

Capital News Letter

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

BY SEPT. 23—The GI Democrats have set September 23 as the final date for the organization of the county committees throughout the State. At that time, they hope to announce a full slate—of officers, candidates. It is presumed, will come some time later.

On September 21, at 2:30, the policy and planning committee and the finance and organization group will meet to see how things are moving along.

BAD PRESS—With few exceptions, the GI Democrats have been burdened with what is known in newspaper parlance as a "bad press." They have been the object of sly digs, and some of these writings have come from the fingers of good veterans.

Although this corner seems to be definitely in the minority on the matter, it still holds that the GI Democrats, or some offspring, will pretty well control things in the 1948 Primary.

It seems now that what the GI's need most is a good press agent. They have two or three in their own ranks—if they would just let them loose. Yes, a press agent—and more enlisted men are needed.

WHY IS IT?—Why do folks in the rural sections vote against whiskey stores, generally speaking, and the people in town vote for them? In Franklin County last week, for instance, the country folks were responsible for the county's remaining dry.

In Lenoir, the vote was 490 for whiskey and 254 against. In Franklin, the vote was 376 for whiskey, and 165 against. Yet the county vote against whiskey was 1,510 to 1,371.

There are quite a few towns in the State which would like to have legalized liquor—but their country neighbors just won't let 'em.

Now the ABC store believers say that the preachers and the bootleggers join hands to keep out legalized whiskey. Yet—the best ministers, or the highest-paid, are supposedly in the cities—and there is where you find the bootleggers. But—in the

cities is where you also find the clamor for ABC establishments. It doesn't add up.

It may be that public opinion is more severe on drinking in the rural areas, that there is more time to drink in the cities.

Or is it that morals are higher, folks are cleaner, and living habits more steadfast and solid, in the country? What is the answer?

NOTES—Teachers have a right to complain about the low salaries being paid them, but did you know that the State will spend more for education during the next 12 months than the entire expenditures were only a few years ago? That's right, \$40,000,000 . . . A move is underway to increase the retirement benefits. As the system now operates—or the extent to which it operates—is little more than an indication of good intention . . .

The budget requires for next biennium will knock the hats off some of the members of the Advisory Budget Commission when they begin hearings on Sept. 30 . . . R. G. Deyton, assistant director of the budget, says "they've gone completely crazy."

Here is what he means: One State division, given an appropriation of \$150,000 for this biennium, will spend about \$135,000 of it, but is asking for \$175,000 for the next biennium!

State offices are seriously in need of good stenographers. Know one that needs a job?

HOW IS HE DOING?—A lot of people out over the State seem to want to know how the Cherry administration is coming along. Well, fine, thank you. No, it's true, he isn't making much news. As a war veteran, he is neither being cussed nor discussed. He's in good health, has a good appetite, walks home for lunch most of the time, seems to be enjoying his work, lends his name—and a picnic if necessary—to every worthwhile cause. So far, has steered clear of any attacks from the News and Observer—and that's an accomplishment right there.

In short, the State is being operated in a good, solid, down-to-earth manner by a modest, unassuming, cigar-smoking, tobacco-chewing man who is seldom caught out on a limb or anything. Don't you ever worry about Governor Cherry, for he knows what's going on. He had a very exhaustive checkup made at Duke Hospital the other day, and was pronounced in excellent condition—and so is the State under his surveillance.

WIDOW—The Governor's health reminds one of an occurrence while Senator Clyde R. Hoey was in the mansion. The windows there are big

and they are heavy. One evening before he retired, Governor Hoey tried to raise one that was particularly burdensome. The strain proved too much, and he suffered a hernia.

The next morning the News and Observer came out with a headline something like this: "Governor Hoey suffers Hernia While Lifting Window at Mansion."

And the other day one of our great dailies slipped on a headline. It seems that a physician was getting tired of eating this dark bread or something. Anyway, the head read: "Physician says White Bread Better."

There have been some—and a lot better—in one or two of our weeklies recently, but they are not fit to print . . . or to reprint

TALE-TELLER—Governor's Secretary John Harden is still telling those scary tales over WPTF each week. They have proven so popular that the station would like to see him put on two of these programs each week. But Harden is more interested at this time in a sponsor.

SPORTS—The big football magazines are listing the Southern Conference leaders as Duke, Carolina, and Wake Forest—in that order. Justice at Carolina and Clark at Duke are given more attention than any other players in these pro-season dope stories.

With Ted Man back (from a long term in the service) as publicist for the Blue Devils, George Clark may well be another All-American. The Wade-Mann combination is hard to beat, as you know. On the other hand, there is Jake Wade doing justice for the Tar Heels . . . What a sports battle—on typewriter and gridiron!

HISTORICAL NOTES—Ingles Fletcher, who wrote the "Men of Albemarle," "Raleigh's Eden," and "Lusty Winds of Carolina" and who now resides at Edenton, will have another book off the press in October. This one will deal with the Revolutionary War as fought in the Kings Mountain area . . . and will be put on sale about the time of the Kings Mountain celebration.

CHANGE—The eighth grade history of N. C. is going to be reworded in a spot or two. The Newsom-Letter text, which was finally adopted after the row over Jule Warren's history, refers to our famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence—but then says that there is some doubt that there was such a declaration.

The Board of Education, as Superintendent Clyde Erwin's request, and with the consent of the authors, last week agreed to accept the proposed revision, which throws that word "doubt" out the window: While the revision does not say with finality that there was such a declaration, it makes the matter a little stronger. It says the report on that declaration is derived from a statement written by J. M. Alexander (and from memory) in 1820.

So that date you had to learn in school—May 20, 1775—is only a thing of memory. But it's on our State flag, by crackle, and we don't aim to see it kicked around!

Our Subscribers—New and Renewed

Lillington and Routes: Lillington School, L. B. McLean, Mrs. S. J. Watkins, F. A. Bradsher, Shawtown School, Lloyd Johnson, G. E. Brown, Claude Bailey, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, Alton Salmon, Adam Kelly, Boone Trail School, Wilbert H. Brown, Mrs. W. L. Matthews.

Angier and Routes: Eliza Jane Surles, R. C. Lawrence, J. L. Kennedy, W. M. Watkins, Angier School, Erwin and Route: Erwin School, Earl Parker.

Dunn and Routes: Mary Stewart School, Dunn School, Harnett County Training School.

Fuquay Springs and Routes: J. A. Cotton, Buckhorn School, Jonesboro and Routes: J. L. Cameron, Johnsonville School, D. H. Yarborough.

Dumfries and Route: W. D. Spence, Anderson Creek School Bunnelsville School.

Broadway and Route: Mrs. Mattie W. McLeod, S. L. Pearson.

Coats and Route: R. M. Hayes, Coats School.

Manchester: W. P. West.

Kipling: LaFayette School.

Holly Springs Route One: J. D. Weathers.

Benson Rfd: Oakdale School.

Olivia: Benhaven School.

Linden Route One: O. L. Hamilton.

Durham: Tommy Lipscomb, Cove Springs, Fla.: Mrs. C. S. Livingston.

Maxton: Fred C. Holder.

Fort Bragg: Pvt. J. H. Currin.

Price Posters Back In Stores

Community ceiling price posters, the housewife's guide to legal food prices for the past three and a half years, returned to Raleigh stores this week after a brief absence caused by the termination of the former Price Control Act on June 30 and the decontrol provisions of the current Act.

OPA District Director, Theodore S. Johnson, said today in Raleigh that all stores in North Carolina should have their ceiling price posters for display this week at the latest. As was formerly the case,

these must be displayed in a prominent position, so that they may be easily read by all customers, Johnson said.

"With food forming the major part of the average family's budget, it is to every homemaker's advantage to see that she never pays more than the ceiling price for anything she buys," Johnson said, adding that all overcharges should still be reported immediately to the nearest Price Control Board.

Price Tags Are Still The Law

Although recently announced increases in retail prices of some 20 different items in the "durable goods" field are already effective, OPA District Director, Theodore S. Johnson, today reminded dealers and distributors that they cannot charge these higher prices on current stocks.

Such increases may be charged, he said, only when new shipments are received from manufacturers, pre-ticked at the high price.

"No dealer or distributor is allowed to charge more than the present price shown on the ticket or tag pre-fixed by the manufacturer, showing the legal ceiling price," Johnson explained, if dealers have lost or misplaced these tags, items cannot be sold until replacement tags are received from manufacturers, he said. Buyers should look for these official price tags, Johnson said, and report every overcharge to their Price Control Board.

These increases, he said, were granted in accordance with provisions of the present Price Control Act, making certain price adjustments mandatory. Among the major items increased

in price, and the approximate percentage increases, are the following: box springs, 12 percent; bicycles, 3.5 percent; clocks, non-jeweled watches, 6 percent; coal, oil and wood stoves, 5 percent; dry batteries, 8 percent; electric ranges, 9 percent; mechanical refrigerators, 6 percent; gas ranges, 5 percent; aluminum kitchenware, 5 percent; metal bed springs, 4 percent; radios, electric phonographs, 3 percent; vacuum cleaners, washing machines, 7 percent, electric irons, coffee makers, small space

heaters, 4 percent; and window shades, 10 percent.

Perfect conformity to the will of God is the sole sovereign and complete liberty.—D'Aubigne.

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and the DIFFERENCE between moth-killing and

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—Why moths work 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, and there is no moth season . . .

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—For answer for the above questions,
PHONE 317

Sanitary Dry Cleaners

C. A. BROWN, Manager K. G. MACE, Proprietor
LILLINGTON, N. C.

Price Movements and Decontrols

OPA has granted price increases required by law on certain tires, toys, work clothing and paper products, and suspended controls on certain baby foods, soups, leathers and domestic polishers. Theodore S. Johnson, OPA district director, said recently.

Among the price increases listed were the following:

- Tires (passenger car, motorcycle, truck, bus and industrial)—retail ceilings increased approximately 2 1-2 per cent;
- Children's wheeled goods (tricycles, wagons, scooters, airplanes, trucks and automobiles) — retail prices raised 4.8 per cent;
- Staple work clothing (resulting from recent increases in cotton textiles)—retail prices increased approximately 10 per cent;
- Paper towels, toilet tissue—retail prices raised 6 per cent.

Also, the items exempted or suspended from price controls, either because of increasing supplies or because of their relative unimportance to the cost of living, were the following:

- Baby foods and junior foods, including pre-cooked dry cereals sold as "baby food" or "junior food," strained and chopped fruits and vegetables, and other food preparations sold especially for feeding children; Dextrine, malt preparations and other "milk modifiers" were not exempted;
- Canned and frozen condensed and ready-to-serve soups;
- Storing silver flatware, including knives, forks and spoons made of silver;
- Shoe polish, floor polish, furniture polish, automobile polish, industrial wax finishes and dressings and other products containing three per cent or more of certain imported vegetable waxes;
- Neptilo, antelope, deer, peccary and other relatively unimportant leathers which are used primarily for goods in the luxury class.

Latest information on establishing a lawn may be obtained by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh, for Circular 292.

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