

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Governor's Liason Man Walks Quietly In Crepe-Soled Shoes

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EFFECT . . . The State College name-change argument is, like politics, making strange bedfellows.

In the Legislature, you have liberals, Democrats, and Republicans. But who you are, what you are, how you vote, and how you stand, won't make any difference in the final vote on the whing-ding. How will it all end?

The battle has turned legislators from anti-Sanfordites into lovers of the Governor. On the other hand, the hassle has lost some solid administration support.

In brief, the State College item is having a far-reaching effect on just a lot of other State-wide legislation. Around-and-around she goes, and where it will end, nobody knows.

GUMSHOE . . . They call him "the Governor's liason man." His name is Edward Breeden Clark.

Every Governor has his own personal lobbyist. Clark, former Superior Court judge, is Terry Sanford's. If you represent Bell Telephone Co., Carolina Power & Light Co., the Tarheel Electric Membership Corporation, or the State Baptist Convention in the Legislature, you have to register in Secretary of State Thad Eure's big book as a lobbyist.

The list is long . . . and they are good men . . . but, alas, all are lobbyists. However, the most effective lobbyists here are, year-in-year-out, State employees. Their departments want this or that bill to pass or fail. They go after it, hammer-and-tongs. But they never register as lobbyists.

Edward Breeden Clark of Elizabethtown, a former State Senator, moves quietly among the legislators. The administration's way is his road. His hi-vouaies built of blooming bills. And, believe it or not, he doesn't walk. He tiptoes! You don't hear him coming. You look up . . . there he is!

"I wish he would start wearing regular shoes," said a legislator last week, "so I could hear him approaching."

What he meant was that Liason Man Clark wears these ultra-modern hush-puppy shoes. They have crepe soles and make less noise than a heavy fog. Anti-administration men have been caught with their plans down . . . on several occasions.

Right now, Edward Breeden Clark, 47 last January, is up to his neck in cows and commas . . . for the administration and Greater University of North Carolina. His salary? Better than four times that of a legislator.

TIME IT TAKES . . . If you plan to come to Raleigh to visit the State House, as who doesn't

who hasn't . . . you want to figure on the time required for the tour.

It may take longer for you . . . but the allotted time recommended by the supervisor is 20 minutes. But, remember, space and glass look alike.

CONTROL . . . The Legislature says you must have seat belts on any new car you buy after January 1, 1964.

You don't have to fasten them . . . but they are better that way. And the buckles are terrible things to sit on.

William M. Bryant of Raleigh reports in the current issue of Reader's Digest that one of his friends involved in a minor auto accident admitted it was all his fault.

The friend, reports Bryant, explained that after he had pulled out of his driveway into the street it dawned on him that he had forgotten something.

"So," he said, "I took my hands off the wheel to fasten my seat belt—and lost control of the car."

KNEE-DEEP . . . What is so rare as a day in June . . . if with it comes adjournment of Legislature?

The Raleigh News & Observer, no stranger to legislative lethargy, got out its whip last week and gave the boys a lar-rup, hinted at a "do-nothing Legislature", and urged them onward.

But the Legislature, slowed by controversy, was moving like molasses in midwinter. Where two weeks ago there was talk of adjournment June 1, now came bets of June 15—a scant two weeks short of money-short '61. But this session has worries which did not plague its predecessor.

The State Senate was pretty well up with its calendar. But this is about par for the course. In the House, where you have more than twice as many members and three times as many bills, the pace was much slower.

But, even there, some committees were moving with great dispatch. An example of this was Judiciary II, chaired by fast-moving, quick-witted Gastonia Attorney Stephen Bland Dolley, Jr. His group, composed exclusively of at-

torneys, had disposed of approximately three-score bills.

No dilly-dallier, Dolley got the Sunday Bill on one Thursday and sent it out with a favorable report one week later. Only two Republicans on the committee, Simpson of Morganton and Bennett of Morehead City, voted against the bill curtailing Sunday selling.

FISHING . . . We observe Mother's Day at our House, red roses and all that, but mainly it is recognized in our establishment as signaling the best time for spring fishing on the coast.

Virginia mullets, sometimes called "whittings", blues, and king mackerel love Mother's

Boone Girl In Meredith Cast

Miss Carolyn Hargrave, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Hargrave, 913 Faculty Street, Boone, was a member of the cast of "Salute to the Carolina Charter", a pageant presented at Meredith College, where she is a student, in connection with the May Day festivities.

You can never tell, from the way a woman smiles at you, what she is thinking of you.

Day weather. In fresh water, bass and blue gills are biting.

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