

**CAPITAL CLIPBOARD**

**Redistricting Hassle Could Cause Late Adjournment Of Legislature**

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**FAIR TRADE?** . . . Did NBC commentator David Brinkley attend the University of North Carolina? His biography says he did, but as of last week officials at Chapel Hill could not find his name listed anywhere in the records. They were worried about it.

Brinkley, Wilmington native, has accepted an invitation to serve as ceremonies master at the N. C. International Trade Fair event this spring honoring Tar Heel celebrities (Sunday night, April 28, Owens Auditorium).

Among those who have accepted so far as Edward R. Murrow, U. S. Information Agency chief; Salisbury Actor Sidney Blackmer; and Betty Johnson, singer. There will be others.

In our book, Brinkley rates at the top as a commentator—whether he went to UNC or not.

The alumnus trouble began on Wednesday of last week when a reporter decided to find out when David Brinkley went to the University. He had received a story from Ted Cramer, hard-working chairman of advertising and public relations for the Trade Fair, about Brinkley's acceptance. The NBC family background on Davud (Chet Huntley pronunciation) had him an UNC alumnus. The reporter merely wanted to determine when. He just could not find out.

A middle-aged lady at Chapel Hill seemed to recall being in school with Davud . . . somewhere around 1938-39 . . . long before he took the place of Irene as the object of good night greetings. What did Davud say? Nothing. He is on assignment in a foreign country and could not be reached for comment. You will be kept advised on this one.

Who is in error? UNC records, David Brinkley or NBC. If Davud said he went to UNC, he did . . . and there must be some slipshod record-keeping somewhere. Hardly fair trade for a famous Tar Heel-honoring Trade Fair.

**KNIFE** . . . Now, however, Dr. W. D. James of Hamlet wants to perform major surgery on the embattled Eighth. Sen. James has introduced a bill which would pull Richmond County out of the Eighth and throw it into the Seventh. This is being labeled by some Democrats as the most dangerous bill yet introduced in the 1963 session of the Legislature. It's a dilly!

The senators love each other, abide by colleague courtesy, and all that. The bill is now in committee. If it passes, say the Democrats, you can kiss the Eighth goodbye forever. We doubt its survival (the bill).

On the other hand, if Richmond is put in the Seventh, then Davie and Yadkin could go into the Eighth. This would free, supposedly, the Ninth

**MAJOR SETBACK**

An effort to "liberalize" the Senate Finance Committee has ended in failure.

The Senate Democratic Steering Committee refused to expand the Finance Committee recently by adding two Democratic supporters of President Kennedy's tax and medical-care programs. Thus, the Finance Committee remains at 11 Democrats and six Republicans.

**STILL HUSH-HUSH** . . . Some day somebody is going to get the lowdown on the R. J. Reynolds Co. operations on a huge farm a few miles from Edenton.

But right now it is definitely hush-hush. You can't get the workers . . . or members of their families . . . to say a word. There is a lot going on at this famous farm, Avoca. Skilled construction people are in there from various states. They are living in Windsor, Edenton, and other nearby communities.

"We came here last October to stay about three months . . . but we may be here three years, we just don't know", said the wife of a New Jersey engineer last week.

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**Justice Gains Pi Gamma Mu Recognition**

John Mitchell Justice, associate professor of history at Appalachian State Teachers College, was recently presented a certificate of award from Pi Gamma Mu, the honorary social studies chapter on the campus.

Each year Pi Gamma Mu presents a certificate of award to someone who has made outstanding contributions to and performed some service in the field of social science or to the local chapter.

Justice was instrumental in organizing Pi Gamma Mu on this campus, and has served as sponsor and treasurer of Pi Gamma Mu since its beginning here.

In addition to teaching North Carolina history and United States history in the ASTC social studies department, Professor Justice has been writing book reviews for the past ten years. These have dealt with North Carolina history and have been for both the Charlotte Observer and the North Carolina Historical Review magazine.

Book reviews are not his only interest. He belongs to the North Carolina Education Association, the Southern Historical Association and the American Historical Association. From 1955-1960 he served on the Thomas Wolfe Award Committee for the Western North Carolina Historical Society of which he is a member.

There is a lot of dead wood on the James bill. Most interesting.

**NOTES** . . . Newest name we have heard on the Legislative Building which sits astride Halifax Street just north of the Capitol: Halifax Hilton . . .

There is some talk here that advocates of a dollar-an-hour minimum wage law for North Carolina may be willing to compromise for 85 cents . . . but a big fight on this bill is on the way. This State is now in its fourth year with Minimum Wage Law . . .

The N. C. Motel Association members are up in arms over the N. C. Hotel Association changing its name to N.C. Hotel and Motel Association. Idea for the change came from the national organization, which has the double-name. Nevertheless, the motels are said to be miffed no end and may resort to legal action. Of course, the N. C. Motel Association could become the N. C. Motel and Hotel Association. Too bad all this should come along, because two capable people . . . and good friends . . . are involved: Ed (Duck) Lewis of the motels and Mrs. Neva Wright of the hotels.

Does it plan to move into the field of growing a special kind of tobacco?

These are a few of the hundred of questions flying around Northwestern North Carolina about what Reynolds is up to. The answer no doubt lies deep in the heart of Winston-Salem. It isn't in Edenton.

I'd walk a mile for a look at What's Up Front.

**DISTRICTS** . . . If the Legislature gets deeply enough into Senatorial and Congressional districts, it could conceivably be here until the fourth of July. This item can get hotter by the minute.

Everybody knew there would be fights over redistricting State Senate seats. But we thought the Congressional thing—with all its ill results to the Democrats—was pretty well fixed. But even before he got here Rowan's George Uzzell said he would like to see something done about ridding the Ninth Congressional District of Yadkin and Davie. He isn't by himself on this thinking.

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