

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

A report reached Raleigh last week that Senator Josiah W. Bailey would resign of Commerce and the Senate may happen—but Bailey seems to think that he will not get into this.

That's the feeling in Raleigh. So, Bailey would like to see Mr. Bailey stay right where he is until election time—1948—and then he don't care what he does . . . so long as he doesn't run for re-election.

POLITICAL CHAFF — People seem to feel that State Treasurer Charlie Johnson's plug for the white-collar worker ("he should have more money") is a definite sign he's running for Governor . . . but they also think that his statement may hurt his chances with the folks (there are around 290,000 farms in this state and hundreds of factories) who aren't in the white-collar class . . . (Note to Johnson: Charlie, the shirt situation being what it is, you'd better go slow on the white collar business).

Bailey health notice from the mouth of Governor Cherry: "The last time I saw Senator Bailey he was in bed worrying about his blood pressure." . . . Ask Raleigh politicians about Gordon Gray's ambitions and they will tell you: "He wants to go as far as he can." . . . That's a mouthful. However, it's important to note that Gray, who has announced for the State Senate from Forsyth, has served two terms, but has never had any opposition. Opposition sometimes makes a difference, boys. But Gordon Gray is young (about 35), he owns two Winston-Salem papers (combined circulation about 50,000), and he has quite a bit of poise—maybe too much—for a man his age . . . And there is still some talk that he would like to buy the Raleigh afternoon paper one of these days. He considered it in 1937.

NOTES—The salary of our Governors is \$10,500 per year . . . and that's less than the football coaches at Duke and Carolina make . . . Tom Dewey, New York Governor, draws \$25,000 per annum, the most of any governor in the nation . . . South Dakota pays its governor \$3,000 per year; Florida, \$9,000;

Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, and South Carolina, \$7,500. Nevada, which has the lowest people of any state, pays its executive \$14,000 per year.

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The most recent figures for the nation are for the school year 1943-44. At that time, North Carolina was in forty-first place among the states in teacher pay. At the bottom was Mississippi at \$790. At the top was New York at \$2,726 as the average salary for teachers.

COMPARISON — What would you say the average physician in North Carolina made last year?

SIDEWALK—They are digging the basement now for the big addition to your State Revenue building. The shovel is down there moving about like a champion pugilist going through his paces for some admirers. . . . If the State wanted to make a little money on the side, it could put a fence around the project and charge the sidewalk superintendents so much per head . . . Raleighites are the worst you ever saw—The Revenue Building Annex is much more popular now than it will be after it begins operating.

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POWER—Although it has been 14 years since Gardner made his last appointment in North Carolina the political power which he gathered in this State from the time he was sold down the river in favor of Morrison by the Simmons Machine (1920) until he went out of the Governor's office in 1932—well, January of 1933 if you want to be technical—is still a dominant factor in Raleigh politics . . . Many of the men he gave a hand to in the old days now hold important State positions. It is a known fact that Gov. Cherry listened to Gardner not at all in making his appointments, but many of Broughton's and Hoey's and Ehringhaus' men were reappointed—and there is where Gardner still has his power in North Carolina politics.

Also, of course, his brother-in-law is Senator Clyde R. Hoey. Not that Hoey would listen to Max . . . not much!

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H. F. McElroy, Jr., F 1/c, Home For 30-Day Furlough With Parents

H. F. McElroy, Fireman 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McElroy, of Fines Creek, is spending a 30-day leave with his parents. He entered the service in October, 1943, and took his boat training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. From the latter he was sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, for special work.

From the Texas post he was sent to the Pacific and served for nearly two years at a repair base on Saipan.

At the time he entered the service he was employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

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HEARS HE'S BEEN CHOSEN CARDINAL



RECEIVING THE "BIGLIETTI" or formal papal message that he has been designated as a Cardinal of the Church, Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch of Chicago is shown in the dramatic moment within Vatican City in Rome. The message is being tendered by Monsignor Martin Gulligan of Cincinnati, Ohio, acting as courier. (International Radiophoto)

INVESTIGATING CANADA SPY RING



JUDGE R. L. KELLOCK JUDGE ROBERT TASCHEREAU

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION named to hear evidence in the Canadian Government's inquiry into an alleged leakage of "secret and confidential" information to a foreign power are Judges R. L. Kellock (left) and Robert Taschereau of the Canadian Supreme Court. The foreign power has been unofficially identified as Russia. (International)

East Waynesville Students Sing For Lions Tonight

The members of the local Lions Club could hardly believe their ears last Thursday night when a ventriloquist invaded the Lions Den and began calling voices out of a bottle. Alexy Houston put on a show superior to some professionals in the art of voice throwing. When Alexy was two years old his mother discovered that her baby would whistle for his dog without moving his lips. During his few years Alexy has developed the art of ventriloquism to the amazement of family and friends. He has appeared before the Lions Club of Asheville, Canton, Brevard, Hendersonville and Waynesville.

One of the most unusual tricks of the trade was the fact that Alexy has a beautiful boy soprano voice which he uses to an advantage. With "Elmer" on one knee and "Katie" on the other, the two dummies sang a duet. "Elmer" would sing a line in his masculine voice, and "Katie" would respond in her lady-like soprano. Imitations of birds, cats, dogs and chickens were done in professional ventriloquist fashion.

Two former Lions, Joe Casabella and Marshall Tolley, were reinstated to active membership at the last meeting. The attendance contest got off to a good start, with only a few absentees.

The Lions will hear more voices tonight, but not from a ventriloquist. These voices will come from the young throats of a group of children from East Waynesville School. On previous occasions the children from Hazelwood and Central Elementary schools have performed for the Lions. Every member of the club is urged to be present and act as judges.

Shoe Storage
Arrange a place to keep your shoes when not in use—off the floor, in a shoe bag, cabinet or shelf. Such practice keeps them from collecting dust and being kicked around. Store out-of-season shoes clean and in good repair away from dust, dampness and excessive heat so they will be ready to step out at a minute's notice.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a daughter on February 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wyatt, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, announce the birth of a son on February 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Leopard, of Canton, announce the birth of a daughter on February 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burke, of Canton, announce the birth of a daughter on February 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Davis, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a daughter on February 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Conner, of Canton, announce the birth of a son on February 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bannard Pilkington, of Hazelwood, announce the birth of a son on February 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Webb, of Hazelwood, announce the birth of a daughter on February 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hamilton, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a daughter on February 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brock, of Canton, announce the birth of a daughter on February 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chambers, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a daughter on February 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pressley, of Canton, announce the birth of a daughter on February 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Blythe Lanning, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a son on February 25th.

PERSISTENCE PAYS: DOC FOOLS PHONE COMPANY
ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—Dr. Orr Mullinax, superintendent of a state hospital here, is a patient but persistent man.
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