

# CAPITAL REPORTER

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Raleigh, N. C., Nov. — State Treasurer Brandon Hodges has come up with a novel excuse for the \$35,500,000 general fund bond issue not getting a lower interest rate than the 1.41-1.4 per cent they did last week.

He blames it on the telephone strike across the nation — says members of the buying syndicate could not get in touch with each other for last minute conferences.

That's hogwash, and Hodges should know it. A representative of one of the firms in the purchasing syndicate pointed out that all of the firms are connected through their own teletype machines, and could confer right up to the deadline of the bond-bid opening.

"Even a much worse telephone strike than the one now in progress could not possibly keep us from having a quick conference on the bid," this investment house representative said.

Real truth of the matter is that the bonds sold for a pretty good interest rate. What kept it from being lower is the "A" rating of

the State as to general fund bonds, plus the anticipation of a greatly increased State budget for the next two years.

Capitol Hill forecasters proved themselves right on one count for the general election. They had predicted Willis Smith would either be low or next to low vote-getter on the Democratic ticket. He was low man on the regular ballot—but was saved from being low Democrat by the fact that Jeff Johnson, Clinton lawyer who was named supreme Court Justice nominee at the last minute, got fewer votes. So-called political experts say Johnson would have gotten more votes, and probably would have topped Smith, if his name had not been on a separate ballot.

Meantime, over the country both Democrat and Republican party stalwarts were disturbed by one thing. It seems more and more people are voting for the man, rather than the party. If that trend should continue—and expand—party bosses will have to change their methods. In particular, they'll have to be mighty careful about the candidates they choose, because the voters generally seem to be tired of voting for some party hack whose only recommendation for the job is party loyalty.

Incidentally, it is reported around Raleigh that the Willis Smith faction is giving the back of its hand to Stag Ballentine. The agriculture commissioner was a member of the inner circle during the primaries, and reportedly was listened to more closely by Smith than any other advisers. Stag's reward, the boys supposedly in the know say, is to be ignored now by the Smith group that is trying to take over control of the Democratic party in the State.

What a lot of folks apparently do not know is that a prisoner may be paroled at any time. He does not have to serve a certain time. If the Governor is so inclined he may parole a prisoner the first day after his sentence.

Paroles Commissioner Dr. T. C. Johnson says this causes a lot of trouble. The law requires that a man be considered for parole after he has served one-fourth

of his time. That is to say, each prisoner's case must be reviewed as to his eligibility for parole after he has served one-fourth of his sentence.

This does not mean, Johnson said, that he must serve one-fourth of his sentence before he can be paroled.

"Each case must be considered individually," Dr. Johnson, "because the circumstances in every case is different. You cannot get hard and fast rules in dealing with paroles."

Dr. Johnson says, too, that it's almost impossible to keep politics out of the paroles system.

"It's hard, because you're dealing with human beings," he said. "And it's only natural that you would listen more carefully to a friend who's pleading a prisoner's case than you would to a political enemy."

Some folks around capitol hill think that Dr. Johnson has tried to keep politics out, though. But, they say, he's leaned over so far backward trying to keep from showing partiality to political friends, that he's doing just the opposite.

Lawyers talking among themselves are saying that a prisoner up for parole nowadays has a better chance if his lawyer is an opponent of the Scott administration—all because Dr. Johnson has tried to keep it from being said that a lawyer had to be a friend of the administration to get a prisoner paroled.

North Carolina's two senators—Clyde Hoey and Willis Smith, both Democrats—are expected to go along with the administration's foreign policy in general. But both of the conservative gentlemen are expected to oppose any "Fair Deal" domestic legislation.

Some notes on Mr. Smith: During the "lame duck" session of Congress he probably will use the same office Frank Graham occupied while senator. When the new congress convenes, he may move. Banks Arendell, Raleigh lawyer who was a Smith aide in the two primaries, and Smith Campaign Manager Charles Green of Louisburg will go to Washington with Smith to help set up the senator's office. The arrangement is expected to be temporary. Permanent staff members probably will be announced by the time you read this. Mentioned for the two posts—secretary and special assistant—are Sanford Martin Jr., son of the Winston-Salem editor and now at Gardner-Webb College in Shelby, and Charlie Daniel of Fuquay Springs, an ardent Smith supporter. Smith Campaign Publicist Hoover Adams of Dunn and Typewriter Salesman-Radio Commentator Alvin Wingfield say they are out of the running.

Smith may not take his Senate seat until around December 1, unless some way for a pre-signing of his certificate of election is found. Although it will be ready for Governor Scott's signature after the State Board of Elections session November 27, the Governor or will be out of the State. Normally, the certificate would be signed, and Smith would take the oath of office in Washington the next day. But the Governor may not get back from Chicago, where he is attending the National 57th session, until November 29 or later. So unless the Governor can sign a blank certificate before he leaves, or some other method can be devised, Mr. Smith's trip to Washington may be delayed a few days.

Here's an interesting note from the November 6 issue of Newsweek: "A serious power shortage is developing," the magazine states. "It will get worse before it gets better. Three months ago power output seemed adequate for whatever lay ahead; now both industry and government agree that capacity must be expanded."

"Current energy requirements are running 20 per cent above a year ago. That load is due to increase greatly. For example, if the aluminum industry is to expand its yearly capacity by 2,000,000,000 pounds, it will need an estimated extra 2,000,000 kilowatts of electrical power."

That doesn't sound like the same song sung by Louis Sutton, Carolina Power and Light president and head of the Edison Institute—power research and public relations organization. Incidentally, check with Washington and New York financial sources indicates a division in thinking among the power boys. These sources say the president of the Edison Institute (Sutton) no longer speaks for the entire industry, as some of the big power men have changed their opinions as to a power shortage.

And, it is ironic that the above quoted item Newsweek came out prior to Communist Chinese intervention in Korea, which has pointed up the need for more power even more strongly.



Distinctive new styling of both front and rear of the new 1951 Fords is shown in this photo of the Convertible and the Custom Club Coupe. The dual-spinner grille and longer wrap-around bumpers give the front end a wider, more massive appearance and additional chrome and wider tail lights add to the rear end appearance. The 1951 models feature Fordomatic Drive, the new automatic transmission, as optional equipment.

## PICKETS RUSH PHILADELPHIA POLICE



TELEPHONE STRIKE PICKET is grabbed by Philadelphia police during their efforts to escort non-striking workers into an exchange. Pickets twice rushed the police in this action of striking CIO-Communications Workers of the Western Electric Co., seeking to bar operators from work. Meanwhile, the CWA filed complaints of "lock-out" with the National Labor Relations Board both in Philadelphia and New York. (International)

State Personnel Director Henry Hilton, who last week resigned his \$9,000-a-year State job, had confided to friends some time ago that he expected to be "the most hated man in Raleigh within two years."

His job was a tough one, and one he did well. When you classify jobs and cut some salaries while raising others you are bound to make folks mad—particularly those whose pay was slashed.

But Hilton, in keeping with the platform of his boss, Governor Scott, did the job. He set up the job classification study; put in the five-day work week; and set up a program of pay increments.

The lanky, bespectacled Hilton brought a well-done from Scott: "The achievements of the Personnel Department since its origin under his direction have been outstanding," the Governor said.

Tiny Lee County has its Green Pastures goal set at 5,000 acres of Ladino clover within the next couple of years.

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

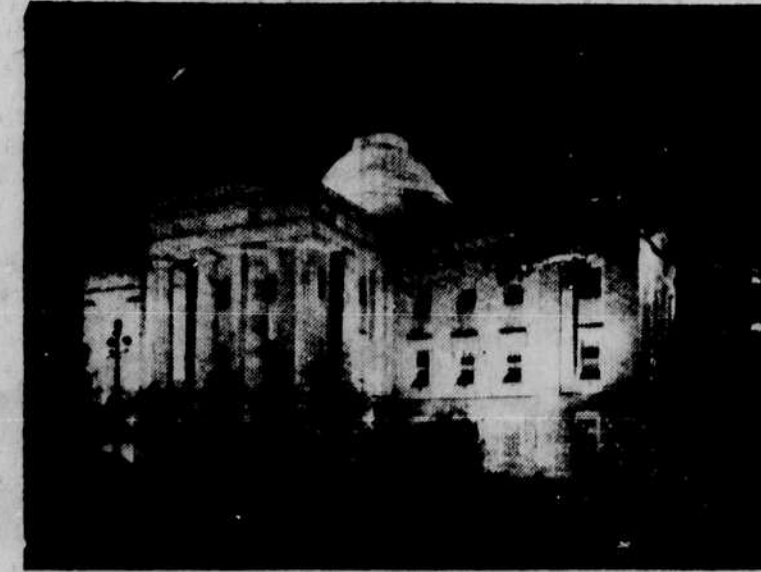
North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. J. A. Everett deceased this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned or his attorneys within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 25 day of October, 1950 J. A. Everett, Jr., Administrator of the estate of Mrs. J. A. Everett, deceased. Peel and Peel, Attorneys at Law, Williamston, N. C. oc 26 no 2-9-16-23-30

## ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of George C. Jenkins, deceased of Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 30th day of October, 1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to make immediate settlement. This the 30th day of October, 1950. Mattie L. Jenkins, Administratrix. no 2-9-16-23-30 de 5

## PRESENTS INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA



STATE CAPITOL

The State Capitol is at Raleigh and was authorized by the general assembly in 1832. It was completed in 1840 at a cost of \$530,684. David Paton took charge of its construction in 1834 and he imported stone masons from Scotland to do his stone-cutting and finishing. The granite used was quarried a mile southeast of the site. Throughout the building, Greek methods of construction were used except in the private offices. These show touches of English Gothic.

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## NOTICE

In Re: Establishment of Martin County Drainage District Number Two.

All persons interested in the establishment of Martin County Drainage District No. Two will hereby take notice that the Board of Viewers heretofore appointed by the Court have filed their report in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, and that said report has been examined and found to be regular in all respects; and you will further take notice that a hearing upon said report will be had before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at the Courthouse in Williamston, North Carolina, at the hour of ten o'clock, A. M., on the 24th day of November, 1950, at which time all interested persons may be pre-

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sent and file objections to, and be heard upon said report if they care to do so.

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## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court in the special proceedings entitled "Thurston Davenport v. Hattie R. Davenport," the undersigned Commissioners will, on Friday, December 1, 1950, at 12 o'clock Noon, in front of the Courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property:

Beginning in the Della Rogers line in the Bear Trap Mill Road, running thence a southerly direction along the said road about 40 yards to a marked pine tree, run-

ning thence in a westerly direction along a line of marked trees to the run of a small branch, thence down said branch to the Della Rogers line, thence eastwardly along her line to the beginning. Containing 3/5 of an acre, more or less, and being the same land deeded by W. C. Manning and S. M. Manning to the Board of Education, February 15, 1919, and recorded in Book L-1, page 586.

The last and highest bidder will be required to make a deposit of 10% of the bid at the sale. This 31st day of October, 1950. H. G. Horton, B. A. Critcher, Commissioners. no 2-9-16-23

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