

# Capital Letters

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FREE — Comptroller Lindsay Warren's recent Asheville speech is now reaching various State leaders—at Government expense. Congressman Herbert Bonner, who was Warren's secretary, succeeding him when he stepped up, merely had the speech printed in the Congressional Record. Now the August message is moving into the State in envelopes free from the Comptroller's office.

Question: If Warren is not running for office, why the sudden attention to N. C. speeches?

"RIFE"—The talk around Raleigh now is that Warren would rather run for the U. S. Senate than for Governor. They say he likes Washington too well to leave it, and feels he can remain there if he wishes to after retiring from the Senate. Of course, this is the half-way mark between the big primaries and one can hear almost anything—as witness above.

Rumors won't emerge from the stage of wishful thinking into the realm of reality for a year yet. This headline always applies to your capital: "Raleigh Rife With Rumors."

PULPWOOD — You have been reading lately about the fact that the pulp mills aren't getting nearly as much wood as they did several months ago. This letdown is not the fault of the mills. The bad roads and the muddy fields have cut the flow of wood. However, the big trouble lies in the OPA price ceiling for pulpwood. Many tree-growers (as President Roosevelt always referred to himself in giving his occupation) find they can make more money from their sales by letting their timber go for firewood.

The ceiling price on pine pulpwood per cord in North Carolina at the shipping point is \$7.60. In Maine, the ceiling for pine pulpwood is \$12.75.

SOUTH—In North Carolina, you can get only \$8.10 for a cord of hardwood pulpwood. However, if you sold this wood in Maine you could get \$13.75. If you sell in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, you can't get over \$7.60 at the shipping point for pine pulpwood in the rough—that is, unpeeled. But if you happen to sell in Maine, Minnesota, Michigan, or Wisconsin, you can get \$12.75. If you sell in New Hampshire or Vermont, you can get \$13.25 for your pine pulpwood.

In the South, you can't get over \$8.80, at the outside, for the hardwood you sell for pulp. However, in Vermont and New Hampshire you can get \$14.75.

There is some pressure being applied to OPA now to get the ceiling on pulpwood raised. However, until this comes there will likely be a shortage of pulpwood in North Carolina.

JOKE—Say, the Biblical Recorder is getting some way. In the

current (Feb. 6) issue in the joke column this little story appears—either through carelessness or devil may-care spirit:

A WAC on furlough went to see her doctor. "I came to see about an operation," the young lady told him. "Major," asked the doctor, "No, a Second Lieutenant," replied the WAC.

NOTES—Don't be surprised if the school term is reduced to eight months in many rural areas this year. Scores of schools will have just a month (20 days) of school by Easter. Even if they run every Saturday, many of them won't be able to catch up—There are only 20 Saturdays between now and July 1—that's almost laying-by time. And if you don't know what "laying-by" means, you just aren't a good North Carolinian.

MISSIONARY—Nothing has appeared about it in the papers, yet, but the American Missionary Association (largely the Congregational Church) is all set to spend \$50,000 in North Carolina within the next five years on a program to raise the economic standards of rural Negroes—Samuel A. Rosenberg, smart-as-a-whip Jew now studying for his doctorate at the University of North Carolina, is scheduled to go to work on this plan around June 15—at a salary of \$5,000 per annum and office and traveling expenses—Fearful that the idea might attract some opposition from somebody somewhere, the bigwigs have kept the project out of the papers until this moment. They must think it is still 1369 down South. Rosenberg, incidentally, formerly taught at Hampton Institute (Negro school) in Virginia.

FILENE GOOD WILL—Meanwhile, S. P. Dean, principal of a big Negro institution at Columbia, in Tyrrell County, has been employed by the Filene Good Will Fund to work with Negro cooperatives in North Carolina—at a salary of \$3,600 per year. He will begin his duties on March 1. Although as black as the ace you put so much confidence in last night in that spade bid, he has done more for the Negroes of a half-dozen Northeastern North Carolina counties than any other person. The Filene donors have set up a fund of \$22,500 to carry this project.

And so a big North Carolina dogwood blossom to the late Filene, Roosevelt-loving Boston merchant, and to the Congregational Church, and to the University of North Carolina, whose extension service will head up both programs. Here's hoping that the men who spark the drive do not let their ideals run away with level-headed thinking in their efforts to improve the lot of the Southern farm Negro.

ALUSTIN—Of course, there are no more Bob Doughntons left—in this State or anywhere else. But the nearest thing to him in his Congressional district is W. B. Austin of Jefferson, modest and down-to-earth attorney, cattle-raiser and member of the State Board of Agriculture.

Austin isn't so well known throughout the district—which rambles, meanders and gerrymanders all the way from Sparta down to Albemarle—but neither is anybody else well known. Erskine Smith of Albemarle, who lost to Reg Harris for Lieutenant Governor in 1940, could make a good run. But he loves the Legislature and may prefer to remain in North Carolina.

Other likely candidates are Hugh Mitchell (he may have Son Horton Doughton's support) of Statesville and Ira Johnson of Ashe. But never count a Doughnton out until he gives the word.

NOTES—If you have a roomer and he's giving you trouble, the OPA can't prevent you from moving him out—unless you are in the rooming house business. If you are running a rooming house, you

must get a permit from the rent control office. . . . Look for a hot fight between Congressman Carl T. Durham and Earle (Scrubby) Reaves of Guilford county. . . . State Democrats are saying (in re-

gard to the Edwin W. Pauley affair) that "Truman can't open his mouth without putting his foot in it." . . . Look for a gradual exodus of Democrats from Federal jobs if the present trend continues—get-

ting scared. . . . Governor Cherry is studying a plan looking to surfacing 30,000 miles of farm-to-market roads in the next 10 years. . . . Suppose you noticed that Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine was one of

the key figures at the Bureau meeting last Salem last week. . . . Yes, they all vote. . . . running. Has he de-

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