

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

THE TREATMENT—He felt just like a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving, did Allison James Greensboro last week when one of the Rustad got through with him.

Big, jovial Allison—at one time druggist in Winston-Salem—had last found what it was like for a Democrat to receive a formal visit from a Republican boss.

Republicans no doubt had similar visits from Democratic superiors back in 1933, when losing a job was a lot rougher than it is now, but that made the ease of the none the easier on Allison.

Rustad, one of the U. S. Treasury Department's hatchet men, asked James to resign as N. C. Savings bond head, a job he has held for almost 12 years, or be asked to make room for Good Republican Walter Johnson of Sparta.

Allison bowed up, said he definitely would not resign, said the job was not political, and forthwith started sending telegrams off in all directions requesting friends to intercede in his behalf with Treasury Secretary Humphrey in immediate protest, in the strongest terms—by phone, wire or letter.

There's no telling how many terms—by phone, wire or letter—Humphrey has received to this day protesting the "injection of politics" in the sale of savings bonds in North Carolina.

We doubt that even one of them will be worth a plug nickel.

Good Druggist James should realize he has been given a real Republican concoction consisting of one part strychnine and two parts arsenic with just a dash of castor oil thrown in to make it more effective. His death pains may be long and lambastuous—but no less enjoyable as far as starving Republicans are concerned.

Good Democrat that he is, Allison should be familiar with Andrew Jackson, circa 1830, the spoils system, and all that. And the fact that James is a good man and has done a wonderful job will make little difference.

Time may come when he will say this firing was for the best. I can sympathize with him, having lost out when J. M. Broughton defeated W. B. Umstead for the U. S. Senate. But the loss of my position was a blessing in disguise. May it be so with Allison James.

Harry Garton, you remember, was with the Treasury Department in Washington. He moved before the Republicans could get him, is now administrative assistant to Senator Alton A. Lennon. Even if Lennon should be defeated for reelection, the change in jobs was a wise decision for a hot Democrat like Garton.

GUESSING—The experts (anybody coming into Raleigh from out in the State) were saying all sorts of things here last week.

Add them all up and it still comes out confusion.

But there was one significant thought to be gained from all the talk: The people of North Carolina are anxious for one of those Katie-bar-the-door campaigns between Kerr Scott and Alton Lennon. That means root-hog-or-die, knock-down-drag-out, devil-take-the-hindmost, and a dozen or two other clichés of similar vintage.

CONFLICTING—Trying to pin down the various rumors and the speculation was like holding hands with an octopus.

The minute an "informer" from the western part of the State unloaded some "reliable" gossip, up came an equally "reliable source" from the other end of the line.

But throwing out the chaff and after analyzing the apparent truths of politics, here's what the political situation looked like last week—at least as this corner saw it.

HE WILL—Kerr Scott will run—but he could be a lot happier about the way his advance planning is turning out.

First of all, he isn't getting the money he had hoped—and really expected—to get. But he's getting some—probably more than you realize. And some of it is coming (See **ROUNDUP**, page 2)

Jones Chosen Commissioner To Assembly

Clarence D. Jones of Hillsboro was one of five Presbyterian elders elected from Orange Presbytery to be commissioners to the 1954 General Assembly of the Church to be held at Montreal May 27-June 1.

Stephen A. White of Mebane was also elected among the group of about 15 nominees presented at the meeting of Presbytery last Thursday at Asheboro.

Jones is Clerk of Session at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church and an active layman in the Presbyterian denomination.

In other actions at the session of Presbytery, the recently organized Covenant Presbyterian Church at Chapel Hill, formed by one faction of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church as result of their disagreement with the liberal policies followed by the Rev. Charles Jones before his final ouster by Orange Presbytery, was dissolved.

The Presbytery took the action at the request of the church's congregation and pastor, the Rev. William R. Thurman who is now serving as a supply pastor in this area.

As result of recent developments at the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian situation in that community has calmed considerably and Moderator John Whitley quoted members of the new church and their pastor as saying there was little to be gained by having two Presbyterian churches in Chapel Hill.

Presbyterian Pastor Report Said In Error

Chapel Hill—No new pastor has been called by the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, despite reports last week in the daily press to the contrary.

In connection with news articles on the dissolution of the Covenant Presbyterian Church last Friday it was reported that Dr. John Leith of Auburn, Ala., had been called to the local pulpit. Members of the church's pulpit committee seeking a pastor this week said the report was erroneous, that neither Dr. Leith nor anyone else had been called by the congregation.

Dr. Leith did visit Chapel Hill on invitation to look the situation over, but made no commitment and has not formally been called.

But No Tradition-Busting Here

New Look For Old Well; Replica Is Planned

By Charles Kuralt

One fall afternoon in 1897, a man named Edwin A. Alderman who had not yet been president of the University for a year, looked out his South Building window and worked up a furrow in his brow.

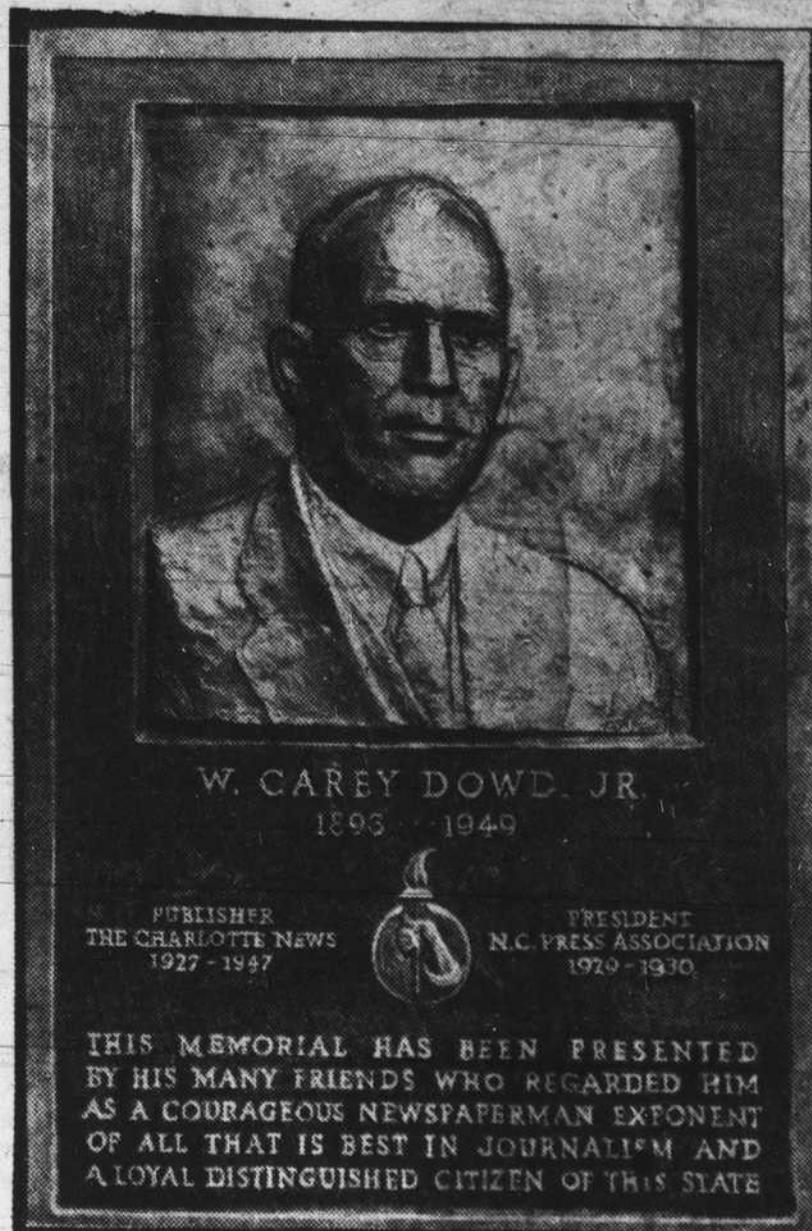
What he saw was the UNC campus well, old, squalid, and ramshackled. He decided then to "add a little beauty to the grim, austere dignity of the old campus," and with the help of the University registrar who was an amateur draftsman, a "little temple" soon rose on the spot.

As Alderman predicted, the little temple has since stolen its way into the hearts of the people. It is engraved on official documents and stuck on car windshields. It has become a University symbol to students and townspeople and far-flung alumni.

And this year, a new chapter is to be written in the history of the Old Well. Operations Director J. S. Bennett revealed yesterday that the Well is to be torn down this spring and replaced with a nearly exact replica and that extensive landscaping of the gravelled area surrounding it will take place. University officials hope to have the whole works finished by commencement this year.

Here are the changes to be wrought by the building and grounds men:

A base of limestone or granite to replace the present concrete. (See **OLD WELL**, page 4)



A BRONZE BAS RELIEF PLAQUE of the late W. Carey Dowd, Jr., of Charlotte, former president of the North Carolina Press Association, will be presented to the University in a ceremony at the closing session of the Press Institute at Chapel Hill Saturday morning. The plaque is pictured above.

Bronze Plaque Of Former Press Leader To Be Presented UNC

A bronze bas relief plaque of the late W. Carey Dowd, Jr., former president of the North Carolina Press Association, will be presented to the University by a group of his friends and associates in a ceremony at the final session of the North Carolina Newspaper Institute at Chapel Hill Saturday morning.

The presentation will be made at the Past Presidents' Breakfast, an annual feature of the North Carolina Press Association meeting here in connection with the annual Press Institute.

Josh L. Horne, publisher of the Rocky Mount Telegram, and a warm friend and associate of the former publisher of The Charlotte News who died in 1949, will present the plaque. Chancellor Robert B. House will receive it for the University. When the new home of the University's School of Journalism is completed, the plaque will be prominently displayed in the structure.

Mr. Dowd was president of the North Carolina Press Association in 1929-30 and was actively identified with the Association for 30 years that he was in the newspaper business. He was deeply interested in the School of Journalism and left a bequest to the school in his will.

The bronze plaque, a life-size likeness of Mr. Dowd, is the work of Mrs. Sarah Everett Toy of Charlotte, widely-known Southern sculptress. Mrs. Toy attended Sweetbriar College, studied sculpture at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, and also studied with George Demetrius of Gloucester, Mass., nationally known sculptor and teacher. Her executed sculpture includes life-size figures, portrait heads of adults and children, terra cotta sketches, garden reliefs and animal groups.

The plaque bears this inscription:

"This memorial has been presented by his many friends who regarded him as a courageous newspaperman exponent of all that is best in journalism and a loyal distinguished citizen of this state." (See **PLAQUE**, page 8)

Board Chairman Urges Tax Complainers To Get Facts

Five Voting Precincts For Chapel Hill Asked

Committee Recommends

Division Of Present

Precincts To Board

CHAPEL HILL — Five voting precincts for the Town of Chapel Hill to replace the two into which the area is now divided for primaries and general elections have been recommended by a committee of 10 named by the two local Democratic precinct chairmen.

A report of the committee's recommendations has been forwarded to Chairman E. J. Hamlin of the County Board of Elections, who indicated his committee would act promptly on the suggestions, in order to place them into effect by the opening of the registration period in late April.

A decision will likewise be made as to whether a complete new registration will be required in the new precincts or whether names can be transferred to the new books which will be set up for the new precincts.

Generally, the committee recommended that the two present precincts be split with Columbia and Franklin Street dividing lines, and a fifth precinct be added for the Glen Lennox area. The division would leave a few voters who live West of the Smith Level Road and who have been voting in Chapel Hill out of the district and the committee recommended that these voters should be added to the Carboro voting precinct.

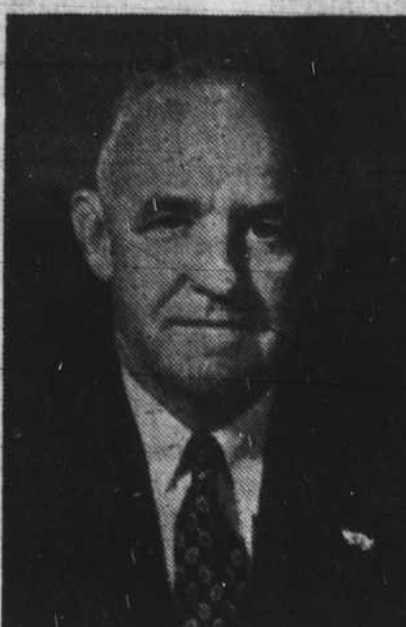
Under the committee's plan, precincts would be designated by numbers and polling places would be as follows: No. 1, Town Hall; No. 2, American Legion Hut; No. 3, undecided; No. 4, Chapel Hill School; No. 5, Glen Lennox School. Boundaries of the proposed precincts would be as follows under the committee's recommendations:

Chapel Hill Precinct No. 1 would be all of the land in the present Chapel Hill North Side Precinct which lies west of the Chapel Hill Airport Road, North of Franklin Street, East of the Carboro city limits until it strikes the railroad, and East of the railroad and South of Patterson Precinct.

Chapel Hill Precinct No. 2 would be the area that is now in Chapel Hill North Side, which lies East of the Chapel Hill Airport Road, North of Franklin Street, and Franklin Street Extension and the present Durham Road, and South of Patterson Precinct. This precinct would be bounded on the east by Durham County.

Chapel Hill Precinct No. 3 would take a part of the present Chapel Hill South Side and a part of the present Chapel Hill North Side and would be all of the area East of Chapel Hill-Pittsboro Highway and Columbia Street, South of Franklin Street and the Durham Road, and Northwest of the By-Pass Road over U.S. Highway No. 15.

Chapel Hill Precinct No. 4 would be that part of the present Chapel Hill South Side Precinct which lies West of the Chapel Hill-Pittsboro Highway and Columbia Street, South of Franklin Street, (See **PRECINCTS**, page 8)



DR. FRANK P. GRAHAM... press speaker tonight. See story, page 8.

Garvin Says Federal Funds Are Reduced

Hillsboro—Dr. O. D. Garvin, district health officer, told members of the Hillsboro Lions club Tuesday night that 72 percent of the funds for operating the Health Department must come from the county next year.

"It is now up to the people of the county to decide what they want," he said, indicating that previously much larger proportions of the cost had been derived from Federal and State funds. Only \$5,600 in Federal funds will be left he said.

In his remarks the health officer described the various operations of his department to protect the citizens of the county and described as "very good" the fact that only 31 babies were born in Orange last year with only midwife attendance. He said 88% of the babies born of Orange parents last year were born in hospitals with previous care by physicians.

Fair Warning

Deadlines Are Coming Up

The big deadlines, as far as most Orange Countians are concerned, will be January 31 and February 1. In this category are: state and municipal auto and truck license tags, county tax listing, federal income tax W-2 forms and reconciliation statements by employers, and payment of 1953 city and county taxes.

Actually the deadline for buying State license tags will not come until February 1, since January 31 falls on a Sunday.

Three towns in the county are selling municipal vehicle plates at \$1 each. A check of town clerks in each yesterday indicated 632 had been sold in Chapel Hill, 120 in Hillsboro and 180 in Carboro. On the basis last year's tax listings, about 2,000 are to be sold in Chapel Hill, 300 in Hillsboro and 375 in Carboro.

List takers for county 1954 taxes will be at their regular places

Little Additional Tax Revenues Contemplated; Many May Pay Less

Hillsboro—Chairman Robert O. Forrest of the Orange County Board of Commissioners yesterday urged citizens of the county to learn "all the facts" before becoming alarmed about their new property values.

Taking note of the widespread unrest throughout the county which has resulted from the revaluation program conducted by the J. M. Clemmshaw Company, Forrest issued a statement in which he discussed tentative plans of the Board regarding next year's budget prospects.

He indicated that substantial tax increases could not be expected for a great many people unless a great many people paid less taxes. He further indicated that additional revenues now contemplated would be no more than 5% above this year's budget. An annual increase of 5% in total property value has been the normal expectancy in this county for many years.

He emphasized that the Commissioners have no desire to raise the county revenues more than is necessary to operate the county government at present levels and provide "possible modest increases for schools." Further, he urged any taxpayers so desiring to visit the tax office to compare values and if still dissatisfied to appeal to the Commissioners on March 15 when they meet as a Board of Equalization and Review.

His complete statement was as follows:

"Of the complaints that I have received on the revaluation, all are complaining of an increased tax bill.

"This cannot be true to any appreciable extent for a great many people, since additional revenue now contemplated is no more than 5% above last year's revenue. Some people's taxes will go up, but many others will go down. That is equalization and the goal which the Board of Commissioners is seeking in the revaluation program."

"As a member of your Board of County Commissioners I would like to appeal to the taxpayers of Orange County to learn all the facts (See **TAXES**, page 8)

Coffee Prices Too High? Industry Paper Tells Why — Cost Of Product Has Gone Up

Housewives already know it and you think. If coffee were grown in this country, they say, one pound would cost six dollars.

The direct reason for the increase is, in itself, a simple one, says the publication, Coffee and Tea Industries, which has been published continuously for more than 76 years. The cost of the raw product, green coffee, has gone up.

The coffee industry in this country doesn't produce any of that raw product. All of it is imported. The industry is a service operation - processing, packaging, marketing and distributing the coffee.

Coffee companies announced the price increases reluctantly. But the rise in green coffee left no other choice.

Why did green coffee costs go up?

For a reason as natural as the drought which hit our own Southwest last fall, bringing in its wake higher citrus fruit, vegetable and milk prices.

We are now entering the aftermath of that frost damage.

The effects are pronounced because the frost loss comes on top of an already tight world situation. (See **COFFEE**, page 5)



PAINTERS TOUCH UP WELL LAST SUMMER
This Spring: New Well For Old Well