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State Employees 'Burn' deVyver's Ears Over 'Merit' Examinations

By DEWITT CARROLL, In Greensboro Daily News
- RALEIGH, Oct. 15.—Hundreds of state employees are indignant over the form of the "merit" examinations they just underwent and the manner in which they were given. Under direction of Dr. Frank T. deVyver, of Duke University, the examinations were to determine their fitness to hold state jobs.

If there is any truth to the saying that your ears burn when someone is talking about you, Dr. deVyver's face should be a bright red spot between two columns of smoke. Some 1,100 people took the examinations at State college Saturday, and Dr. deVyver has been the target of highly inflammatory remarks since then.

Tests were given at selected points about the state. Raleigh employees who took them included those of the board of health, welfare department and blind commission. Both state and county workers were tested. Originally a federal law called for examining workers who handled federal funds, but the state law passed by the last assembly included employees in departments that handle government money. Stenography tests will be given later.

Complaints
Many of the state workers interviewed here were reluctant to speak. It was obvious they felt the examinations unfair and incompetent, but equally obvious that they feared reprisal.

Dozens of the employees who underwent the "merit" examination have been working faithfully and efficiently at their jobs for 15 to 20 years or more. Foremost among their complaints were these:

The examination was given without due notice. It was done in a sloppy and slipshod manner.

It had little, if anything, to do with the type of work they are employed in, and hence was illegal.

The exam, designed to test their efficiency, was itself inefficient.

That after Dr. deVyver had told them what subjects to study, the test had little to do with those subjects.

Long Preparation
State employees subject to the examinations have been studying since last November for the first part of their "merit" tests. Some have spent as much as \$50 for instruction, and one employee estimated expenditures for the entire state workers group would average nearly \$10.

"One subject Dr. deVyver said for us to stress was English," said they, "and when we got the examination only a small part of it had to do with English. We were given sentences to punctuate, and if we missed just one of several punctuation marks, the whole question was counted wrong."

"He told us to study arithmetic but we were given questions about postage rates. Every department has its own mailing room and one employee who handles that kind of work. Stenographers and file clerks aren't supposed to know about it—as far as their jobs go.

"Other questions were about unusual office machines that we do not use and have never had any occasion to become familiar with. They gave stenographers questions about filing, and whether Dr. deVyver knows it or not, our departments have central filing rooms where regular clerks do all the filing."

"Does it sound like Dr. deVyver was trying to find out whether we were qualified for the jobs we have?" they asked.

"Workers classed as stenographers are called on to do things other than take dictation or write letters, in some cases. A lot of them will take only six or eight letters a month, yet they are still classed as stenographers, and they must compete with girls fresh out of business school on the second part of the exam."

The merit tests are open to outsiders as well as incumbents. Naturally, a worker classed as a stenographer but rarely used as one will have a hard time competing with someone just recently trained in the stenographic art. However, the incumbents are thoroughly grounded in knowledge of other workings of their edge of other workings of their speed at taking and writing letters.

Law called for two week's notice, but irate workers protested many of them had received their notice only one or two days before the exam.

Poor Organization
Biggest complaint of all was over the "terribly inefficient" manner in which the Raleigh examination was given.

"Applicants were told to report to the State college Y. M. C. A. at 1:30 o'clock," workers said. "When about 1,100 of us got there, we milled around on the steps wondering where we were to go and what to do. Finally, word got around that we were to be registered by four girls at desks on the 'Y' porch. Think of that—four little girls to handle 1,100 people.

"These girls assigned us to our examination rooms. Some of the room numbers they gave us didn't exist. It took so long to assign them that a lot of our people didn't get up two flights of stairs and ready to start until 4 o'clock. Many of them were still working at 9 p. m.

"Some women were sent to the library, which had been freshly painted, and the fumes stung their eyes and noses painfully. And then, when all of us saw the exams and knew they were not at all what we had been told to prepare for, the mental conflict was enough to upset anyone.

"Most of all, the strain of waiting two hours, or so to take an examination for our jobs unnerved the women. A lot of them came away sobbing, they were so upset. That delay was absolutely unnecessary. We could have been given our examination room numbers when we got our notices. It would have eliminated all that strain."

Questions Answered By State College

Q. Is it true that certain winter cover crop seed are no longer available through the AAA grant-of-aid plan?

A. E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive assistant, says no more Austrian winter pea, hairy vetch, or Italian rye grass seed will be available under the 1941 AAA program as grant-of-aid materials. In explaining, he points out that weather conditions in producing areas were such that when these seed were harvested, the crop was considerably below what has been expected. The government is now making plans to avoid a similar shortage in 1942.

FEDERAL OFFICER AND ASHE DEPUTY HURT BY DYNAMITE

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where Miller's leg was found to be badly crushed and was amputated. Barring complications, both should recover.

The other officers, not so close to the first stick of dynamite to explode, were unhurt.

Reports from the hospital today indicated that Reese and Miller were improving as well as could be expected. However, Miller's condition previously had not been so encouraging and blood transfusions were given.

R. W. Pou, farm agent of Forsyth, says that in going over the county he is finding larger numbers of hens being kept for laying purposes than usual.

CITIZENS FINLEY PARK ADDITION ASK BOULEVARD

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556 feet of Spruce Street, which connects with Highway 19 near the intersection of Trogon avenue and Hinshaw street.

The petition also asked that Finley street in the Finley Park addition be made into a boulevard with two 15-foot lanes separated by ten feet for grass and shrubbery.

Finley Park addition has grown rapidly since it was opened up only a short time ago and now contains several of the best homes in North Wilkesboro.

Other business transacted in the October meeting of the city board included ordering installation of a street light on the corner of Tenth and G streets and erection of a light in the rear of Woman's Club House. The board also placed order for a carload of asphalt for street repair work.

KINCHELOE SPEAKS TO LIONS HERE ON FRIDAY EVENING

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bank to begin a state convention expense fund for delegates of the local club. Paul Cashion told of the beginning of a scrap paper collection project and members volunteered to work nights baling the paper. Dr. H. B. Smith called attention to the ruling of the national park service banning windshield stickers on cars on the Blue Ridge Parkway. A motion was passed instructing the secretary to write the proper authorities asking that Lions emblem stickers be allowed on cars on the scenic boulevard.

The program was in charge of Dwight Nichols, who presented Dr. Kincheloe.

The speaker told of the lack of freedom in Russia, Italy and Germany, pointing out that the Governments in those countries denied individuals rights as are enjoyed in America and in return gave certain material benefits.

He told of how the individual is subordinated for the benefit of the state, how education is minimized and religion is discouraged.

In direct contrast, he told how a democracy must function or intelligence, education, the church and public service.

Under the last phase of his subject, the public service organizations, he spoke of the American Red Cross, pointing out that Wilkes hopes to have a good record this year.

He said the Wilkes' goal this year is \$2,100, a big increase in line with greater need of Red Cross funds.

He pointed out that flood relief funds were expended by the Red Cross in Wilkes in 1940 totaled \$10,211.28; Watauga, \$12,000; and Ashe, \$8,000.

His address was well received by the club.

Don Wadsley and Phillip Brame will have charge of the program on November 7.

Ads get attention—and results

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

North Carolina, Wilkes County.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by C. J. Triplett and wife, Sallie Triplett, to Eleanor Smoak, Trustee, on the 29th day of August, 1936, to secure the payment of a certain note, which note is past due and unpaid, and demand having been made upon the said C. J. Triplett and said wife, Sallie Triplett, for payment of said note, and payment refused, and the Trustee having been requested by the owners and holders of said note and deed of trust (which deed of trust is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County in Book 173, Page 241) to exercise the power of sale therein contained:

The undersigned Trustee will on the 17th day of November, 1941, at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate:

BEGINNING on a water oak on the South fork of Elk Creek; thence South 54 degrees West 19 poles to a white oak; thence South 68 degrees West 8 poles to a double maple; thence South 30 degrees West 38 poles to a pine on top of the ridge; thence North to a Cotton Wood, thence a Northward course to Richey corner in the Montgomery line; thence South Keeton line 235 poles to a stake; thence North to the Meadow Branch; thence down the branch to Elk Creek; thence down the creek to the beginning, containing 75 acres, more or less.

No bids will be accepted unless its maker shall deposit with the Trustee the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20) as a forfeit and guaranty of his compliance with his bid, the same to be credited on his bid when accepted, and unless said deposit is made said lands will be resold immediately at the same place on the same day and upon the same terms. Every deposit not forfeited or accepted will be promptly returned to the maker upon the expiration of the period allowed by law for filing of advance or upset bid.

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11-10-41 (m)

Pendry Hinshaw Reunion Is Held

A reunion of the Pendry and Hinshaw families was held eight miles North of North Wilkesboro, at the home of B. W. Pendry Sunday, October the fifth. Inspiring talks were made by Rev. S. L. Blevins and Rev. C. M. Caudill. A picnic lunch was spread on the ground. More than two hundred participated in the day of fun and enjoyment.

Those attending who reside outside of the county were: Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Hinshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Hinshaw and families of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. Houston Pendry and family of Booneville, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pendry and family of Laurel Springs, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hartzog, of Idlewild, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pendry, of Radford, Va., and Mrs. John Byrd and daughter, Patsy, of Rice, Washington.

PROCTOR SPEAKS IN WILKESBORO

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speaker of the evening.

Rev. Mr. Proctor in his opening remarks told of his big family at the Oxford orphanage. He said that it was the oldest orphanage in North Carolina, having been established in 1872. Over three hundred children are now being cared for and educated at the present time. Rev. Mr. Proctor stated, and over 4,500 children had been given to the state and nation to play their part in the country's progress since the orphanage was opened. "Not one boy or girl as far as we know had ever been indicted or convicted of a major crime," Mr. Proctor said, "and many of our boys are now in the country's military service." In closing his remarks about the work of the orphanage and the great work being done by the fraternal order supporting it, Rev. Mr. Proctor said "that the country owes Masonry a great debt.

Then taking his sermon theme, Rev. Mr. Proctor developed a strong, gospel message around the word "foundation", using as a background the parable of the man who constructed his house on sand as compared to the one who built on solid rock. "In these critical days we need to build ourselves on a strong spiritual foundation," Rev. Mr. Proctor declared. And I warn you, the darkest days are yet before us in this time of world crisis". "The need

of the world is a firm foundation with God, and with this foundation I have the assurance that God will be victorious, and the assurance of immortality."

Dr. James C. Gibbs, pastor of the Wilkesboro church, was in charge of the service which was held in conjunction with the other churches of community.

John Shew Rites Held On Sunday

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Fishing Creek church for John Shew, 75-year-old citizen of the Wilkesboro route two community who died Friday.

Surviving Mr. Shew are his widow, Mrs. Almedia Shew, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Carrie Williams, of Antioch township; Mrs. Alice Wiles, of Ronda; Miss Nettie Shew, of Wilkesboro; Mrs. Dora Williams, of Abshers; James and M. L. Shew and Mrs. Bertha Curry, of Wilkesboro.

The U. S. Crop reporting Board in its latest release, estimates the 1941 cotton crop at 11,610,000 bales, as compared with 12,566,000 bales ginned in 1940.

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