

### Ferguson Scores Mark Of Service With Trade Body

North Carolinian, Near End Of 15th Year, Approved For Another Term.

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Washington. — National defense has a firm grip on the public's attention, but the job of protecting the consumers of the nation from unfair and injurious trade practices goes on as relentlessly and as importantly as ever before.

North Carolinians, therefore, should turn aside from war and defense for a moment and proudly note the achievements of a native son who this week passed a significant milestone in a distinguished career as a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

The Senate last week approved speedily and unquestioningly President Roosevelt's reappointment of Garland S. Ferguson, Jr., of Waynesville and Greensboro, to a seven-year term as a member of the Federal Trade Commission. This reappointment gives the North Carolinian the distinction of having

served on the Federal Trade Commission longer than any other member since the founding of this organization in 1915.

Started in 1927, that President Coolidge asked the tall, easy-going but hard-hitting Greensboro lawyer to fill out the term of a Democratic commissioner which was to end on September 25, 1934. "Dick" Ferguson not only accepted but he has been a guiding force in the work of the commission ever since. On January 10, 1935, President Roosevelt reappointed him to a second term, and although this term is not scheduled to expire until September 25 of this year, the Chief Executive, in an unusual gesture of confidence and approbation, has acted well in advance of this date to give him still another term. He thus becomes the first Federal Trade Commissioner ever to receive three appointments.

Three times he has served as chairman of the Commission—in 1930, 1934, and in 1938. It was during this latest term as chairman that "Dick" Ferguson directed the establishment of his organization in its new, impressive building, construction of which marked the agency's "coming of age". This building, forming the apex of the great Federal Triangle, now is one of the National Capital's

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outstanding landmarks.

*The Remarkable Fergusons.*

But "Dick" Ferguson will never give any indication that he regards his achievements as anything unusual or remarkable. The Fergusons are supposed to make their mark in the world. And a good many of them have come out of the mountains of Haywood county to do just that.

His father was the late Judge Garland S. Ferguson of the Superior Court of North Carolina. His cousin, Brig. Gen. Harley B. Ferguson, is generally regarded as one of the greatest engineers the country has produced, and is certainly in the forefront of all the expert engineers to come out of the army. He is given sole credit for originating and executing the vast flood-control works along the Mississippi that has saved countless lives and millions of dollars in preventing and curtailing the annual devastation from Mississippi floods. Still another cousin is Homer C. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, which is now playing such a key role in the defense program and in the gigantic effort to build a "bridge of ships" to Britain.

"Dick" Ferguson started life at Waynesville on May 30, 1878. He attended the U. S. Naval Acad-

emy at Annapolis and later studied law at the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1900. Two years ago, his alma mater honored him with a degree of LL. D.

From Chapel Hill he returned to Waynesville to hang out his shingle and begin the practice of law. But two years later he switched to Greensboro, where he remained until 1918. From 1908 to 1918 he acted as referee in bankruptcy for the U. S. District Court of the western district of North Carolina and also as special counsel to the Southern Railway.

Ferguson first came to Washington in 1918 as assistant general counsel for the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, and represented the company here for more than three years, after which he returned to Greensboro to resume his law practice there. He was in Greensboro when President Coolidge asked him in 1927 to take the post on the Federal Trade Commission.

*Most Active Member.*

Outwardly, he is slow-moving, easy-going and jovial; but he has the uncanny faculty of "getting the job done" quickly and without apparent effort. His colleagues on the commission concede that he is perhaps their most active member. His dockets are always up to date and in order. He is probably the best cross examiner the commission has. He never says much during a hearing, but when he does talk it is penetrating and to the point. He has been known more than once to quietly rip a witness and a case to shreds without even losing his placid demeanor.

The Federal Trade Commission function as a unit, and it is often difficult to trace down the duties and accomplishments of any one of the five commissioners. But they all recognized the great contributions made by the North Carolinian in the realization of the commission's aims — preventing unfair methods of competition and tracking down the violators of good business practices. During all his 14 years on the commission he has never been known to take more than a two-week's vacation.

During the years, the commission has become increasingly important as a fact-finding agency for Congress, in addition to its other duties. As an integral part of the Temporary National Economic Committee, the commission has just helped complete a two-year searching analysis of the na-

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NORTH CAROLINA, HAYWOOD COUNTY. Haywood County, vs. Sara S. Sloan and James Andrew Sloan.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a judgment of the Superior Court in the above entitled action, the undersigned Commissioner of the Court, will on the 18th day of August, 1941, at the Court House Door in the Town of Waynesville, Haywood County, N. C., at 11 o'clock A. M. offers for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash the following described land, lying and being in Haywood County, North Carolina, and being on Main Street in the Town of Waynesville, adjoining the Store building of M. Theo. McCracken and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in the Easterly Margin of Main Street, which point is the Southwesterly corner of the building now occupied by McCracken Clothing Company and runs with the line of the wall of said building South 69 East 110 feet to a state in Chester Walker's line; thence with Walker's line South 21 West 33 feet to an iron stake, Walker's corner; thence North 68 W. 110.2 feet to the margin of Main Street; thence with the margin of said Main Street 31 feet to the beginning. Containing 3520 square feet. And being the same land that Gurney P. Hood Commissioner of Banks sold to Haywood County and Sara S. Sloan and James Andrew Sloan as recorded in Book 90, page 169, record of deeds for Haywood County, N. C. This the 18th day of July, 1941. GROVER C. DAVIS, Commissioner of Court. No. 1092—July 24-31-Aug. 7-14.

### Rhinehart Named Head Of Canton Ambulance Group

Herman Rhinehart, of Canton, vice president of the reunion association of the 118th Ambulance company which saw service in World War No. 1, was elected president of the association Friday following the opening of the 12th annual reunion at Camp Hope, 12 miles south of Canton.

Mr. Rhinehart is an employe of the Canton division of the Pion Paper and Fibre company. Haywood Mackey, also employe of the paper and fibre company here, was elected vice president, succeeding Mr. Rhinehart.

Ernest Pressley, of Canton, elected treasurer for the 1941 year and Mrs. Charlie Mease, of Canton, was elected secretary for the year.

Attending the reunion around 300 veterans and members of their families.

The opening day's program included a picnic, sports, and dancing in the evening.

On Saturday a service was conducted by W. Taylor Hawk, Canton post office, in memory of deceased members of the company. Following the service, graves were decorated.

Turner, the commissioner's secretary and the commission's "right-hand man." A native of Greensboro, she is well-known both in North Carolina and Washington. Before joining Commissioner Ferguson she served for several years on the official staff of the late Senator Lee S. Overman.

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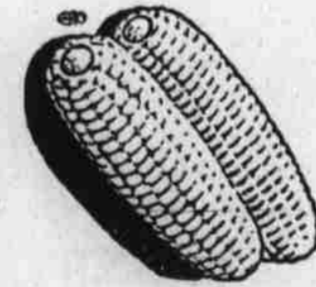
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