



By EULA H. GREENWOOD

There has been some talk of late that more lobbyists are registered for this session of the Legislature than for any other in recent years.

This could be expected—since so many different types of taxes are being considered this time. But it isn't so, according to Secretary of State Thad Eure. He ought to know, for each lobbyist is required to have his name in that book kept for the purpose in Thad Eure's private office in the northeast corner of the Capital.

"Checked on it the other day", Thad Eure told us last week. "Didn't count them—but would say the number of lobbyists is about the same as in 1959 or 1957. Reason I looked is that I had heard we had more of them around this time. About the same."

Profitable Scheme

Not all the lobbyists—those men referred to (speaking of themselves, mostly) as "members of the Third House"—are yet occupied, it seems.

At any rate we heard one of them say to an organization friend the other day words to this effect:

"Why don't you all get that bill introduced to put an end to —?"

The Organization Man said they had about given up on that one, didn't think such a bill would get through, and they were not interested in having it introduced this session.

The Organization Man could have made \$3,000-\$7,000 for the lobbyist by having such a bill thrown into the hopper. The day the measure was introduced, the firms sure to lose money or business by its passage would call up their old friend and ask him to lobby against it. The fee would be a good one, according to the importance of the bill, the strength

of its introducer, the size of the firms hit, etc. But no bill, no lobbyist, no fee. Hence the conversation. It happens.

Help Wanted

The steady expansion of State Government or loss of females through pregnancy, Federal employment, or both, can be seen through advertisements for "Stenographers for State Government" being run by the N. C. Employment Security Commission's local office in Raleigh.

It is interesting to compare the experience required and the salaries offered, etc., with ditto for teachers. Here goes:

"Must have at least 18 months experience or equivalent training in college or business school. Vacancies for engineering, legal, technical and general secretarial work. Salary range \$3,132-\$3,906. Beginning salary commensurate with experience and training. Three weeks vacation, 10 holidays and 10 days sick leave each year."

The average school teacher in North Carolina—after four expensive years in college (as against 18 months above)—begins work at a salary of \$2,709 per year, has no free holidays, no sick leave, no paid vacation.

Sometimes it does seem as if the Lord has indeed smiled on the Old North State in permitting us to have even as good school system as we have. The age of miracles is not completely past.

Ruination

Last winter one of our friends working for the State developed a peculiar growth on the foot. There was fear of cancer. Tests pointed to malignancy.

A large portion of skin running deeply into the side of the foot was removed and skin from the leg grafted to the foot. There was infection, but it soon cleared up and the patient was able to return to work with no ill effects. This

employee was out of work for nine weeks last winter—without being one day of pay! Had this happened to a teacher, she would have had to play a replacement (almost her whole salary) and there would have been no sick leave, no petty leave—only ruination!

Shoulder Tap

Time Magazine reports that "after working like a dirt farmer for days and nights, the new Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, quit his chores one evening and went to the movies."

A while after he had sat down, somebody behind Freeman tapped him on the shoulder. "This," said the President of the United with a grin, "is a hell of a way to write a farm program."

After Two Years

What happens to a town that plows up its main drag and turns it into a grass-covered, tree-shaded downtown shopping park will be told by Marvin Moody of Kalamazoo, Mich. (which did it!) at the 69th annual convention of the State Merchants Association in Asheville on May 22.

How they were able to do it successfully (with plenty of off-street parking) will be outlined the next day—May 23—by Bill Barr, executive director of the Na-

tional Parking Association. Moody's talk will be: "Two Years After the Mail"; and Barr's: "How to Solve the Parking Problem in Your Community." Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, May 22-23.

Triangle Pointer

The newest publication in these parts is a little weekly pocket-size magazine named "Triangle Pointer" and edited by Roland Giduz of Chapel Hill. We have seen two editions—and they look pretty good. The mag is carrying a hefty amount of advertising from motels, hotels, eating places, etc., from Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh. So far . . . it looks like a good idea . . . and a good job. Nothing sparkling, but readable.

Cattle Dust

Death of Dr. J. S. Dorton in Shelby last week removed from the scene one of the great State Fair managers of the nation. The fair had been losing money for years when newly elected Agriculture Commissioner W. K. Scott persuaded Dr. Dorton to take the past. Dr. Dorton, a veterinarian, had been forced to give up his practice because he had become allergic to the hide, or fur, dust of animals.

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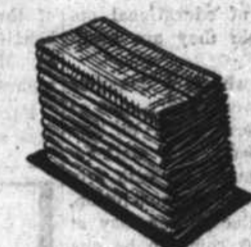
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