

# Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

**LINE**—The Legislature has in main gone down the line with Governor Gregg Cherry's recommendations which were presented such length in his inaugural address on January 4. By going on the line it has stayed in

residence painted and placed nice shrubbery in your yard, the neighbors would oh and ah for several weeks, but if you paid off the mortgage on your house and lot, nothing would be said about it.

This Legislature could have done a number of fine and beautiful things, any one of which would have made headlines, but it chose to pay off a mortgage. So we sit back and say the Legislature didn't do a great deal.

**1921**—As a matter of fact this session did more than any other since Governor Carr Morrison's Legislature in 1921. At that time, we started piling up debts and they mounted swiftly through the years. Of course, most of the expenditures were worthwhile, some were not—but the General Fund is now clear of mortgage after 24 years.

**BONUS**—The war bonus was re-

newed and will hold as long as needed. It expired 1st December 31 and the Legislature gave it added life, as Governor Cherry recommended.

**RAISES**—There were raises for teachers and other State employees. Teachers in the highest salary brackets will receive next year about \$178 per month, if the bonus holds, and there is a good chance that it will. Inexperienced teachers will receive \$125 per month, plus the bonus, and that should run their pay up to around \$138.

**TAXES**—There should be no new taxes, said Governor Cherry, and the Legislature stayed with him. A move came along to place a 10 per cent tax on the theatres throughout the State, and this was defeated. This tax was removed by a front-line Legislature and there were many who wanted the Cherry Legislature to put it back on but it didn't work.

**TEND**—Since without recent 3500+ a devaluation of the tax relief has meant an increase, never a decrease, most folks are very glad the tax situation was not bothered.

**AGRICULTURE**—Agricultural leaders will tell you this Legislature has done more for the farmer than any other of recent times, and this is true, but these improvements, broad as they are, will not be apparent until trained personnel and materials are available.

Agriculture has more funds with which to work than ever before. In most instances, the Advisory Board of Commission granted the money requested by the agencies and in several cases the appropriations were greater than the request.

Upshot is that agriculture has more money than it is now able to spend. These funds will be expended for more services for farmers. A broad research program for tobacco was established, funds were laid out for more help to Negro farmers, acts were passed to protect farmers against substandard feeds, seeds, and fertilizers; groundwork was laid and money appropriated for a long-range program on marketing, a project looking to the control of Pullman and the establishment of a strong poultry industry in this State was set up.

**SCHOOLS**—Superintendent of Schools Clyde Erwin was relieved

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**A GROUP** of Hollywood beauties have voted Diana Mummy (above), 21-year-old movie starlet, "The Prettiest Girl in the World." Diana's measurements are: bust, 35 1/2 inches; waist, 25 inches; hips, 35; ankles, 7 1/2; weight, 125 pounds; height, 5 feet 7. (International)

of all financial worries regarding the operation of the State school system. He is now free to devote his whole time to the improvement of the curriculum and the general betterment of the schools within the classroom. Since the Legislature of 1927, there has been a fight on between the financiers of education and the professional trained educators. As it is now, the professors and the doctors will attend to the work in which they were trained and the fiscal affairs will be handled by those experienced in handling money.

Articles have been written in national magazines about North Carolina's fine school plant and about her up-to-date school transportation system, but we are still away down the list of states as regards Education. Our school houses are beautiful, well lighted and the desks are the right height and are placed the right distance from each other, and so on and so forth. The buildings are kept at the right temperature. The libraries are acquiring the kinds of books suggested. We have buses which pick white and Negro up at their doors and carry them to school and back home.

But our students who graduate from high school have an awfully tough time of it at college, many of them failing during their first year. Do you hear parents complain at the small amount of learning their children are getting at school?

Consensus throughout the State is that our school plant is way ahead of the educational processes. What is the trouble? Why is it necessary for boys to go to prep schools before going to college? Why do hundreds of Raleigh parents send their kids to church schools instead of to the Raleigh city schools?

With no financial worries, now probably Superintendent Erwin

and his cohorts can help us out of this difficulty.

**REA**—Governor Cherry asked that the rural electrification program be pushed and this has been done by the Legislature which also followed the Governor's orders regarding more emphasis on rural telephones. Now county utility groups can set up a rural cooperative telephone system in the same manner used with rural electrification. If they want advice on how to proceed, they should write Owen Price, head of R. E. A. Raleigh. "Our rural telephone system will be seriously expanded if county utility groups can get the county funds or else."

**ROADS**—Look for improvements to county school roads. Strong recommendations were made to the State Highway Commission for better local road-aided roads, and Governor Cherry will allow through on this item. The Highway Commission will follow the recommendations of county commissioners on the road in writing road in the various counties.

**END**—By the time you read this, your representatives will be back again. Some of them have spent three and half months in Europe. The population at large will be in direct proportion to the population of the local body, the legislature.

Ellis W. Francis, Jr. Promoted To Sergeant

Ellis W. Francis, Jr., son of Ellis W. Francis, of Waynesville, has recently been promoted to sergeant at the heavy bombardment combat crew training base at the Davis Mountain Field, Fort Cav. He entered the service in October, 1942, and was presently assigned to duties as an airplane maintenance crew chief.

## Sgt. Kenneth Moore Given Citation For Service

The parents of Staff Sgt. Kenneth Hugh Moore, Lefty, who was killed on July 30, 1944, in France and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, have received a memorial certificate signed by President Roosevelt as follows: "In grateful memory of S-Sgt. Kenneth Hugh Moore, who died in the service of his country, on July 30, in the European area, stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die, that Freedom might live and grow—and increase in blessings, Freedom lives and through it he lives in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."

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WEDNESDAY — MARCH 28

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