

Capital News Letter

(By Thompson Greenwood)

EVENLY DIVIDED.—There are 800 North Carolina Democrats in Washington, and the direct word from there to this column is that 50 per cent of these Washington Tar Heels are for Senator W. B. Umstead, the remaining 50 per cent splitting their political shirts for Senator Umstead to be succeeded by J. M. Broughton.

WITH THE CONGRESSMEN.—The Washington report lines up the North Carolina Congressmen as follows: For Broughton—Congressmen

Bonner, Kerr, Redden, Cooley, and possibly Deane (because of the fact that Deane is secretary of the State Baptist Convention and Broughton is one of the Baptists' leading laymen). For Umstead—Congressmen Barden, Clark, Folger, Doughton, Durham; for neither, or for both: Congressmen Bulwinkle and Jones.

McDONALD.—As most former Bob Reynolds followers know, one of the Asheville glad-hander's main assets when he was U. S. Senator was a handsome young fellow by the name of Wesley McDonald. As the Reynolds secretary, Wesley helped out

Bob with first names and pertinent comments on the constituent's health, family, and fortune. McDonald, if memory serves correctly, maintains a voting residence in Morehead City. For a number of years he made a career of being secretary to several senators, at one time helping out the late Carter Glass.

Since Reynolds left Washington, Wesley McDonald has been practicing law—and is now, meantime beating the drums for Robert R. Reynolds for 1950. He is a member of the North Carolina Democratic Club in Washington, but is more interested in the return of Bob Reynolds than anything else.

ON FEBRUARY 13.—The Congressional Banquet of the North Carolina Democratic Club of Washington will be held on February 13. At that time, the members will do honor to the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, singing high the praises of Tar Heel Solons serving in the National Capitol. The dinner will also be something in the way of a kickoff for the political battles of 1948.

FENCE-STRADDLER.—Bob Erwin, who writes for the State Magazine and also serves a string of papers and radio stations in North Carolina, can't stay out of politics to save his life. His political meddling has made it so that he has to throw his hat into the offices of three or four Congressmen before going in to see them on his Capitol beat. If his hat doesn't come bouncing out, he makes his entrance.

If he had played hands-off on the political angle, he might have been chosen head of the North Carolina Democratic Club of Washington on December 5. However, Erwin is strong for Mr. Broughton for U. S. Senator. There was also a move under foot for Kid Brewer, Umstead assistant (\$10,000 per year now) and president of the club, to succeed himself. This displeased the Broughtonites.

So, as a compromise, the members chose a fence-straddler, John Lang, secretary to Congressman C. B. Deane of the Eighth District, for president. Lang's boss, as noted above, might eventually swing to Broughton. Right now, however, he is mostly neutral, and would like to stay out of the battle altogether. Lang, former head of NYA in North Carolina, is a native of Carthage, a Phi Beta Kappa of the University of North Carolina and a recent bridegroom. Lang has reportedly told friends that he is as strong for Senator Umstead as for J. M. Broughton.

NOTES.—Helen Twelvrees, who increased the heartbeat of many a male who saw her on the stage and in pictures during the late 20's and 30's, has married a Caldwell county farmer, Conrad R. Payne, whom she met during the war, and will be a farm wife from here on out, says she . . . Lt. Gov. L. Y. (Stag) Barentine, who was supposed to make a definite statement last Friday in regard to his candidacy for Governor, still delays taking the plunge . . . Stag says he must get his dairy and farm in shape first . . . He should not overlook his political fences, either . . . Claiborne Royall, brother of Kenneth Royal, Secretary of the Army, has come out for Mayne Albright for Governor . . . Swain county, on the other hand, says it is for Johnson for Governor and for Umstead in that senatorial fight . . . Sixty-six bootleggers were nabbed in Charlotte by ABC officers last week . . . 59 at on clip, a record in N. C. . . Senator Clyde Hoey, 70 last week, was given a nice little party by his office staff and that of Sen. W. B. Umstead . . . "One of the good things about being 70," commented Mr. Hoey, "is that people generally seem to expect less of you." . . . 175 North Carolina farmers, farm agents, and other farm officials will return Thursday, December 18, from Chicago and the American Farm Bureau convention . . . 51 counties represented . . . There are 65,000 Farm Bureau members in N. C., which ranks fifth in the nation in Farm Bureau membership.

UNCERTAIN.—Your reporter was in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington five days last week contacting Congressmen and business leaders. Consensus is that only Eisenhower can beat President Truman. There is a feeling of uncertainty about business conditions for 1948, most merchants professing a reluctance to make large investments on anything. They admit they have no definite information on what Congress plans to do regarding the Marshall Plan. Also, there is the matter of inflation throughout the United States. What can be done to curb it? Meantime, stocks continue to decline.

THE FOUR HORSEMEN.—Gerald Johnson, who is probably one of the most scholarly writers ever produced in North Carolina, sat last Friday afternoon in the Baltimore and Ohio railway station in New York waiting for the 4:10 train which would whisk him to his home in Baltimore. He sat there by himself, a portable typewriter at his side, calmly pulling on a cigar, wholly oblivious of the fact that he was being closely observed by another North Carolinian.

Although only 57, Gerald Johnson looks nearer 70. On the ride down to Baltimore, the author of the "Age of Jackson", "Roosevelt, Democrat

or Demagogue", and a dozen other books and hundreds of magazine articles, book reviews, etc., revealed that he wants to do a book covering the twentieth century's battles. Although one of the most famous books ever written was entitled "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse", Johnson would like to use this same name for his book. Born in 1890, he has watched the world roll from the quiet years of 1900-13 into wars and rumors of wars, with the four horsemen, Pestilence, Famine, War, and Death, stampeding across the earth. Incidentally, Johnson thinks the four giants of this century are Lenin, Stalin, Wilson, and F. D. Roosevelt.

H. T. LATHAM, SR.

Washington, N. C.—Hannis Taylor Latham, Sr., of Washington died early Saturday morning in a local hospital following an illness of several days. Mr. Latham was born August 1, 1876, in New Bern, son of Thomas Jordan and Kathleen Stevenson Latham. He had resided in Washington for the past 55 years. His father was cashier of the Bank of Washington from the time it organized until his retirement a number of years ago. Mr. Latham was a member of a prominent Eastern North Carolina family and was well known throughout the community. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Washington. He was an accountant and bookkeeper, working for several business concerns in Washington. Surviving are his wife, the former Sude Harding of Greenville; three sons, Hannis T. Latham, Jr., of Bath, Henry Harding Latham of Greensboro, and Thomas Jordan Latham of Raleigh; and several grandchildren and nieces. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home at 418 West Second street by the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Interment was in Oakdale Cemetery.

One of Mr. Latham's sons, Hannis Latham, Jr., taught school at Boone Trail a number of years ago, and is married to the former Miss Billie O'Quinn of Manners.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Mansfield of Sanford announce the birth of a daughter, December 7, at the Lee County Hospital.

Deeds for sale at The News office.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to authority contained in Chapter 136, Public Laws of 1923, as amended in 1941 by an act entitled "Act prescribing the manner of advertisement and sale of school property" (See Section 2), and pursuant to a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Education held November 3rd, at which meeting all members were present, the Board of Education of Harnett County will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the time and place indicated the real estate listed below:

Killingsford School
Beginning on the North side of the said Duke and Bunnlevel road and in the line dividing the lands of Purdie & Smith and I. W. Smith and runs as said Purdie and Smith's line dividing line North 20 E 10 chs. to a stake in the open field, a corner of the Purdie & Smith tract and in the line of the I. W. Smith tract; thence South 70 E 1.77 chs. to a stake in the old line; thence South 20 West 10 chs. to a stake on the North edge of the Duke & Bunnlevel road; thence as said road N. 70 W. 1.77 chs. to the beginning, containing 1.77 acres.

Beginning at a stake on the North side of the Duke and Duke road, and in the dividing line between Smith and Purdie and the J. L. Smith lands, and runs as said line N. 20 E. 5 chains to a stake and corner; thence N. 70 W. 1.40 chains to a stake; thence S. 20 W. 5 chains to a stake and corner at the North edge of said road; thence as the road 1.40 chains to the beginning, containing 7-10 of an acre.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Time of Sale: Thursday, January 8th, 1948 at 11 o'clock A. M.
Place of Sale: On the premises.
Terms of Sale: Cash.

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Murchison Chapel Church lot, and runs as a line of the Murchison 40 acre tract South 5 degrees W 290 feet to a stake in said line; thence S 85 degrees E 300 feet to a stake in the field; thence N 5 degrees E 290 feet to a stake in the head of a branch; thence N 85 degrees E 300 feet to the corner of the Church lot, 300 feet to the beginning, containing two acres, more or less. This being a part of a tract of forty acres conveyed to the parties of the first part by L. C. Seawell and wife, and conveyed to L. C. Seawell and H. C. Cameron.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Time of Sale: Thursday, January 8th, 1948 at 3 o'clock P. M.
Place of Sale: On the premises.
Terms of Sale: Cash.

By order of the Board of Education this 8th day of December, 1947.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARNETT COUNTY
By C. Reid Ross, Secretary.

FORECLOSURE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Bessie Allen and husband L. C. Allen under date of 8th day of January, 1947, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Harnett County, N. C., in Book 303, page 112, Harnett County Registry, the undersigned trustee, after demand having been made on the undersigned to foreclose said deed of trust securing said notes, will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door, Lillington, N. C., on the 29th of December, 1947, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lands, viz:

Adjoining the lands of Stewart,

Goodman and others and described as follows: Viz: Beginning at Maggie J. Gardner's beginning corner, a sweet gum pointer, running thence north 82 east 7 chains to Stewart's corner; thence as Stewart's line south 87 1/2 east 3 chains to a stake, Stewart's corner in Gilbert Garner's line; thence south 2 east 6 chains to a stake in a road; thence south 56 west 1840 chains to a stake; thence north 12 1/2 chains to the first stake containing 15 acres, more or less and being the identical lands conveyed to Bessie Lee Garner under date of March 14, 1942 by J. M. Garner, widower and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Harnett County in book 296 at page 477 to which reference is hereby made for further description.

2nd tract: Beginning at W. M. Garner second corner, a stake, sweet gum pointer running thence north 2 east 11 50 chains to a stake in Monroe's line, black oak pointers; thence north 56 east 7.70 chains to a stake, Stewart's corner; thence south 2 east 15 chains to a stake, hickory pointers, Stewart's other corner; thence 82 west 7 chains to the first station containing .93 acres, more or less and being the identical lands conveyed to Maggie Garner under date of March 14, 1942 by J. M. Garner, widower, in the office of Register of Deeds for Harnett County in book 298 at page 178 to which reference is hereby made for further description.

This the 24th day of November, 1947.
H. W. B. WHITLEY, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY TRUSTEE

Under and by virtue of the authority given in that certain deed of trust, executed by Enoch Darroch and wife Ethel Darroch, to H. Paul Strickland, Trustee, dated November 26, 1946, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Harnett County in Book 442 at Page 284, default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, and the holder of said note having requested the trustee named therein to foreclose said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will on Monday, December 22, 1947, at 12:00 Noon, at the courthouse door, in Harnett County, Lillington, N. C., offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate being located in Anderson Creek Township, Harnett County North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a lightwood stake in Ernest Darroch's North line, a corner for Mattie Womack Darroch and runs as her dividing line North 4 degrees and 42 minutes East 2415 feet to a stake on the Southern bank of Upper Little River; thence as the river meanders South 1 degree and no minutes East 295 feet; South 34 degrees East 90 feet; thence South 60 degrees 135 feet; South 22 degrees East 134 feet; South 70 degrees East 139 feet; South 27 degrees East 90 feet to a stake and pointers on the Southern bank of Upper Little River, a corner for Enoch Darroch and James Darroch; thence as their dividing line South 4 degrees and 42 minutes West 1715 feet to a lightwood stake in Ernest Darroch's North line due West 455 feet to the point of the beginning, containing 20.21 acres by actual survey, made in February 1934, by Russell D. Roseman, Engineer. The above described tract being the same

lands allotted to Enoch Darroch by Commissioner's deed recorded in Book 256 at Page 640, Harnett County Registry.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit 10 per cent of his bid as evidence of his good faith. This the 21 day of November, 1947.
H. PAUL STRICKLAND, Trustee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of J. R. P. West, deceased, late of Harnett County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file same, duly verified, with the undersigned on or before the 25th day of November, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This 25th day of November, 1947.
W. P. WEST, Administrator of the Estate of J. R. P. West, Deceased Manchester, N. C., Star Route. 4-6-c



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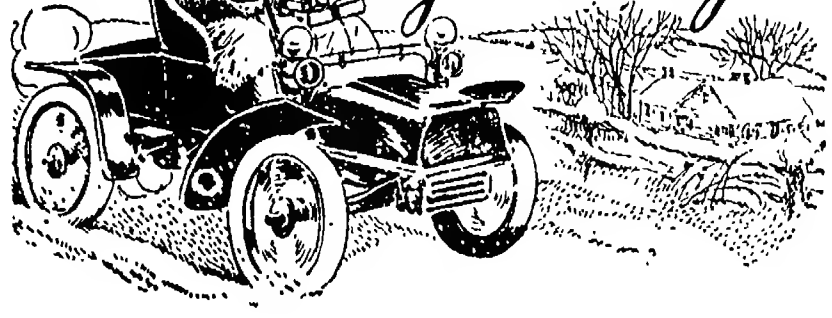
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