



# RALEIGH Round-up

**Opened Windows** — One of the finest and most melodious of Baptist Sunday school songs has a line which reads: "Open wide the windows; open wide the doors. Let a little sunshine in."

That is what Candidate Kerr Scott said when he was running for governor. That is what Gov. Kerr Scott did when he got in office.

Yes, virtually every appointive department head in the state government, and many in subordinate positions, was given his walking papers by Kerr Scott. That was his way of opening wide the windows, opening wide the doors. Whether the man had done a good job in office made little difference. More important was whether he had supported Kerr Scott for governor.

No North Carolina governor in 50 years has done as much to make political appointees feel insecure in their positions as Kerr Scott. The list of his changes will reach from here to the barn. You can recall many of them, so there is no use naming them here.

**Leaving** — Now Scott's appointee as director of the state prison system is moving out. John Gold is leaving the \$9,000 post to become city manager of Winston-Salem at a salary of \$13,000 per year. He took the job with the prisons last August after scandal had forced Scott Appointee J. B. Moore out of office.

In commenting last week on the biggest weakness of the prison system, Director Gold said the system's biggest fault is that its employees are hired mostly on a political basis and have no assurance their jobs are permanent.

Gold himself was not certain his job with the state would last longer than the Scott administration, which has only 18 months to run. In fact, if the next governor should follow Scott's rule in giving the boot to those who did not support him, Gold's future as director of the state prison system would not rest on his ability, but on his prowess at backing the right candidate for governor.

**Fortune** — Gurney P. Hood, who did a good job as banking commissioner and who supported his governor in every way, was not with him when he was candidate for governor, was turned out unceremoniously. He didn't know anything about it until it was announced over the radio. This is merely another example of a good man who had given the best years of his life to the state being fired because he guessed wrong.

The other day Private Citizen Hood stepped on one of these fortune-telling scales to weigh. Here is what the card said about him: "You frequently dislike to work under close supervision. Your independent nature rebels against a tyrannical overlord. Yet you succeed in government jobs in executive positions and with the legal authority. You are rarely abusive of the underdog, therefore are qualified in managerial posts."

Gurney Hood is now selling stock for the establishment of a Hood system bank in Raleigh.

**Cost of Government** — Twenty-five years ago, total tax collections for the 1925-1926 fiscal year ran to \$24,000,000 with \$12,381,848.11 of this coming from automobile and gasoline taxes. During the past fiscal year which ended on June 30, tax collections amounted to \$162,074,296 in the general fund alone, which does not include the gasoline tax and income from the sale of license tags.

**Fatted Calf** — Capus Waynick has not yet made his impatiently awaited appearance in North Carolina. He is the administration-hand-picked candidate for governor, if he is willing, and a fatted calf—probably a young Jersey bull—awaits him.

Waynick is unlike Sir Walter Scott's Lochinvar only in that he is no longer young and he comes out of the south rather than out of the west. This ambassador to Nicaragua had better come on, for William B. Umstead is running like a jack rabbit. Alonzo Edwards of Hookerton, president of the State Farm Bureau (80,000 members), said last week so

all could hear him that he would support Umstead. Clerks of court meeting in annual session last week were of the consensus that Umstead would be the next governor, yet—

O, young Lochinvar is come out of the west,

Through all the wide Border his steed was the best

And, save his good broadsword, he weapon had none.

He rode all unarmed, and he rode all alone.

So faithful in love, and so dauntless in war,

There never was knight like the young Lochinvar.

**New Members** — The Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal church here, received two rather unexpected new members the other Sunday. Joining up was Willie Richardson, formerly a Baptist, for many years publicist for the State Department of Agriculture (until turned out by New Commissioner Kerr Scott in 1937) and for the past decade and better the public relations director for the state board of health. He was private secretary to Governor Cameron Morrison.

The other new member was Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, son of the late Josephus Daniels, one of the leading Methodists laymen in the Nation.

**Another Bond Issue?** — Gov. Kerr Scott gave utterance last week to what many folks have been thinking for the past six months: It may be necessary to float a bond issue to bring Negro schools on a par with those attended by white children.

Building of schoolhouses was left entirely to the counties until 1949 when the state pitched in with \$25,000,000 from the legislature and another \$25,000,000 from bonds made available at the same time we voted on rural road construction and improvement.

Present legal trend is not to force whites and Negroes to go to the same school, but to make —Turn to Page 3, this Sec.

## VISITORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND TEA

All women visitors in Black Mountain, Montreat, Ridgecrest, Blue Ridge, and Swannanoa as well as the members of the Black Mountain Woman's Club, are cordially invited to a "Get Acquainted" Tea to be given July 20 from 3:30 to 6 at the home of the president, Mrs. Ann Sharp Harrison of Blue Ridge.

It is especially hoped that all women visitors in this vicinity will accept this invitation. If you would like transportation, please call Mrs. W. I. Willis, Mrs. L. C. Jumper, Mrs. C. D. Thomas, Mrs. F. H. Richardson, or Miss Elizabeth Hoyt.

Make a special note of the date, Friday, July 20 from 3:30 to 6 at the home of Mrs. Ann Sharpe Harrison.

● READ THE CLASSIFIEDS !!

## Presbyterian Circles To Hear Joseph Gettys

Presbyterian church Circles 2, and 4 will meet Tuesday, July 17, at 10:15 at the church to hear Joseph M. Gettys. Mr. Gettys is professor of Bible at the General Assembly's training school, Richmond, Va., and has prepared the study for this year's circle program.

Mrs. William Harper will be in charge of the program and hostesses will be Mrs. J. H. Gruver, Mrs. Mary Harshaw, Mrs. R. H. Howerton, and Mrs. G. F. Bell.

## COMING FOR SUMMER

Mrs. Mary B. Hay and Mrs. W. T. Wilson of Philadelphia will arrive Saturday to spend the summer with the S. S. Coopers and the Rush Whitesides.

## CECIL IS HOME

Cecil A. Nanney returned Saturday from a two weeks' visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Plemmons, in Charlotte.

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