

Raleigh Round-Up

Legislature Reaches Half Way Point; State Tax Payments Enrich Treasury

BY KIDD BREWER

RUNNING OUT . . . And so this old professor asked the bright young students gathered about his knee a question of logic. He wasn't a merit system pedagogue — but, somehow — managed to get along, as he had for four score years.

He asked this question: "How far can a dog run into the woods?"

"We don't know, teacher", they replied, almost in unison.

The professor looked off into the distance where millions of oak buds were graying the forest — and then he answered his question, thusly:

"A dog, my little brats, can run only half-way into the woods. After that, he is running out of the woods."

They laughed fit to kill.

HALF-WAY . . . The legislature has — theoretically at least — reached the half-way mark with its 1957 session. From here on, it will be running out of the woods.

Pages employed for the first half of the term worked their last day on Friday, April 5, two months after their employment.

Legislators now receive pay for 120 days — four months.

TAXES . . . This week literally millions of dollars will flow into the N. C. Department of Revenue: income taxes for 1956. There will be thousands of taxpayers who postponed their payment, thus adding interest to what they owe and eventually making the state a little richer. True patriots.

But, by and large, as some fellow said, the big money in the till by Monday night. Then the accountants and the IBM ma-

chines in the Revenue Department joined hands in a mad scramble to give the legislature in general — and the Joint Finance committee in particular — information on how we are doing. This data used to be available on March 16. But Uncle Sam moved to April 15 as final paying date; North Carolina did the same; and that's why the legislature convenes a month later than formerly.

BEGINNING OF END . . . So, when the income tax figures are in, you have the beginning of the end of each session of the General Assembly.

When will it end? Our guess is that the session will not run later than Saturday, May 25.

DEPENDS UPON GOVERNOR . . . Length of the session depends to a great extent upon the attitude of the Governor. So far, Gov. Luther Hodges has not shown himself to be a stubborn individual. He has stated firmly his opinions — but has compromised when seeing he was in the minority.

His entire popularity, the length of the session, and the future political strength of at least a dozen men in the Legislature are being brought into sharp focus this week as we move out of the forest . . . toward summer and peace.

DEAR COLTRANE . . . If you are close to Sen. W. Kerr Scott, you have received already — or soon will — a copy of one of the hottest little books, and it's not so little at that, entitled: "Addresses and Papers of Governor William Kerr Scott."

It came out a few days ago and is making the rounds.

One choice item in it is the great letter Senator Scott wrote Old Friend D. S. Coltrane. Mr. Coltrane had one of North Carolina's champion fertilizer salesmen. In 1936 he resigned this job and gave his whole time to campaigning for W. Kerr Scott for Commissioner of Agriculture. In return, Commissioner Scott in early 1937 made him assistant to the commissioner.

Many a person said he had more to do with the actual running of the N. C. Department of Agriculture than did W. Kerr Scott. Be that as it may, there was a time when his salary as assistant was right on a par with that of Com-

missioner Scott. He worked like a dog . . . in the office . . . and Kerr Scott almost as much . . . out on the road eating barbecue, making speeches, and generally building the prestige of the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

When Kerr Scott became Governor, he made D. S. Coltrane assistant director of the budget. But Dave Coltrane had a mind of his own and didn't gee-haw with Governor Scott all the time. He had not when he was in the Agriculture Department.

On June 6, 1952 — during the last months of his stormy four years as Governor and within a few days after William B. Umstead had beaten down Scott Man Hubert Olive for Governor, Kerr Scott wrote this letter to D. S. Coltrane: "Dear Coltrane:

"In view of the events and conditions that have developed during the past two years (Ed. note: Scott had felt that Coltrane was too conservative, was giving too much comfort to the enemy and too much love to Umstead), I find that your usefulness as my assistant in administering the affairs of the Budget Act has been hampered.

"It is my earnest desire that the program of this administration be carried out to the final day of my term of office. To do this I need the full cooperation, loyalty, and assistance of every department head; therefore, I do not believe it will serve the best interest of this administration for you to remain as assistant director of the budget and I am requesting your resignation immediately."

BLAGGUM AGAIN HICKORY . . . Well, Scott's assistants — one in particular — thought D. S. Coltrane would roll over and play dead. He did roll over, but that's all. Those around Raleigh who knew Dave Coltrane best said: "He is tough in his way as Scott is in his'n. It's black gum against hickory."

And that it was. Coltrane said nothing doing. He found the law was in his favor, that his job ran through Scott's term of office. The Governor then stopped his pay. Some doings. That didn't bother Coltrane. He kept plugging, had plenty to live on, and a fine wife to help him out.

OTHERS, TOO . . . The Governor fired Paroles Commissioner Dr. T. C. Johnson and Motor Vehicles Commissioner L. C. Rosser; John-

son on June 2, 1952 and Rosser on June 15.

D. S. Coltrane is still on the job as assistant director of the budget, serving under his third Governor. He finally got his pay. But a few days ago when Sen. W. Kerr Scott came down from Washington to Raleigh to autograph the book, Dave Coltrane wasn't around expecting to get a special copy. A long-time friendship had been a long-time dead.

Scott has gone to greater glory and is making a name for himself in the U. S. Senate. Despite his extremely bitter feelings of 1952 and the rough campaign to unseat Al Lenoire in 1954, he is probably more popular now than ever before.

NOTES . . . Governor Luther Hodges is sticking around home pretty closely these days, confining his speeches to North Carolina environs . . . and as close to Raleigh as possible. Keep an eye on Mecklenburg county's Freshman Representative Frank Snepp as a political comer . . . an attorney and smart . . . Trading stamp legislation is expected to flare up almost any day now in the legislature . . . Seen coming out of the Governor's side office last Friday: Tom Pearsall Plan fame, Joe Branch, the Governor's liaison man with the Legislature, and Paul Johnston, the Governor's administrative assistant . . .

As a general thing, school kids coming to Raleigh waste their own time and their parents' money visiting the legislature . . . They are marched in, very quietly and mannerly, but they have not the slightest idea of what is going on down there on the floor and really get a false impression of how laws are made. House Speaker Doughton, sensing this, has tried to give little explanations for the kids benefit as debate or readings progressed — but for the most part this seems futile . . . and the visitors might be better off behind their desks at school . . . In general, there seems to be too much galavanting around . . . too much athletics, probably . . . to many plays and entertainments . . . too much night stuff . . . and not enough solid work and study in our North Carolina school system these days. Wanta argue the point? Cordially yours.

Transylvania County Library BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Lake Toxaway: April 2; April 30; May 28; June 25
Mrs. Lewis Tinsley's home 10:10-10:15 a. m.
Mrs. Ruby Lee's home 10:20-10:30
Mrs. Lyle McCoy's home 10:35-10:55
Mr. M. O. McCall's Home 11:30-11:45
Monteith's Store 1:00-1:30

Cedar Mountain: April 4; May 2; May 30; June 27
Robinson's Store 10:00-10:20
Master's Home 10:30-10:40
Mrs. Ella Lance's home 10:56-11:00
Mrs. Paul Reece's home 11:10-11:25
Mrs. Harmon Holden's home 11:40-11:50
McGaha's home 12:10-12:30

Balsam Grove: April 9; May 7; June 4; July 2
J. O. McCall's Store 10:00-10:15
Mrs. Marion Owen's home 10:30-10:40
Mrs. Lula Belle McCall's home 11:15-11:25
Mrs. Walter Phillip's home 11:35-11:45
Mrs. Howard Hall's home 11:55-12:10
Tom's Place 1:10-1:30

Blantyre & Boylston Section: April 11; May 9; June 6; July 3
Siniard's Store 9:45-10:00
Mrs. Edith Brookshire's home 10:00-10:15
Wayne Phillip's Home 10:20-10:25
Blantyre Section 10:35-10:50
Mrs. Dave White's home 10:55-11:15
Betty William's Home 12:15-12:25
Marie Callender's home 12:35-12:50

Cherryfield: April 17; May 15; June 12; July 10
Helen Wilkerson's home 9:30-9:45
Mrs. Pauline Johnson's home 10:00-10:10
Mrs. Grace Buckner's Home 10:20-10:35
Mrs. Ellen Bryson's home 10:45-11:00
Mrs. Edith Cole's Home 11:15-11:30
Mrs. Eugene Limbo's Home 11:35-11:50
Mr. Fred Saunder's Home 12:00-12:30

Little River: April 19; May 17; June 14; July 12
Mrs. Earl Frady's Home 9:15-9:25
Mrs. M. C. Shipman's home 9:35-9:45
Mrs. George Merrill's home 9:50-10:05
Mrs. Freeman Nicholson's home 10:15-10:30
Mr. J. B. Henderson's home 10:40-10:55
Mrs. Hall Merrill's Home 11:00-11:15
Lyday's Store 11:30-11:45
Mrs. Clarence Crowe's home 12:00-12:20

Howard Completing Air Force Training

Airman William Leon Howard, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Scruggs, Pisgah Forest, is completing the first phase of his basic military training at the "Gateway to the Air Force," Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Upon completion of this training, he will be assigned to an Air Force technical training course or an advanced basic training course leading to a specialized Air Force job.

While at Lackland, the new enlistee undergoes the transition from civilian to airman through a program which includes processing, aptitude testing, physical conditioning, survival and weapons training, and classroom studies ranging from citizenship to military customs and courtesies.

Like the USAF Officer Candidate and Pre-Flight schools, also located at Lackland, basic military training lays the groundwork for either an on-the-job assignment or vocational schooling in line with capability of the individual.

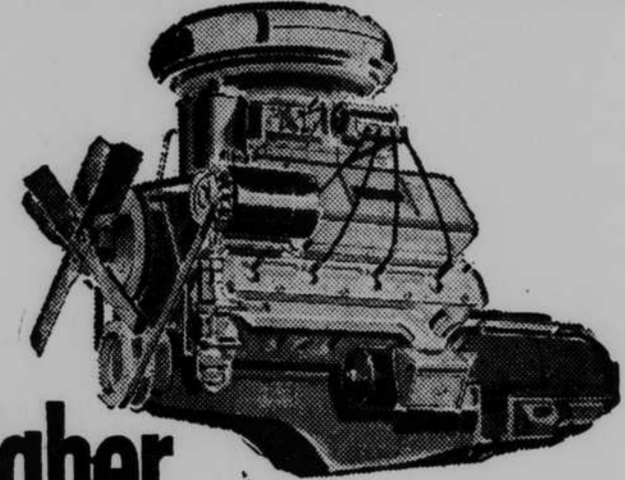
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