

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Veep Couldn't Visit Carolina; Had To Go To Texas . . . With JFK

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ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT . . . When members of the N. C. Good Neighbor Council were advised by the Governor back in October that Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson could not come to North Carolina in mid-November as planned, they wondered what was up.

Vice President Johnson had told Governor Sanford at the Governors Conference in Florida earlier in the fall that he would be the main speaker at a big industrial conference tentatively scheduled for Greensboro around November 15-20. This was to have been a general meeting for a report on how the Negro is progressing in the employment phase of integration in North Carolina.

Then came the brief letter to the Governor. The President had other plans for him at that time, went the cordial note, and he just could not make it to Tarheelia. So, the meeting was marked out.

And, the replacement was Texas — San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Dallas—

CLOSE FRIEND . . . Had it not been for Lyndon Johnson's speeches in the Piedmont area of North Carolina in 1960, this State might well have gone Republican.

He has a lot of close friends and distant relatives in North Carolina.

A lot of the men and women who were with the National Youth Administration, the WPA, and in the cradle days of the Employment Security Administration—called another name then, recall meetings with Johnson back in the 30's. He grew up deep in the heart of the New Deal . . . and now that he is President will not depart from it.

He is a true Southerner, they say, not a Westerner. We first took note of him some ten years ago when news correspondents in Washington voted him the most influential member of the U. S. Senate.

HATE . . . Consensus is that hate killed John F. Kennedy. There is a lot of hatred in Dallas, in the U. S., and right here in North Carolina. Nobody seems to have a corner on it. You find it on all sides: clubs, church, work.

And, the strange thing about it is that it is not the old hatred of the Democrats toward the Republicans or vice versa. That was a mild dislike. This current thing is real, deep-down hatred.

The ultraliberals hate the ultraconservatives. Party lines have little to do with it. Some people among the rights and the lefts seem peculiarly adept at generating hatred. They do it

vocally and through the written word. They hate with great intelligence.

This "gag law" thing is the most recent bone of the hate-mongers. It is Law. However, if it were not this, it would be something else. This peculiar hatred which has developed here in North Carolina in recent years—and it is mostly among Democrats — has in it the genesis to destroy the Democratic Party.

Its main foundation: lack of understanding of, or tolerance for, the other person's point of view.

GAIN AND LOSS . . . The

man who gained the most politically through the sudden turn of events is Dan L. Moore of Canton, busy candidate for Governor.

Gov. Terry Sanford is not for Moore. Gov. Sanford is an all-out, no-holds-barred supporter of Richardson Preyer of Greensboro. Now that Lyndon Johnson is President, U. S. Sens. Sam Ervin—a Moore man—and Everett Jordan have new strength. They are old Senate buddies of the new President.

President Johnson and the Governor get along. As Governor of North Carolina, Luther Hodges went to Los Angeles in 1960 an out-and-out Johnson man. The N. C. delegation were

Johnsonites.

But Terry Sanford, using the same savvy that made him Governor at the age of 44 (he and our late President were each born in 1917), decided he would go with a "winner". Terry went down the line for John F. Kennedy, thus emerging as the Southern Governor closest to the President.

Governor Sanford had more influence with President Kennedy than did any member of our Congressional delegation. It has paid off in many, many ways—directly and indirectly.

But now things have changed. There came a king who knew not Joseph. As a matter of fact, there had been talk in recent weeks—and we also read of it here and there—that Terry Sanford might be John F. Kennedy's running mate in 1964 . . .

So, Moore gained . . . and lost.

The candidacy of Dr. I. Beverly Lake will cut very deeply into Moore's strength. It adds up to this: the rich conservatives are for Dan L. Moore; and the poor conservatives are for Dr. Lake.

It is a pity, say friends, that the two could not get together. But they could not—or would not. November brought gain and loss to Moore.

There was some feeling that the death of Kennedy would take a lot of the wind out of Lake's sails, but apparently his supporters think not.

STILL COUNTING . . . So, as of early December, the candidacy of Richardson Preyer looks stronger. Each day that Robert Scott delays getting into the race for Governor is a day's gain for Preyer.

Those closest to Preyer say he is a very shy person, as is the case with so many scholars. But he is certainly seeing the people, building a satisfactory image. Meantime, Bob Scott continues his countdown.

Bankers' Aid To Farms Wins National Award

The bankers of North Carolina have won another top national award for their continuing service to agriculture in the state.

The County Key Banker for Watauga County, Sam W. Dixon, Executive Vice-President of the First National Bank of Boone, was advised last week that the N. C. Bankers Association has won the top Agricultural Award presented by the American Bankers Association. This makes the 19th consecutive award the bankers of North Carolina have won.

Among the projects listed by Mr. Dixon which won the award are the annual Short Course in Modern Farming at N. C. State, attended by young farmers under scholarships paid by their hometown banks; a farm credit conference attended by hundreds of bankers and farmers; and a land judging conference in which thousands of FFA members participate.

News of the award was received by W. C. Barrett, vice president of the State Bank, Laurinburg, who served as last year's chairman of the NCBA agriculture committee. Dr. J. W. Pou, vice president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Greenville, was vice chairman and moved up to the chairmanship this year.

The bankers' organization annually appoints an agricultural liaison man in each of the 100 counties, called the "County Key Banker."

NCBA President John J. Mason, of Tarboro, expressed the pride of all bankers for having won this recognition again.

"It is important that efficient farm businesses have the kinds and amounts of credit they need. I am glad that the banks of North Carolina continue to prove the chief source

of farm credit and it is encouraging to see that they are meeting this challenge," Mason said.

MICE EAT MARIJUANA

Los Angeles — County clerks found that mice had eaten their fill of narcotics stored as evidence when they made a routine check in the storeroom. So hyped-up were the mice that they turned on the men and growled.

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