief now and then. Tear-jerking? Yes, but it's good. He ranks right along with Broughton and Hoey as a compelling talker.

COMING BACK?—The question

now being asked is whether Caldwell is coming back as master of the State Grange. He recently sacrificed a \$12,000 position to come with the N. C. Good Health Association at a reputed salary of \$7,500—but this job is not expected to last more than six to eight months. Then what? Don't be surprised if Harry, good wherever you put him—lines up with some cooperative farm group—or groups. Meantime, you will hear plenty from him during the legislature.

F. S. A new Grange master will not be named until next year.

FEATHERS—The talk in sports circles in this State is Beattie Feathers, part-Indian coach at N. C. State (undefeated as this is written). Rumor has it that he will be paid \$8,000 in 1947. Feathers, former Appalachian mentor, came with State as assistant to Doc Newton, now at Guilford. When Newton left, the head job went to Assistant Cecil Johnson, who resigned three days later, saying he could not get along on \$3,600. Feathers said he would. His teams have looked good even while losing. State will be lucky to keep him.

SAMPSON—Republican Sampson County may have a Samson on its hands in some of those veterans who are Democrats running on a Veteran's Ticket against older Republicans having no service records.

The vets are giving the December 7, 1941, ages of the incumbents, some of whom were as young as 31 when the war began. In posters, handbills, and newspaper ads they are comparing these records with their own. They may not win, but it is the brightest chance the Democrats have had in Sampson in years.

Keep an eye on the outcome Saturday.

THE ROCK—Football teams have their troubles, too—more than the public realizes. There have been rumors of trouble at Carolina, and now Rock Brinkley is giving Wake Forest some worries. A temperamental lad, he went home (Norfolk) for a few days last summer when he became miffed at something. The fact that he is one of the leading scorers in the Southern Conference has given the rock something of a prima donna complex. Last week he didn't accompany the Deacs to Knoxville for the Tennessee game.

HOWYALL?—Kay Kyser will be in North Carolina during the month of January—and in the thick of the rural health-med school knock-down-drag-out in the Legislature. He's the ace in the hole for the N. C. Good Health Association.

Now, listen: This is going to be the hottest, stormiest fight seen in the General Assembly since sales tax days. The lines of battle are already being drawn. It's going to be terrific!

NOTES—The estimated cost of construction work in 26 principal N. C. cities is \$3,975,635 as against \$1,630,487 a year ago. Charlotte is first with \$578,757, High Point is second at \$360,596, Winston-Salem is third with \$244,210, and Lexington is fourth with \$241,675, compared with only \$21,685 a year ago.

Hathaway Cross, State Paroles Commissioner, grew up on a farm in Gates County, and he loves the soil—has a nice farm just on the edge of Raleigh. Last Thursday night one of his sows had 16 pigs. He worried about that all day Friday, but he had another

