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successful in getting it passed by the House under suspension of the rules.

The general impression of Harnett-Senator J. Robert Young and Representative Gregory was that the bill naming the 23 additional justices for Harnett was included in the scores of local bills passed by the Senate in its closing hours.

**GREGORY PAYS FEE**

But today the Governor's office had found out that the bill had not become law. The governor received a letter yesterday from Robert Morgan, Harnett clerk of Superior Court, asking that not 23 but 28 new justices be named for Harnett, explaining that the bill designed to name the justices for two-year terms beginning last April 1 had failed to pass the Senate, and that Rep. Gregory requested 28 new justices be named.

And along with the Morgan letter came Representative Gregory's personal check for \$70 as the governor's office charges \$2.50 for each commission as a Justice of the Peace the governor names for a four-year term.

Mrs. Alma Corbett, a clerk in Governor Scott's office, said she is having to write Clerk Morgan for addresses of the 28 new justices that Gregory requested be named. Morgan listed the names of the 28 by townships, but not their mailing addresses. The 28 justices cannot qualify for their four-year terms until they receive their commissions from the governor, Mrs. Corbett said.

**OTHER MIX-UPS, TOO**

A search today had disclosed

that the Harnett justices were not the only ones that got fouled up in the closing days of the legislature. There were also mix-ups in Mecklenburg, Caswell, Washington, Chatham, Mitchell, Transylvania, and Currituck counties.

The House-passed Gregory bill was discovered late yesterday by The Record's Raleigh correspondent nestling with some other J. P. bills in the pigeonhole assigned the Senate committee on justices of the peace. The chairman of this committee is Senator J. Hawley Poole of Moore county, who, along with Senator Young of Harnett, represents the 12th senatorial district composed of Harnett, Moore, Randolph and Hoke counties.

The 28 justices Gregory got Governor Scott to name after the mix-up by townships: Ernest Darroch and W. E. Lassiter of Anderson Creek; A. B. Adams of Aversboro; G. L. Cameron and W. H. Mason of Barbecue; W. R. Broadwell and C. E. Denning of Black River; J. Leo Betts and L. B. McKinnie of Buckhorn; Clarence Colville, G. W. Conard and Fred W. Brown of Duke; Ralvin McLeod, G. J. Turlington, J. B. Williams and Bonnie Willard of Grove; D. R. Smith of Hector's Creek; Ed. J. Gilchrist of Johnsonville; Ferd D. Jackson, J. B. Keith and Hal Butts of Neill's Creek; Carl Allen of Stewart's Creek; Carl Holder, J. S. McLean, Douglald McRae, H. M. O'Quinn, W. H. Salmon and E. W. McLeod of Upper Little River.

Foreign and domestic wool prices are continuing upward. The U. S. farm price averaged \$1.19 per pound in mid-March, a new record. Prices are likely to remain high as world demand increases.

# These Days



## By Sokolsky

### THE ISSUE IS ACHESON

Now that General Douglas MacArthur has had his week and the country has burst its bounds of anger and enthusiasm, it becomes clear that politically the quarrel is over Dean Acheson, President Truman has indicated beyond doubt that he has confidence in and supports Dean Acheson. The Republicans will continue their opposition to Dean Acheson and will make such an issue of him that his conduct of the state department will be before the people from now until after the election of 1952.

General Douglas MacArthur's dismissal has proved to have been a political error on the part of President Truman. The brusque method did not go with the country. After all, General MacArthur has been in the service of his country 52 years and to the public he is a hero. Even those who disagreed with MacArthur's ideas or his conduct felt that the President might have employed some other method than a disgraceful dismissal.

A President's work is so arduous, his responsibilities so great that he too soon becomes a prisoner in the hands of those whom he hires to assist and protect him. Mr. Truman could have been told by his associates that popular opinion has been growing increasingly irritable over the numerous failures of our foreign policy. The machinations of Great Britain have stunned the people.

I am not discussing whether Dean Acheson or the British or Herbert Hoover or Senator Wherry is correct; I am trying to appraise public opinion, and I am sure that the enormous mail I have received during the past fortnight is public opinion. For while there is disagreement and confusion, there is also surprise and shock. India's attitude toward the United States, Iran's attitude toward the United States, and that amazingly unfriendly speech of Lester Pearson, Canada's Secretary for External Affairs, have made many who ever thought well of Acheson's policies wonder at our stark isolation.

The presence of General MacArthur in this country makes the situation more difficult for Dean Acheson. No man in the United States possesses a more detailed knowledge of the Far East. He may even tell of his basic quarrels with the State Department over the attempt to load his administration with pro-Russian communists and left-wingers. There is an interesting story in MacArthur's struggle with Dean Acheson which lasted as long as the two men faced each other officially. It is one of those fortuitous circumstances of politics that the army officer who received General MacArthur when he set foot on American soil was General Albert Wedemeyer, one of the most brilliant minds in our armed forces and a great authority on Far Eastern affairs. He, too, tangled with Dean Acheson on the Far East and Acheson won the argument. Although Wedemeyer's usefulness to the joint chiefs of staff at this time is beyond doubt, he has been situated at San Francisco in a housekeeping job.

It is impossible to investigate the MacArthur dismissal and the event that led to it without investigating the suppression of the Wedemeyer reports on China and Korea. Nor will it be possible to avoid a study of Acheson's appeasements, which he does not regard as appeasements but as technical negotiations. Acheson's speech to the newspaper women in Washington did not establish his denial of appeasement—which has, since Munich, become an offensive word.

The fact that he chose to speak on the Far East the night before General MacArthur's speech to Congress, after a silence since November, indicated to many that Acheson realizes what he faces.

It was in that speech that he reverted to MacArthur's earlier proposal for a Pacific alliance, omitting Formosa, of course. But as General MacArthur made clear in his speech to Congress, the Philippines would be imperiled from within and without, should Formosa be held by either Soviet Russia or Soviet China. At any rate, on the subject of the Philippines, no man can speak with greater authority and stature than General MacArthur and he has spoken of both the Philippines and Formosa.

So here we enter upon another debate which will be more vehement. More articulate than the "Great Debate."

The Far Eastern debate may become so tense as to affect all other questions. President Truman and Dean Acheson have long sought to prevent this debate from breaking into the open. Now, it is in the open and they brought it on themselves.

# Mister Breger



"Hmm... four aces ARE somewhat irregular as collateral for a thousand-dollar loan..."



By ED SULLIVAN

**MACARTHURVILLE-ON-THE-SUBWAY**

In a World Series game, it is not considered tactically secure to send the batboy up to bat for DiMaggio, with the bases loaded and the clock running out.

White House designation of Gen. Harry Vaughan to meet Gen. Douglas MacArthur easily qualifies as a top honor, because batboy Vaughan also has been charged with operating an underground clubhouse in used baseballs.

There aren't many state occasions that Vaughan rates anyway, but certainly he should have been kept out of this particular scene. He could have been assigned to guard the Japanese cherry blossom trees along the Potomac.

Public opinion seems to be running about 3 to 1 in favor of MacArthur. As Americans, all of us are hopeful of an early solution of the mess that gives comfort to the Kremlin.

Dear Ed: You've finally received the top accolade! On Thursday night, I attended the meeting of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, attended by 2,500 people honoring Dalton Trumbo, John Howard Lawson and Albert Maltz. In the group were Paul Robeson, Isidore Rubin, Robert Lees (who, Wednesday, refused to answer the House committee), Cedric Belfrage and your old foe, Sam Wannamaker. I thought you'd like to know that, while speaking about "un-American, newspapermen," John Howard Lawson, commissar of Hollywood, blasted you personally as a reactionary columnist who should be purged.

Sincerely, C. Michael Smith, Jr., Chairman, American Committee, Catholic War Veterans.

Lawson's attack on me as "reactionary" has several areas of amusement. Long before these dangerous crackpots started their Communist exploitation of minorities, this column had pioneered in the fight for minorities, but always in the firm belief that injustices could and must be corrected within the framework of the American Constitution. Lawson's characterization of me as a dangerous opponent of Communism is flattering and accurate. The Communies know that what I've done for minorities is a positive counterattack on Commie infiltration because it destroys them, at their own game.

In my argument with Sam Wannamaker, I asked him if he subscribed to the phrase in the Declaration of Independence, which states: "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights"

I said that if he believed with me that these inalienable rights were vested in us by God, rather than by the state, he agreed that the Soviet state then could not take away from its slave population the boon of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Wannamaker, understanding the trap posed for him, refused to answer the question. He hasn't answered it, to this day.

If parlor-pinks would understand that tens of thousands of Americans are working to relieve the minorities in injustices, but always working within the old-fashioned American framework of godliness, they wouldn't be sucked in by Commie-fronts... The job can be done by Americans, along American lines of law and order... Just how effectively it can be done is illuminated by Lawson's attack on this writer.

Dear Ed: Am feeling a lot better now and have been playing quite a bit of golf. They've got a good course down at Palm Springs after many years of nothing in that area and when you next come West, you want to be sure to play it. It's called Thunderbird Ranch—a nice 18-hole layout—good grass and greens and Johnny Dawson has done a wonderful job developing this project. Tell Byron Nelson that his golf lessons were particularly interesting to me, because of my interest in golf, and I think I profited considerably by being reminded of the lateral shift—something which most of us had completely forgotten about. It doesn't look like I'll get East this Spring, which will be the first time in many years this circumstance has arisen—too much to do out here right now. Take care of yourself, Ed, and warmest personal regards.

Sincerely, BING CROSBY.

In Rye, N. Y., the Catholic Church has been undergoing repairs so the parishioners have been going to Mass in the firehouse. The results have been spectacular, the youngsters in the parish arriving well in advance to climb up on the hook-and-ladder, manhandle the lines of hose, try on the fire helmets. Perhaps if schools were moved into rehousings, or close to Hopalong's ranch, punctuality problems would be solved.

**Ridgway**

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The Hanton River line in west-central Korea and most of the Imjin River line on the western flank 23 miles northwest of Seoul were abandoned to the attacking Reds.

Ridgway flew to Korea from his Tokyo headquarters for a personal look-see at the worsening situation. He arrived at a front-line airstrip on the western front soon after the Imjin River sector was hit by two communist divisions.

With Ridgway was Van Fleet, who succeeded him as commander of the 8th Army. They conferred with Lt. Gen. Frank Milburn, commander of the U. S. 1st Corps, and other field commanders. The supreme commander returned

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# Frederick L. OTHMAN

WASHINGTON—Morris Green is a nice little guy with an oversized cigar. He made himself \$85,000 selling us—the taxpayers—some of our own trucks. Nothing illegal about this, you understand. Only Morris had to pay off so many fast talkers along the line and defend himself in so many lawsuits that he's not sure yet whether the profits were worth the trouble.

His brother Julius made another \$85,000 on the same trucks. So did his brother Seymour, while one Edward Udelson profited by \$170,000. Odd thing was that all helpers, finders, attorneys and inspectors, including one who got \$500 for overlooking some dents in the fenders, made more money than all the brothers Green together.

As for us taxpayers, we were look. We bought this particular lot of 1,000 heavy trucks at \$4,000 each for the Army, which used 'em a while in the Philippines. Then the Army made a gift of same, badly banged up, to the Philippine government. The Filipinos, who couldn't even make trucks run, sold 'em to the brothers at less than \$250 each. Freight charges and overhauling came to better than \$1,000 per copy and Morris said he guessed maybe he had \$1,500 invested in each one.

He slipped \$15,000 each to a couple of Los Angeles auto dealers for tipping him off to the fact that the trucks were parked in a Philippines jungle. He had to give the widow of somebody else \$42,000 for helping brother Seymour. He handed another helper \$20,000 and said, in fact, that he had to pay off so many people that he got them mixed up in his own mind.

But there he was with 1,000 freshly painted heavy trucks at Long Beach, Calif., in 1948 and no chance of selling them here because the Commerce Department said they could be exported only. So Morris handed some Cleveland attorneys, who had pals in Washington, \$98,000 to persuade the government to change its mind. They earned their money.

The Commerce Department ruled that such secondhand trucks now could be sold here at home. So, fine, all Morris needed was a customer. He got a phone call from one Morris Schnitzer of Portland, Ore., wondering if he had any trucks for sale? Did he? Boy!

So Schnitzer brought his customer—who turned out to be the Atomic Energy Commission—down to the government a bargain on its own trucks. It paid \$3,900 each for White six-wheelers and \$3,400 for Diamond-T dumps.

Morris Green being a good and honest businessman, paid Morris Schnitzer \$127,000 (still our money in a way, taxpayers) for bringing him in such a fine customer as the Atomic Energy Commission.

# Benson Man Dies After Taking Pills

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Rose Funeral Home in Benson for Murray Lee Ballinger, 46, of Benson.

He was found dead in bed Thursday morning at his home. Acting Coroner V. J. Underwood reported there was no evidence of foul play in his death.

Underwood said that Ballinger Wednesday night had placed a handful of tablets in his mouth and swallowed them, saying to his wife, "Stop me now if you can."

The acting coroner declared that Ballinger had been threatening to kill himself for some time. The tablets were phenodine, a drug to kill pain, Underwood said.

Efficiating at the services were the Rev. Joe Whittington and the Rev. Thurman B. Stone. Burial was in the Benson cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lettie Hudson Ballinger; three sons, Murray B., Elton Earl and William Gerald Ballinger, all of Benson; three brothers, Eugene Ballinger of New York City and Earl Ballinger of Porto Rico, and one sister, Mrs. Luthier Snipes of Goldsboro.

# Dawes

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D. M. CST. His physician, Dr. George Dick, was summoned, but Dawes was dead by the time he arrived.

His death ended a fiery career—punctuated by his verbal trademark of "Hell 'N' Maria"—as lawmaker, banker, diplomat, soldier, politician, author and musician.

Another Dawes trademark was his famous underslung pipe.

Dawes served under Coolidge from 1925 to 1929 and refused to run for a second term. He was appointed ambassador to the Court of St. James in London where he shocked court circles when he spurned the traditional "pink tea diplomacy" associated with the post.

To Tokyo tonight and told waiting newsmen:

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Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. for Mrs. Lilla B. Clifton, 50, wife of Jesse R. Clifton of Benson, Rt. 1. Mrs. Clifton died at her home early Saturday morning following an illness of several months. Services were held from the home and burial was in the McGee family cemetery, near the home. Elder E. N. Clifton of Benson and the Rev. C. C. Pollard of Benson, Rt. 1, officiated.

Capps, will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the funeral. He was a member of Relief Lodge 431, A. F. & A. M., and full Masonic grave-side services will be conducted. He was a former commissioner and a member of the Woodmen of the World. Burgess was manager of the Benson Oil Mill for several years.

Services were held from the Overby Funeral Home Chapel in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Robert Adkins of Raleigh officiated. Burial was in the cemetery of the Wake Chapel Church at Fuquay Springs.

T. H. Wood, 78, of Raleigh died early Monday morning following an illness of several days. Born on June 6, 1873 in Harnett County, Mr. Wood was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood. He was a member of Nell's Creek Baptist Church near Angier. Funeral services were held from the home and burial was in the McGee family cemetery, near the home. Elder E. N. Clifton of Benson and the Rev. C. C. Pollard of Benson, Rt. 1, officiated.

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# It Says Here

by Bob Hope

Aboard the Queen Mary—This boat is really enormous. I didn't realize how big it was until I saw "Mauretania" on one of the lifeboats. I tried to buy something very British in the ship's store, but the clerk just sneered at me. Imagine a British shop not having any Mink teabags!

Last night we put on a show for the crew and in the audience were Leopold Stokowski and other celebrities. Stokowski assured me he liked my stuff, but I had my eye on him and all I can say is that he applauds with his fingers awfully close to his nose.

But I love working in mid-atlantic. This is one place you're sure no one is going to get out on you.

I'm learning to be a good sailor, but this morning I got a touch of mal de mer. I tried to talk meaningfully, but I check my stomach with you and we're Southampton.

Correct behavior is very important on these swank British liners and mine has been impeccable. I'm sure glad I took that course with Arthur Murray on "how to curtsy."

and we gave him \$500." Poor Mike, I'm afraid he has some explaining to do. Some other people I'd like to hear do a little explaining, too. I don't mind buying trucks, but I hate to pay for 'em twice.

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