

### The Chapel Hill Weekly

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#### Renewed Hope for a 25% Raise For State Employees

"Somewhat ambiguous to the lay mind" is the phrase applied by Robert E. Williams, Washington correspondent of the *News and Observer*, to the letter in which Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the United States Bureau of Roads, says that this state would not be penalized in the distribution of federal roads money if it transferred from its highway fund to its general fund an amount equivalent to 3 per cent on the sales of gasoline in the state. If our lay mind is a fair specimen of other lay minds, Mr. Williams is right. We do not seem to be able to understand just what the letter means:

We do, however, understand this: that Harriss Newman, chairman of the North Carolina senate's finance committee, having gone to Washington and obtained the letter from Mr. MacDonald, to take back to Raleigh with him to show his fellow legislators, is satisfied that it will enable the state to increase the salaries of its employees by as much as 25 per cent. Mr. Newman is a lawyer; he ought to be able to pass on the soundness of Mr. MacDonald's interpretation; and he probably has more influence than any other one man in determining the amount of revenue the state is to raise. Hence we are cheered by his forecast.

He still hopes for the passage of the Hill liquor bill, which would swell the state's revenue. "But my revenue estimates are without reference to any tax on liquor," he told the newspaper correspondents while he was in Washington. "The \$630,000 which we can now add to the revenue bill (as a result of the statement of the chief of the federal bureau of roads) will in my judgment permit the budget to be balanced and all salaries to be increased 25 per cent, even if the yield on chain filling stations is reduced from \$600,000 to \$300,000.

"My figures presume the retention of the \$500,000 from the income tax on dividends paid by domestic corporations, which was contained in the bill as it passed the house and which I expect the senate committee to remove over my opposition."

Note that he says "senate committee" not "senate." When the matter comes to a vote in the senate, the house's provision for the tax on dividends has a good prospect of being approved.

A raise of 25 per cent based on the present salary level is a restoration of only about 17 per cent of salaries as they stood in 1929. It is the very least that state employees should receive, and we are pleased that Mr. Newman is making a vigorous effort to put through a revenue bill that assures them of it.

#### Metzenthin at St. Mary's

E. C. Metzenthin of the University faculty gave an illustrated lecture on "A Recent Trip through the Germanic Countries" at St. Mary's school in Raleigh this week.

#### Track Meet Tomorrow

The University will meet William and Mary in track athletics here tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. This match opens Carolina's outdoor track season.

### The Perfect Breakfast

Not only the art that is reflected in architecture and sculpture and drama, but the art of living as well, is dear to the soul of a man who is steeped in the culture of the Greeks. And what is more essential to the whole and perfect art of living than breakfast, the very capstone of human happiness? In last week's issue I chronicled the dissent of our Greek professor from my view that newspaper-reading was an indispensable part of the ideal breakfast; and at the same time I chided him for frequently promising to write me a letter about this or that, for publication, and then failing to come through with it. I am delighted that my reproaches so stung his conscience that I can place before the *Weekly's* readers the following communication:

My dear Louis:

This is not seeking publication but an earnest effort to rescue for the grace of breakfasting your news-infatuated soul. But incidentally my hat is off to a gifted reporter, seeing that he can extract an interview out of a "subject" who has not an idea big enough to inflate a toy balloon with its gas. I have had many things hung on me but this is the first time I have been used as a rack on which to hang sparkling fancies (so much more delightful than any of my own!) in the sunlight of publicity. Yet, Louis, meek as I am, I must protest your damning me with text out of Holy Writ, however apt. I submit before any competent court, the chef of the Waldorf, or Obie Harmon, that it is not "sinful" to lick one's chops over this menu, e.g.—two fried-on-one-side eggs, golden jewels set in a frame of sizzling, odorous bacon, backed by a mound of browned toast, dewy with yellow, melting butter, on side a cup of dark, steaming coffee—such a spread as I prepared for us two one morning before early golf in Hope Valley. Or perhaps a No. 1 roeherring and hominy (not grits) might substitute. "Lust of the flesh," this? Rather, such a thing as a full blown rose, be-gemmed with dew, a morning sunrise, a peach tree bursting into bloom, a great minor chord resolving a cacophony, a fifteen-foot putt for a "down" and "one

up" on the eighteenth, port to a thirsting sailor from "a dry," and best of all sweet converse of "quips and cranks" and quiet convictions with a proven comrade.

Now intrude on this the damned newspaper muck: Facetious lying headlines in impossible cryptic English over columns filled with bunk, murders, brutalities, divorces of Cannons, Reynolds, Vanderbilts played up, sordid wealth apotheosized, insolent and stupid captains of industry held up for admiration, false values and standards assumed, blatant personalities—a Mussolini, a Hitler, a Huey Long, column on column, communal and corporate selfishness, taxes, political chicanery, the degradation of a state in homage to corporate wealth, its leaders (God save the mark!) playing personal politics while the minds and souls of its children are at stake, droughts and dust storms and flood victims and tenant farmers, beyond the help our pity or sacrifice might give, horrors of prison camps. . . . Enough to spoil any breakfast.

True, there is in these columns that that is not all painful and repulsive. We may read of the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, the patriotism of a Bernard Baruch, the struggles of the great heart of our President for social justice, his "million dollar smile," the victories of Coach Shepard's basketball team, the marvels of science, the grandeur of the great souls, as of an Einstein, who stand on the outer verge of our Universe and peer out into the dim infinite for truth, the heroic responses to S.O.S. calls, at times the gentle satire of Will Rogers, etc., etc. But breakfast is ill timing for all that. Give me just a glance at the headlines between breakfast and college bell calling my first class. Then let all this perplexing stuff of an irrational world wait until in my slippers, in the silence of my study, with my quieting cigarettes in reach, I can present an imperturbable, reflecting mind to the impact of all these bombarding items of news. However for you and for me, "If you like that kind of a dog, why, that's the kind of dog you like." Yours with breakfast memories, W. S. Bernard.

#### A "Crack-Down" Needed Here

Three amendments to the pure food and drug bill which are said in a despatch from Washington to be "greatly desired by the patent medicine interests fighting the measure," were offered by Josiah W. Bailey in the Senate Wednesday. The same despatch says: "This afternoon representatives of the drug association were quietly distributing briefs containing the three amendments introduced by Senator Bailey and offered by Senator Clark of Missouri. Both Senators Bailey and Clark, and Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, represent states in which large amounts of remedies affected by the act are manufactured."

We have not seen the text of the amendments and so are not prepared to make any comment upon them. We do not hesitate to say, however, that the mere fact that they are desired by the patent medicine interests arouses our suspicion. These interests have consistently opposed efforts to force them to refrain from deceitful advertising in newspapers and periodicals. Tens of thousands of buyers are being victimized every day by the misleading claims made for so-called "remedies."

As we have said before, there

are good patent medicines, approved by physicians of the highest standing. The makers of these have nothing to fear from a law that compels them to give in advertisements information as accurate as that which under the present law must be given on labels affixed to bottles and packages. But there are also useless and actually harmful medicines that are being sold to the public in vast quantities. Adequate protection against these cannot be assured through action by state legislatures, but only through enactments and enforcement by the federal Government. To use General Hugh Johnson's famous phrase, we want to see the Government "crack down"—hard—upon medicine-makers who have been preying upon the credulity of poor and ignorant people.

#### The Absentee Ballot

Legislators who are themselves machine politicians, or who take orders from machine politicians at home, have defeated the effort to outlaw the absentee ballot in North Carolina. But while the notorious abuse has not yielded, thus far, to a frontal attack, it is being weakened by attrition.

Half a dozen bills to end absentee voting in individual counties, or to place new re-

strictions around it, were reported favorably by the house committee on elections day before yesterday, and it is said that more such bills may be introduced.

The committee's report led Representative Morphew of Graham to remark: "It seems to me that we are running into a state-wide law."

We hope so. Absentee voting is a device used for the selfish purposes of politicians. It is contrary to the public interest, and the sooner the state is rid of it the better.

#### Symphony Society Meeting

The executive committee of the North Carolina Symphony Society met at the Carolina Inn Monday evening. Those who attended were Colonel J. H. Pratt, Fred B. McCall, Lamar Stringfield, R. W. Linker, and Lyman Wood. Mr. Stringfield reported that the Symphony Orchestra has played 108 concerts to audiences that totaled 70,000. The resignation of E. A. Ewing as business manager was accepted, and Lyman Wood was appointed acting manager. The auditor's report was submitted. Plans were made to increase the size of the orchestra.

#### Meteorologist Not Needed

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that, because of the fact that there are no vacancies at present and no contemplated vacancies in the near future in the position of Junior Meteorologist, the examination recently announced for this position will not be held.

#### Indian Ball Game

Two teams from the Cherokee reservation in western North Carolina will play the rough-and-tumble Indian ball game here Saturday April 27. This will be one of the events of the Dogwood Festival.

#### MODEL AIRPLANES

Model airplane kits and supplies at low prices. See me about orders to any company, especially Peerless. Pembroke Regs, 519 Hooper lane; telephone 7391.

#### SALESMEN WANTED

Have opening now for reliable salesmen age 25 to 50 years to take care of demand for Raleigh household products in Orange County. Good profits for justlers. We furnish everything but the car to start you. Raleigh Co., Dept. NCD-37-C, Richmond, Va.

#### LOST: A GLOVE

Lost: One white reindeer glove, Thursday afternoon between 2:30 and 3:30 on Franklin Street, between the A & P store and Hillsboro Street. Return to 506 North Street. Reward.

#### ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR

For sale: about May 15, electric refrigerator; good condition; approximately 5 cubic feet capacity. J. P. McConnaughey, telephone 4976.

#### PUPS—CANARIES—IRIS

Boston, Cairn, Chihuahua, and Scottie pups. Canaries. Iris. Shrubs. K. Tack, Box 70, R.F.D. 2, Chapel Hill.

#### POSITIONS FOR WOMEN

Wanted: Two ladies of refinement in Chapel Hill and Carrboro for pleasant and permanent position. See Miss Pearce, Friday (today), 152 W. Franklin St. 9 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.

#### FOR RENT

Miss Josephine Sharkeys house for rent. Entire summer \$150. Telephone 4946.

#### COTTAGE FOR RENT

For rent: three-room cottage, 215-A Vance Street. See Jack Merritt.

#### FURNISHED COTTAGE

For rent: the five-room furnished cottage at 510 East Rosemary, belonging to Mrs. James M. Bell, is for rent for the summer, available in June, and for the year beginning September 1. For information see Madge Kennette, 524 East Franklin Street.

#### EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as Executors of the estate of I. W. Pritchard, deceased, late of Orange County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Chapel Hill, N. C., on or before the 15th day of March, 1936, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 15th day of March, 1935.  
JOSEPHINE PRITCHARD and  
W. GRADY PRITCHARD,  
Executors of the will of  
I. W. Pritchard.

**DR. J. ELLA HARDIN**  
Osteopathic Physician  
Physiotherapy—Vapor Baths  
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PHONE J-5101

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# MISSISSIPPI

Wednesday-Thursday

FRIDAY: Gene Stratton Porter's Great Novel "Laddie" with GLORIA STUART

Midnight Show FRIDAY "Sing Sinner Sing" with PAUL LUKAS  
Doors Open at 11:15 P.M.

SATURDAY: GLORIA STUART ROSS ALEXANDER in "Maybe It's Love"