

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

HOTELS—Legislators who will do most of their living in hotels in January, February, and March, maybe, will be glad to know that the three largest in Raleigh, the Sir Walter, the Carolina, and the Andrew Johnson, are making them nearly fire-proof.

Since the Wincott disaster in Atlanta, many Raleigh officials have been made cognizant of the condition of the capital's hotels, and have requested improvements. The Sir Walter is effecting rather big changes, and the others, needing more attention probably, are following this lead. The Sir Walter is probably as near to being fire-proof as any hotel in the state.

Suggestion: At least one Raleigh traveler carries a 200-foot rope with him on all trips—has never been forced to use it.

LEGISLATURE—Your Legislature always convenes on the Wednesday following the first Mon-

day, odd years, and consequently come only later than January 9—its meets on the eighth this term—of earlier than January 3. Meet-the time is set by the State Constitution.

BEST YET—It seems to be almost a law that Lt. Gov. E. Y. Brown's chances for becoming Governor are now about the faintest. His conservative vote against the other to Ballentine.

This is reasoning derived from the opinion that W. B. Umstead and Charles Johnson will split the financial, conservative vote against the other to Ballentine.

You know, it happened in 1940. W. P. Boyton and the late A. J. Maxwell were about the same number of votes. A conservative vote largely won, and Broughton received only 52 per cent of the ballots. However, he was high man, with Horton having a slight edge over Maxwell, who suffered a stroke and could not finish the campaign. Due to war clouds and numerous other things, most notable of which was such of Maxwell's strength, support by Broughton, there was no second primary.

You may be sure there will be no recurrence of this in 1948.

FOUR—The extent to which Treasurer Johnson is pushing his campaign was realized here last week when an Eastern North Carolina political leader said he was "getting on too many mailing lists, or something."

He asserted that he had received four letters, all alike, in which

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IN ALL OF THE HISTORY of Texas, only one man has ever seen his bust in the Hall of Fame, and that man is Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz. Here he is shown looking at the bust in Dallas, Tex. Others in the Hall of Fame of Texas were commemorated there only after they were dead. At the right are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller, who donated the bust to the Lone Star State of the Fleet Admiral. (International Soundphoto)

Johnson said: "I have definitely decided to be a candidate for Governor."

And then the Eastern leader added: "It looks as if Charlie is determined to win me over by sheer persuasion."

LABOR—One news agency in the state has made a little survey on the next Legislature's opinion on regulating labor. There is some feeling that an anti-closed shop bill may be introduced. However, Cherry is saying nothing definitely either way. Labor Commissioner Forrest Shuford says an anti-closed shop bill would "only antagonize labor." They don't want to be quoted on it by name, but many legislators feel that something should be done to make unions responsible for their acts. The General Assembly's action regarding labor will be dependent largely upon how labor is acting at the time it is in session.

Lee Weathers, Cleveland county senator, and D. P. Dillinger, Gaston representative, have said they would favor anti-closed shop legislation if it is presented. J. B. Vogler (Mecklenburg) will stand by labor.

GLAD OF IT—Roy Hampton, Plymouth resident and member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, said the other day that he didn't mind his defeat for the state senate so much, adding that "those boys up there are going to have a mighty hard time."

Hampton isn't by himself in this thinking. The longest session of the Legislature on record was in 1931, when "those boys" came to Raleigh on January 7 and left here on May 27, or about five months.

PROBLEMS—Legislators will face these problems: health (request—\$9,000,000), schools (request, about \$143,000,000, including \$25,000,000 to improve schoolhouses, etc.), Reserve funds (how much?), ABC Stores, Raises, Taxes, Gag rule. They may get home for Easter.

through the 1933 affair, recovered his health, and is now one of the country's outstanding corporation lawyers.

If the Legislature reacts to surprises as it did to deficits, the members will certainly have a hard time of it in these inflation days.

SAFETY—The State Motor Vehicles Department will ask the Legislature for funds to increase the number of patrolmen from the present 21 to around 500, will require laws to grant drivers licenses for three-year periods only, will urge strengthening of laws, regarding condition of automobiles, semi-annual inspection, etc. The N. C. Automobile Dealers Association is expected to render plenty of assistance for this legislation.

GOOD WORK—Nothing before attempted in this state has received as much favorable publicity as the N. C. Good Health Association, and its leaders are to be commended for the fine work they have done in the press, on the radio, in addresses throughout the state. They have made us all aware of health conditions in North Carolina. However, it now looks as if they will obtain from the General Assembly only a small portion of what they will be requesting—and that after a lot of stalling. Why? The feeling seems to be that we aren't doing enough with our present projects, roads and schools, to let us begin such an ambitious undertaking much as it is needed. This comment is based merely on reports seeping into Raleigh from throughout the state.

Lawyers Look For A Divided Court On Union Trial

WASHINGTON — Lawyers are predicting a divided Supreme court when the justices render their verdict on the contempt sentences passed against John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers of America. The case will be argued Jan. 14.

Some good lawyers, including Senator Burton K. Wheeler, (D. Mont.), believed the court may find for Lewis. Others, including Donald R. Richberg, are confident the injunction and contempt sentences will be sustained. Richberg's opinion is significant because he was one of several men who helped draft the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction bill which was enacted in 1932. Lewis contends that act protected him against the injunction which broke his strike.

In its brief to the Supreme court, the government insisted the anti-injunction act did not extend to the federal government. The brief cited congressional discussion when the act was pending and the statements of its sponsors that the limitations raised against granting of injunctions in labor disputes would not extend to the government.

If the court desires further first hand testimony on the intent of the Norris-LaGuardia Act, it can be had from Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter. He was associated with Richberg in drafting the act as it finally was passed and knows what it was intended to cover.

The Justice Department brief and the original judgment of the district court presided over by Judge T. Alan Goldsborough cite various issues to be considered by the Supreme court.

Lewis' lawyers contend Goldsborough's court lacked jurisdiction to issue the temporary strike restraining order. It was for ignoring the order that Lewis and his union were found guilty of civil and criminal contempt.

The government contends that even though Lewis may believe Goldsborough had no authority to issue the injunction, yet the union and its president should have obeyed pending final determination of that question.

"The power of the court to preserve its jurisdiction," the brief says, "pending determination of the case is an essential prerequisite of the judicial process. A court has initial jurisdiction to determine its own jurisdiction except in case of outright usurpation."

HERE and THERE

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to think about this almost every day. As a doctor I have often been concerned with what happens in men's minds before, during and in between battles. My conclusion is that fortitude in war has its roots in the morality of peace, for courage is not a chance gift of Nature like an aptitude for games. A man of character in peace is a man of courage in war. And character, as Aristotle taught, is a habit, the daily choice between right and wrong. It is a quality which grows to maturity, so that where courage is concerned the boy is father to the man.

RAF Unit Makes German Captives

HAMBURG, Germany (AP)—A RAF unit captured German captives at a Christmas party made by members of the Air Force at the Cologne Hotel in Germany reported.

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