

Raleigh Round-Up

Allison James Given Potent Dose Of Republican Medicine

By KIDD BREWER

THE TREATMENT . . . He felt just like a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving, did Allison James, of Greensboro, last week when one Elmer Rustad got through with him.

Big, jovial Allison — at one time a druggist in Winston-Salem — had at last found what it was like for a Democrat to receive a formal visit from a Republican boss.

Republicans no doubt had similar visits from Democratic superiors back in 1933, when losing a job was a lot rougher than it is now, but that fact made the easement none the easier on Allison.

Rustad, one of the U. S. Treasury department's hatchet men, asked James to resign as N. C. savings bond head, a job he has held for almost 12 years, or be fired to make room for good Republican Walter Johnson, of Sparta.

Allison bowed up, said he definitely would not resign, said the job was not political, and forthwith started sending telegrams off in all directions requesting friends to intercede in his behalf with Treasury Secretary Humphrey in "immediate protest, in the strongest terms — by phone, wire, or letter."

There's no telling how many messages — by phone, wire, or letter — Humphrey has received to this hour protesting the "injection of politics" in the sale of savings bonds in North Carolina.

We doubt that even one of them will be worth a plug nickel.

Good Druggist James should realize he has been given a real Republican concoction consisting of one part strychnine and two parts

arsenic with just a dash of castor oil thrown in to make it more effective. His death pains may be long and lambastuous — but no less enjoyable as far as starving Republicans are concerned.

Good Democrat that he is, Allison James should be familiar with Andrew Jackson, circa 1830, the spoils system, and all that. And the fact that James is a good man and has done a wonderful job will make little difference.

Time may come when he will say this firing was for the best. I can sympathize with him, having lost out when J. M. Broughton defeated W. B. Umstead for the U. S. Senate. But the loss of my position was a blessing in disguise. May it be so with Allison James.

Harry Gattton, you remember, was with the treasury department in Washington. He moved before the Republicans could get to him, is now administrative assistant to Senator Alton A. Lennon. Even if Lennon should be defeated for reelection, the change in jobs was a wise decision for a hot Democrat like Gattton.

GUESSING . . . The experts (anybody coming into Raleigh from out in the state) were saying all sorts of things here last week. Add them all up and it still comes out confusion.

But there was one significant thought to be gained from all the talk: The people of North Carolina are anxious for one of those Katie - bar-the-door campaigns between Kerr Scott and Alton Lennon. That means root-hog-or-die, knock - down-drag-out, devil-take - the - hindmost, and a dozen or two other cliches of similar vintage.

CONFLICTING . . . Trying to pin down the various rumors and the speculation was like holding hands with an octopus.

The minute an "informer" from the western part of the state unloaded some "reliable" gossip, up came an equally "reliable" source" from the other end of the line.

But throwing out the chaff and after analyzing the apparent truths of politics, here's what the political situation looked like last week — at least as this corner saw it.

HE WILL . . . Kerr Scott will run — but he could be a lot happier about the way his advance planning is turning out.

First of all, he isn't getting the money he had hoped — and really expected — to get. But he's getting some — probably more than you realize. And some of it is coming from people who are not particularly eager to noise it around that they're supporting Scott.

The former governor realizes,

Serves In Marines



Marine PFC. ODELL KING, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. King, of Pisgah Forest, is now attending the stockman's course at the supply school, Camp Lejeune, on the North Carolina coast. Student stockmen will receive six weeks of instruction in all phases of warehouse procedure. The course will cover the handling, packing, preservation and cataloging of all types of supplies used throughout the marine corps.

too, that he is getting only token financial support in some quarters where Lennon will get real money.

LABOR . . . Scott is finding that organized labor is not delirious with joy about the prospects of his running.

Labor probably would have backed Scott handsomely — and will still give him its best wishes — if Willis Smith had lived and Scott had opposed him. But now organized labor has other — and bigger — fish to fry.

Scott likely won't get any all-out support from the organized minority groups. He will get some — a lot more than Lennon — but Lennon is said to be acquiring some strong backers among the negroes and other groups in his home town. Letters are feeding out from Wilmington almost daily now. They're sending the word around that Lennon is a decent sort of fellow.

HE WON'T . . . Don't look for a dull campaign. Alton Lennon won't pussyfoot when the fight gets going in earnest. And you know Kerr Scott won't.

Lennon regards Scott as a sure candidate and is loading his squirrel guns. Scott might as well expect Lennon to drag some embarrassing skeletons across this stage in this no-holds-barred affair.

A lot of folks have Lennon sized up wrong in thinking he's a "nice, quiet, young fellow." That red hair ain't up there for nothing. He also has redheaded temper.

In fact, Alton A. Lennon's real trouble eventually may involve a test of his ability to control that temper.

THEY WILL . . . Scott and Lennon will provide the political arena with a ding-dong show. There will be plenty of surprises.

For example: Don't be in a hurry to bet that folks like Hubert Olive, whom Scott backed for governor in 1952, will be in Scott's corner in the coming battle. George Coble, who gave Scott his first big donation in the 1948 campaign (\$5,000) is not expected to support him this time.

On the other hand, don't bet that Dr. T. C. Johnson (who was appointed and fired as paroles commissioner by Scott) will oppose his old hirer and firer. Johnson is no mean campaigner, has a lot of friends across the state, and would mean a lot where it counts most to Scott.

TOGETHER . . . Seen in deep, dark conversation in a hallway of a local hotel the other evening were Terry Sanford and Bill Whitley.

Wonder what they were talking about. Whatever it was, they scattered like snowbirds in the wind when flushed.

Sanford within the past few weeks has been reported as planning Scott strategy, while Whitley is said to be lining things up for the Haw River squire's publicity.

WAITERS . . . The recently opened Howard Johnson place on the Chapel Hill-Durham road had prominent waiters during its first few days of operation. None other than Lt. Gov. Luther Hodges and Democratic Chairman Everett Jordan. They were all over the place, waiting on tables, greeting people, showing them to their seats, and generally performing the role of efficient waiters. Fine opening. Good waiters. The owners? Hodges and Jordan.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, February 8, 1954, is the 44th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by the Congress of the United States, as a program for all the boys of America, and WHEREAS, the Boy Scout program has affected the lives of 21,000,000 American boys and men since 1910, and now has an active enrollment of 3,300,000 and

WHEREAS, the movement, through its current theme, "Forward on Liberty's Team," seeks to provide a higher quality program for its ever-increasing boy membership, and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America, is a great force for training youth in right character and good citizenship;

NOW THEREFORE, I, John A. Ford, mayor of the town of Brevard in the state of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7th to 13th as "Boy Scout Week," and do urge our citizens to join with the boy membership of this great movement in now honoring the volunteer Scout leaders whose unselfish efforts in behalf of boys make an inestimable contribution to our city.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the Town of Brevard to be affixed, this 11th day of January, 1954.

(Signed) JOHN A. FORD, Mayor

Pisgah P-TA Will Observe Founders' Day Next Tuesday

Founders' Day will be observed at the February meeting of the Pisgah Forest Parent-Teacher association. This meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9th, at 7:30 p. m., in the seventh grade room.

Musical numbers will be presented by several members of Mrs. Duncan Hunter's flute band and Rev. Neal McGlamery will give the devotional.

The program chairman, Mrs. Merrill Capps, assisted by Mrs. C. F. Allison and Mrs. Walter Moody, will present a round table discussion on "Know Your P-TA." Following this a film will be shown.

A Founders Day offering will be taken, after which a social hour will be held in the library. A birthday cake and other refreshments will be served.

A cordial invitation is extended to parents, teachers and school patrons to attend. Past presidents and charter members will be recognized at the meeting.

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