



By EULA N. GREENWOOD
FAST SALE . . . Biggest job the Sanford administration had during the last six weeks of the 1961 Legislative Session was to convince about 40 of the scions here that adoption of the food tax would not hurt materially their chances of returning to Raleigh two years hence.

As late as mid-May, the administration had a razor-thin majority of the members leaning towards removing the exemption on food. But even some of them were wavering, looking for a satisfactory way to finance the Quality Education Program without taxing victuals. Fast sale needed!

SINCERE? Finally, the Forty were pulled around—and thus it was that Gov. Sanford and his hard-working assistants came out with a solid victory.

Now you are going to see the Quality Education Program move fast! By spring of 1962 it should be successful enough to give strength to the 1961 legislators running in the Primary of 1962.

Even in the Democratic Party itself there will be opposition to the food tax. Much of this opposition will not be sincere. A lot of the hoped-for supporters—particularly in the House—got loose despite all that could be done. Even a month ago—it was still touch-and-go.

This reminded one of the members of the incident where some young policemen had an escaped convict cornered in this big building. He got away from them.

"So you let the man escape? Why didn't you guard the exits like I told you to?"

"We did, Sir," said one of the rookie policemen, "but he got out at one of the entrances."

OIL? . . . Many pages in the June 18 issue of Time Magazine are devoted to the tremendous projects of Clint and John Murchison of Dallas, Texas. They also get the front cover.

Oil runs like a river through their lives and through the article. In the half-page drawing showing their various land and property holdings, only one name stands out on the East Coast. It does so—in big print . . . with a big red dot by it.

The name: Belhaven, North Carolina. The property: New Lake Farm Co.

THE HONOR . . . An honor came last week to Lumberton Banker Hector McLean which his late father, Angus W. McLean, never achieved.

Hector, former mayor of Lumberton, was sworn in to succeed Sen. Cutlar Moore. Although the new senator's father was Governor, he never served in the Legislature.

Angus W. McLean was one of our really great Governors, beating out Josiah W. Bailey for the post in a hotter-than-hot race in 1924.

Now with Cutlar Moore moving

out early to give young McLean a few days of service as State Senator, you can expect another McLean to be prominent in N. C. State Government for a long long time. They are saying around Lumberton Hector "will be Governor some time."

Could be—but the odds are very much against.

As a matter of fact, Governor's sons are seldom more than that . . . politically. A few, Melville Broughton, Jr., Blucher Ehringhaus, and Ralph Gardner, have continued to keep the name prominent and influential.

But the last Governor's son to try for high office was Ralph Gardner of Shelby. Despite family, position, and money, he was beaten by Basil Whitener for the Eleventh District seat.

SPELLING . . . And, although A. W. McLean was Governor during the life of most of us, it seems we have forgotten how to spell the name.

Last week when Hector was sworn in, the Associated Press, the News & Observer, and all the rest of the press, spelled the name: "MacLean." Why, nobody knows. Just charge it up to ignorance or to journeyman Yankee reporters who grew up with: "Hay, Mac!"

In Lumberton, incidentally, it is still "McLean."

NOTES . . . Next big test of the Sanford Administration's strength . . . and it does seem to be considerable . . . could come next spring if Bert Bennett of Winston-Salem takes on U. S. Sen. Sam Ervin.

A store hour survey just completed by the N. C. Merchants Association shows a reversal of the old days . . . in that the big cities are now open Wednesday afternoon, Monday night, Friday night, etc. The long store hours are now in the cities—with the short week, Wednesday PM closings, etc., in the villages and small towns.

"What do you mean," roared the retired legislator, "by insulting me in your newspaper. I demand an immediate apology, sir."

The editor replied that he ran the story exactly as it was; that the man had resigned as a representative in the Legislature.

"I did," replied the politician. "But you had no business running it in the column under the heading, 'Public Improvements.'"



THE NORTH CAROLINA RHODODENDRON QUEEN will be selected from a field of 22 beautiful girls on Saturday, June 24. Among those are (l-r) Miss Sunny Nell Browning, of Nebo, sponsored by The Northwestern Bank; Miss Pamela Jean Flack, of Marion, sponsored

Rhododendron Fete Is Week End Feature

The North Carolina Rhododendron 15th Annual Festival will be held atop the Roan Mountain, sponsored by the Bakersville Lions Club, June 22-24.

The gardens which are said to be the worlds largest natural rhododendron gardens are expected to be in full bloom during this years festival.

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extended by the following officers: Gwyn Graham, President; George Conrad, secretary-treasurer; F. B. Wilson, advertising; O. D. Calhoun, queen chairman; Rev. John Cann, publicity director; Dr. George Gimberly, program chairman; Robert Barron, Ed Terrell, George Blevins, grounds-food equipment; T. G. Greene traffic; Gwyn Gra-

ham, housing; Jack Reynolds, official photographer; Ray Lee, musical director.

Nation exultant over success of space flight.

CHECK THE WANT ADS

Mabel News Items

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reece over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phillips and daughters, Shirley, Kathy and Nancy of Carlisle, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller of Morganton, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Laing, Larry and James of Tamarack, Mr. Delona Blackburn of Rocks, Md., Mr. Raymond Oliver of Zionville, Mr. Ray Earp of Villas, Miss Margaret Teague of Boone, and Mr. Albert Harmon of Silverstone.

Mr. G. H. Thomas of Trade, Tenn. has returned home after visiting for sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Warren of Portsmouth, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thomas of Upperco, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Luther Anderson, Jr. of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snyder of Timonium, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snyder and daughter, Lucille, of Timonium, Md. were called here due to the death of his father, Mr. J. S. Snyder, Sr. of Beaver Dams.

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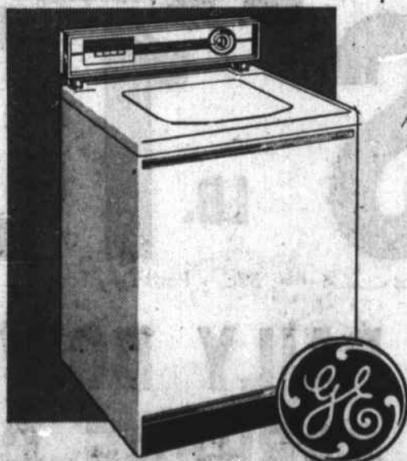
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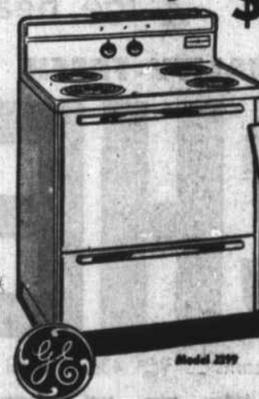
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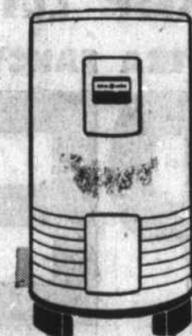
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