

# SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington—One of the most inspiring events I have ever observed occurred in the auditorium of the Labor Department here on Tuesday morning of last week when President Eisenhower presented the President's trophy to Sam M. Cathey, of Asheville, North Carolina, as the "most distinguished handicapped person of the year."

**Sam Cathey**  
Sam Cathey is a remarkable person. He was accidentally blinded at the age of 20 years. Despite this handicap, he attended the University of North Carolina, where he made an exemplary record as a student of law.

Upon his graduation from law school, Sam Cathey embarked upon the practice of law at Asheville, where his sterling qualities of head and heart soon won for him the post of Judge of the Municipal Court. He still occupies this judicial position.

During the 24 years of his service on the Municipal Bench, Sam Cathey has demonstrated an unflinching capacity to execute justice in mercy. In addition to performing his judicial labors, he has rendered valiant service to other handicapped people, particularly the blind.

The circumstances under which I first met Sam Cathey merit recounting. About thirty years ago, I was sitting beside a friend in a smoker on a train. Sam Cathey entered the smoker, seated himself, and listened to our conversation for about a minute. He then turned to me and said: "You must be Joe Ervin's brother. I can tell it by your voice."

Since that time, I have followed Sam Cathey's career with increasing admiration. Judge, Sam Cathey has refused to permit his blindness to be a handicap to him. As a result, his life ought to be an inspiration to all of us.

**Veto**  
The Senate had an exceedingly busy time last week. On Tuesday it voted 54 to 39 to override the President's veto of the Postal Pay Bill. The object of the majority was not accomplished, however, because the Constitution provides that a two-thirds vote is necessary to override a Presidential veto. I was one of the 54 who voted to override the veto. I took this course because I thought the proposed increases in the compensation of postal employees were necessary to

offset increases in the cost of living. Prospects are that another Postal Pay Bill providing for similar increases in compensation will be enacted by the Congress within a few days.

**Highway Bill**  
During the past week the Senate rejected the Administration's Highway Bill and passed a substitute Highway Bill popularly known as the Gore Bill. In my judgment, the Senate acted wisely in so doing for two chief reasons. Under the Administration Bill, control over interstate highways would have been vested in a new Federal Highway Corporation. Under the Gore Bill, control over such highways is left with the present road governing authorities. As a consequence, state highway authorities will continue to have a large voice in the construction of interstate highways. Under the Administration Bill, the bulk of the monies furnished by the Federal Government for the construction of highways would have been raised by a bond issue, which would have borne interest rates totaling approximately 55 per cent over the entire life of the bonds. Under the Gore Bill, the bulk of the monies furnished by the Federal Government for highway construction will come from current tax revenues.

**Big Gains Shown In Income Distribution**  
Close to half of all spending units in the United States had a money income of \$4,000 or more a year in 1954, just about double the proportion in 1947, according to the latest Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances.

The most dramatic change occurred in the \$5,000 to \$7,500 income bracket, which comprised 21 per cent of all spending units last year as compared with only 9 per cent in 1947. Eleven per cent more had a money income of \$7,500 or more in 1954 against 5 per cent seven years before, while the proportions for the \$4,000-\$5,000 bracket were 15 and 10 per cent, respectively.

These changes were accompanied by a big drop in the group with incomes under \$3,000 a year, where the proportion last year was 37 per cent as compared with 59 per cent in 1947. Percentage-wise, the \$3,000-\$4,000 income group has remained quite stable over the period.



**LONG STORY**—Sixty inches and 52 pounds of sturgeon will be a conversation piece for many winter evenings to come for Gary Booth, left, and Edwin Heidtke, of Wisconsin Dells, Wis. The 15-year-old Explorer Scouts now can add an authentic fish story to their other lore; have already come up with one about the "one that got away"—a Jonah that towed their boat along the Wisconsin River for 20 minutes before breaking a 40-pound test line.

## Hospital Patients

Patients admitted to Chowan Hospital during the week May 23-29 were:

**White**  
Edenton: Gary Swanner, Mrs. Margaret Goodwin, Mrs. Roxie Hollowell, Mrs. Jackie Dixon, Mrs. Edna Tinscher, Mrs. Carolyn Craig, Mrs. Virginia Stevens, Mrs. Mary Bass, Mrs. Mary Jane Wilcox, Mrs. Doris Alexander, Thomas Ambrose, Mrs. Emma Perkins.

Hertford: Mrs. Blanche Harrell, Mrs. Rosa Ritchey, Mrs. Lillie Johnson, Harry Bond, Mrs. Evelyn Harrison.  
Hobbsville: Mrs. Mary Smith.  
Gatesville: Mrs. Mae Harrell.

**Negro**  
Edenton: Flossie Ward, Aubrey Miller, Annie Bonner, Doris Newsome, Roxanna Satterfield, Donnell Blount, Doris Boyce, John Jones, Sr., Vivian Granby.  
Tyner: Willie Hurdle, Sarah Privott.

Hertford: Dorothy Lindsey, William Kiddick.  
Sunbury: Jessie Eason, Shirley Goodwin.

Creswell: Margaret Hodges.  
Patients discharged from hospital during the same week were:

**White**  
Edenton: Gary Swanner, Mrs. Barbara Kilcarr, Mrs. Margaret Goodwin, Mrs. Carolyn Craig, Robert Pate, Mrs. Jackie Dixon, Mrs. Edna Tinscher, Mrs. Mary Forehand, Mrs. Mary Bass, Dr. Wallace Griffin.

Baltimore, Md.: Mrs. Josie White.

Tyner: Mr. Elijah.  
Creswell: Mack Langley.  
Hertford: Mrs. Blanche Harrell, Mrs. Lillie Johnson, Mrs. Rosa Ritchey, Mrs. Leticia Perry.  
Hobbsville: Mrs. Mary Smith.

**Negro**  
Tyner: Willie Hurdle, Donnie Copeland.  
Merry Hill: Charlie Mack III.  
Edenton: Earl Newby, Katie Williams, Flossie Ward, Annie Bonner, Donnell Blount, Doris Boyce, Shirley Goodman, Doris Newsome.

Hertford: Dorothy Lindsey.  
Sunbury: Jessie Eason.  
Windsor: Jessie Williams.

**Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kilcarr, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas Dixon, a son; Mr. and Mrs. William Harrell, a son; Mr. and

Mrs. Darrell Ritchey, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tinscher, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Smith, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Perry, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wilcox, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrison, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig, a son; Mr. and Mrs. John College, a daughter.

Visiting ministers for the week May 30-June 5 are: White, the Rev. James Keenan; Negro, the Rev. James Keenan.

## Stuart Curtis Region YDC Club Organizer

Stuart A. Curtis, Ahoskie attorney, has been appointed as Eastern Region Organizer of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina by State President John R. Jordan, Jr. Mr. Curtis will be concerned with organizing and strengthening YDC Clubs in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Congressional Districts of North Carolina, and will work with State Organizer Victor Bryant, Jr., of Durham.

Mr. Curtis is a native of Ahoskie and a graduate of the Ahoskie High School in 1938. He attended Wake Forest and won a B.S. degree in 1949, and an L.L.B. degree in 1951.

While filing claims for unemployment insurance at the local employment office Hawkins knowingly did not report that he had worked for Duke Braswell. He was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days in jail suspended upon payment of a fine of \$20 and costs of the action.

There are further penalties which accompany such convictions. Not only is a claimant held ineligible for benefits for the remainder of his benefit year which begins on the day he first files a claim, but also any benefits which he has drawn after the commission of the fraud must be repaid before he can draw any further benefits in the future.

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The danger of long-continued hiccups was dramatized for all of us when Pope Pius XII suffered a series of attacks which endangered his life. Cases have been recorded which lasted as long as nine months. Drugs, inhalations, and even surgery have been used in the past to control hiccups. A new drug, chlorpromazine, seems to promise good results in most difficult cases.

Hiccup is due to a spasm of the diaphragm, resulting from an irritation of the nerve pathways. The irritation may have a simple cause, such as overeating or drinking or even a fit of laughter. When hiccups come from simple causes, they may also be caused by a disease or toxic condition. Hiccups may make it difficult to treat the disease which caused the spasm in the first place. In some cases, it may be necessary to block or crush the phrenic nerve which controls the diaphragm.

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## Hard Luck

A man tried to train a fish to live out of water. The first day he kept the fish out of the bowl for one hour. The second day, for two hours. The third, for three hours, and so on until it would live in the air for a day at a time.

One day the man was walking over a bridge, while the fish, which

had become fond of its master, followed close behind. But, oh, the pity of it, the fish slipped, fell off the bridge into the river, and was drowned.

And many a word, at random spoken, May soothe or wound a heart that's broken. —Scott.

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