

AMERICANS FIGHTING ON EVERY FRONT USING ITEMS MADE BY LOCAL WAR PLANT

Capitol Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

This session of the General Assembly may last until about March 24, although no group of legislators ever worked harder to get things done in a hurry. It is fixed for March 17-24 as the general time for adjournment. By fixing two dates that way you stand a better chance of being right than these one-date fellows.

Ralph Monger, of Sanford, is the reading clerk, and the only thing he lacks being a tobacco auctioneer on those bills is saying: "Sold American!"

There is a bare chance that he will come out with that utterance between now and adjournment time. . . you know, just get in a swing and can't stop.

DUNN—William Dunn, Jr., acting paroles commissioner, is scheduled to go into military life any day now. At the time this is written, nothing is being said about it, because they don't want a lot of applications. However, it would seem that the more applicants they have, the better chance they would have to choose a good man.

Dunn, a native of New Bern, was eligible for deferment, but would not take it, preferring rather to

follow in the tracks of Hathaway Cross, of Gates County, who turned up his nose at deferment, going in as a buck private in the spring of 1943. When he left, his assistant, Dunn, was promoted to the place.

CHANGES—This column reported recently that the Board of Education bill has left Clyde Erwin very little say-so regarding the operation of the State's schools. Well, last week Superintendent Erwin's friends attempted to tack on seven amendments to the bill, so as to give Clyde at least a look-in on educational finances; but the proposed changes bounced off about as fast as they were introduced.

BIGGER—Within the past three, four weeks, around 50 local bills have been introduced to increase the sizes of various towns. How about your own town? Do you have a lot of business houses built away down the road yonder that you think should be within the city limits? All right, get some influential fellows to talk it over

with your representative—and if there is no serious opposition, you can get it done. Just think, then your city may be larger than small town. And then, when you meet them in football next fall, you won't have an inferiority complex.

FUTURE—The broad medical plan for Rural North Carolina has been set up as a project for the future. The germ of the plan has been embraced, but the money to give it growth must await more lucrative days—tomorrow and tomorrow.

SOP—The almost complete failure of the medical plan has caused deep disappointment among the legislators fighting for it, for they wanted something done NOW. As sop to keep fellows like C. H. Jenkins, of Bertie county, and his fellow senator, W. T. Culpepper, of Elizabeth City, happy, something may be done for the rural hospitals of the State. But it's second fiddle business any way you look at it.

The medical bill legislators are extremely eager to get money for rural health in one way or another—but do county hospitals need money now? An informal survey made by this column shows that the rural hospitals made more real cash last year than ever before. Is this the case with your local setup?

The general feeling around the Legislature is that a little money now might hurt the chances for a broad medical program two years from now. On the other hand, it might be a foot-in-the-door movement which would be worthwhile. This argument will rage in Raleigh for several days yet.

SPRING—You are familiar, of course, with the little yellow flower that is going to burst out of the ground at the first hint of spring. Use the flower bed for a playground or a woodpile in winter, but that bulb is going to send a green stem up, come what may. It's called March flower, jonquil, daffodil. Well, they are selling for 25 cents per dozen on Capital Square here in Raleigh. "Do these fellows here in the Legislature ever buy any?"

"No," the old man replied, "I sell most of them to these little office girls around here. Legislature fellows ain't interested."

FRANK—Dr. Frank Graham, who is still president of the Greater University of North Carolina, was in Raleigh virtually every day last week in the interests of the rural medical program, which should eventually mean a 500-bed hospital for the Chapel Hill unit of the University.

Dr. Graham is no mean lobbyist. He's little, but he's fast. And he will shake hands with you (whether he knows you or not) and talk to you as if you were a life-long friend. He was all over the place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, running into drug stores and calling up friends ("Hiya, Pal") and generally making his influence felt, but never forcing it on anybody.

The fellow who was with him was not his bodyguard at all (as some fool thought), but Bill Carmichael, financier de luxe for the University.

FOOL—A rumor slipped into Raleigh from Washington last week that the European war is set to come to a conclusion on April 1, which will be Easter for God-fearing, God-loving folks, but merely All Fools Day for Hitler and those who follow him.

BOARD—Let's look at the authority which the Senate Bill introduced by Senators McBride, of Hoke, O'Berry, of Wayne, and Pate of Scotland, gives to your State Board of Education. This is important—

The State Board of Education may divide the State into "convenient number" of school districts; it may regulate the salary, grade, and qualifications of teachers; provide for the selection and adoption (now, Erwin's duties) of textbooks; and apportion and equalize—(remember the old Equalization Board of the late twenties?)—the public school funds for the State.

Now, brother, that's power—and that's not all!

The Board may appoint a controller (you may spell it comptroller, if you wish, but it means FISCAL CONTROL, either way you spell it) subject to the approval of the Governor and fix his salary, subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget (the Governor) and the Controller will have supervision and management of the fiscal affairs of the Board. The duties of the Board will be divided into supervision and administration of fiscal affairs, of which the superintendent shall be the head, and supervision and administration of fiscal affairs, of which the Controller shall be the head.

The Controller will prepare the school budget, look after the al-

lotment of teachers, purchase and allocate replacement school buses, and have charge of all school bus transportation.

The bill says "Superintendent determine certificate ratings," and that's about all it says about Mr. Erwin.

WINE—Congressman Herbert Bonner remarked to some North Carolinians early in January that he felt he could get a \$10,000 annual appropriation for more grape research in North Carolina. Using this as a spring board, it was decided to attempt to obtain \$10,000 from the General Assembly. The bill was carried directly to the Appropriations Committee, but nobody has obviously planned to know much about it. There was a lot of argument as to where the money should come from.

Finally, Clarence Stone, of Rockingham county, and one of the strongest legislators, jumped up and asked that the tax on synthetic wine be raised from the present 20 cents a gallon to \$1.20. The idea was carried to the House as an amendment to the Revenue Bill, and the week ended with much argument over it—and it passed the first reading.

NOTICE OF SERVING OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HAYWOOD
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
VIRGINIA SMATHERS
VS.
QUENTIN SMATHERS

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Haywood County, N. C., by the plaintiff above named against the defendant above named for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from the defendant on statutory grounds. And the defendant will take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood County, N. C., at the Courtroom in Waynesville, N. C., and answer or deny to the complaint filed in this action, on or before 30 days after the 2nd day of April, 1945, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This the 1st day of March, 1945.
GERTRUDE P. CLARK,
Asst. Clerk of Superior Court,
No. 1416—Mar. 8-15-22-29.

NOTICE OF SALE

On Monday, April 2nd, 1945, at eleven o'clock A. M. at the court house door in Waynesville, North Carolina, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands and premises situate, lying and being in Ivy Hill Township, Haywood County, N. C., to-wit:

1st Tract: BEGINNING at a stake in margin of the highway leading from Dellwood to Soco Gap, being in a line between Maggie Justice and John M. Queen, and runs S. 21° W. with said line to the margin of the public road leading from State Highway to Black Camp Gap; thence with the margin of said road to D. C. Campbell's line; then N. 71° 50' E. with said Campbell's line to the margin of the State Highway leading to Soco Gap; thence with the margin of said Highway to the BEGINNING, containing 25 acres, more or less, and being same tract of land conveyed in a deed from J. R. Boyd et ux. to W. S. Mauldin, dated September 2nd, 1936, and recorded in Book 99, page 23, Haywood County Registry, and being the same property conveyed in a deed from W. S. Mauldin and wife, Maggie Mauldin, to Adolphus Gentry and wife, dated November 19, 1943.

2nd Tract: BEGINNING at a stake, corner of lands now owned by said W. S. Mauldin and Fred Campbell, and runs thence with the line of the D. C. Campbell lands owned by said Fred Campbell and with said Mauldin line N. 70° E. 318 feet to a stake corner of tract conveyed by W. S. Mauldin and wife, to said Fred Campbell; thence N. 16° 40' W. 575 feet to a stake in said Mauldin line; thence with said line S. 10° W. 660 feet to the BEGINNING, containing two acres, more or less, as per survey and plat of Watt Justice. Being same lands conveyed in a deed from Fred Campbell et ux. to W. S. Mauldin et ux. dated March 30, 1942, and recorded in Book 112 page 518, Haywood County Registry, and being same lands conveyed in deed from W. S. Mauldin et ux. to Adolphus Gentry et ux. dated November 19, 1943.

Sale made pursuant to the power and authority conferred upon me by that certain deed of trust dated November 18, 1943, executed by Adolphus Gentry and wife, Annie Gentry, and recorded in Book 52, page 104, Haywood County Registry, to which said instrument and record reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

This March 2nd, 1945.
A. T. WARD, Trustee.
No. 1417—Mar. 8-15-22-29

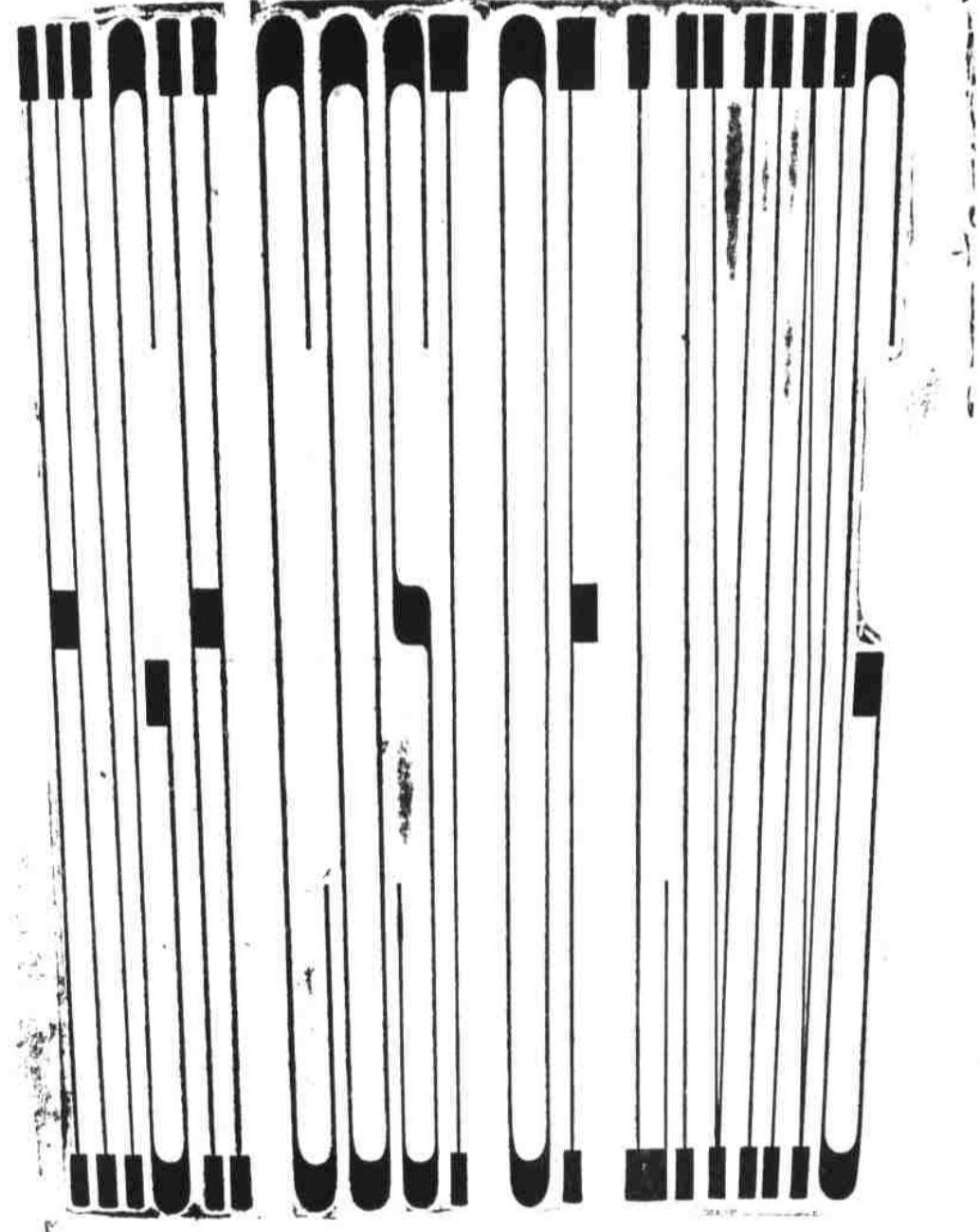
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