

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Says Attorney General To Be Tough In Probe Of SBI

BY EULA N. GREENWOOD

INSIDE OUT... When one of the daily papers came up with a special story saying Attorney General Wade Bruton was quietly conducting a little investigation of the State Bureau of Investigation, there were some raised eyebrows here and there... and pursed lips.

There need not have been. Although quite conservative, modest, and unassuming, Attorney General Wade Bruton—whom few people know very well—is primarily an Army man. From 1925 until 1962, when he retired, Bruton was neck-deep in the Army and National Guard. Hard-bitten.

He has the few-words-and-dry-humor, and the military bearing, of the old guard. In the white heat of World War II—from 1942 to 1946—he moved from Captain to Lt. Col.; retired a full Colonel four years ago from the National Guard. He has the full photo—inside out.

EVEN TENOR... Bruton's life has been Justice and the Army. A man like that in a true investigation of anything is like a bulldog with a stocking. A native of Montgomery County, Bruton and State Treasurer Edwin Gill, served together as ardent helpers of Gov. O. Max Gardner in the legislative sessions of 1929 and 1931. Since both are alumni of Duke University, their weekends this fall have generally been less pleasant than usual. Gill has been cheered by the bright finances.

Be that as it may, those around here who know Bruton best will tell you things in the SBI barracks had better be spic-and-span—otherwise Top Sergeant Walter Anderson may find himself suddenly busted to buck private... unceremoniously—and without prior notice to press or public. Cards close to vest, Bruton keeps the even tenor of his way. Don't try looking over his shoulder.

MAKE IT WILD... Should pallbearers, those silent, sweating ones responsible for the last physical remains of the deceased, be rewarded for their efforts?

At least one prominent person in Eastern North Carolina thought so. Some time prior to his sudden and unexpected death last spring, he told his wife—no doubt in in-

nocent, idle or casual mate-to-mate conversation—that it is somewhat of an imposition to ask grieving friends to perform this duty without some little token of gratitude from the victim or his survivors.

Although an extremely mild-mannered young man, highly cultured and well educated, as befits the only child of wealthy parents, he chose the untried path in this glimpse into the future...

Never of robust health, he was late getting out one morning, told his wife he didn't feel so well, to let him sleep a while. At ten o'clock she checked by his bed to see how he was feeling, found him dead.

Then came the funeral arrangements and the selection of pallbearers. All good old friends of the deceased, they expected no reward save the thanks of widow and the several little children.

Imagine their surprise recently when Mrs. [Name] presented each with a fifth of Wild Turkey whiskey. This, incidentally, is said to be former Pres. Harry Truman's favorite brand and, whether best or not, is the most expensive of the bourbons. That, she explained with each presentation, was the way her husband had said he wanted it—for the friends who would do him that last good turn.

BRIGHT MONDAY... Monday, long noted for laundry and the blues, is hardly the most popular day in the week. But it may soon rank right up with Friday or Saturday. Why?

Various managers of North Carolina firms belonging to the high-flying U. S. Chamber of Commerce are being polled as to their wishes about having old holidays like Independence Day, Armistice, etc., come on Monday instead of the middle of the week, as they often do.

Reports of the survey say Monday holidays are winning out, hands down. So, look for a bill in Congress, immediate passage, and more long weekends come 1968... from Friday afternoon until Tuesday morning.

RUNNING!... The name of this well known lawmaker in Western North Carolina came up in the over-lunch political gossip.

"He is definitely running for something besides the Legislature", remarked one

of the diners. "How you figure that?" "Well, when a man writes me a one-page letter thanking me fully for a little birthday card, he certainly isn't thinking of retirement."

NEW APPROACH... Since fiscal experts first saw the possibility of a General Fund surplus of \$150,000,000 on next June 30, Gov. Dan K. Moore has been going again with one of the planks of 1964 which helped him to become elected—No New Taxes. But since the big Republican gains of November 8, Gov. Moore has been giving serious thought—after each talk with Treasurer Gill—to moving boldly into that realm of Tax Reduction. This would take the wind out of a lot of GOP sails, Democrats say, if he can get by with it.

If the mere spending of money makes votes, then few Republicans would have won this fall, N. C. Democrats feel. So they will try the old-fashioned idea of helping the taxpayer. And with the Federal Government throwing literally hundreds of millions of dollars into North Carolina now—whether we want it or not—why not cut State taxes?

WAR MONEY... Speaking privately to a group of friends last week, this State's most respected banker said there would be a "rather sharp recession" in 1967 should the Vietnam war and its needs suddenly cease.

Teachers Exams To Be Held At Appalachian

Less than two weeks remain for prospective teachers to submit their applications to take the National Teacher Examinations at Appalachian State Teachers College Jan. 7.

Examination registration forms must be received by Dec. 9 by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J.

Candidates may take the common examinations and one of the thirteen teaching area examinations during the one-day test session at ASTC. Registration forms may be obtained from Miss Hilda Everhart in the college's testing center.



CAROLYN LEE ANGELA TRIPLETT BOYCE BROWN

Finish At Kings College

Three Watauga County students were among the 350 graduates who were awarded diplomas at the 66th annual commencement of King's College in Charlotte last Saturday night.

Carolyn Hargrave Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hargrave, 913 Faculty Street, Boone, received a general business secretarial diploma, and Angela Gail Triplett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Triplett, Rt. 1, Boone, obtained a diploma in junior accounting.

Boyce Bryan Brown, son of

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brown, Rt. 3, Boone, was presented a diploma in business administration with a major in management.

The 1966 class was the largest graduating class in the 66-year history of King's College, and its members heard the commencement address, "Mirrors of Main Street", delivered by Dr. Elvin S. Eyster, chairman of the Department of Business Education at Indiana University.



HISTORIC PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS—

At the intersection of Clement Street and the Blowing Rock Road, Boone businessman Joe Williams is clearing approximately two acres of property once owned by Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, who is president of the South-

ern Appalachian Historical Association. The Greer home, at right, may be moved or sold in the near future. Williams says he bought the property from J. C. Goodnight and Bob Allen and is improving it speculatively. (Staff photo)

Bolick Is Assistant At Pharmacy School

Chapel Hill—Harold Bolick of Hudson has been appointed as undergraduate assistant in the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy.

He is one of 18 students appointed for the 1966-67 school year. He will assist Dr. Jack K. Wier in teaching one course.

Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bolick of Hudson, formerly of Boone. He is the nephew of Mrs. Dolph Lyons and Miss Maggie Moritz of Boone.

Romney giving '68 a long, hard look.

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