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Sgt. Stanton Overseas Since August Of 1941

MEDITERRANEAN AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE, SOMEWHERE IN ITALY. — Technical Sergeant Bill R. Stanton, 213 East Parker St., Kings Mountain, N. C., has recently completed two and one half years service overseas. He is the son of Mrs. E. W. Stanton of Kings Mountain. In civilian life, Sergeant Stanton was employed as a textile worker by the Neider Mills, Inc., of Kings Mountain. He enlisted in the army in March 1941 at Fort Meade, N. C.

Sergeant Stanton went overseas in August 1941 and first landed in England. He subsequently served in North Africa and is currently on duty with the Mediterranean Air Transport Service in Italy as supply sergeant.

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Weekly Legislative Summary

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Those few prophets who, early in the session, expressed the view that the 1945 General Assembly would not reach final adjournment until about March 15 were then regarded by most observers as being unduly pessimistic. What was there to stand in the way of adjournment by March 15th or 17th? There appeared to be no great issues at stake which might bring on protracted fights. There were the biennial revenue and appropriation bills to enact, of course, but no one expected much change or much fight on the revenue bill, except perhaps in committee. The general fund surplus might have invited many raiding parties, but it was pretty well disposed of early in the session by the debt retirement measure. There would quite naturally be fights of greater or less seriousness over appropriations, but it was generally expected that the Joint Appropriations Committee would work out the bill, report it, and that would be that. There were the biennial liquor and beer and wine bills, but no one expected them to delay matters very much, whatever their fates might be. But by the end of the eighth full legislative week, with only ten more legislative days left if adjournment is to come by March 15, these few "pessimists" who still held to the date of March 15 were being reclassified by many as optimists. Most of the "bad news" which now makes the prospects of a relatively early adjournment like unto a beautiful mirage which recedes before the advance of the weary desert traveler came out on Friday.

The week started well enough. True, the House was getting further and further behind on its public calendar, but it seemed to contain nothing which a few night sessions would not clear up. The bills requiring readings on separate days were being moved along with very little delay. The non roll-call calendar could be disposed of without too much difficulty as soon as sufficient time could be spared from committee meetings to have a few long sessions. Wednesday was a really nice day for the optimistic. On that day the Appropriations bill was ratified, one of the principal insurance bills passed the House and were being readied for ratification, and the liquor referendum bill was quietly given an unfavorable report by the Senate Finance Committee, with no one apparently in sight ready to inject a shot of adrenalin in an attempt to give it a new spark of life. Also on Wednesday the Revenue bill was reported favorably in the House, and the following day a number of floor amendments, sent forward by the chairman of the Finance Committee, were adopted and the bill passed a second reading, all without debate. To a weary reporter, things were looking pretty good.

Then came Friday (and the weary reporter automatically thinks of "Black Friday.") Both the House and the Senate somewhat jumped the traces. After thinking things over since Thursday's session, the chairman of the House Finance Committee

decided that one or more of his floor amendments might be construed as a "material amendment," having the effect of throwing the bill back on its first reading. That being so, the House erred in passing the bill on its second reading on Thursday, as Thursday's action constituted the first reading. He therefore moved that the vote by which the bill passed its second reading be reconsidered, to the end that it might then be placed on its second reading in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution. The motion carried, whereupon Representative Stone sent forward an amendment which would

place an additional tax of \$1 per gallon on wine. After some debate and some show of feeling, the amendment was adopted, which action again threw the bill back to its first reading. All of which means that the Senate will get to its third reading on the bill by the end of next week at the earliest, with pretty fair prospects that a conference committee may finally have to be appointed to iron out differences in a bill which has already been studied for 2 months by a joint committee. That is just what happened, also on Friday to another bill which had been studied and reported out by a joint committee—the bill which draws the line between the provinces of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Controller. That bill was reported out to the House, which adopted several floor amendments, passed the bill as thus amended, and sent it to the Senate. The Senate added some amendments of its own which merely removed all of the House amendments, passed the bill and sent it back to the House for concurrence. The House quickly concurred; then, after considerable argument, marked by more activity than has been shown so far, voted to reconsider the vote of concurrence and followed that with a vote in favor of a motion "that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments."

Among the bills of general interest introduced during the week was a bill to create a Medical Care Commission, to provide for the expansion of the medical school of the University to a four year school, to provide for the erection of a central hospital in connection with such school and to provide a contingent appropriation to pay part of the hospital costs of caring for indigent patients; a bill to require that all instruments subject to registration bear the name of the draftsman; a bill to amend the Constitution to raise the pay of members of the General Assembly to \$900 for the term and to \$15 per day for extra sessions for not more than 25 days, and to increase the pay of the presiding officers, and another bill to amend the Constitution to allow members \$10 per day and the speaker \$15 per day for expenses; a bill to exempt from taxation homes of veterans purchased with disability compensation up to \$5,000 tax value; a bill to divide the State into eight Educational Districts as provided by the recent Constitutional amendment; a bill to exempt service men and women from poll taxes and certain license taxes for ten years following honorable discharge; a bill to permit counties to establish zoning regulations, and another to permit counties to establish planning boards; and a bill to empower the REA to assist

small communities in securing telephone service.

DREAMS ON
 Our broken dream is not the end of dreaming;
 Our shattered hope is not the end of hoping;
 Beyond this storm and tempest, stars are glancing;
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