

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Unusual Interest Seen Developing In '64 Lieutenant Governor's Race

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SECOND SPOT... We don't recall seeing as many candidates for Lieutenant Governor in one session of the Legislature before.

Those mentioned are John Jordan, Wake County State Senator; Tom White, State Senator from down Kinston area; Lunsford Crew, State Senator from Roanoke Rapids; Clifton Blue, Speaker of the House, from Moore County; and Ralph Scott, State Senator from Burlington.

That's five already. And we have over a year to go before the Primary.

MEANING... What is the meaning of this early interest on the part of so many in the second slot?

There must be some reason to think that our next Governor will not live out his term. Is there a feeling that the top slot is becoming too hot for four-year survival? Do those planning to run for Lieutenant Governor think the next Governor will be old and or in poor health? Could be.

Our opinion is that each one of the men mentioned sees the No. 2 place as a good stepping stone to the No. 1 place. In 1968, the Governor—if we stay Democratic and do no further damage to the east-west rotation plan—may come from the eastern half of the State.

We might say in passing that each of the men being mentioned as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor would make an excellent Governor for North Carolina. Some interesting developments are shaping up for the race for Lieutenant Governor.

ONE-FOURTH... May we make the observation that 75 per cent of the people who have had the flu this winter in North Carolina have had the flu. The other 25 per cent used it as an excuse to goof out of work or stay out of school.

Have you noticed that some people have everything that comes along. Name it, and have it, have had it, or will get it.

For every one person who goes to work when he shouldn't—is not able to—you find two who stay at home when they should be at work.

NIXON VS BROWN... Two well know New York columnists had a squib about Richard Nixon a few days ago. He's emerging from that dark Brown taste he had in his mouth last fall and is attracting a lot of attention. So is Brown. The columnists were Walter Winchell and Leonard Lyons. They were reporting—each in his own way—Brown's visit to the famous Stork Club in New York.

Winchell wrote: "Stork Club Rembrandt: Gov. Brown of Cal. looking at Nixon's large autographed photo in the foyer."

Wrote Lyons of the same visit: "Gov. Pat Brown of Cal. was brought to the Stork Club last week. The proprietor, Sherman Billingsley, had ample warning—and was able to remove, in time, the large inscribed photo of Richard Nixon displayed in the lobby."

SAFES... Former N. C. Governor Luther Hodges as Secretary of Commerce gets into the magazines and newspapers more than any other member of the Kennedy cabinet.

The Reader's Digest has this in the March issue: "Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges disclosed in a speech that many valuable commercial secrets are locked in the safes in his department, and that whenever there are important personnel changes the safe combinations must be changed."

"The official in charge, asked how he could remember them, replied, 'It's really not so hard. I look at the nearest secretary and make combination a reasonable approximation of her measurements: 36-24-38'."

TERMITES SWARMING? call Orkin for the sake of your home

90 PROOF... Walter E. Crissman of High Point, a former legislator in the House from Guilford County, has been a Superior Court Judge for several years now. Judge Crissman is a native of Surry County.

He estimated a few days ago that nine out of every ten cases coming before him are connected with alcohol... and includes wrecks, rape, manslaughter, murder, and all the grubby gamut of crimes.

NOTES... As of last weekend, Roy Parker... called Ace around the News & Observer office... was recovering nicely from a heart operation.

Difference—North Carolina has a different Speaker of the House every two years... and not one has ever been re-elected... but down in South Carolina they have had the same Speaker of the House for 25 years.

We have been watching N. C. Legislatures for one or two years now... and this one seems to be the most serious, down-to-business group we have yet seen in Raleigh.

Mr. W. K. Sturdivant, Sr., president of Sturdivant Life Insurance Company, announced today that Dan Miller of Boone was the leading producer for the month of February.

Since joining Sturdivant Life, Miller has started the company's Basic Training Program as he progresses in his new career.

Sturdivant Life has its Home Office in North Wilkesboro, N. C., and the majority of its stockholders reside in Wilkes, Watauga, and Alleghany counties. It is a legal reserve life insurance company writing all types of regular life insurance throughout the state.

FASTEST BY FAR Saigon, Vietnam — Romantic teenagers are making the most of the liberal laws in Communist North Vietnam.

Reporters claim that before the ink is dried on some marriage certificates the teenagers report to the civil registry office to sign a divorce act—as easy as returning unsatisfactory merchandise.

Divorce is illegal in South Vietnam, whose president is a devout Catholic.

Expanded Facilities Cost Southern Bell \$347 Million

Southern Bell Telephone Company reports a record-breaking expenditure of \$347 million in 1962 for expanded and improved facilities in the nine-state region it serves.

In the firm's 1962 Annual Report issued recently, President Ben S. Gilmer revealed that the Company's growth continues to be faster than the national rate of telephone growth, as it has been for the past 10 years.

"We have confidence in the region and the people in it," said Mr. Gilmer. Evidence of this was our expenditure of \$347 million in 1962.

"This in itself was a tremendous stimulant to the region's economy, as was our \$350 million payroll and the \$224 million in tax payments which helped to support schools, building programs, national defense and other government services," said Mr. Gilmer.

In addition to the \$224 million in tax payments by the Company, Southern Bell customers paid \$82 million, a record figure, in 1962 in Federal excise taxes on telephone service.

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