

Raleigh Roundup

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ALL IN VAIN . . . The dry forces swept into Raleigh last week from throughout the State, virtually filled cavernous Memorial Auditorium here, and

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made one of their best presentations in years. County after county is going bone-dry, legally, and other counties are planning beer and wine elections. The people seem to be getting pretty warm about their inability to obtain a Statewide referendum on alcohol.

Well, they might as well forget Raleigh and go ahead with their county-to-county plan. Unless all signs fail, the Legislature is going to do exactly nothing to dry up the ABC counties and cities during this session. If the Allied Church League folks knew as much about the present voting machinery of the House as they do about the evils of alcohol, they would not be wasting their gasoline, their breath, and their time in Raleigh cavortings.

But the vote is coming one of these days, and the Legislature was impressed with the biggest hearing held this session.

PRECEDENT . . . The Legislature, which has looked on while Governor Kerr Scott has been doing things, pulled an eyebrow-raiser of its own last Friday. Scott had said he would talk to a joint session of the General Assembly on the liquor referendum "if invited." The invitation was presented to the House. Prior to Friday, these "invitations" had been merely a matter of form and always received a unanimously favorable vote. But there was a chorus of negative voices in the Scott liquor referendum invitation. Old-timers here cannot recall when this has happened before. So, Governor Scott breaks yet another record.

COOPERATIVES . . . A subcommittee of the two Finance

Committees has been appointed to look into the matter of putting a tax on cooperatives similar to that collected from corporations. The Department of Tax Research has made a thorough study of cooperatives—as instructed to do—during the past two years. Its opinion is that a tax on cooperatives would not yield over \$50,000 per year in revenue to the State. However, it is apparent that cooperatives do not want any new form of taxation whatever. Willard L. Dowell, executive vice president and secretary of the N. C. Merchants Association and a constant thorn in the flesh of the co-ops, pointed out in a private hearing before the sub-committee last week that his organization has no fight whatever with marketing cooperatives or with any cooperative which is not selling merchandise in competition with regular merchants. The merchants merely want those cooperatives which sell the same type of merchandise the merchants sell to pay the same taxes they are paying. They want that and nothing more.

If the cooperative leaders were smart, they would submit to—in fact, request that a tax be placed on them. It would not cost them over \$50,000. This would be an excellent public relations move. It would to a great extent remove the shroud of suspicion which now lies over the cooperatives. If this is not done, the controversy will continue through this Legislature and into succeeding Legislatures.

MORE TAXES . . . Larry Moore of Wilson and Grady Rankin of Gastonia, chairmen of the House and Senate Finance Committees, said last week their groups are waiting for Governor Scott to send forth bills to increase taxes with which to carry out his "go forward" program. On Friday afternoon, Governor Scott said it is up to the legislators to draw up the tax bills. However, they feel this way about it:

The Advisory Budget filed a balanced budget with the General Assembly calling for a 20 per cent increase in salaries for all personnel, including school teachers. This is all the increase which can be had from funds on hand and revenue expected to come into the State Treasury within the next two years. Any further increases will have to come from new taxes.

Since not one member of the Legislature was elected on a platform of new taxes, they want to stick with the budget recommendations and go home as soon as

possible.

NO SURPLUS . . . People throughout the State are still talking about that "surplus in Raleigh." Put this down as a fact: There is no surplus in Raleigh. There was a surplus last summer. The Advisory Budget Commission had on one hand this surplus and it dipped into the future and tried to guess what the State's income is going to be from July 1, 1949 through June 30, 1951. So, taking the surplus and the expected income, it sat for several weeks and then laid down recommendations as to where the surplus and the expected income have been allocated.

If you, dear reader, want new services, you will have to pay for them with new taxes or with bond issues. There is no surplus in Raleigh. And, when you go around talking about a surplus, you are merely blowing pretty bubbles in the air.

Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro, big wheel in North Carolina politics for the past 15 years, still wants to be Governor. He is telling friends in the Legislature that he is a candidate for 1952.

One of Governor Kerr Scott's main advisors is University of North Carolina President Frank P. Graham. Another is Harry Caldwell, Ohio native and master of the State Grange. They are saying Caldwell has his eye on the Governor's office next time around.

Congressman Monroe Redden of Hendersonville, close friend of Senator J. M. Broughton, is receiving a terrific buildup in his plans to run against Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

Rural electrification specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture point out that one kilowatt-hour of electricity—costing only a few cents—will do about the same amount of work as 24 hours, or three eight-hour days.

COVE CREEK HI SCHOOL NEWS

The Cove Creek boys' basketball team won the tournament of the Highland Conference in Wilkesboro by defeating Appalachian with a score of 27-26 in the final game on Saturday night. They had, on Friday night won from Sparta in an equally close game with a score of 31-29, while having already won easily against Taylorsville on Thursday night. Trophies and awards were presented over the Elkin radio station last Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock.

The Cove Creek girls were defeated by Appalachian in the opening game on Thursday night.

An all-star tournament will be played in the local gymnasium this week starting on Tuesday night. The Cove Creek All-Stars have already won in two tournaments and have been runner-up in another. Fans are promised some high class entertainment as more than sixteen teams have already entered this week's play.

Pat Mast of the senior class went to Asheville on Monday for an interview with the Angier B. Duke Scholarship Committee. He was selected along with several other seniors in this part of the state for a second interview.

Mr. Tom Winkler and Mrs. Casey of Boone gave a very interesting chapel program for the high school pupils last week. We look forward to a return engagement from these talented musicians.

BITING
Brisbane Australia—It was cat against snake in Ipswich, near here. A snake bit the cat owned by Kevin Bailey, 6. An outsider stepped in and killed the snake. When the child patted the cat in sympathy, the cat bit the boy, and the child was taken to a hospital. Then the cat died as a result of the snake bite.

OVERSEAS CEMETERIES
American war dead from 400 overseas cemeteries will be brought together in fourteen permanent military cemeteries in Europe, Africa, and the Philippines. Of the 257,890 identified casualties overseas, about 64 per cent will be brought back to this country for burial. Approximately 100,000 will be finally interred in these permanent cemeteries which are markers along the

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