

# New Alphabetical Agency Wants Boss; Hard To Get

By Central Press. Washington, Feb. 26.—The War Production Board would like to hear the name of a prominent industrial or business man to take over a 12-point headache—the job of running the War Production Board office of civilian requirements.

President Arthur D. Whiteside, of Dun and Bradstreet, and OCR chairman since last April, has handed in his resignation, effective last week. Thus far, WPB Chairman Donald Nelson has found nobody to replace him and Whiteside, who was asked for suggestions, cannot think of anybody.

The trouble is that WPB wants a "big name" man to take over, one who will be well known to the public and, what is an able organizer, well acquainted with the multitudinous problems of production.

However, OCR isn't the kind of agency which is attractive to "top drawer" men.

It is overshadowed by its parent group, the WPI and does not rate with the other big war-time alphabetical agencies.

If something goes wrong—the "head man" head is likely to roll.

Despite the post-up dreams for business, WPI officials are frankly pessimistic about any large-scale lending in the near future.

The answer—a very tight lumber shortage.

Even with the end of the European war, one expert said, the military requirements of lumber, plus needs for rehabilitation abroad will continue at a high level. Military demands for shipping, crating and similar uses are estimated at nearly half the supply this year.

Lumber will be the governing factor on resumption of construction, it was pointed out, even though other materials are getting easier.

Thus far, the lid comes off and private home building can go ahead full blast.

Despite congressional opposition to American construction of the proposed 125-million-dollar oil pipeline from the Persian gulf to the Mediterranean, Washington observers believe that both the Senate and the House eventually will approve the project as an initial step in the formation of a world oil policy.

This conclusion, they point out, is grounded on the belief that the United States is not self-sufficient in oil and is dipping dangerously into its petroleum reserves for war use without making adequate provisions for future production.

Moreover, they add that the United States is moving into the British sphere of influence in the Middle East, with its wealth of oil reserves, imperialism, would be in a position to demand returns on lend-lease commodities in the form of much-needed oil.

OWI officials are looking confidently toward a relaxation of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's drastic censorship of news from the Anglo-Italian beachhead below Rome, following sharp protests of the action both in Washington and London.

At the same time, Washington is chafing over Alexander's statement that correspondent's accounts of the fighting below Rome are "trash."

Officials were quick to point out that President Roosevelt himself had termed the situation "tense," and that his information was based on military reports, and not newspaper accounts of the bloody fighting on the beachheads.

Seventy-five-year-old B. E. Braden, in the House earlier shop, has kept his fingers slipping on legislative matters for 35 years—through a pair of world wars and a large slice of modern history.

Braden recalls when he cut the hair of Uncle Joe Cannon, the speaker from a now-forgotten political era.

"Faces," he says, "keep changing with the times."

## 14 Applicants For Discharge Benefit File Their Claims

Fourteen applicants for discharge benefits presented their papers and signed claims before American Legion members Saturday afternoon at the Legion here. Past officials revealed today that the second Saturday when a committee from the post appeared to give their services without charge to discharged service men. They will be at the but two more Saturday afternoons from one to five o'clock for the purpose.

On the first Saturday ten days ago, 24 applicants appeared with their papers and made formal application to the government for discharge benefits. For forty days, a total of 38 applicants have appeared and filed their claims. Several colored ex-service men were present last Saturday.

How many men there are in the county who have for one reason or another been discharged from the various branches of the service is not known definitely. Legion officials said.

## MISS MAUDE FLEMING PASSES IN RALEIGH

Was Sister of E. L. Fleming; Funeral and Burial in Raleigh This Afternoon

Funeral services were held in Raleigh this afternoon for Miss Maude M. Fleming, of 117 North McDowell street, Raleigh, sister of E. L. Fleming, of near Henderson, and prominent farmer and county commissioner. Miss Fleming died Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at Rex hospital in Raleigh after an illness of several weeks. She was 53 years old.

Services this afternoon were at the Martin-Yelverton Funeral Home chapel and in charge of Rev. Broadus E. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church of Raleigh. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery in Raleigh.

Miss Fleming was a daughter of the late John A. and Margaret Edgerton Fleming, of Vance county. She is survived by three brothers, E. L. Fleming, of Henderson, J. A. Fleming, of Raleigh, and William Fleming, of Cheltenham, Pa., and two sisters, Mrs. C. P. Harris, of Louisville, and Mrs. F. D. Severance, of Asheville.

## POLICE COURT HAS MANY DRUNK CASES

Drunk and disorderly conduct cases were tried today in police court.

Dollie Adams, white, tried for being drunk and disorderly in a public place, was sentenced to six months in a woman's prison camp.

Clarence Penden, white, was tried for being drunk on a public street and was taxed with costs of court.

Harry Haynes, colored, was charged with court costs for being drunk on a public street.

D. L. Kearney, white, tried for being drunk on a public street, was made to pay costs of court.

Virginia Sullivan, white was tried for obtaining board and room from Mrs. James McCormick, to the amount of \$118 and refusing to pay said amount. Prayer for judgement was continued upon the paying of court costs and paying \$118 to Mrs. McCormick.

Warren Watkins, white, was tried for being drunk on a public street and was taxed with court costs.

## CALLS MADE FOR PLANNING REPORT

From distant Huron, S. D., has come a request for the report of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce Committee on Postwar Planning and Development. Secretary Arthur H. Surpise announced today, George A. Starring, managing director of the South Dakota Postwar Employment Survey Committee of the Greater South Dakota Association, has asked for a copy of the report, which was released by the local group in January.

The report was very comprehensive and covered a wide field of possible postwar activities in Henderson. E. F. Patham was chairman of the committee.

## DR. BRYAN SPEAKS AT TEACHERS' MEET

Dr. D. E. Bryan, dean of Wake Forest College, spoke to class room teachers of Henderson and Vance county here Saturday at their monthly meeting. Dr. Bryan discussed building of curricula in the schools. Teachers were present from all white schools of the city and county, and E. M. Rollins, city-school superintendent, presided.

Dr. Bryan is one of a number of well known school authorities in the State who have addressed the teacher group during the current school year.

**DIRECTORS**  
The annual president's dinner of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce will be held this evening with the board of directors as guests of President J. C. Gardner. Following the dinner, to be served at the Capitol cafe, there will be a business session.

## Five Colored Women Tried For Assault

Five colored women were tried for assault at a lengthy session of recorder's court today, the charges resulting from a fracas in colored amusement place known as Dew Drop Inn, located on Andrews avenue, just beyond the city limits.

Molly Fain, colored, was tried for assault on Mary McGhee with a deadly weapon, a knife. She was adjudged guilty and sentenced to six months in the State Prison camp for women, in Raleigh, execution of prison sentence suspended on condition that she pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court. Copy and commitment are to issue at any time the defendant is found in the city or county in and around places of amusement where picnics operate and beer and wine are sold, for the next six months.

Lily Mae Hart, colored, charged with assault on Mary Allen and Molly Fain, was also adjudged guilty. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail, sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and court costs. She is also prohibited from visiting amusement places for the next six months.

Mary Florence Fain, colored, was tried for assault on Mary Lee Allen. Adjudged guilty, she was given the same sentence as Lily Mae Hart.

Mary Allen, colored, was found guilty of assault on Mary McGhee, Molly Fain and Lily Mae Hart and was given a similar sentence.

Mary McGhee, colored, tried for assault on Molly Fain, Lily Mae Hart, and Mary Allen, was made to pay a \$25 fine and costs of court. Like the other defendants on the same charge, she must stay away from places of amusement for the next six months.

James Ward, colored, was tried on a charge of possessing a quantity of illicit whisky. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to 12 months on the roads, sentence suspended upon the paying of a \$25 fine and court costs, and provided that he not be convicted of violating any prohibition laws in Vance county for a period of two years.

Jerre McKnight, colored, was tried on charges of drunken driving, reckless and careless driving, and assault with a deadly weapon, an automobile, on his wife, Lucy McKnight. He was found guilty of reckless and careless driving and was sentenced to six months on the roads, sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and court costs and provided he not be convicted of violation of any criminal law in Vance county for the next two years.

Eugene Hannah, colored, was charged with assault on Hattie Tabron and being drunk and disorderly. Found guilty, he was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended upon the paying of a \$25 fine and costs of court.

## Satisfaction Topic For Apple's Sermon

"Complete Satisfaction" was the topic of the sermon preached by Rev. J. Frank Apple, at the 11 o'clock service at the Congregational Christian church Sunday morning. His text was taken from John 6:68. "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life."

The message, in part, was as follows:

Peter, speaking for disciples, wanted to know to whom they could go for help if they should turn away from Jesus. This is what we want to know. To whom can we go if we turn away from Jesus and His way of life? Who else is able to help us face the problems of life? Can we find help in philosophy, education, science? Only so far as they help us to know Christ better.

Christ had reached a critical day in His ministry because the crowds of people who had followed Him were deserting Him. This led Him to ask His Disciples, "Would ye also go away?" We find two types of followers of Christ. (1) Those who follow so long as they have nothing to do the way is easy and they enjoy it. (2) Then those who are like Peter who stick even when there are hardships.

Spiritual viewpoint needed; our viewpoints are often defective because we see things material and the blind our spiritual sight. Jesus says, believe in a loving God. He said to the sinful woman, "Go and sin no more."

A new way to God. Beware of substitutes for the way to eternal life. Christ said, "I am the bread and water of life. There is no satisfaction found in any other way, and they lead but to destruction.

A new conception of life. Jesus says the soul of man is valued as a little lower than the angels. He has given us the words of eternal life, so he that believeth shall never hunger or thirst. Man seeks all kinds of amusements to satisfy his desire. Do they satisfy? Ministers have to urge their members to attend divine worship services. Are we ready to turn away from Christ? If we do, the hate that reigns in the world will lead us into darkness. Christ and His love smoothes at the door. Will we let Him in? We can never find complete satisfaction without Him.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE TO THREE COUPLES

Marriage licenses were issued to three couples during the government of the register of deeds today.

Licenses went to the following: Mae in Eugene Arbeson and Elsie Mae Faulkner, white, both of Henderson.

Joseph Hicks, Oxford, and Rosa Bell Evans, Henderson, colored.

Emmett Lee House and Vernell Aiston, colored, Washington, D. C.

## SALE OF TIMBER RIGHTS RECORDED

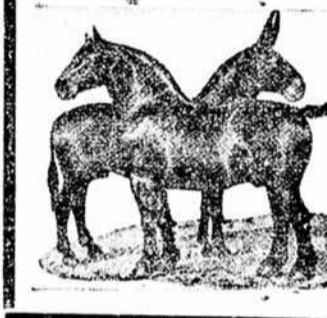
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While literally hundreds of public and private agencies are thinking of postwar planning, there are a few things that realistic individuals are sure of. They know that first and foremost the war has to be won and nothing should interfere with all-out efforts toward this end.

They know that economic tides ebb and flow; that the future, like the past, will experience good times and bad; that when bad times come, many people will face economic hardships.

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Let's Talk Tokens! The new O.P.A. rationing plan, now effective, has been designed to simplify and speed up your food shopping. It is important that both shoppers and merchants become acquainted with this new program and the vital information in this advertisement is presented by your Big Star, Little Star and Pender Stores as a service to all. The new ration plan is now effective. It will be used for two rationing programs, meats, fats, fish and dairy products (formerly brown stamp items) and processed foods (formerly green stamp items). Red stamps in War Ration Book Four will now be used for meats, fats, fish and dairy products. Blue stamps in War Ration Book Four will now be used for processed foods. Each stamp (both red and blue) will have a value of 10 points. The number on the stamps no longer indicate the point values. Tokens will be given in "change" when purchases do not equal the exact number of points which can be given in 10 point stamps. Red tokens only will be given in change for red stamps. Blue tokens only will be given in change for blue stamps. Tokens remain valid for an indefinite period. Tokens may be used in making later purchases. Tokens will only be given in change when purchases are made. Tokens may be spent by any member of a family in the same household. RED STAMPS Good for 10 Points Each AS - BS - CS (Book No. 4) Good Feb. 27 thru May 29 DS - ES - FS (Book No. 4) Good March 12 thru May 20 BROWN STAMPS Good for Points as Indicated on Stamps (S-2 or 1 Points) YZ (Book No. 3) Good thru March 20 BLUE STAMPS Good for 10 Points Each AS - BS - CS - DS - ES (Book No. 4) Good Feb. 27 thru May 20 GREEN STAMPS Good for Points as Indicated on Stamps (S-2 or 1 Points) K-L-M (Book No. 4) Good thru March 20 From February 27 thru March 29, change for both series of stamps will be given in 1-point red tokens or 1-point brown stamps. After March 29, only tokens will be used for change-making. BIG STAR LITTLE STAR PENDER STORES