

LETTER TO EDITOR

Winkler Says Vote Withheld On ABC Plan

Dear Bob: Some of the newspapers carried a story that gives only a part of the statement that I made regarding HB No. 1010.

I enclose a copy of the full statement and will ask that you use it in the next issue of the Democrat.

This statement was handed to the reporters after the Senate P. & G. Committee reported HB No. 1010 favorably. When this bill reached the Senate floor the records will show that I voted present.

Sincerely yours, Gordon H. Winkler, Senator 28th District

As I understand the law, on ABC election can be called for upon petition of 15% of the largest number of votes cast in a previous election. Representative Vance Choate of Allegheny County introduced House Bill No. 1010 at the request of over 75% of the number of votes cast.

The petition, apparently non-partisan in nature, and containing

the names of many prominent people of Allegheny County, asked for the right to vote on a Legal Control Store in the town of Sparla, North Carolina.

A hearing was held before the House Propositions and Grievances Committee. I was there as an observer and heard both the proponents and the opponents of the bill make their statements. A favorable report was given Representative Choate's bill by the House committee and he has now contacted committee members in the Senate, asking favorable support for his bill.

All of the information I have received both for and against Mr. Choate's bill, has been turned over to the Chairman of the Senate Propositions and Grievances Committee.

The introduction of Representative Choate's bill was rather unexpected, but it does have heavy support from the citizens of his county. Under these conditions I plan to observe the usual custom and not oppose House Bill No. 1010.

Silo Circle Playhouse Slates Impressive Bill

Black Mountain—In the world of the stage the word "equity," the name for the actor's union, is synonymous with professionalism. This year for the first time the Silo Circle Playhouse at Black Mountain is housing a resident equity company. Director Michael Bouche spent a large part of his winter selecting actors and staff for this season. He has gathered personnel from Florida to New York, from Ohio to North Carolina.

Valeda Hill, Silo's leading lady, has previously acted with Flat Rock Playhouse, Flat Rock, N. C. She has also toured with Elizabeth Manning in "The Four Poster" and

"Wedding Breakfast." Off stage Valeda has worked as a Conover model and a TV interviewer.

Asheville's Victoria Greene is returning to Silo for her fourth season. Last summer Vicki starred in "Rashomon" and "Hayfever." Off the Silo stage Vicki is known to area theatre goers for her work with the Asheville Community Theatre.

Michael Lombard, a graduate of Boston University, made his Broadway debut last year in "Beckett" with Laurence Oliver and Arthur Kennedy. His off Broadway credits include "Gnash-Gnash" and "Paths of Glory." He has appeared on Television in "Wide, Wide World" and "Young Doctor Malone."

Gordon Smith has spent previous summers with Falmouth Playhouse, Provincetown Playhouse and Deertrees Summer Theatre. He has also been affiliated with off Broadway productions in New York and various theatre groups in Boston.

Michael Nixon studied at the University of Miami and is a graduate of the American Theatre wing. Last summer he acted as leading man for the Chase Barn Playhouse. In 1959 Mr. Nixon took leading roles in the Shakespearean productions of the American Theatre Wing at Stratford.

Silo Circle Playhouse will open on June 27th with Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire." Tickets and information may be obtained by writing Silo Circle Playhouse, Box 666, Black Mountain, N. C.

Ted M. Kattman Gets B. S. Degree



TED MICHAEL KATTMAN

Ted Michael Kattman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Kattman, Rt. 3, Boone, was awarded the bachelor of arts degree in economics and business at the 101st year commencement of Wheaton college (Illinois) Monday, June 12. Degrees were granted to 369 seniors and 28 graduate students. Kattman was also commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant at the commencement service, in the Reserve Officers Corps by college ROTC officers.

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Galveston Flood Took Low Comparative Toll

September 8, 1900 was a warm cloudy day in Galveston, Texas. In the afternoon the skies slowly turned yellow, the beating of the waves on the docks increased in tempo, the sea rose steadily under darkening skies and the wind came. Inexorably, the ocean pounded into the city. Houses crumbled and were washed away. Trees and railroad ties spun through the streets on sand and mud filled torrents. Babies were wrenched from their mother's arms and husbands watched helplessly as their families were swept away or crushed by falling debris.

When the sea and the winds receded 6000 people were gone!

The Galveston tidal wave was one of three of the most dreadful "natural" disasters the United States has ever experienced. The Titanic, which collided with an iceberg on a night in April, 1912, carried 1517 people with her to the bottom of the sea. The Johnstown flood, in 1889, swept away the lives of 2209 people.

By an appalling coincidence, these three disasters prove that man is more destructive to himself than any of the forces of nature.

In the three disasters a total of 9726 lives were lost. In just three consecutive months, back in June, July and August, 1956, 9726 lives were also lost. But in '58 man himself was responsible. These were men, women and youngsters needlessly slain in traffic accidents on our streets and highways. . . the precise number lost in the three "natural" disasters. And the toll goes on, year after year.

Stanley Houck Dies Sunday

John Stanley Houck, 52 years old, died Sunday at the home on West Summit Street, from a sudden illness from a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 o'clock at the Advent Christian Church by Rev. Floyd Boston and burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving is the widow, Mrs. Belle Pennell Houck. One brother, Willard Houck of Oakboro and a sister, Mrs. Ennis Abernethy of Charlotte, also survive.

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