

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Says Most Carolinians Are Baptists; Statistics Are Given

By EULA N. GREENWOOD
HOW MANY? . . . When we recently wrote here about the numerical superiority of Baptists in North Carolina, and how Negroes could be winning Baptists over to the Catholic faith, we were asked to deal in numbers so one could see the comparative strengths in numbers of some of our denominations in this State.

Well, there are 2,434,720 church members in Tarheelia. These figures were taken in 1960. In the official census for that year, we found the population of North Carolina to be 4,536,153. Thus, you can see that well over 50 per cent of our people belong to some church. When you figure further that a tremendously large percentage of our total population has not reached church membership age—unless you are an infancy follower—you can see that old North Carolina is, officially at least, a good, good State and every inch a solid member of the Bible Belt.

Of the 2,434,720 church members in the State, 1,680,800 of them are Baptists: State Baptist Convention Baptists, General, or Free Will. There are 300,000 general Baptists—and apparently have no truck with the State Baptist Convention. Then you have 50,189 of what we used to call "foot-washing Baptists."

So, more than half of our church members are Baptists. There are 637,535 Methodists in North Carolina. It should be noted here that 155,902 of these belong to a branch known as African Methodist Episcopal Zion.

Despite all the talk, and apparent efforts, in swing Negroes over to the Catholic faith, in 1960 there were only 2,800 members of the Roman Catholic Church in North Carolina. There are only 2,800 members of the Jewish faith.

There are 185,012 Presbyterians in this State. We have four different groups. When the fight on Sunday selling was up in the last Legislature, many a member hollered about his Seventh Day Adventists back home. It sounded like thousands of votes. But in the whole State there are only 3,673 Seventh Day Adventists. And our Friends, the Quakers, now have only 14,200 members—but at Guilford College great strength.

THROUGH THESE EYES . . . A reporter by the name of Clark Cox gave Dr. L. Beverly Lake the thorough once-over one night

recently when the second-runner in the 1960 Democratic gubernatorial campaign spoke to the Boone Rotary Club. Clark is a good reporter.

Writing in the Watauga Democrat, Clark came up with some sharp descriptions of Dr. Lake: "... is a short, balding man in a gray suit, with a Caspar Milquetoast face and eyes like wet prunes."

Some more: "Before speaking to the Rotary Club, he figured like a small cat in a room full of Great Danes. But after his introductory remarks, he took on the aura of a Blackwood prescient who has just been given inside information that tomorrow is Judgment Day."

Says Cox: "When Lake talks to you informally, he stands close, stares straight into your eyes and emphasizes his points with jab of his forefinger, which threatens to bruise your ribs muscles seriously but which always stays just short of doing it. His neck expression becomes one of deep earnestness, and his eyes take on a new fire. You can almost read his thoughts as he tries to make a good impression. Whatever your political affiliation, you have to like the man."

"Lake went to take seven telephone messages which had accumulated in fifteen minutes, and I went back to the newspaper office to write up his speech. On the way, I lit up a cigarette with a 'Looks Like Lake' match. "It made a good flame."

ROAMS THE LAND . . . BACK in the old days we used to receive in mid-summer post cards and beautiful folders telling and showing all about Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville, and other portions of the "Land of the Sky."

In short, Asheville area was regarded as tops as a summer resort. But recently when we were again in the Land of the Sky we asked the manager of one of the fine hotels in that section what his best month is. We were surprised to find it is now October, has been for a number of years. Thomas Wolfe said it, too. There is nothing to compare in beauty with Asheville and thereabouts when "October roams the land."

NEEDED ELSEWHERE . . . Democratic big-wigs are already "running scared" in preparation for the General Election next fall.

While in Washington last week, they laid it on the line. Democrats in North Carolina squeaked by in 1960, may have it harder in 1964, and need both money

and speakers. They were promised both; and were allowed to keep for their Party use in North Carolina \$25,000 originally raised for national efforts.

The Republicans are scared, too—that Charles Jonas will not run. They figure nobody else can handle the Democrats.

With the South in such bad shape as far as the Democratic Party is concerned, new burdens fall upon the sloping shoulders of Lyndon Johnson, who is from Texas where they have one Republican U. S. Senator, Harry Truman was in 1948 with the used-to-be Solid South anything-else-but and so can John F. Kennedy. But—there is trouble; and he is needed—in South Africa, South Viet Nam, or, just the South.

That is the chief reason he has had to turn down a special invitation he had previously accepted to be the chief speaker at a big Employment Symposium planned for Greensboro in early November.

This had been set up officially for September, but when it was learned that Vice-President Johnson could not make it that month, the time was moved until later in the year. But now the Vice-President is on other special duties for the President and the engagement has been cancelled.

IN JET STREAM . . . Raleigh, in so many ways, alas, is becoming a big city. An unofficial census now—and it may buy an official one prior to 1970—would show the Capital City with over 100,000 souls. It can match many another city of greater size in several items too numerous to mention—

And now it is getting jets at the Raleigh-Durham Airport. The first big one will blow in next Friday, October 11, and then they will be coming with increasing regularity—with one-hour service from Raleigh to New York or to Atlanta.

ATOM TREATY APPROVED. A treaty prohibiting nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and in the waters of the earth was passed by a vote of 80 to 19.

Explosions underground are permitted so long as there is no fallout of radioactive material outside the testing country.

When Russia and Britain officially ratify the treaty it will be the first treaty on a point of major East-West conflict that the West has been able to work out with the Soviet Union since 1955.



Mr. A. S. Cooper stands beside the reliable thermometer and barometer which he checks three times daily in making his weather forecasts.

Local Weatherman Says Forecasting Is Hobby

By CLARK COX
"No, I've just about quit payin' any attention to that weather stuff," A. S. Cooper, of the Brownwood community, told me. "Now you know you've not," Mrs. Cooper said. "You still check three times a day, like always."

Cooper modestly denies his right to the title of this area's most dependable amateur weather forecaster. But the fact remains that he's hard to beat when it comes to picking the right and wrong times for having, picnics, and various other outdoor projects and get-togethers.

The thermometer and barometer on his front porch are checked thrice daily, as is the nearby rain gauge if precipitation has occurred. Then the readings are compared with readings from other nearby sections.

"Comparison with other readings is the most important thing," Cooper said. "That way, maybe you can get some idea of how the air currents are moving, and if you know that much it gives you a basis for a forecast."

Weather forecasting is purely a hobby for Cooper, who has lived and farmed in Brownwood for the entirety of his 63 years. But he approaches it with the objective passion of an avid scientist, refusing to let heavenly "signs" or the thickness of tree bark tempt him into long-range predictions.

"What kind of winter do you think we'll have?" I asked Cooper. "I don't know any more about that than you do," he said. "A

The House passed by a vote of 271 to 155 the largest tax cut bill in history.

If the Senate passes the measure it holds the prospects of \$100 to \$200 more take-home pay every year for the majority of tax-paying families.

CCHS, AHS Offer Courses For Adults In Fall, Winter

The Agriculture Departments of Appalachian and Cove Creek High Schools will offer four short courses for adults this fall and winter.

The first will be in electric welding to be held at the Cove Creek Agricultural Building beginning October 21, 7 p.m. The class will meet Monday and Wednesday nights, three hours per night for five weeks.

The next course will be in small gas engine repair and operation at Cove Creek in January.

A pesticide course will be held in Boone, beginning March 1. The fourth course will be in farm electrification at Cove Creek in February. Most of the courses will run about 2 hours.

Any person in Watauga County over 16 and not enrolled in school may enroll in these courses. A certificate will be awarded those who successfully complete the courses.

The cost of the course will be the students' share of teaching materials, which will be very small.

A minimum of ten must be enrolled to offer the course and in

some courses not more than 20 can be taken. Enrollment will be on a first come basis.

Those desiring to enroll should contact Joe N. Banner at Boone or R. G. Shipley at Cove Creek.

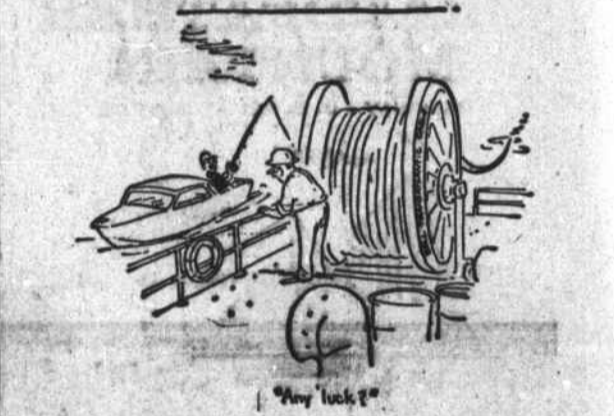
People rarely dislike individuals who ask them for nothing, and who go along easily with the crowd.

NAVY UNIFORM CHANGES
The Navy's proud chief petty officers may lose exclusive rights to their distinctive dress uniforms. About 1,000 lower ranked sailors in the Atlantic and Pacific fleets will swap their traditional bell-bottom trousers and jumpers for a new dress uniform which looks like a chief's coat-shirt-time-and-trouser outfit, except for the insignia. This is a test designed to gauge public acceptance and enhance prestige among the lower ranks.

Telephone Talk by W. R. COOKE, JR. Your Telephone Manager. Includes a small portrait of W. R. Cooke, Jr. and a telephone icon.

THE QUIETEST PLACE ON EARTH is probably a room at Bell Telephone Laboratories where engineers do research in the science of acoustics. The walls and ceiling are lined with wedges of fiberglass to a depth of five feet. The "floor" consists of high strength steel cables strung under high tension mesh suspended from the walls. This unique floor is capable of supporting tons of heavy equipment. The work done in this strange room will continue to answer many of the questions of acoustical scientists and result in further improvements in telephone service.

TELEFACTS: There are 41 telephones for every 100 persons in the U. S. In Russia, the ratio is 2 telephones for every 100 people. Southern Bell customers can call 146,000,000 telephones throughout the world.



IF THERE'S A COLLEGE STUDENT IN YOUR FAMILY, he's probably returning to school this month. If he's typical, he'll arrive at his Alma Mater homesick, and with a list of things he forgot to bring from home. All of which call for quick communication with the folks. Now, and all during the school year, the quickest, most personal way to keep in touch with away-from-home students is by telephone. A warm, family conversation can cure many ills, including homesickness. And no matter how far he is from home, the Long Distance rates are low.

Thanks! The Watauga Hereford Breeders Association Takes This Opportunity of Expressing Gratitude to: Grange Insurance Service, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Watauga Feed & Milling Co., Goodnight Brothers Produce, Brown & Graham Motor Co., The Northwestern Bank, Greene Furniture Co., and the Hereford Barn Restaurant for their support of the Hereford Show & Sale scheduled for Saturday, October 12. The Breeders are pleased that these firms have indicated that they recognize the cattle industry as an important part of the economy of growing Watauga County. Watauga Hereford BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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