

On The Tar Heel Front IN WASHINGTON

By Robert A. Erwin and Frances McKusick

One of the most influential and yet politically independent men in Washington today is North Carolina's native son, Lindsay Carter Warren, Comptroller General of the United States and formerly representative in Congress for 15 years.

Impressive and firm, but still retaining his Tar Heel quality of being "plain as an old shoe." In fact, if you go to see Mr. Warren, the building will be the first thing he will tell you about. "My office building is 80 years old. It was built right after the Civil War. Yes, Sir," he added with a touch of humor, "it was built as a memorial to union soldiers. Did you notice that frieze on the outside of the building? That represents the Yankees. And my office used to be the apartment occupied by the Commissioner of Union Pensions and his family."

However, Mr. Warren has remained untouched by the influence of high-ranking Yankee ghosts who may prowl inquisitively about his office. He's a North Carolinian through and through. He's devoted to his state and Little Washington where he was born and where he still maintains his home. He hasn't had time to leave Washington since September, but when he does, he'll probably get in some fishing, his favorite sport, at Nags Head.

It's difficult to get Mr. Warren to talk about his job. He'd much rather exchange news of home. But if you pin him down, he modestly admits that as comptroller it is his duty to direct the auditing of expenditures of all government agencies. Right now, with tremendous transactions going on in war and navy and other departments, that's quite a job.

His agency has its own investigating force and can look into expenditures of any agency that might appear to be not quite "according to Hoyle." Claims against the Government also are settled in Mr. Warren's office.

Mr. Warren resigned in November, 1940, as representative of the First District to accept President Roosevelt's offer to make him Comptroller General. The appointment is good for 15 years. Although he was appointed by the

President and confirmed by the Senate, he could not be removed without an act of Congress. That is why the post is considered even more independent politically than many other high ranking offices, like membership in the cabinet. Cabinet officers can be "fired" by the White House, as the President pointedly remarked not so long ago, but Mr. Warren cannot. This gives to the man in the Comptroller General's chair the independence and freedom of action to do his job regardless of political considerations and to let the proverbial chips fall where they may.

Mr. Warren was elected to Congress in 1924 and reelected each term until his resignation. A popular member among both Democrats and Republicans alike, it was believed on Capitol Hill that if he had waited just a few weeks longer before accepting the post, he would have been elected majority leader.

Mr. Warren now reports to work 15 minutes earlier than those working under him, coming to his office at 8 a. m. six days a week. He doesn't even take time out to go to lunch, preferring instead to have a sandwich and a glass of milk sent in.

The Comptroller General has 6,800 employees working under him. He disclosed the Civil Service Commission told him he would be entitled to 10,000 in the near future to help the war rush. His workers put in a 48-hour week on two shifts, running from 7:15 a. m. to 12:30 a. m. Mr. Warren says he expects soon to have to put on an additional night shift, from 12:30 a. m. to 9 a. m., the "Victory Shift" as it is called in defense industries.

Although a majority of the North Carolina Congressional offices report a substantial amount of mail protesting against the 40-hour week in defense industries is still being received, Representative Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, advised his mail on that subject has "lessened considerably."

"I believe there has been some misunderstanding regarding the 40-hour week, the plant itself is only operating that length of time. In reality, many plants are running on three 40-hour shifts, making a total of 120 hours."

Mr. Weaver believes that a lag in production, if any, may be caused from the amount of time spent to convert non-defense factories into plants manufacturing defense goods. He also said it was possible a lack of raw materials might slow down the number of machines running off the assembly line.

"We have heard of very serious strikes since Pearl Harbor," he commented. "It might be well for all of us to remember that defense workers, as well as other citizens, no doubt have sons and relatives in the armed forces. Those workers are just as anxious to see their loved one well equipped as the rest of us. It is logical to suppose that they will continue to do all they can to speed up the output of munitions on the home front."

Mr. Weaver shares the view recently expressed by Representative Carl T. Durham, of Chapel Hill, member of the House Military Affairs Committee, that production has increased materially during the past 60 or 90 days, and that the American people have every right to expect "full speed ahead" in the immediate future.

Very little big business will be transacted on Capitol Hill between now and April 20, because Congress is in an unofficial Easter recess. This is accomplished by the process of intermittent three-day recesses and an agreement between both parties in both House and Senate to keep the lid on major legislation.

People back at home seldom if

Seeking Refuge from Japanese Bombers



U. S. Army Signal Corps Photograph

Shepherding a flock of small Filipinos before him, this native who lived near the Cavite Navy Base flees to a safer haven after Jap bombers had passed over. Before the Japanese took Manila, U. S. forces destroyed all installations that might have been of use to the enemy and removed all portable equipment and supplies to Bataan and Corregidor.

ever realize the pace that members of Congress travel when they are in Washington. In recent years, representatives and senators have been almost perpetually on the job, with few recesses, no real vacation and no let up in the pressure, as well as still less relief if they are faced with a campaign each year.

The senior senator, who has a primary scrap on his hands, will be home in Raleigh this week-end for the wedding of his daughter, Peliz, on Saturday, to William J. Primm, Jr., of Montgomery, Ala., a young man who has gone far in Alabama politics in recent years. Bill Primm is a frequent visitor to Washington and is a friend of Mayor Dick Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, Treasurer of the Democratic National committee, and other Tar Heels in public life, as well as Senator Bailey's near son-in-law.

Senator Reynolds plans to visit his Asheville home the latter part of the month and is expected to give the home folks their first glimpse of his new wife, the former Evelyn Washington McLean. "I'll be busy here until at least the 15th," he said as he waded through a pile of papers on his desk, "but we hope to get away about then and remain until the 20th."

Senator Bailey plays an important defense role as chairman of the Senate Commerce committee which on the Senate side of the Capitol handles not only all international commerce and business legislation, but that relating to the merchant marine and rivers and harbors as well. This gives the senator quite a bit of power as one of the Congressional overseers over the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration now superimposed over it.

Before the senate passed the new War Risk Insurance bill, the senator stuck in an amendment requiring the W. S. A. to report to Congress each month on its current operations in writing maritime insurance. The bill permits W. S. A. to issue insurance against marine risks of foreign merchant vessels, cargoes and personnel. Incidentally, Senator Bailey got one hot political potato off his hands last week when Commissioner of Internal Revenue Guy T. Helvering declared his aides had found no foundation whatsoever for charges filed against North Carolina Collector of Internal Revenue Charles Robertson by Herbert Gulley, of Raleigh.

Their battle was a strange affair. Mr. Robertson was a Bailey appointee, while Mr. Gulley, who had worked under Mr. Robertson, was the Senator's personal political aide, working for many years out of the Andrew Johnson Hotel (formerly the Bland) in Raleigh. Commissioner Helvering said Mr. Robertson's duties were above reproach and that as for charges of disturbed personal relations in the collector's office at Greensboro, the bureau was not interested.

Most people would be better off if they spent their money on a budget plan.

Home-making may be a lost art but there is much to be said for the ancient custom.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Robena Bishop, deceased, late of the county of Haywood, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, at Clyde, N. C., Rt 1, on or before the 26th day of March, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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Special Radio Program To Explain School Lunch Room Benefits Today

"School Days," a special radio dramatization of the community school lunch program, will be given over WPTF, Raleigh, at 1:15 p. m. today, it was learned yesterday. The program is being sponsored by the North Carolina USDA war board administration and the agricultural marketing administration.

During the month of February alone, lunches were served to 221,252 undernourished North Caro-

lina school children in 2,902 schools. The plans now is to reach the majority of the state's needy children when school opens in the fall through the new, more intensive program.

Officials of the USDA war board and the marketing administration are urging parents to listen to the program. They point out it is part of the national health campaign to make America strong and is of special interest to every parent in the state.

Four members of the Hugh Morrison high school radio club, of Raleigh, will take part in the program.

Mrs. Alley States Plans For I.A.P.E.S. Meet In Asheville

Arrangements have been completed for the state convention of the North Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Public Employment Services, which will be held in Asheville on Saturday, the 11th, according to Mrs. Edith P. Alley, of Waynesville, chairman of the convention program. Mrs. Alley is also vice president, directing the work of the western district.

All committee meetings will be held on Friday evening. At 1 o'clock, Saturday a luncheon will be held honoring the visiting officials, members of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commissions and guests. The afternoon session will open on Saturday at 2:45 with Ernest C. McCracken, state president, presiding. R. Mayne Albright, of Raleigh, president of the international association, will extend greetings and take part on the program.

A forum on labor supply and "The Effect Labor Market Will Have on the Employment Service" will be directed by Mayer Frayman, of Washington, D. C., assistant regional representative. Taking part will be John Collins, also of Washington, D. C., of the United States Employment Service, R. Mayne Albright, Sydney P. Marsh, and Major A. L. Fletcher, all of Raleigh. Reports of committees and officers will be given. Election of state officers will conclude the afternoon session.

The banquet will be held at 8 o'clock with Mr. Collins making the main speech. The Rev. Ray R. Fisher, of Asheville, will give the invocation.

William Henderson, of Asheville,

This special dramatization is the first of its kind in the state using school children to explain the benefits of the community lunch program.

MODERN WAR

Words on modern warfare uttered by a negro servant who works for a friend of The Mountaineer.

"I sure would like one of those old-fashioned wars, where they sees what they's 'er doin'. 'Tain't nobody gonner drap nuttin' on nobody, does they see him?"

ville, who is in charge of the regional divisional office, is chairman of arrangements to entertain visiting colored personnel.

A large attendance is expected from the local offices in the state and the central office in Raleigh. Members of the local advisory committee here are also expected to attend the meeting.

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