



By EULA H. GREENWOOD
About ten years ago one of our friends remarked: "Why can't we have big-time basketball down South like they do in other sections of the country—in the New York area, for example?"

To The Conference
This column pulled about six laps ahead of the other runners last week when it announced that the Governor was going to the Governors Conference in June, etc., and tying this trip into the adjournment of the Legislature.

We got it on an innocent tip—no scoop intended—but the day we came out, the news stories blossomed with the item. It was correct — but the date was wrong. June 25 instead of June 15.

Apparently Improving
Frank Daniels, business manager of the Raleigh News & Observer, has been ill for about three weeks now with what was thought to be a minor heart attack. He has been under close observation.

Our reports are that he is recovering nicely and will soon be back at his desk.

No Help Needed

Rumor has it that some of those plumping hardest for Gov. Terry Sanford's tax program are employees—in the upper layers—of the N. C. Revenue Dept. Reason: The Governor's plan would remove approximately two-score exemptions to the sales tax—and the Revenue Dept. people themselves admit privately they can't tell sometimes when an item is taxable and when it isn't.

Although the Governor's program should bring in about 80 million in new money, odds are no additional employees will be necessary . . . because collections will be easier without the exemptions.

Henkel And Vance

While Lt. Gov. Cloyd Philpott works diligently toward a mid-June adjournment of the Legislature, the runner-up in the No. 2 race last summer has a new project of his own.

C. V. Henkel, who like Philpott has few money wants, bought the old (built about 1922) Vance Hotel in Statesville for \$150,000. You could not build it now for a half-million dollars. Mr. Henkel is renovating the building from top to bottom and the other way, too, at a cost of about \$250,000.

If he makes a go of it—and we are betting on him—he may come up with a pattern for other small hotels now definitely in the doldrums.

From South Carolina

The largest delegation expected in Asheville for the 59th annual



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meeting of the N. C. Merchants Association will likely not be from this State—but from Rock Hill, S. C.

The chamber of commerce manager and wife, the mayor and wife, and six other couples have registered already for the NCMA meeting, we are advised. Sixteen in all from Rock Hill.

Purpose: to get ideas on downtown improvement and parking from Marvin Moody of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Bill Barr of Washington, D. C., head of the National Parking Association, and parking lot operator in Illinois.

Uncertain

While newly covered employers make plans to comply with the Federal Minimum Wage Law—revised version—Mrs. Pauline Horton, veteran N. C. administrator for the U. S. Labor Dept., lies ill and unable to assist in the big change-over.

Nature of her illness is not revealed. However, our information is that Mrs. Horton has been ill for about a month now—and the time of her return to duty uncertain. An unusually fine person is Mrs. Horton, solid, stable, and able—and we are sorry she must be out just when needed most.

News Notes

—Meredith Vice Pres. Bob Dayton and wife are completing a tour of Europe—left some three weeks ago via Swissair . . . or Aircwis . . . with friends.

—Predictions you can hang your hat on—there will be no tax on soft drinks . . . no tax on tobacco . . . no tax on electricity . . . no tax on luxuries . . . no tax on beer. No new taxes on any of the aforementioned items: Virtually all of the new money needed will come from: a four per cent sales tax, thus leaving as it is the present exemptions mess, or three per cent sales tax pretty much across the board, including food.

—State Baptists are looking forward with eagerness to a book just finished by their Wake Forest publicity man, Russell Brantley. It will be published by Macmillan. Its provocative title: "Dance With Me." At Wake Forest?

—Item on Malcolm Seawell and John Larkins: "It's sometimes just as good to run for Governor as to be elected." Salary of a Federal Court judge: \$22,000. Length of term: 'til death do us part.

—Thoughts while dining: State Supreme Court Justice R. Hunt Parker never eats with the other members of the court, who often have lunch together . . . and, have you noticed when out at one of these fancy eating places? The bigger the menu, the higher the prices.

—If 10th Dist. Congressman Charles Jonas is edged out of his seat—directly or indirectly—by redistricting, he is almost sure to be a GOP candidate for Governor in 1964. Possible opponent: Basil Whitener . . . in race for Congress or Governor. Watch this one develop!



N. C. RHODODENDRON QUEEN will be selected during the fifteenth annual North Carolina Rhododendron Festival on Roan Mountain June 22-25. The first candidate to enter this year's contest is Miss Barbara Reinholdt of Asheville. She is the 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Reinholdt and she is sponsored by the Blanton's Business College of Asheville. Barbara is five feet six, weighs 124 pounds and measures 35-23-35. Entry blanks are available by addressing Queen Committee, N. C. Rhododendron Festival, Bakersville, N. C.

Beech Creek News

The Beech Creek Community Club will meet at Mr. and Mrs. Smith Harmon's on Friday, May 15. Everyone in the area is invited to come.

Mr. Kenneth Anderson, Mr. Bob Guy and Mr. Ed Clark have started moving in their stone crusher. They are setting the crusher up on Mr. W. M. Harmon's land.

Mrs. Georgie P. Cahoon from Newland is staying in this community for two weeks. She will assist Miss Isadore Williams in her rug school this week. Mrs. Cahoon has visited a number of people here this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst Trivett and Mrs. Lois Jones visited Mrs. Vergie Trivett Sunday.

Miss Isadore Williams from Knoxville, Tenn., has arrived here to teach the rug school.

Mr. Jack Cook was in the community on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Harmon and Mrs. George P. Cahoon visited Mrs. Clyde Bunton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hollars of Boone visited Mr. and Mrs. Smith Storey and boys Sunday, and other friends in the community.

Mrs. Georgie Cahoon visited with friends.

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Mr. W. M. Harmon, Cloyce and Inez Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Bunton visited Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Norris and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cannon of Mountain City, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reese over the week end.

Mrs. Georgie Cahoon and Mrs. Sue Trivett visited Mrs. Vergie Trivett Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Harmon, Miss Inez Harmon and Mrs. Spencer Phillips visited Mr. John Harmon at the Veterans Hospital in Johnson City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Ward and son of Boone visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trivett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Norris, Sherrie and Gary and the Rev. Ronda Earp visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Norris Sunday.

We are glad to hear that Ray A. Harmon of Asheville, son of Mr. W. M. Harmon, is home from the hospital after an extended illness, and is rapidly improving.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear mother, grandmother and sister, Mrs. Minnie Cuddy, also to the hospitals, doctors, nurses, funeral directors, and preachers; and for the beautiful floral offerings and food.

—The Children, Grandchildren, Brothers and Sister.

Spring Season Brings Mountain Flower Parade

Asheville.—The fabulous spring season has arrived in Western North Carolina and the long, lazy, sun-filled days of summer are not far behind.

Spring brings a riotous blanket of bloom. First come the tiny blue and crocus, but they're only a whisper of what is to store.

The yellow forsythia bush flowers in brilliant yellow and at the same time thrift, the fast growing ground cover, spreads a thick carpet of white, delicate lavender and pink over banks, walls and borders.

Dogwood, the state flower, is everywhere, growing in great profusion throughout the woods and on the lawns in shimmery deep pink and white.

The tame azalea, a true aristocrat of glorious beauty, grows 'round every door, in shades that vary from white and palest pink to deep reds, lavenders and purples.

The native flame azalea bursts forth in recent orange.

June is the month of rhododendron and mountain laurel. Rhododendron, that hardy bush of rich green leaves and lush blooms of white and purple reigns supreme in places of native growth. The Blue Ridge Parkway lures one through a great natural garden of laurel and rhododendron. They grow on the slopes of mountains breathtaking in their beauty and scenic wonder.

There is continuous bloom in the Western North Carolina area from early spring until late summer and fall touches the slopes of the hills and the long low valleys with almost unbelievable color.

Then, overnight, fall transforms the earth—maples are red and gold. The tulip poplar will be yellow and the dark bronze tones of the birch, buckeye and oak mingle with the lush green of the evergreen. Bright red orange ash berries sparkle.

The still warm sun makes the dazzling hues glimmer and reflect their rays until a filmy aureole veils earth and sky with a golden mist and tardy bees, fat with summer's fragrance buzz busily over the last blossom to beat the chilly fingers of frost.

DOUBTING U. S. THREAT

The Air Force chief of staff says failure to recognize Russia's recent manned space orbit as a threat to the United States and its allies "could prove disastrous."

Gen. Thomas D. White made this comment in testifying before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing on the Air Force space budget.

Both White and Secretary of Air Force Eugene Zuckert told the senators that they had no doubt Russia was pushing its varied efforts and weapons as part of a long-range Communist goal of world domination.

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Know The Weather

Do you know why the first big drops of a thundershower are usually so widely scattered. Have you ever noticed this at the beginning of a thundershower? The first drops of a thundershower, falling from the summer cumulonimbus, must fall through a very strong updraft, which is always present in the leading edge of the thundershower. Most of the drops are caught up in this updraft and carried far aloft. The bigger, heavier raindrops fall through the rising wind current, but only the largest are heavy enough to maintain their downward fall, against the wind. Therefore, standing on the ground, or on pavement, you will notice that the first big drops are widely scattered and probably the largest raindrops which will fall during the thundershower. Many of the others are carried upward to the freezing level and frozen into hail. Only occasionally does this hail survive in frozen form until it strikes the ground.

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