

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

FIVE-DAY WEEK . . . Gov. Kerr Scott's office has now gone on the five-day week, and that makes it virtually unanimous in State offices here as to Monday-through-Friday-period.

The five-day work week was set up on a temporary, or experimental, basis. But it has worked out so well that it is now a permanent fixture. So do not come to Raleigh for Saturday visits. You won't find anybody home. State employees get off work at 5:30 on Friday afternoon and report back at 8:30 Monday morning. The trend is ever to shorter hours and higher pay.

THE VOTE . . . Opinion here is that the vote in the Senatorial runoff on Saturday, June 24, will fall at least 150,000 short of the 618,479 record-breaking ballot cast in the May 27 Primary. Some of the guessers think the total vote will not go over 400,000.

STORE CLOSINGS . . . The trend to shorter hours is not confined to State departments in North Carolina. Most of you can remember when your favorite trading places stayed open until all hours. . . or as long as there was anybody around to buy anything or to talk to. In the larger cities now, the N. C. Merchants Association finds, stores open around 9:30 and close about 5:30. As a general rule, all employers are providing their clerks with at least one afternoon off a week. In most cases, this is Wednesday. The old NRA and Hugh Johnson started the early closings at night, good business during and since World War II pushed along the movement, and now even the smaller communities' stores are open only about two-thirds the time they were 20 years ago.

TOWARD \$700,000 . . . The Baptists finally voted not to accept the \$700,000 from the Federal Government to build at their hospital in Winston-Salem a wing. They said they would prefer to raise the money, that they did not want to accept any handouts from Uncle Sam, and that they are tired of having the old boy peep over their shoulders every time any big project comes along. People are apparently getting rather fed up with Government interference . . . but they love Federal

money. . . and it is hard to have one without the other. So, the Baptists are now setting quotas for all the churches in the State as a step toward raising the \$700,000. This will require some time, but at least when the addition is built it will be by the Baptists, and not with Federal money collected from taxpayers who thought their taxes were being used to operate the Government.

"PRESERVATIVES" . . . Miss Nell Battle Lewis writes a column. . . and has for years . . . in the Raleigh News and Observer. She loves the University of North Carolina and now lives in Chapel Hill. In a recent column she quotes University Comptroller W. D. Carmichael's statement to the General Alumni Association at the commencement: "Gordon Gray's acceptance of the presidency of the University is the greatest thing for the State that has happened since the Revolutionary War."

Miss Lewis was intrigued by the statement and she went to Carmichael for more as follows: "About Mr. Gray, said Mr. Carmichael, he wanted to warn the alumni. The University's 'Red Badge of Courage' and chief braggadocian Communist Hans Freidstat, a graduate student in physics, who has now departed, recently repeated that he had previously published in a little sheet he got out from time to time, i. e., that "what a tobacco tycoon and Truman tool as President and a Catholic of Wall Street as Comptroller, the University had, indeed, gone conservative.

"If I were to stop or to stoop to answer Mr. Freidstat, said Mr. Carmichael, I would say that Gordon Gray and I are not conservatives but preservatives, and we will devote the rest of our active lives to preserving the things that have made America great and to keeping our University true to the faith of our fathers and mothers and the hope of our sons and daughters.

"Neither radical nor reactionary will ever control the University of North Carolina. . . ."

SHAPPARD . . . J. A. Shappard of Wilson was set two weeks ago to accept employment with the N. C. Merchants Association as field representative in the southwestern section of North Carolina. . . . and on Monday, June 12, was to meet R. B. Tomlinson, Association Field Secretary, at the bus station at Sanford to begin his training program.

On Saturday, June 10, he telephoned the Association that he had made another connection . . . but Tomlinson, out on the road, could not be notified that his man would not be in Sanford to meet him. He was at the bus station as planned and had Shappard called on the public address system. No Shappard: He called again that afternoon, but still no Shappard.

At 6 o'clock, he had completed his day's work and went around to the bus station. This time Shappard was present. But it was R. W. Shappard of Route 2, Sanford. Tomlinson talked to this Shappard. . . . only to find after two or three stops and starts that he had found a Shappard, but not the right one. This new Shappard

CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS A BUSY DAY



HAWAIIAN DELEGATE to the National 4-H Club encampment in Washington, Norma Ito presents President Truman with a wreath at the White House. Agriculture Secretary Brannan looks on. (International)

however, was interested in coming with the N. C. Merchants Association as field representative.

He went to Raleigh to see about the position which he had stumbled onto by being named Shappard. The day after he made application, Walter H. Paramore, secretary of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, resigned that position. Having been editor and reporter on papers at Plymouth, Raleigh, and having operated merchants organizations in Whiteville and Fuquay Springs, he was given the job.

On Monday morning, June 19, Paramore met Tomlinson at the

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