

# Capital News Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

**FIRE**—Fire broke loose in the inner chambers of the State Highway Commission here last week when one of the commissioners—Merrill Evans of Ahsokie—heaped red hot coals on the heads of some of the members for their apparently don't-give-a-hang attitude toward the miserable condition of North Carolina's country roads.

error are going to be placed in an embarrassing position," Evans, who was appointed highway commissioner last year, said that while "we are committed to a program to provide all-weather farm-to-market roads for the farmers of the State, we are just not breaking loose on this program."

**ONE-TENTH**—Just how thoroughly the commission is not "breaking loose" on its program was not made public by Evans.

What he should have said is this: Since this commission began its work last July fewer than 100 miles of all-weather improvements to rural roads have been contracted—or less than one-tenth of a mile per county. The new contracts will call for attention to 340 miles of paved roads and 30 miles of country roads . . . this, despite all of the hullabaloo that has been raised about the office.

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dition of our secondary roads system.

S. C.—Evans could have pointed to just a little bit south of North Carolina—to the State—we used to thank heaven for, because it kept this State off the bottom. Evans knows that in the month of January, South Carolina awarded contracts for the all-weathering of 500 miles of country roads. In April, he could have told the commission, South Carolina will award contracts for the improvement of 700 more miles of rural roads.

In other words, South Carolina will do 12 times as much for country roads in four months as wealthy North Carolina has done in nine months.

**NOW**—Now is the time to see your highway commissioner about RFD roads—not next winter. Nothing can be done next winter. Now is the time. The first item of business on the agenda of county commissioners' meetings throughout the State next Monday should be the improvement of the roads over which children must ride to school and over which farm products must reach the market.

**JAPAN**—Tom Creekmore's friends have landed him a job with the Government in Japan. Creekmore, a Raleigh attorney originally, was made head of the State Bureau of Investigation to succeed P. C. Handy, Sherlock Holmes looker, who was demoted by former Gov. J. M. Broughton.

There has been talk around the capital for sometime that Creekmore might be moved to another job, and last week he was transferred to the State Probation Commission at a reduction of about \$1,500 (from \$4,800 to around \$3,300) in annual salary. But in Japan he will make considerably more money, do considerably more traveling, and be almost wholly free from State politics, which raised him from only a meager law practice and then bounced him down again.

**FRIENDS**—Before getting into appointive politics, Archibald, be sure that you have friends in several camps. Creekmore had. They have had this, Japan, thing, cooking in Washington for some time. Believe it or not, there are numerous hangers-on in Cherry's administration who take great delight in not working with him on political matters. They attend to their duties all right—no quarrel there. But there is a feeling in Raleigh that many of them are not as loyal as they might be. Although this situation would never exist—at least, it never existed—under Broughton, it seems to be doing all right under Gov. Cherry. In his first year in office Broughton was ruthless in regard to those who looked in the direction of Horton's camp in 1940, and even before he was sworn in, many non-supporters saw the handwriting on the wall. Sometimes their political demise came more like a bolt of lightning than any handwriting—as Oscar Pats, sometimes called Broughton's "hatchet man," might tell you. Of course, the hatchet finally turned on Oscar.

**TOLERANT**—Don't think Cherry doesn't know what is going on. He does—but he's just tolerant—at least temporarily so. He feels that these officials are doing their work well, and there is still time between now and 1948 to make corrections if the situation demands it. Cherry is not the type who wants blind obedience and obeisance to the man in the office, and they looked for a housecleaning, but this administration has not been in power a year and three months now and, much to the amazement of many, the housecleaning is still "just around the corner."

**EMPLOYEES**—At the present time, one person out of every 244 North Carolina citizens is working for the State. That's right. We now have 14,800 State employees out of a total population of 3,571,823. This might appear too many unless we turn our eyes northward to Virginia and find that one person out of every 164 is on the State payroll . . . or 16,300 out of a population of 2,677,773. Georgia, with a population of 3,123,723, has only 6,700 State employees. Tennessee, with 2,915,841 people has 7,700 employees—or one out of every 378.

This State employees list does not include teachers. This would bring North Carolina's total to approximately 40,000.

**BYRD**—But the great Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia is political

boss of that State—and the main preacher of economy in Washington. He says, and right he is, that there are entirely too many on Federal payrolls—but this angel of economy should look homeward, where, including teachers, around one out of every 75 persons is working for the State—and either directly or indirectly—for Harry Flood Byrd's political machine.

**NOTES**—The gossip around Raleigh persists that Monroe Redden of Hendersonville will win out over veteran Congressman Zeb Weaver in the Twelfth—but it's going to be tight . . . If Major John Lang of Carthage is active in support of C. B. Deane of Rockingham, Deane should win over Bill Horner of Sanford rather handily. However, Raleigh heard (via Washington) last week that Horner would emerge, the victor in the Eighth . . . Congressman Herbert Bonner should win without too much trouble in the First District (they don't like to change horses in the middle of the stream or otherwise in the Elizabeth City—Washington—Greenville area), but Bonner should not consider his opposition to lightly. Although now Comptroller General, Lindsay Warren still keeps a firm hand on politics in the First . . . It still looks like Thurmond Chatham (blankets) in the Fifth, largely because of Congressman John Folger's peculiar attention. But Josephus Daniels' New Dealish News and Observer is having spasms because of this turn of events. Chatham wasn't a Roosevelt all the way, and that settles things as far as Joe Daniels is concerned. Thurmond should feel happy that this paper isn't in his district.

**TWIST-UP**—Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, candidate for Governor, may be crossed up by Broughton supporters—in this manner: Ballentine and Broughton are great pals, though Stag doesn't lean on J. M. . . . not necessarily so. But Broughton's folks want W. B. Umstead of Durham, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, to run for Governor—so that he won't run against Broughton for the U. S. Senate. This would make plenty of trouble for Ballentine, and might make everything nice for Broughton. So here you have Ballentine and Broughton, both Wake County Democrats, shooting at each other—with Umstead as the deadly ammunition . . . It's a great world.

**J. M. GODWIN, 58, DIES AT HOME NEAR DUNN**  
John McArthur Godwin, 58, one of the best known farmers of the Dunn section and a member of the Harnett County AAA committee, died at his home near Dunn about 2 o'clock Friday morning. He suffered a heart attack and died before a doctor could arrive.

Mr. Godwin was a son of the late John G. and Emily Jackson Godwin. He was a large landowner, a successful farmer and for years had been prominent in the AAA program in this county. He was prominent in the First Baptist Church at Erwin and had held various church positions as well as other positions of honor in this county.

The funeral was held Sunday. One son, Fulton Godwin, recently arrived in California and was en route home. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Minnie Bradshaw Godwin; five sons, Herman, Morris and Lawrence Godwin of Dunn, Fulton Godwin and Lewis Godwin, who is with the Army in Tokyo; two daughters, Mrs. Locke M. Muse and Mrs. Charles Tew of Dunn; two brothers, C. H. Godwin of Erwin and W. J. Godwin of Dunn R-4; six sisters, including Mrs. Lee Dan, Ennis, Mrs. C. G. Colville, Mrs. W. R. Gregory and Mrs. M. T. Whittenton of Bunnlevel R-1; and five grandchildren.

**MRS. RANDALL NORRIS**  
Mrs. Randall Norris, 75, died at her home in Coats Thursday at 1:45 a. m. after a heart attack. She had been ill for two weeks.

Funeral services were held from Hodges Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Friday at 3:30 p. m. with Rev. J. David Capps, Rev. L. O. Matthews and Rev. Herbert Baker officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was a member of the Red Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband; one son, W. C. Norris of Coats; one sister, Mrs. Ida Ennis.

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## A STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE ABOUT

# R. G. TART

### CANDIDATE FOR Sheriff

**ALWAYS A LEADER**  
Mr. R. G. Tart has been a business, civic, political and church leader in Harnett County for many years, always a Democrat and a loyal party worker.

**A SUCCESSFUL MAN**  
He is a farmer—a good one—and is a highly successful lumberman and businessman. He has made an outstanding success in his own business.

**A LOYAL DEMOCRAT**  
As a member of the Democratic Party, Mr. Tart has always been a loyal party worker, a leader in his precinct, township and county. He can always be relied upon to do his part for the Democratic Party.

**A RECORD OF SERVICE**  
He served two terms as a member of Dunn's City Board of Commissioners and turned down offers for another term in order to make the race—and he will be elected—Sheriff of Harnett County.

**HE'S ABLE AND HONEST**  
We are happy to vouch for his honesty, his integrity and his ability to do well any job which he undertakes.

**ASK THOSE WHO KNOW HIM**  
Mr. Tart's announcement for Sheriff brought hearty endorsement of his candidacy from all sections of Harnett, from one border of the county to the others. Just ask those who know him.

**A BETTER MAN FOR SHERIFF COULDN'T BE FOUND ANYWHERE**

**HE DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT—AND WE ARE HAPPY TO RECOMMEND AND ENDORSE HIM.**

**FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF R. G. TART**

(This advertisement written, purchased and paid for by Citizens of Harnett who desire to see R. G. Tart elected as SHERIFF OF HARNETT COUNTY.)

**WOMEN! WHO SUFFER FIERY MISERY OF HOT FLASHES**

If the functional "middle-age" period peculiar to women causes you to suffer from hot flashes, nervous tension, irritability—try famous Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to relieve such symptoms. Pinkham's Compound is one of the best known medicines for this purpose. Also a grand stomachic tonic!

## Notice of PRECINCT MEETINGS

Democrats of Harnett County, in all Precincts, will take notice that Precinct Meetings are to be held on April 20.

Precinct Chairmen will give notice of the hour of meeting.

All Democrats, in their respective Precincts, are urged to attend these meetings and give loyal support to their elected chairmen in preparing for the County Convention which will be held in Lillington on April 27 at 11 A. M. in the Courthouse.

**I. R. WILLIAMS,**  
Chairman Executive Committee

**Henderson Steele, Secretary**

**Lemon Juice Recipe Checks Rheumatic Pain Quickly**

If you suffer from rheumatic, arthritic or neuritic pain, try this simple, inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Ru-E Compound, a 2 week's supply, today. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy, pleasant and no trouble at all. You need only 3 tablets twice a day. Often within 48 hours—sometimes overnight—splendid results are obtained. If the pains do not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, Ru-E will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money-back guarantee. Ru-E Compound is for sale and recommended by LaFayette Drug Co.

**W. H. LEE**  
**Electric Shoe Shop**  
LILLINGTON, N. C.

RALEIGH N. C.  
FOR EYE COMFORT  
Ridgeway's



**IT MEANS A LOT . . .**

Yes, when electricity goes to work on a farm it makes a lot of difference. It increases the profits of the farm. It makes easy many jobs that were formerly drudgery, and it brings more comfort and convenience into the farm home.

For example, take only one farm job—pumping water—and here is a true story. On one farm they used to pump 15,042 gallons of water every year and walk 124 miles to carry it where it was needed. Then they installed an electric pump and water system. Last year they pumped 4,909 gallons more water than ever before and nobody walked a mile to carry it. The pump cost \$100 and the electricity to run it cost less than 25c a month.

But that is only one use of electricity. There are many, many others—all of them labor- and money-saving. Plan now to fully electrify your farm and enjoy the benefits no other form of energy can give you.

**CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

**Relief At Last For Your Cough**

Cremulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel the laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Cremulsion. It is the understanding you must have the way it quickly silences the cough or you are to have your money back.

**CREMULSION**  
For Cough, Croup, Cold, Whooping Cough