

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

MOVES—As this column predicted several weeks ago, H. D. Browning, Jr., who was kicked out of his position as superintendent of schools in Columbus County, has been made superintendent of the Wilson County schools. This is one of the best school jobs in the State.

Browning who never goes out of his way to get anybody to like him, is a good school man. Incidentally, he at one time taught Freddie Crawford at Waynesville. Superintendent Browning has never said just what he taught him—whether it was how to chew tobacco, or the way to make those earth-shaking tackles, or a little something about sparring the hypotenuse.

Anyway, he's always bragging a little about having taught Crawford.

MIXUPS—As this is being written, there are around 20 rather good-sized school fights in progress throughout the State. Chances are you know of at least one yourself. Something is wrong with our school setup when rows, fights, verbal or physical, mass meetings, petitions and so on, come about throughout North Carolina every spring. It's no wonder men and women who are leaving school work every year.

They never know where they will be from one year to the next.

BLAME—This spring it seems that the public, which elected the county representatives to the Legislature, can't agree with the county boards of education, who were named by the representative, or can't agree with the local school committees, who were named by the county boards of education. In other words, the public names the representative, and he names the county board of education, and this board names the local committee—and yet, even though the local committee is not far removed from the actual voice of the people, the people and the committee have a hard time getting together.

RELATIVES—In fairness to the principal and to the other teachers, no school committeeman should permit any relative to be a member of the faculty of any school coming under his jurisdiction. These relatives are trouble-makers always—whether they mean to be or not—and frequently they happen to be the type who just like trouble and excitement. Being blood kin to the school committeeman, they have more influence with him than has the principal. They see the committeeman more frequently than the principal has time to and they often live with the committeeman.

Of course, the above is an exaggeration, but it is basically true in many and many a community of North Carolina.

HORNE—Josh L. Horne, Jr., publisher of the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, was not only reappointed to the State Board of Conservation and Development, he was made vice-chairman. Though it is said he was for Wilkie for President in 1940 and for Dewey in 1944, he will make a valuable contribution to the board's deliberations. He should be an excellent member because of his advertising and public relations experience.

GILL—Edwin Gill, 46-year-old bachelor who lives at the Sir Walter Hotel here, has been reappointed head of the Revenue Department. He came to the Legislature from law practice in Lenoir County in 1929 and 1931, has guessed right on every Governor, beginning with Max Gardner, has done his work all right, and now finds himself something of a success on the political front in this State.

In North Carolina (and it is presumably true everywhere else) you must first guess right on your candidates before moving into the field of ability. Calling your cards right precedes other talents as a usual thing. Gill seems to have done all right in all phases of his work—though nobody can charge that the Revenue Department under Gill has let politics come before the State's business.

HOEY—Senator Clyde R. Hoey is taking Washington by storm and is having a big time doing it, according to reports reaching Raleigh. So active is he for the interests of the State (telegrams, letters, phone calls, speeches, conferences, radio talks) that one would think he was running for office if it were 1950 instead of 1945. Agricultural Commissioner Kerr Scott referred to our junior Senator a few days ago as a "ball of fire" on agricultural matters. By obtaining extension of ceiling prices on one or two commodities and by urging the Government to assist this State with its surplus of sweet potatoes, Senator Hoey has already earned his keep for the next six years. He's getting action, and he hasn't kissed one actress on the capital steps yet. That's progress.

Returns To States



PFC JAMES R. WYATT, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wyatt of Waynesville RFD No. 2, has recently returned to the States after two years overseas duty. He has reported to West Palm Beach, Fla. after spending a 24 day furlough here with his wife, the former Miss Hilda Moody. Entering the service three years ago, PFC Wyatt was inducted at Fort Jay, and from there was sent to Keesler Field, Miss. Mississippi, New Mexico. Then to a field in Miami, later to Boca Raton Field, Fla. and Miami before being sent overseas. At the time he entered the service he was engaged in farming.

Bible School To Close At Baptist Church On Friday

The Daily Vacation Bible School, which has been in progress for two weeks at the First Baptist church, will close on Friday of this week. Mrs. L. G. Elliott, the principal and her faithful helpers have done an excellent job. They have labored under the handicap of a shortage of helpers and a multitude of pupils. An enrollment reached 121, with an average attendance of 112. An offering of some fifteen dollars, given as a token of love, has been designated for Chinese relief.

On Friday at noon the teachers will entertain the children at a picnic in the city park. If the weather is unfavorable the affair will be held in the dining room of the church.

Commencement exercises for the

Two Colored Youths Report For Active Duty At Fort Bragg

Two colored youths, William Arthur Casey and Lewis Edward Moore, left here on last Thursday morning for Fort Bragg where they were inducted in the service. They made up the June quota of the colored call.

Miss Lula Frank Medford has as her guest Miss Claire Wilks, of St. Marys, Ga. Miss Medford who holds a position in Charlotte is home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Medford.

school will be held Sunday night at the hour of worship at which time the pupils and teachers will demonstrate some of their work. Parents and friends of these boys and girls are especially urged to attend this service to see what their children have done.

Rev. Joe Daniel To Preach Over Week-End

Rev. Joe Daniel, of Macon, will preach at the home of Albert Early on Lee street here on Saturday and Sunday evening, June 23 and 24th. There will be special singing and string music. Rev. Daniel will also hold services at the Cove Creek Congregational Holiness church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The public is invited to attend all services.

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SNAP SHOTS

By Frances Gilbert Frazier, Staff Writer

I LIKE YOU.

For a long time I've wanted to tell you that I like you. You always say something so nice that I am urged to do better and greater things. You have that pat on the shoulder ever ready to soothe me each day. You smile at me with such friendly eyes, that I forget some deep hurt and lift my head again with greater faith. You grip my hand and hold it tight. Somehow you seem to realize how easily I'd slip below this mental rim and would find it so hard to get back up to the surface once more. Deep in my heart I even come to know how you would despise some one who failed because they didn't try, and so I struggle to climb to the heights in which you hold me.

You tell my friends how much you think of me and how on earth could I let you down after that!

I wonder if you truly know how wonderful it is to be sure that there is always one person who believes in you, one who is always ready to open the door of friendship and bid you enter, stay a night.

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