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State Prison Farm Gets Highway Body Attention

Funny Business In Change Of Counsel Has Come To Light

Daily Dispatch Bureau BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, June 22.—The committee named by the highway commission to investigate conditions at Caledonia prison farm turns out to have more or less a routine job. Because newspaper folks and the public were excluded from the meeting, there were questions raised by the announcement of an investigation. What it boils down to is the commission's once again considering the advisability of selling the farm. Previous highway commissions have considered the same thing, and the old prison board actually did sell the property back in the middle twenties.

UNNECESSARY.—When the farm was purchased forty-odd years ago it was for the main purpose of providing work for prisoners. Then there were county changes and the State had no road work. Soon after the construction regime began in 1921 and prisoners were needed on the roads, the farm was sold. The price was high and the buyers could not meet second and third installments, so the State got the land back two or three years later. Since the highway and prison systems were combined in 1931 the several boards have struggled with Caledonia. No longer necessary as a make-work project the question was whether it would carry itself as a business operation. Farming methods have been changed several times and now the farm is devoted largely to cattle raising.

PROFITABLE.—There has been a bona profit each of the past three or four years and the net profit this year is estimated at around \$75,000. The question before the highway commission is whether it should engage in that kind of business. More than half the miles formerly used on the farm have been sold and modern equipment substituted. Instead of 700 to 800 men, there are only about 125 men and an equal number of women prisoners at Caledonia. These 125 men are now needed on the roads in the several divisions, and the commissioners doubt the wisdom of keeping them on a farm just as a business operation. The committee is expected to delve into all angles of the problem and report back to the full commission.

TOO FAST.—If the stories told by several members of the highway commission after the closed session this week had adjoined are true—and there is no reason to doubt them—there was some funny business in connection with the change in general counsel George B. Patton of Macon county had been unanimously elected as counsel, replacing Charles Ross, veteran of 20 years service on the job. Then Mr. Ross was called into the room, notified of the action, and made a nice little speech. Whereupon six of the ten commissioners and the chairman also made nice little speeches about how much they regretted to lose Mr. Ross, how valuable his service has been, et cetera. Any one not knowing that Ross had been just "fired" would have been justified in assuming that he was quitting over protest of the commissioners. The formal resolution adopted and showing on the minutes conveys the same

idea. Judging by the record, if the vote on general counsel had been delayed a few minutes Ross might have been re-elected.

FAVOR.—After all, the commission may have done Mr. Ross a favor from a financial point of view. The chairman was authorized to negotiate with him for assistance in trying some pending cases and for advice in others. After July 1 he will be a private practitioner and if the fees paid lawyers employed by the State in the bank cases of the middle thirties, the Meadows trial last spring and other instances are any criteria Ross will get as much for a few weeks work as his annual salary on the highway job.

LAMBS.—R. S. Curtis, sheep specialist in the agriculture marketing division, is at North Wilkesboro supervising the shipment of a car load of lambs from that area. Before leaving Raleigh Curtis said about a thousand lambs had been shipped from the state this year and the total for the season will approximate fifteen thousand. At current prices of around \$10 a head this means a cash yield of about \$150,000 to the Heel growers, besides the contribution to the meat shortage in the nation. Most of the shipments so far have gone from Tarboro and Elizabeth City, but bulk of the business from now on will be in the northwestern part of the state.

RACIAL.—By way of a clipping from the Christian Century, published in Chicago, it is learned that reports from 150 North Carolina communities indicate continuing harmonious racial relations. Only in a few places was found basis for any fear of bad feeling. Most of the reports contained such words as "fine", "excellent", "better than six months ago", "some unnecessary fears", "reasonably free from conflict" and others of like import.

DUKE JUNE FINALS SATURDAY MORNING

Durham, June 22.—Duke University's summer commencement will be held at 11 a. m. Saturday morning with Dr. Thomas Parcan, surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service, delivering the address.

Approximately 220 diplomas are scheduled to be awarded, including 75 medical degrees and 65 diplomas in nursing to graduates of the schools of medicine and nursing. Fifty-two of the medical graduates will receive commissions in the army or navy. Fifteen of the nursing graduates have applied for commissions with the army or navy.

The exercises, to be held in Page Auditorium, will comprise the entire commencement proceedings, with the exception of the commissioning ceremonies. Thirty-eight medical graduates are slated to receive army first lieutenant commissions and 24 from the same class are slated to be commissioned junior grade lieutenants in the navy.

How's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Which of these is known as the "dog star"? Sirius, Rigel, Capella. 2. Fischow is an important coastal port in what country? 3. Correct the following: "He did none." 4. At what race track is the "Preakness Stakes" run? 5. Who wrote "The Ballad of Reading Gaol"? 6. What aromatic herb is liked by cats? 7. How did certain kinds of currency get the name "greenbacks"? 8. What is a tailor's goose? 9. What is the name for the hat customarily worn by a Mexican peasant? 10. Who was affectionately known as the Swedish nightingale?

WHNC Program

- SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1945. 6:58 Sign On. 7:00 Welcome To The Carolinas. 8:00 World News Roundup. 8:15 Ethel Smith. 8:30 Morning Devotions. 8:45 Vocal Varieties. 9:00 Jubilee Parade. 10:00 Housewife's Holiday. 10:15 WHNC Showcase. 10:25 Press Association News. 10:30 Rainbow House. 11:00 Salute to Purple Heart Brigade. 11:30 Hookey Hall. 12:00 Saturday Swing. 12:15 Orange Crush Serenaders. 12:20 V-Tunes. 12:25 Press Association News. 12:30 V-Tunes. 12:45 Rustic Rhythms. 1:00 Press Association News. 1:05 Religious Program (A. W. Leard). 1:35 Matinee Melodies. 1:45 Bill McCune's Orchestra. 2:00 Hal Aloma's Orch. 2:30 Bud Waples Orch. 3:00 This is Halloran. 3:30 Johnny Richard's Orch. 4:00 890 Club. 4:30 Music For a Half Hour. 5:00 The Sports Parade. 5:30 Mal Hallett Orch. 5:45 Dance Orch. 6:00 World News Roundup. 6:05 Music For Dining. 6:15 Music For Millions (Treasury). 6:30 Hayloft Heyday. 7:00 Saturday Sport's Extra. 7:15 Swinging With The Stars. 7:45 Music and Lyrics. 8:00 Frank Singiser, News. 8:15 Music For Remembrance. 8:30 Moonlight Dance Time. 9:00 Joan Goldskette and Orch. 9:30 Sign Off.

Babson Sees No General Tax Cutting

Says Truman Wants Balanced Budget By The 1948 Election

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Washington, June 21.—The past week I have been trying to make an intelligent forecast of the prospects for reduced Federal taxes after Japan collapses, which should be within six months. This is a summary of my conclusions.

Excess Profits Taxes.—The average investor little realizes what tremendous sums corporations are penalized by excess profits taxes. In many cases these taxes amount to more than investors receive in dividends. In fact, some times double or perhaps triple, if these were suddenly eliminated, after Japan collapses, some companies could double or triple their dividends. Yet in all probability this will not happen, especially if company earnings fall off materially.

I am sure that the excess profits taxes will not be cut off altogether and corporations will be lucky if they are cut in half within a year after Japan collapses. My present belief is that these excess profits taxes will gradually be reduced as the earnings of companies gradually decline during the postwar period. The general purpose of such a tax program would be to keep corporation net earnings about where they are today without giving them the advantage of peace, but preventing them from being penalized by the falling off of war business.

Normal Taxes.—Normal corporation taxes before the war were 20 percent. Then they were jacked up to 40 percent, at which they are at present. My feeling is that there will be a compromise at 30 percent and perhaps stabilization at this figure for some time. This would be a fair thing to do if the excess profits taxes are eliminated. These excess profits taxes are what are causing the trouble and may be a real factor in causing unemployment. Congressmen should insist that these excess profits taxes be eliminated as soon as possible with a fair compromise on normal taxes.

Some of the remaining New Dealers in the administration are talking about the entire elimination of corporation taxes and putting all the tax burden on individuals after they receive their dividends. Their theory is that with the present high corporation taxes and putting all the tax on his careful savings, the same as is the multi-millionaire. Hence, they would let all dividends come through from the corporation without taxation and then tax these dividends as they are received by individuals. The small investor would then pay only, say a 20 percent tax, while the millionaire would pay a 90 percent tax.

Political Consideration.—President Truman is an honest man. Furthermore, he is thrifty and sincerely hopes to balance the budget before he runs again for office in 1948. He can so balance the budget only by keeping up taxation. Hence, I am not an optimistic as some of my friends in believing that there will be radical tax reductions after Japan collapses. "We should hope for the best, but prepare for the worst." At least this is my conclusion at the present time. The only possible exception is in the case of corporations whose stock at market prices represents actual cash invested. There may be exemptions to the extent that the book values of corporations and the actual cash invested are represented in the assets.

Finally, let it be remembered that

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although President Truman is both honest and thrifty, he has been well-trained in the school of politics. Although he may turn neither to the right nor to the left, yet he may perform that acrobatic feat which the tight-rope walker with the long pole performs at the circus. Instead of following any one pressure group or ignoring any other one pressure group, he will throw a few crumbs to each pressure group. This means when it comes to taxes that all forms of taxes—Excess profits, normal corporation, individual and so-called "nuisance taxes"—may all be reduced proportionately "giving every dog a little bite."

STANDARD OIL PUTS SOME BONDS LOCALLY

D. F. Stott, sales agent at Standard Oil Company of New Jersey had purchased war bonds in the amount of \$500,000 in North Carolina in connection with the Seventh War Loan drive. In line with the company's policy of allocating this purchase among the 100 counties of North Carolina in proportion to each county's quota, Vance county has been allotted \$5,000, he said.

We cannot expect other nations to see eye to eye with us if we look down on them.—Scandinavian News

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