

# Capital News Letter

BY THOMPSON GREENWOOD

**HOW MUCH MONEY!**—The Wild-lifers, showing plenty of strength in the Legislature, finally succeeded in getting the Fisheries and Game Division separated from the Department of Conservation and Development. This divorce will occur July 1—in fact is already on the move.

But complaints are leading into Raleigh, from out in the hinterland to the effect that all is not sweetness and light on the fish and game front. The Wild-lifers don't know how much money they will have

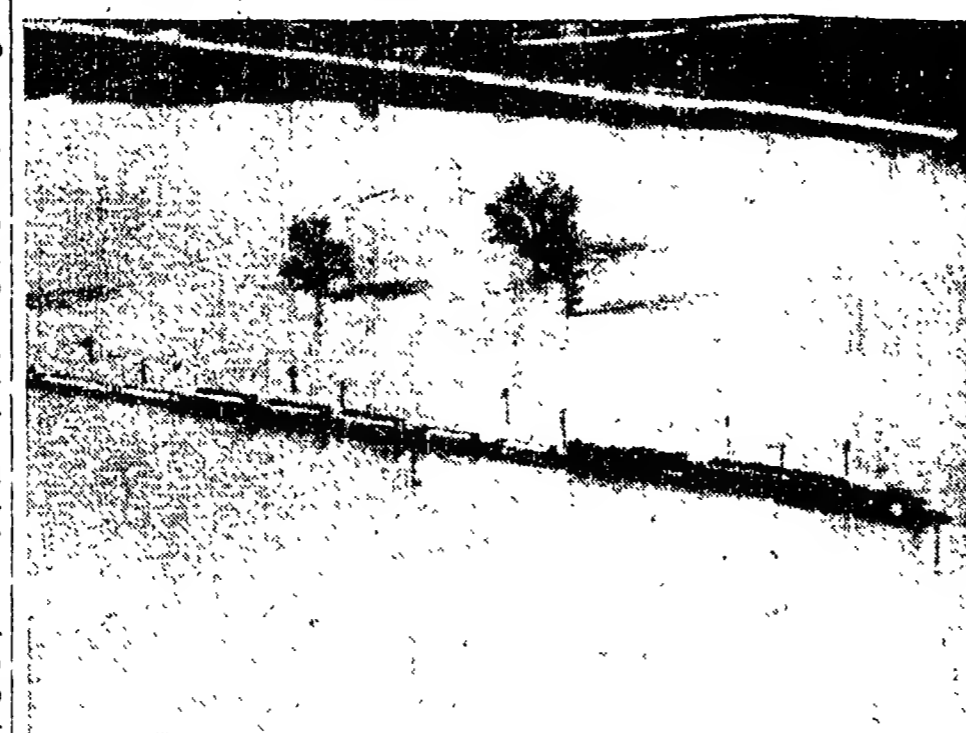
with which to operate this new department. They may not have any. They still don't have any idea where conserving and developing stops and gaming and fishing begins. They are in a dither.

Meantime, many of the counties, it is said, are without game wardens, and the fish are certainly being fished.

The question being asked around here is: "Now that they (the Wild-life fellows) have it, what are they going to do with it!"

**A STATEMENT, SIR.**—This column recently said something to the effect that Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine had been offered various positions—or support for said positions—if he would not run for Governor against State Treasurer Charles Johnson. Ballentine actually made this statement, and he still holds to it, seeming surprised that Johnson denies it as follows:

"In view of a recent article in your Raleigh News Letter, I desire



**CAUGHT IN THE FLOODS . . .** Flood waters of the Mississippi river stalled this Frisco railroad work train. Photo was made from a coast guard plane making an aerial survey of the flooded area. Other locations reported train and railway tracks under water, bringing about renewed demands upon congress for flood control.

to make a statement with reference to the same.

"As a candidate for Governor, I have not, nor will I promise to appoint any person to any office. I have suggested to no person to become a candidate for any office and if any of my supporters have done so it was done without my authority from me and without my knowledge. The people of this great State are certainly capable of selecting their public servants.

"This letter is written for the purpose of keeping the record straight. Yours very truly, Charles M. Johnson."

**BACK AND FORTH.**—Ballentine says yes. Johnson says no. Who knows? Your Lieutenant Governor certainly would not make a false statement in this matter—and neither would your State Treasurer.

The answer: Johnson might have said something of this nature in a joking way at some time and have forgotten it. Some fawning friend of Johnson may have made overtures in this direction to Ballentine without Johnson's authority and without his knowledge.

P. S. This column leans neither way, believes Johnson might make just as good Governor as Ballentine, or vice versa. They are both good men, and so are Willis Smith, Oscar Barker, or any of the others who have been mentioned so far.

**RIGIDLY FORMED.**—You may be pleased to know that your State Government is now so rigidly formed and so checked, cross-checked, and double-checked that any man of average intelligence and honesty would make a fairly good Governor. Governor Angus W. McLean can be thanked for this. He set the thing up on a business-like basis, and as it stands now, it is darned near fool proof as regards its financial operations.

**OF INTEREST.**—Now here is something of more than passing interest: You know, Willis Smith is being mentioned as a candidate for Governor. He was prominently mentioned, too, the last time the Governor came from the eastern part of the State—in 1940, but he pulled out when he saw that J. M. Broughton was swiftly becoming a contender. Now they are talking him again. He's a good man—not too aggressive, but smart, capable, and a gentleman all the way.

What a lot of folks do not know is that he and Gov. Gregg Cherry were classmates at old Trinity. The talk now is that he is the man who persuaded Cherry to run for the Legislature from Gaston county back in 1930. The Gastonian had a good law practice, didn't seem to be interested in politics of that sort, the story goes, but Smith, eager to become Speaker of the House in 1931, went to Gastonia and finally succeeded in pulling Cherry into the fray. Cherry came to the House, helped Smith become Speaker, and then found he liked it around Raleigh. Liked it fine. He kept coming to the Legislature, became Speaker himself in 1937, and then Governor. Now if Willis Smith runs for Governor, whom will Governor Cherry and his forces support?

**FOR SUPERINTENDENT.**—R. L. Fritz, Jr., whom some rather rebellious teachers made head of the N. C. Education Association, may run for Superintendent of Public Instruction against Clyde Erwin. There is always a large group of instructors dissatisfied with "things around Raleigh" and they are urging Fritz to carry the fire he was able to build in the Asheville convention right into the big, gray Education building here.

He is expected shortly to call for a program leading toward an ultimate objective of \$2,400 a year for teachers—as a minimum for Grade A certificates.

**SPEAKER.**—Senator W. B. Umstead will speak to the State Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention at Beaufort June 3. He has been a member of this rapidly growing organization for a good many years now . . . will see words of new faces and potential votes as well as old friends of World War I days. Incidentally, Gov. Cherry's strong support of Senator Umstead at the Jefferson Day Dinner has caused

## Summer Camp To Begin On June 8

The summer camp season of the Oconeechee Council will begin June 8 at Crabtree State Park, it is announced today by Bonner Sawyer, Hillsboro, chairman of the Council Camping Committee.

Bruce M. Boyers, Assistant Scout Executive, will serve as director of the summer program. George F. Newell, Field Scout Executive, will serve as director for the Negro camp at Whispering Pines which opens June 15. They will be assisted by C. W. Webb, E. I. Moak, L. W. Hewett and M. S. Johnson, field Scout executives for the Oconeechee Council. Other members of the staff will include Holt Thornton, assistant camp director, A. C. Barfoot, Jr. Asst. waterfront Director; Thos. Queen, Life Guard; Richard Kaylor, Life Guard; Robert Walker,

JMB's supporters—of which there are more than a handful—to renew their efforts. A strong spurt for the former Governor is apparent in the West, where he has been speaking extensively since the dinner.

**NOTES.**—With the veterans: Incumbent city councilmen in Lenoir were defeated for the first time in 24 years in the recent election there. The campaign of the three new members of the board was managed by Tom Broughton, who is regarded as a strong candidate for State Treasurer . . . Frank Parker of Asheville, State GI Democrats chairman and State Senator from Buncombe, is being pressed to run for Lieutenant Governor . . . James M. Hayes, Jr., Forsyth representative in the 1947 General Assembly, and State Commander of VFW, has been endorsed by the council for vice commander of the National VFW.

**FOR CONGRESS.**—Harry Riddle, Jr., of Morganton is perfecting plans to run for Congress in the Tenth. He's State Treasurer of the GI Dems and a seasoned Young Democrat. Ed K. Butler of Lumberton is looking with longing eyes to Congress in the Seventh. He's now the county manager of Robeson. Francis Fairley, the Mecklenburg County GI Demo Chairman, who is prominent in city politics in Charlotte, may also run in the Tenth.

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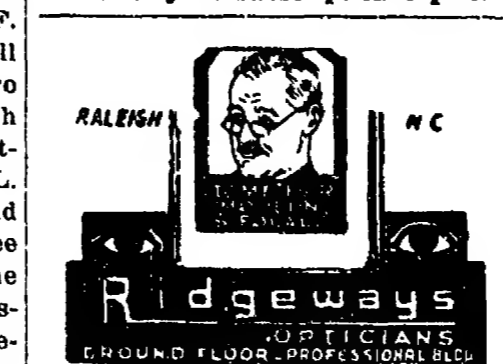
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Roy M. Liles, Council Executive, will be in general charge of all summer activities, which will also include an Order of the Arrow Camp, beginning June 24, a canoe cruise down the Neuse river, beginning June 30, and a mountain camp, beginning August 3. The Mountain Camp will be based at Smokemont in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Graduates of National Aquatic Schools will be in charge of all aquatic activities in each camp. Opportunity will be provided for Scouts to make many handicraft articles under the direction of qualified instructors. The daily camp program will provide for such activities as hiking, canoeing, camp fire programs, Scout craft, woodcraft, soft ball, archery, and many other activities.

Registrations for all camps are now open and must be filed through the Scoutmasters throughout the Council. Each scoutmaster has complete information on all camps and will be glad to discuss any of the camps with interested parents. Registration will be entered in the order received and will be accepted until each camp is filled.

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**LONNIE F. ENNIS**  
Lonnie F. Ennis, 69, of Benson, Route 1, died in Harnett County Hospital in Dunn at 7:40 p. m. Wednesday of last week after a short illness. He was the son of the late George W. and Mrs. Ennis of Harnett County. Funeral services were held at Bethesda Primitive

Baptist Church near Benson at 3 p. m. Friday, conducted by Elder Frank Nordan of Benson. Interment was in the church cemetery. Surviving are two brothers, W. H. of Angier, Route 2, and R. D. Ennis of Benson, Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. Emma S. Johnson of Smithfield and Mrs. Minson McLamb of Dunn, R-4. Chattels for sale at The News office.

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WHOOPIING COUGH—Immunization is required by the North Carolina State Law before reaching the age of 1 year.  
**VACCINATION SCHEDULE**  
Lillington, Health Dept. Offices  
Dunn, Dunn Health Center, W. Cumberland St.  
EACH SATURDAY FROM MAY 3, THROUGH JUNE 21—9:30 A. M. TO 12 M.  
Mondays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19  
Beane Trail School.....9:30 A. M.  
Leaflet Church.....10:45 A. M.  
Mt. Pisgah Community House.....11:30 A. M.  
Ridgeway Colored School.....12:30 P. M.  
Benhaven School.....1:30 P. M.  
Johnsville Community House.....2:15 P. M.  
Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27  
Oak Dale School.....9:00 A. M.  
Mary Stuart School.....10:30 A. M.  
Maple Grove School.....12:00 Noon  
Smith Grove School.....12:30 P. M.  
Mondays, May 26, June 2, 9, 16  
Raven Rock Church.....9:30 A. M.  
Mason's Store.....10:30 A. M.  
Union Methodist Church.....11:30 A. M.  
Anderson Creek School.....12:30 P. M.  
McLean's Chapel.....1:15 P. M.  
Bannlevel School.....2:00 P. M.  
Thursdays, May 29, June 5, 12, 19  
Angier High School.....9:00 A. M.  
Coats High School.....11:00 A. M.  
Mt. Pisgah Colored School.....2:00 P. M.  
Bute's Creek School.....3:00 P. M.  
Cedar Grove Colored School.....4:00 P. M.  
Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22  
Bethlehem Colored School.....9:30 A. M.  
Christian Light Church.....10:15 A. M.  
Buckhorn School.....11:15 A. M.  
LaFayette School.....1:00 P. M.  
Neill's Creek Church.....2:30 P. M.  
Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22  
Erwin Community House.....9:30 A. M.  
Beaver Dam Colored School.....1:30 P. M.  
Killingsford Colored School.....2:30 P. M.