

North Carolina

In the Nation's Capital

BY JULIA G. ERWIN (Tribune Washington Bureau)

Washington, Jan. 31 — Neither of two North Carolina agricultural leaders who have been under consideration for appointment as assistant secretary of agriculture is likely to get the job, it was learned this week.

The two, Harry S. Caldwell of Greensboro, longtime leader of the North Carolina State Grange, and David S. Coltrane of Raleigh, veteran state agriculture department official.

Caldwell, young and aggressive, is the type man Secretary Charles F. Brannan has been seeking as his aide, but it was understood from reliable sources that Caldwell had taken himself out of the picture by indicating he would not accept the appointment if it were offered.

Coltrane is not entirely out of the picture yet. Sources close to Brannan said that he was "still under consideration," but at the same time, indicated that Brannan is seeking a younger man for what he expects to be a number of back-breaking assignments.

There is a strong possibility, however, that Coltrane still will come to Washington in some executive capacity with the Agriculture Department, but there was no indication just what the nature of this post would be.

The new Undersecretary of State, James E. Webb of Oxford,

received high praise on the floor of the Senate.

Following Webb's confirmation by the Senate, Senator Clyde R. Hoey arose to pay tribute to the young Tar Heel. Hoey said, "North Carolina is very proud of the man who is now Undersecretary of State. James E. Webb is a young man of unusual ability, high integrity, and a great credit to his state and the nation."

Senator Hoey also pointed out that Webb has already had a "broad background of public service."

A Forest City man will be the new Assistant Counsel for the Senate Investigating Subcommittee headed by Sen. Clyde R. Hoey, it was learned in Washington today.

The North Carolina Senator is expected to announce within the next day or two the appointment of James H. Thomas, Jr., formerly of Forest City, as Assistant Council to the investigating group. The investigating committee is a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

Thomas is a former attorney for OPA, and at one time was connected with the law firm of Gardner, Morrison and Rogers in Washington. He has recently been in the private law practice in Washington.

Three North Carolinians from the Agricultural Experimental Station at Raleigh recently monopolized the speakers slate at the Agriculture Department.

Five speakers in all reviewed investigations in fertilizer with radioactive phosphorus and other materials in the past year.

The North Carolina scientists, R. W. Cummings, N. S. Hall and W. L. Nelson told members of the fertilizer industry what they can expect from research already underway.

After a conference with a group of North Carolina congressmen,

Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray has agreed to suspend, insofar as it applies to projects already under way, his ruling prohibiting the employment of veterans engaged in on-the-job vocational training on projects which have monetary value.

Gray, who said he had issued the ruling on the advice of the VA solicitor's office, said he was personally certain the ruling was sound, but that he would ask Attorney General Tom Clark for another ruling.

Meanwhile, he said, veterans may continue work on any projects already under way. They will not be eligible, however, for government-aided training on new projects of this type.

Gray was told by the Tar Heels the ruling was seriously handicapping the building trades in North Carolina, and was having an adverse effect on the training of veterans in these trades.

The congressmen present at the conference included Reps. C. B. Deane of Rockingham, Monroe M. Redden of Hendersonville and Graham A. Barden of New Bern. John McConnell, administrative assistant to Sen. J. Melville Broughton, also took part.

Deane said following the conference he had scores of complaints from the state concerning the ruling, including one from J. Warren Smith, director of vocational training for the State Department of Public Instruction.

Rep. Monroe M. Redden, of Hendersonville, former State Democratic Chairman, attacked the Senate custom of filibustering as thwarting the will of the people, in an address Tuesday night before the North Carolina Democratic Club of Washington at the Willard Hotel.

Mr. Redden felt the same way about the now outlawed House rules under which the Rules Committee could bottle up forever a bill reported out by another committee. He was among the majority of House members who recently voted for a change that clipped the wings of the Rules Committee.

Redden was introduced by the president of the club, John A. Lang, of Carthage, secretary to Rep. Charles B. Deane, of Rockingham. The congressional guests included Mrs. Redden, the former Marybelle Boyd, of Oxford; Mrs. J. Melville Broughton, of Raleigh, wife of the State's new junior Senator, who was unable to be present; Rep. and Mrs. F. Ertel Carlyle, of Lumberton, and Rep. Deane.

The speaking was followed by the showing of a film advertising the coming Wilmington Azalee Festival, April 1-2-3, and by a social hour with refreshments.

Clifford E. Brown, of Clyde, secretary to Redden, was elected second vice president of the club, succeeding Frank Sanders of Tarboro, clerk of the House Appropriations Subcommittee under Rep. John H. Kerr, of Warrenton, who resigned the post.

Miss Betty Oliver, of Sanford, was introduced to the club as a clerk of the Senate Investigating Subcommittee, of which Senior Senator Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, is chairman.

William D. Kizziah, of Salisbury, register of deeds of Rowan County, was recommended for United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina by Senator Clyde R. Hoey. Sen. J. Melville Broughton concurred in the recommendation.

Kizziah, who will take the post

Five More Counties Begin Turkish Leaf

Growers in Alexander, Swain, Jackson, Graham and Macon counties have tentative plans for beginning the production of Turkish tobacco this year, reports E. H. Crouse, agronomy specialist for the State College Extension Service. Last year, Turkish was grown in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes and Caldwell.

Altogether, Crouse said, these 10 counties will produce about 50

to 55 acres of the Turkish leaf in 1949. Since the leaves are very small and the crop requires a great deal of hand labor, most growers will plant about one-fourth acre each, but a few who have sufficient harvest labor available will plant half an acre each.

Aromatic Turkish leaf, important in the manufacture of popular brands of American cigarettes, was produced commercially in the United States last year for the first time. An average price of 80.7 cents per pound was paid to 87 Tar Heel growers who produced a total crop of 21,646 pounds and sold it for a total of \$17,469.22.

vacated by the death of Major Edney Ridge, of Greensboro, two weeks ago, has been register of deeds for the past 15 years, and for many years Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Ninth Congressional District.

Sen. Hoey in a statement said: "After a full and careful examination of the recommendations and endorsements of the 20 splendid gentlemen who have been presented by their friends for our consideration, Sen. Broughton and I have recommended to the President, Mr. William D. Kizziah, of Salisbury, for the appointment."

"The Middle District is composed of 28 counties with the Marshal's headquarters at Greensboro. There were so many and well-qualified aspirants that the choice between them was most difficult since there was only one appointment to be made."

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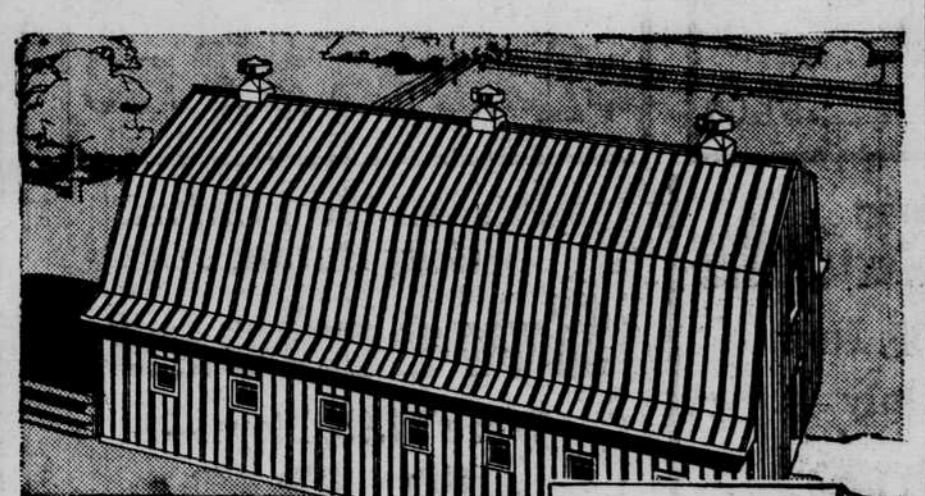
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6" 150 Class Transite Pipe, Cast Iron pipe, or other pipes used for water main—Minimum car load.

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Dixie Graham, City Clerk

THE LONE RANGER by Fran Striker

WE WANT THAT MASKED MAN! SHERIFF, HE'S THE MAN WE TOLD YOU ABOUT! HE'S FRIENDLY WITH THAT INDIAN HORSE THIEF.

BOYS, WAIT A MINUTE!

HOLD YOUR FIRE, BOYS! YOU ORNERY HORSE THIEF! WE'LL GET YOU IF IT'S THE LAST THING WE EVER DO!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING ME TONIGHT! THROW DOWN YOUR GUN, OR I'LL OPEN FIRE!

YOU BETTER HOLD YOUR FIRE, BOYS!

WE'LL HAVE TO LET THE HORSE THIEF GO FOR THE TIME BEING! I'LL OPEN FIRE ON THE FIRST MAN WHO COMES AFTER ME!

GET AFTER HIM! GET THAT MASKED HORSE THIEF! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

COME ON, SILVER!

I HOPE THAT MASKED MAN GETS AWAY!

HE TOLD A MIGHTY STRAIGHT STORY ABOUT THE HORSE STEALING. SOMEHOW I FEEL HE CAN FIND THE THIEF.

MATTER OF FACT, HE'S GOT TO FIND THE REAL THIEF TO SAVE HIS OWN NECK AND THE NECK OF HIS INDIAN FRIEND!

IN WATCHING THE BACK TRAIL, THE LONE RANGER DOESN'T SEE A LOW BRANCH. WE'LL SOON LOSE THOSE MEN IN THIS WOODS!

GO ON, SILVER! KEEP GOING, BOY! GO TO TONTO!

THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY. THOSE TOWNSMEN WOULD BE WITHIN SHOOTING DISTANCE BEFORE I COULD HAVE GOTTEN BACK INTO THE SADDLE.

I THINK WE'RE GAININ' ON THAT WHITE HORSE! THEY DON'T KNOW I'VE BEEN KNOCKED OUT OF THE SADDLE!

THAT LOW BRANCH...IT NEARLY BROKE MY NECK!

LOOK AHEAD, BOYS! THERE'S A CAMP! MUST BE THE MASKED MAN'S! BUT WHERE IS HE? THAT HORSE IS WITHOUT A RIDER!

GET 'EM UP, REDSKIN! YOU WON'T ESCAPE A SECOND TIME! TIE THE HORSE THIEF UP!