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Raleigh Roundup

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DRAGGING HOME — Like old coonhounds limping in from an all-night hunt, the legislators hit the trail for home last weekend.

Many of them — particularly those on the House side of the Capitol — had given up the chase several days ago, and at least one of them barely got here at all. On the day prior to adjournment fewer than 100 of the 120 members of the House of Representatives answered to the roll call.

INCIDENTS — One member of the Legislature, Senator Joe Blythe of Charlotte, died during the session, and Senator Rex Gass of Winston-Salem was seriously ill most of the time.

Probably the saddest incident in the House occurred just as Rep. L. A. Martin of Davidson finished one of his vigorous speeches against liquor. He had hardly sat down when he and Rep. J. V. Whitfield, of Pender were asked to lead a House member—and one of the most prominent and ablest men in the Legislature—from the hall.

RUMORS ARE FLYING — Until all the Kerr Scott appointments are in, you will be able to hear almost any kind of rumor regarding the appointment of this man or that woman to a position in Raleigh. Any strong man in any county—and prior position or prominence will not be a prime consideration—is a possibility. The list is as long as your arm and the list of the places to be filled on boards, commissions, and

what-have-you is little shorter. So, the best advice is to be prepared for anything.

The rumor still persists here, however, that Jonathan Daniels, Democratic National Committeeman, and Capus Waynick, State Democratic Chairman, will vacate these positions by midsummer.

Also keep an eye on Assistant Agriculture Commissioner D. S. Coltrane, Charles Parker, George Ross and Bill Hatch, all of Raleigh, John Barnes of Clayton, Joe Crawford of Winston-Salem, W. B. Austin of Jefferson, Dr. R. E. Earp of Selma and Julian Allbrook of Roanoke Rapids. Watch this space for other important Scott names.

BY AUGUST 1950 — The belief among some of the conservative leaders here in Raleigh is that a special session of the Legislature will have to be called between now and August, 1950, for the purpose of raising taxes, etc., with which to meet appropriations which were made by the recent Legislature.

THE KICKOFF — On Tuesday, April 26, at 11 o'clock in the Agriculture Building the first of a series of meetings on the road and school votes was held. Governor Kerr Scott mimeographed a large number of letters, made the names and addresses look as much like the mimeographed portion as possible — the personal touch — and sent them flying about the State within hours after the Legislature had fixed it so the people

could vote on the road bond issue of \$200,000,000 and the school bond issue of \$25,000,000.

You may expect several similar meetings to be held throughout the State between now and June 1.

NO RAISE YET — Teachers and all State employees — except a group of 900 Employment Security Commission officials and workers all over North Carolina — have received their bonus and retroactive pay. These ESC people are still going around in circles, meantime keeping an eye on Congress. They will get that 20 per cent raise just as other State employees have, but their State-Federal status makes it necessary that the funds for the raise be made available by Uncle Sam and not by North Carolina, which granted the raise!

A TRADE — Ed McMahan of Brevard wrote Bob Deyton of Raleigh a month ago that he would like to sell Deyton his Brevard residence, which, incidentally, is one of the most beautiful homes there. You see, Deyton is leaving his job as assistant director of the budget to go with Ecusta and will live in Brevard.

Now McMahan is coming to Raleigh as a member of the Utilities Commission. It looks as if Ed might trade his home in Brevard for Bob's home in Raleigh. That an idea, anyway.

THE WAY UP — Way to quick promotion: bet on the right political horse and stick with him over the hurdles. Of the six men chosen for important State jobs here last week, five — Paul Oliver of Robeson County, Dr. H. L. Trigg (Negro) of Raleigh, Josh James of Wilmington, Ed McMahan of Brevard, and Claude Ferrell of Elkin — were newcomers to big-time State politics and their names meant nothing to old-line North Carolina political leaders. This may well be regarded as a compliment of them, but it also indicates that their spheres of political influence have heretofore been on a local plane.

AND WELCOME — By the Way, Josh James is known by merchants and farmers throughout the southeastern part of the State where he was for a long time a feed and seed inspector under Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott. When his former boss announced for Governor, Josh hit the road and did well for his man in pro-Johnson territory. Now he comes to an \$8,300 position.

Had McMahan been given better support in his law practice in Brevard, he would not be leaving there. He's a good, dependable fellow, the State's leading Lion, but somehow he was not able to get going as he wanted to in his profession. Now, many a lawyer in this State would be glad to exchange jobs with him.

EDUCATORS — Claude Farrell, new member of the State Board of Education, lives only 35 miles from old-member Sanford Martin of Winston-Salem, who was reappointed. Claude, a former teacher, knows his education on the local level and will enjoy his frequent Thursday trips to Raleigh. He can meet with the boys and then do as they always do; saunter across Capitol Square for lunch at a long table at California Restaurant. Dr. Trigg will have to eat elsewhere.

Farmer Paul Oliver will maintain the rural touch on the Board. Alonzo Edwards of Greene County, who is going off, is president of the Farm Bureau.

ONE BILLION — Remember only a few years ago when people whistled and said: "Just think this State is now spending one million dollars a month—every month!"

Those dear, dear days. Now we are approaching that magic figure, one billion dollars. In fact, if the people vote the \$25,000,000 for school buildings and the \$200,000,000 for roads, this General Assembly — which Governor Scott kicked and lambasted as being "economy-minded" — will have paved the way for spending \$652,000,000. It actually spent \$427,000,000.

Scott still has at least one more Legislature — probably two more — coming to him and thus it should be relatively easy for his administration to reach the one-billion-dollar figure. He only has \$448,000,000 to go.

DID YOU SEE? — Dr. Talmadge C. Johnson, pastor of the first

Baptist Church in Newton, was appointed State parole commissioner last Saturday. A report on his experience and training was carried in this corner two or three weeks ago.

NOTES — Several members of the Legislature, digging their hands into empty pockets on the day of adjournment, vowed they would not be candidates for the General Assembly next time — Euren Jurney of Statesville is scheduled for a firing when his term on the N. C. Industrial Commission expires May 1 — If Rep. John Umstead and the school forces had not fought so hard to spend that reserve fund of \$30,000,000 right now for further school teacher raises, they would have gotten most of it eventually, anyhow, for it was set up to prevent declines in salaries of teachers and other State employees in hard times — Now \$25,000,000 of it has been allocated for school buildings (\$250,000 per county), and the teachers lose accordingly — W. Z. Betts, head of the Division of Purchase and Contract and a faithful State employee for 25 years, feels a Scott wind on his neck.

MORE ABOUT SCHOOL NEWS

had a picnic at the ball park yesterday.

testing visitor Tuesday to Mrs. Earl Robinson's and Mrs. Snead's rooms. Mrs. Staley talked to the children about her seeing-eye dog and how they could live fully and happily even though handicapped. Mrs. Staley made a profound impression on the children. We appreciate her doing this.

Miss Shirley Blue, who has visited Mexico recently and has been making a study of Spanish and South America talked to the pu-

pils in Mrs. Snead's room about a trip through Mexico and South America. This fitted in splendidly with their study of geography. We are delighted that the pupils had this opportunity to get first hand knowledge of Mexico and South America, and appreciate Miss Blue's contribution to their course in geography.

We are sorry to report the death of J. W. McKenzie. Mr. McKenzie was an uncle of Miss Margaret McKenzie, the efficient secretary and bookkeeper for the Board of Education. Miss McKenzie is most popular with everyone she has to deal with. We are sure her many friends, both in and out of school circles, will sympathize with her in this loss.

The Raeford Graded school did a splendid job raising money for the Easter seal sale for crippled children. The school raised over \$80.00. Mrs. Robert's room won first prize among the rooms and David McDonald won the individual prize of \$2.00 for selling the most seals. We hope to have reports from other schools by next week's issue.

The Upchurch Choral club has issued invitations to their annual spring musical program that will be held in the school auditorium on next Sunday afternoon, May 1, at 4:30 o'clock. All friends of the school, both colored and white, are invited. This will be an outstanding musical event and we hope that there will be a large crowd there. The pupils in the club and the director have been working long and hard and should be supported in their work.

MORE ABOUT Names Committees

Charlie Morrison, Clarence Lytch, H. L. Gatlin, W. C. Odom and D.

B. McFadyen, Jr. South West Section. West of Main street. South of Edinboro. Tommie Upchurch, Chm. N. B. Sinclair, P. O. Lee, Walter Parks, Truman Austin, Paul B. Davis, Tom McBryde, Alfred Cole and Robert Gatlin.

Main Street, Edinboro avenue to Harris avenue. Paul Dickson, Chm. Tom Cameron, Bill Howell, Younger Snead, Bernard Bray.

Lewis urged each Section Chairman to get his committee together before the Clean-Up week starts and lay plans so that his entire Section will be covered by some particular person.

MORE ABOUT Farming

hardwood ashes and one gallon of salt. Give this mixture to the hogs free choice. A well-fed hog is more healthy and less expensive.

MORE ABOUT FMC May Day

by freshmen and sophomores.

The May Queen, Audrey Scarborough, will be attended by Rebecca Bacon as Maid of Honor. Other attendants will be Ann Pearce and Harriet Watson from the freshmen class; Ann May and Patricia McRae, representing the sophomores; from the junior class, Jack Adele Blackwell, Mary Gregory and Lois Kinlaw; and seniors, Marion Allred, Catherine Bullock and Ada Lee Randall.

Allan Stephenson, senior class mascot, will be crown bearer, and flower girls will be Beth Reuter, little daughter of the Dean of Music, and Lida Chapman Bullock, whose mother and grandmothers are Flora Macdonald alumnae.

Hints To Farm Homemakers

Get ready for the canning season!

A pressure cooker is a valuable piece of equipment - it saves time and fuel, there's much less danger of losing food, and the high temperature obtained in the pressure cooker destroys harmful bacteria found in the food.

It is also a good time for the homemaker to check on her supply of lids and rings. If the bands from two-piece closure were removed and stored in a dry place, they will be ready for this season's use. Bands left on jars often rust and may be ruined in removing them from the jar.

The next thing to check on is the supply of jars.

If the boiling water canner is no longer usable, it's time to begin looking for equipment to replace it. And if the home equipment includes a boiling water canner but there's no rack for it, now is the time to have a wooden one made. A rack allows the water to circulate freely around the jar. Much more even heat is given the jar by using a rack than using cloths or newspapers under jars when boiling in the boiling water canner.

There are small pieces of equipment that make canning easier, such as tongs, jar lifters, and jar fillers.

When cutting cookies for baking, arrange them on pieces of waxed paper, cut the exact size of the baking sheet. Then as each batch of cookies is baked and taken from the oven, it can be removed, paper and all, from the cookie sheet. Just as simply can the next batch be placed on the sheet. This procedure saves time, and also makes it unnecessary to grease the baking sheet.

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