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Book Jackets

By BETTY ANNE WILLIFORD

Mrs. Davis is receiving each month more interesting and educational books for us to read. Her choices have been very wise and she is trying to select the books that we will derive the most good from.

One of her newest and best books is The Bishop's Mantle by Agnes Sligh Turnbull. This is the story of Hilary Laurens, who is beginning his ministry at St. Matthews, a large, fashionable city church. Hilary Laurens is a very religious and devout person and intensely human. He is in love with a beautiful girl who finally marries him, but who finds it hard to give up the gay life she enjoyed before her marriage to Hilary Laurens to observe the quiet and conservative manner of a minister's wife. You will live every moment with them as they try to work out the problems concerning their marriage. You will also see scenes of the lives of Hilary's parishioners.

Another great book added to the library is Inglis Fletcher's Roanoke Hundred. This is another triumph for North Carolina's talented author. This is a magnificent story about the founding of the first English colony in the New World on Roanoke Island off the coast of North Carolina.

It is charged with excitement, drama, and tragedy. Great names in history—Sir Walter Raleigh, Francis Drake, John White and many others play important roles in this exciting novel. Mary Green-ville; Philippa Tremayne, her worldly sister-in-law; and the young squire Richard Prideaux and John Arundel provide scenes of breath-taking suspense as they fight for the desires of their life. This is truly Mrs. Fletcher's greatest creation of her Carolina series.

A Navy wind tunnel developed air speed of 4000 mph at a temperature of minus 377 degrees.

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THURSDAY and FRIDAY
APRIL 7 - 8

Enchantment

David Niven - Teresa Wright

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Indian Agent

Tim Holt

LATE SHOW SAT. NITE 10:15

Old Fashioned Girl

Gloria Jean - Jimmy Lydon

MONDAY and TUESDAY
APRIL 11 - 12

Belle Starr's Daughter

George Montgomery - Ruth Roman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

No Minor Vices

Dana Andrews - Lilli Palmer

THURSDAY and FRIDAY
APRIL 14 - 15

That Wonderful Urge

Tyrone Power - Ann Baxter

Tattle Tales

By PHYLLIS McLEAN

Did they hold Key club convention meetings at the Burlesque Show? Yeah boys.

Alva and Jack really looked cute after going to the beach Sunday. Julia and Taddy weren't as red. I guess that proves which is the weaker sex.

Well its all in the family. We hear that Betty Floyd dated John Hal but things didn't turn out the right way. These scheming people.

April we hear that you, Willy, Cora, and Nigel had quite a time "trying" to find the Maco Light? Why didn't you find it?

What startling discovery did Mrs. Bullard make when she went to see the Maco Light? Jimmy had to tell her.

Did you know that Betsy's new name was "Coal Baby"? Naughty, naughty, in the show too—Tolly and Nancy, that is.

Who thought that the coal pile was a slang expression? Dear me, L. P. B. Guess who!

The chemistry class wants to go on a house party, but with only 14 boys in the class, the girls want more, naturally. The boys in the study hall next door better watch out.

Who's the artist in the lab? Joe has been drawing shades!

Kitty, what makes Hedgepeth's so interesting to you these days? Employees or ball players?

Nigel, who's car were you driving last Wednesday night? Can't she drive?

Tickie was that little snake really so fearful as some people made out?

How does it feel to cart a dead possum around all Friday night? Do you think it would work if there was a ladies "Billiard Hall"?

Who in the world is Betty Anne Williford's new flame? Can you guess?

Seems Catherine Humphrey was having all sorts of male trouble one time. Wonder if she ever straightened it all out. There's really nothing like having seven men all around at once.

What quaint humor the teachers have—all those April-fools tests!

Where do people go when they cut classes? Well, I really don't know, but its getting about time to start patronizing the Ole Sittin'-up Hole.

What was Carl doing sitting out in a Buick talking to women during school, and keeping the iceman waiting at that.

Who Was Your First Sweetheart

Margaret Clarence T. Nora
Nora Leon H. Kathleen
Kathleen Billy Musselewhite
Leon Doris P. Billy
Billy Doris P. Billy
Billy Doug Jeanette
John Hycce Beth Paschall
Caswell "The Undwon"
Berk Virginia Everleigh
Roslyn George Gertie
Gertie James Sea
Sarah W. Rupert
Betty Anne John Hycce
Rupert Margaret Floyd
George Elizabeth Smith

Wisconsin is the leading dairy State.

Teachers Will Attend Meeting

The 51st annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Association will take place in Asheville on April 7, 8, 9. Those from the Lumberton School attending will be B. E. Lohr, director of the NCEA from Southeastern district, Miss Elizabeth Shaw, secretary of the Classroom Teacher Division, Mrs. Christabel Wilson, retiring president of the Lumberton Classroom Teachers, Miss Mabel Stephens, retiring president of the local unit of the NCEA, Miss Evelina Beckwith, president-elect of the local unit and Misses Sara Hamilton and Sue Underhill.

Mr. Lohr will leave Lumberton on Wednesday afternoon, April 6, in order to attend a Board of Directors meeting on Thursday morning, April 7. The other members of the faculty planning to attend the Asheville meeting will leave on Thursday morning or Thursday afternoon.

All Lumberton representatives are expected to return to Lumberton on Saturday evening, April 9.

GRAD NEWS

Quite a few of the college students were able to come home this week end for the senior play, it was worth traveling to see.

Those home were: Flora Mac, Teeny Kittrell and Peggy Hardee; WCUNC; Betty McCallum, Doris Williams, Marion Skinner, Marie Blake, Rachel Sarbaugh, Bunkie Ashe, Kitty Edens, Ann Baker, Jean Ann Lambeth, Oriana McArthur, Martha Lohr, and Jeann Wicker; Queens—Caroline Collins, LeVonde Caldwell, and Reid Regan; RPI—Mary Johnson Stephens; Duke—Bobby Barker, Charles Barker, and Eddie Glover; State—Dickie Prevatt and Billy McDuffie; Carolina—Robert Williams, Erle Stephens, and Jimmy Phillips; Wake Forest—Charles Kinlaw, Lula Williams and Frank Edens.

What Do You - Think Of Yo-Yo's?

Kathleen—I'm not saying.
Sarah Margaret—J ust a fad that comes every spring.
Tickie—I think they're silly, because I can't work 'em.
Sarah—I think they're a device to pass the time with.
George—they are fine toys.
Jane Carpenter—I think they stink!
Gertie—I think they're everywhere.

Ralph—That's up to the people that have them.

Billy Doug—I like 'em.

Mary Jo—I like them, and I think somebody ought to make 'em.

John Hycce—I think they're a lot of fun, but I just can't seem to make them work.

Jeanette—I think its lots of fun watching people's heads going up and down watching them.

The procedure to be followed by cotton farmers in obtaining cotton classification and market news services in 1949 under the Smith-Doxy Act will be the same as in 1948, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced.

Weekly Legislative News By Institute of Government

NOTE: This is the twelfth of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the 1949 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina. These summaries are not intended as a report on all legislation, but are confined to discussions of matters of general interest or of major importance.

The twelfth week of 1947 General Assembly was its last; 1949 legislators hope their twelfth week will be the last save one. Lt. Gov. Taylor has appointed a committee to meet with Speaker Ramsey to coordinate the efforts of the houses to that end. In longer and more frequent meetings the members have amended and argued at length on a few public measures, and have continued to deluge the calendar with a disturbing number of local bills—all this with the number of introductions this session only a few behind the total for 1947. Following the usual 1949 pattern, minds, ears and mouths were filled last week with school and money matters. The road bond bill is in a House committee, but this week will see that issue opened on the House floor again.

The Biennial Appropriations bill was reported out of committee to the House floor on Wednesday, May 30, but was then pushed down the calendar to Tuesday, April 5, just four days before the adjournment.

This bill carries an increase of almost \$38 million over the \$381 million recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission. Most of this increase can be attributed to (1) over \$26 million additional for raising teachers' salaries and reducing the per-teacher load, (2) \$3 million for increased State aid to county health services, and (3) \$1 1/2 million for merit salary increases for State employees in the second year of the biennium. Since the Revenue Bill provides income sufficient only to meet the Advisory Budget Commission recommendations, the committee moved to meet the possible \$38 million deficit by releasing the \$30 million Post War Reserve Fund to the General Fund, hoping that available and future General Fund surpluses would take care of the difference.

The Permanent Improvements Bill came up for committee consideration on Tuesday, May 29, was swiftly approved, and report-

ed favorably on Thursday in form calling for \$1,027.50 more than the \$72 million measure recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission. Significant, however, were new provisions freezing specifications for all approved building projects, directing that unexpected balances resulting from a drop in construction costs revert to the General Fund.

Before voting on any bill calling for specific expenditure of the \$30 million Post War Reserve Fund, the House on Tuesday was given the opportunity of voting on the more fundamental question—should be spent at all? Just as debate on SE 203, the school building measure, was opened, a House Resolution was introduced calling for retention of the Fund as a "cushion" against any decrease in General Fund revenues in the coming biennium. The resolution was soundly defeated on a roll call vote of 81 to 32, after which the House proceeded to consider whether or not to spend it for county school buildings.

School Building Aid. Two weeks ago when SE 203 arrived in the House, it called for a \$50 million bond issue to be submitted to the people, with the proceeds to be allocated \$500,000 to each county for school plant construction. As the bill passed its second reading on Friday, the only change from the Senate version was in the allocation, the House having amended it so that \$250,000 would be distributed to each county, and the remaining \$25 million would be distributed on the basis of average daily school enrollment in the several counties. Behind this change in the allocation, however, was a week of bitter wrangling and floor debate, with an ensuing parliamentary snafu that some observers said was the worst in years.

The fight centered around the House Finance Committee version of the bill; it called for an appropriation of \$30 million from the Post War Reserve Fund and the submission of a \$20 million bond issue to the people. In that form it was unacceptable to the "school forces" in the House, as their plan called for the use of the Reserve Fund to provide for an increase in school teacher salaries to a minimum of 2,200. After several postponements, the bill finally got to the House floor for debate on Thursday and was met by a flood of amendments. When the smoke cleared the proponents of the \$50 million bond issue had triumphed

and the Post War Reserve Fund was untapped. Though this was hailed as a victory for Governor Scott's school program, it remains to be seen, first, whether the Senate will approve the bill in its present form, and second, whether the Post War Reserve can now be drained for school teachers' salaries as was proposed by the Appropriations Committee.

Port Bonds. Wednesday of last week was, in the minds of many legislators, one of the lips of at least one "great day in the history of North Carolina" because on that day the House passed HB 936 which authorizes the issuance of \$7,500,000 GAL TWO Weekly Bulletin in bonds for the "construction of seaports" in our state; no opposition is foreseen in the Senate.

Beer, Wine and Spirits. In interesting contrast to the prolonged struggle over wine regulation two years ago, bills extending State ABC Board regulation of beer and wine (SE 282 and SE 370) have enjoyed smooth sailing so far—weather conditions that might possibly be accounted for by a willingness of the liquor referendum opponents to place curbs on beer and wine in anticipation and preparation for the battle to come two years from now.

Varying in minor details, but agreeing in the principle of reducing the liquor option unit from county to city in a dozen instances, the House bills allowing municipal ABC elections have been assigned to a subcommittee of House Propositions and Grievances for further study. The one Senate bill doing the same thing passed the Senate without much difficulty, but will undoubtedly find its way to the same subcommittee upon arrival in the House.

Local Interest. Two bills by which local government stood to gain financially went by the board last week when they received unfavorable reports. C.R. SE 329, would probably have resulted in wider realization by counties and cities of tax revenues from interurban motor carriers under a formula described in this bulletin when introduced. The other SE 327, would have allowed rebates to municipalities of all taxes paid on gas used in municipally-owned vehicles.

Three sources of local legislation which can be counted on at every session to contribute a deluge are JP appointments, private claims and county board of education appointments. These are acted upon in three "omnibus" bills whose advent is one of the signs of impending adjournment. The JP omnibus bill was ratified Friday—the other two are on the

Gov. Scott Opens Cancer Drive

RALEIGH.—Over 400 volunteers of the American Cancer Society met in the Executive Mansion last Friday to hear an address by Governor Kerr Scott, in which he heartily endorsed the cancer control work that the American Cancer Society has done in North Carolina during the past 8 years.

April has been declared "Cancer Control Month" by Presidential Proclamation, by Act of Congress, and by Resolution of the North Carolina General Assembly, the governor said. "On this morning of the first day of Cancer Control Month," he continued, "I wanted to tell you that I stand solidly behind your purpose for the month and for the year, that I appreciate

way.

Propositions and Grievances. Three recent bills have one unpleasant thing in common—their connecting directly or indirectly, with departing this life. SE 369 certainly has as one of its purposes postponing the handling event—it prohibits the handling of venomous reptiles under conditions usually associated with the rites of a cult recently come to this State, SE 352, by way of promoting some good out of the generally unhappy, gives legal sanction and encouragement to the donation by will of one's body or parts thereof for medical use. SE 344, indicating belief that "the evil that men do lives after them" and not wishing to prolong the memory, makes unlawful the inscription on one's tombstone of an accusation of criminality and directs the eradication of any such inscriptions already carved. It was not inconceivable that these bills might all have figured in the same law suit some day—imagine a snake-handler who killed a part of his body to science, had the rest of it buried as the result of a playful nip by one of his pets and on whose monument was written the statement, "Died while violating the Snake-Handling Act of 1949"—but any chance of this are now remote, since SE 352 itself met an untimely death on Friday when it was reported unfavorably in the House.

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Following the Governor's address, Governor Scott, in his address, briefly discussed the progress that had been made in cancer control in North Carolina, giving considerable credit for the creation and advancement of the program to the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society.

The program spoke briefly about the research work of the American Cancer Society, stressing the fact that definite progress has been made in the last year, much of it now improving the treatment of the disease.

Mrs. George E. Marshall of Mt. Airy, State Commander and Executive Vice-President of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society emphasized the work of other groups interested in cancer control, among them the Medical Societies and "Women's Clubs of the State. "The closest cooperation now exists between the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, the State Board of Health and the American Cancer Society.

The program was concluded by Mrs. C. M. Brickhouse, Raleigh Commander of the Wake County Unit of the American Cancer Society and Commander of the Wake County District.

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Meet a has-been!

Meet Mr. Mercury! The old Romans thought he was the messenger of the gods. With those winged feet he got around fast, doing all sorts of useful little jobs on the way. This Roman messenger is out of date now. For speed, you can't beat electricity.

It's on hand 1/10,000,000th of a second after you flip a switch.

You can't beat electricity for usefulness, either. It's like an extra pair of hands for the homemaker—always ready and willing to help clean and sew and cook, do the laundry, make life easy and healthy and comfortable. And you can't beat electricity for cost! Just think, one penny's worth of electricity will run your radio for a full evening—or swish the dirt from two tubs of wash—or tell you the time for a week. In this era of sky-high costs, what other item in your family budget does so much—for so little?

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