

Capital Letters

By Thompson Greenwood



THE LEADERS—Governatorial Merrill Evans of Ahsokie, member of the State Highway Commission.

SIGNS OF STRENGTH—The Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount and O. L. Richardson of Monroe. Pearsall was speaker of the House in 1947. Richardson in 1945. Although not a farmer, Pearsall will probably pull agricultural strength away from Kerr Scott, and Richardson will attempt to cut into Piedmont support for Scott.

Rumor had it that Pearsall had decided not to become a Johnson manager, so his appointment came as somewhat of a surprise. . . . Johnson supporters.

THE BOYS—It looks as if Kerr Scott will have the power boys against him in this battle, for most of them were here at the conference which Charles Johnson called last week. Here are some of them: T. Boddie Ward of Wilson, former Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; Don Elias, Asheville publisher; John Dawson of Kinston, former Speaker of the House; State Senators Erskine Smith of Albemarle, Julian Allsbrook of Halifax, and Lawrence Wallace of Johnston; Cutlar Moore of Lumberton, former State ABC Stores chairman; State Representatives A. C. Edwards of the Greene; C. B. Martin of Martin; and Max Wilson of Lenoir; and

THREE-POINT PROGRAM—R. Mayne Albright is advocating a three-point program regarding the sales tax:
1-Repeat the Sales Tax.
2-Keep an adequate reserve, but invest enough from current income and surplus to bring North Carolina at least up to national averages in education, welfare, and public services.
3-If the future should require it, return to some form of Sales Tax, but only after a thorough and impartial study of the entire State tax program.

"When the Sales Tax was enacted in 1933, it was generally conceded to be a 'tax on poverty' and a 'tax of last resort.' It was agreed upon only as a 'temporary, emergency' measure. But since then the State Administration has made no real effort to remove it. I favor making such an effort now," says Albright.

NOTES—Ralph Howland, who has been in charge of the Raleigh bureau of the Associated Press for a number of years and who wrote that now-famous article which said Governor F. Gregg Cherry has been applying pressure to his appointees to support Sen. W. B. Umstead, has been transferred to the Charlotte office of AP . . . as of February 23 . . . The transfer orders came BEFORE he wrote the story . . . Gov. Cherry has denied the pressure charges, and so have many of his appointees . . . J. M. Broughton, feeling he is weak in the Ninth (Doughton's) District, will spend more time on organization and speeches there during the next month . . . Jim Vogler, executive secretary of the N. C. Food Dealers Association, Mecklenburg legislator, and candidate for State Treasurer, is having one million books of matches printed giving his record, platform, etc. . . . It now looks as if all the candidates for Governor will have these planks in their platforms: better rural roads; a wholesale schoolhouse-building program by the State; more help for cities and town finances by the State.

LITTLE HOPE—They aren't saying much about it where Republicans can do any gloating, but leading Democrats of the State are privately of the opinion that almost any Republican can win the Presidential election this year. They were thinking pretty well in that direction before Henry Wallace's man, Leo Isaacson, won that Congressional seat from New York. Since then, they have been moaning low. Oh, yes, they will all sing the praises of the Democratic Party at their big meetings, but deep down in their hearts they know that their organization—one a national level, at least—it now in the hands of the Philistines. Wallace was on the tongues of more Raleigh Democrats last week than all the political candidates combined and what most of them were saying would not be heard repeating in a household journal.

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FIRESIDE DESIGN



For smartness at home, designer Gene Gold created this cotton corduroy fireside ensemble. Named "cotton of the month" by the National Cotton Council, the outfit consists of a great-coat in redwood corduroy and black corduroy pajamas. Luxury-full sleeves and concentrated fullness at the hips assure lounging comfort.

Reynolds Family To Start Over

Shallotte Couple Completes New Residence In Which To Settle Down After Rearing Large Family

After raising a family of two daughters and six sons and seeing them all married or away from home for various employments, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Reynolds of Shallotte are preparing to start life over again.

To begin with they have just completed a nice new home and moved into it.

Both the daughters are married and have homes of their own. The youngest son, Warren Reynolds, left several days ago for Richmond, Va., where he will operate one of the large and intricate machines used by a tobacco manufacturing company. The next youngest son, Jefferson, has been in Richmond for some time and has a fine position with the Martin Chevrolet Company there. Norwood is married and settled in Minnesota; J. L. is with the Army Engineers office in Wilmington, and Sgt. W. O. Reynolds, is with the army air base at Myrtle Beach. The oldest of the Reynolds sons was killed in action during the early days of the war. All the others saw service except Warren, who was too young.

Demonstration In Charge Of Dodson

County Agent Conducted Two Timber Demonstrations Friday In Absence Of Weather-Bound Forestry Officials

Bad weather sort of put County Agent J. E. Dodson on the spot Friday at the two scheduled timber thinning demonstrations that were to be held that day.

The demonstrations were to have been in charge of R. W. Graeber, Extension Forester for the State, and W. O. Barnes, the District Forester. Impossible weather up-state prevented both of these officials from coming. This left only the county agent to explain things. When asked how he came out, Mr. Dodson said: "I had no paint gun with which to mark the trees, so all I could do was talk."

At the first demonstration at the Charles Russ farm near Shallotte at 10 o'clock, only 5 timber owners showed up. The weather cleared up some in the afternoon and a better showing was had at the D. L. Mercer farm at Bolivia. There some 65 timber owners and farmers showed up for the demonstration. It is understood that Mr. Graeber and Mr. Barnes will fill their appointments later.

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The Rovin' Reporter

The weather must have been terrible in the Bell Telephone area round Wilmington and elsewhere last week and the week before. Readers may remember that a couple of weeks ago we stated that every time we said something in this column about the need of telephones at Bolivia, Supply and Shallotte, O. G. Bain of the Wilmington District office would show up promptly to get half a dozen extra copies and to talk things over. Well, week before last we said something about the need of phones, but no Otis showed up. In the thick of last week's weather came a long distance call from Wilmington and the Bell Company's District boss deposed and said: "I just can't get away from here while we have all this ice and snow. Please send me half a dozen extra copies of the paper by mail."

At least one person in the United States who had never seen a beach viewed one on February 8th under rather pleasing circumstances. Miss Earline Harlow of Drexel, a student at Meredith College, and J. C. Edwards, a State College student, accompanied Miss Bethea Danford home from Raleigh to spend the week end with Miss Danford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Danford, at Bolivia. Miss Harris and Miss Danford are roommates at Meredith College and the former had never seen an ocean beach before this visit. The Danford's have one of the largest homes at Long Beach and Miss Danford naturally took her friend around there. The

NIGHTY-NIGHT



All dressed up for a good night's rest is this young lady in her printed cotton nightgown with matching sleeping shoes of the same material. A creation of the St. Louis fashion market, this ensemble is high on the season's popularity list, the National Cotton Council reports.

pleasing circumstances was in that Raleigh was full of snow and ice and there was very little at the beach after noon on the day of the visit.

Powell Is Not In House Race

Whiteville Attorney Eliminates Himself As Possible Candidate For Clark's Seat

State Senator J. K. Powell today eliminated himself as a possible candidate for the Congressional seat now held by J. Bayard Clark.

The Whiteville attorney, who had been regarded as a possible entrant, answered a question, "Are you going to run for Congress?" in the negative.

Local political observers today believe it is unlikely that Columbus County will have a "favorite son" in the race for the House seat from which Representative Clark will soon retire after 20 years of service.

VISITING RELATIVES

Major and Mrs. Fred Covington, who have just recently returned from Hawaii where Major Covington was with the air forces for two years, are visiting Mrs. Covington's people here. The Major is now on a 60 days leave from the service.

15 Semi-Pro Teams Will Meet In Tournament At Hallsboro

HALLSBORO, Feb. 23.—One of the largest basketball tournaments ever held in this area is scheduled to get underway here Wednesday night and continue through Saturday, Feb. 28. All games will be played in the Hallsboro High School gymnasium.

Manager Merlin McQueen, in charge of plans for the event, stated today that 15 teams had already entered the championship play. Ten of the teams are in the boys division and five in the girls bracket. Pairings for play will be made on Monday night, with a representative from each team to be present at the drawing to be held at the Hallsboro gym.

Teams who have entered in the boys division include the powerful Parkton and Barnesville quintets from Robeson county; White Oak, and Bladenboro from Bladen; Acme-Deleo, Energy Tabor City, Whiteville, and Hallsboro from the home county; Columbus; and Bolivia, Brunswick. In the girls' division, Barnesville will represent the son; Bolivia, Brunswick; Whiteville and Tabor City, Bladenboro will be in the team out of Bladen in the division. Several other teams expected to enter who had been heard from at the time of this story.

Four nights of fast basketball is in the offering and McQueen stated that there would be at least 10 games the first two nights. Quite a crowd is expected to jam the big Hallsboro gym every night of the event to look at the type of play offered by the best among semi-pro teams in southeastern N. C.

Antioch Members Hear Preacher

The Rev. Fred Mintz, of Wilmington, filled the pulpit at Antioch Baptist church Sunday, the second time he has filled this appointment since the resignation of the Rev. George W. Dowd as pastor.

Thus far no one has been called to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Dowd, and it is expected that other ministers will be heard before a final selection is made.

Regular services are conducted each second and fourth Sunday at both the 11 o'clock and the 7:30 o'clock hour. Sunday school meets each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and a weekly prayer service is held on Wednesday night.

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