

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — With the rise of the Anti-Federalists in North Carolina there came new political faces on the scene in the Senate of the United States.

Former Governor Alexander Martin, a native of New Jersey who had come to Guilford County from Virginia, was representative of the type of change that was taking place in the political make-up of our State. Described as a moderate in politics, he began to lean toward the state's rights philosophy of the Anti-Federalists (they were called Republicans at that time), opposing the strong national government concept of the Federalists. He was elected to the United States Senate to succeed Senator Samuel Johnston. Martin took his seat in the Senate on March 4, 1793, serving to March 3, 1797. He had a prior record of great service. He was a Colonel of the Second North Carolina Regiment in the Continental Army and had rendered North Carolina service in other capacities before his election as Governor and Senator. Senator Martin was the third in succession of our Senators. He died on his plantation, "Danbury," in what is now Stokes County on November 10, 1807.

Timothy Bloodworth, the fourth in the line of succession as United States Senators from North Carolina, was a native of New Hanover County. He was thoroughly dedicated to the cause of the Anti-Federalists. Prior to being named to the Senate, he had served as a Delegate to the Continental Congress and had been the first Representative from his District in the United States House of Representatives. Senator Bloodworth took his office as Senator on March 4, 1795. He served until March 3, 1801. He died in Wilmington on August 24, 1814.

The surge of Jeffersonian Democracy was reaching its zenith in North Carolina then as reflected in its Senators.

The next, or fifth Senator, Jesse Franklin, succeeded Benjamin Hawkins. Franklin was a native Virginian who had come to Surry County, North Carolina. He also had served as an officer in the Continental Army and was a member of the State House of Commons and the State Senate prior to being elected Representative in the Fourth Congress. Senator Franklin was elected to the Senate of the United States and took his seat on March 4, 1799 for the term expiring on March 3, 1805. On March 10, 1804, Franklin was named President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the first Senator from North Carolina to achieve that high position. When Senator David Stone resigned in 1807, Hawkins returned to the Senate from North Carolina as the Junior Senator to Senior Senator James Turner and served from March 4, 1807 to March 3, 1813, not being a candidate for reelection. After his Senate service he became Governor of North Carolina. Franklin died in Surry County on August 31, 1823.

North Carolina's sixth United States Senator was David Stone, a Bertie County native, who was a distinguished lawyer and judge and a member of the House of Representatives. Senator Stone was seated on March 4, 1801. He held office until just prior to the expiration of his term on March 4, 1807, when he resigned to become Governor of North Carolina. He returned to the United States Senate again, serving from March 4, 1813 until his resignation on December 24. He died on his Wake County plantation and is buried there.

### Railroad Zoology

An old lady was taking a pet tortoise by train from London to Edinburgh and wanted to know whether she ought to buy a dog ticket for it—as one has to do in England when taking a cat by train because cats officially count as dogs.

"No, mum," said the tickets inspector, "Cats is dogs, and dogs is dogs, and squirrels in cages is parrots; but this here turtle is an insect, and we won't charge you nothing."

## Road Numbering Project Progress Reported By SHC

### Plan Calls For Numbering All Secondary Roads

The State Highway Department reports good progress in its program of numbering secondary road facilities throughout the State. State Traffic Engineer Robert Burch says the license plate type signs have now appeared in each of the 14 highway divisions and the numbering system will be completely finished by the January target date.

Each road in the State's 58,000 mile secondary system will carry its own number and road signs showing the number will appear at every road intersection when the program is completed. It is estimated that some 250,000 signs, prepared by the State Prison System, will be needed to round out the program.

Early in the summer, the Highway Commission approved the numbering procedure to eliminate confusion which has resulted from the traditional use of local road names to designate secondary facilities. Highway officials and the general public alike had trouble pinpointing road requests and petitions for improvement since some roads carried as many as three or four different local names. Under the present program, roads are assigned a simple four digit number, white numbers on a black background and reflectorized for the convenience of night-time driving. White arrows point to the designated road and a smaller number at the bottom of the sign indicates the number of the county in which the road is located.

County numbers are in alphabetical order within a highway division, beginning with eastern North Carolina highway division and moving westward.

Highway officials are confident that the numbering system will be of considerable value to motorists who may be unfamiliar with the area through which they are traveling. When given directions to follow a given

## Legion Auxiliary Planning For Christmas Gifts For Veterans

The October meeting of the Edward G. Bond unit No. 40, American Legion Auxiliary, was held at the home of Mrs. Mack Rogerson. The Membership Committee reported that only ten members had paid their dues for the next Auxiliary year. The secretary urged the committee to get the memberships in by November 6 in order that they can be in the Department office by November 10.

The unit voted to hold a joint supper meeting with the Post on November 10, at which time a short program in celebration of Veterans Day will be given.

The unit members are asked to bring to this meeting gifts for the Christmas gift shops at the veterans' hospitals in North Carolina. These gifts are to cost not less than \$1.00 and not more than \$3.00.

Following are some gift suggestions:

Men: Tie and sock sets, socks (sized), shaving sets, pen and pencil sets, handkerchiefs, underwear (sized), billfolds, toilet articles.

Women: Hose (sized), cosmetics, pen and pencil sets, underwear (sized), dress lengths, aprons, towels, bath sets, pillow cases, costume jewelry (new, please).

Children: Books, crayons, paint sets, toys, baby clothes.

On road number it will be easier for the motorist to find a particular location without stopping at every crossroad to inquire.

The system will also be invaluable to the Commission in a more accurate record keeping of construction projects and maintenance costs. Several of the highway divisions have had numbering systems for their own purposes for several years. The new plan of standardizing numbering throughout the State will permit the posting of the roads for the convenience of the traveling public.

The Highway Department estimates the cost of each sign at \$0.27 with the total cost for numbering the entire system set at approximately \$60,000.

Logic

Ship's Cook — Give me some powder to kill cockroaches with.

## AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Taking Of The 1959 Census Of Agriculture is scheduled to begin in Chowan County on November 18. It is very important that every farm family in the county give full cooperation.

About November 11, a week before, each farmer should receive a questionnaire through the mail. Use this questionnaire to assemble your information so you will have it ready for the census taker when he calls.

The agricultural census is very important for several reasons. It is very important in time of war but just as important in time of peace. Everyone is affected by our agriculture because people everywhere and at all times need food and clothing. Millions of nonfarm people are affected by what happens in agriculture.

A census is needed because a large number of operating units are engaged in agricultural production. The 1959 census will bring facts about U. S. Agriculture up to date. It will provide facts about changes in agriculture. The 1959 Census of Agriculture is required by an Act of Congress.

Last, but not least, the agricultural census is very valuable in agricultural program planning. Your county agricultural workers refer and use it very frequently. In my work, as your county agricultural agent, I use the census very often. Behind the scenes, the census is very valuable to farmers in their farm programs.

"A job worth doing is worth doing well." Let's give the census takers our full cooperation.

New Peanut Variety leads in yield in Peanut Variety Test Demonstration. Experiment station 13 yielded 241 pounds per acre higher than any other variety in the demonstration.

Yields per acre were as follows: Experiment 13 yield 1,912 pounds, Georgia 119-20 yield 1,671 pounds, NC-2 yield 1,708 pounds, Virginia 56R yield 1,949 pounds, NC14X yield 1,532 pounds, LS-1 yield 1,494 pounds, and Jumbo Runner yield 1,532 pounds per acre.

A grade sample was drawn from each plot. As soon as samples are graded a complete report will be published.

The Gum Pond Community Sing on Tuesday night was a very enjoyable affair. Some over 75 men, women and children were present. Mrs. Florine Nixon presented a most impressive devotion.

The male quartet and the girls quartet numbers were very good. The whole group joined in singing several old familiar songs and hymns. It just lifts a person up to attend and participate in such wonderful community spirit and fellowship. Congratulations to the Gum Pond group.

There are no greater miracles known to earth than perfection and an unbroken friendship.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

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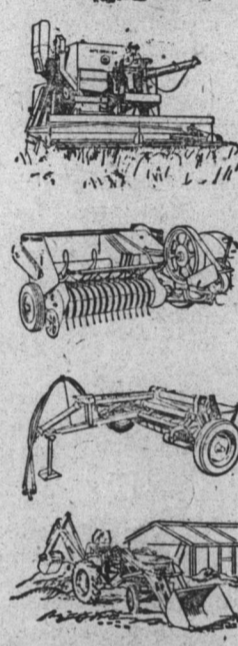
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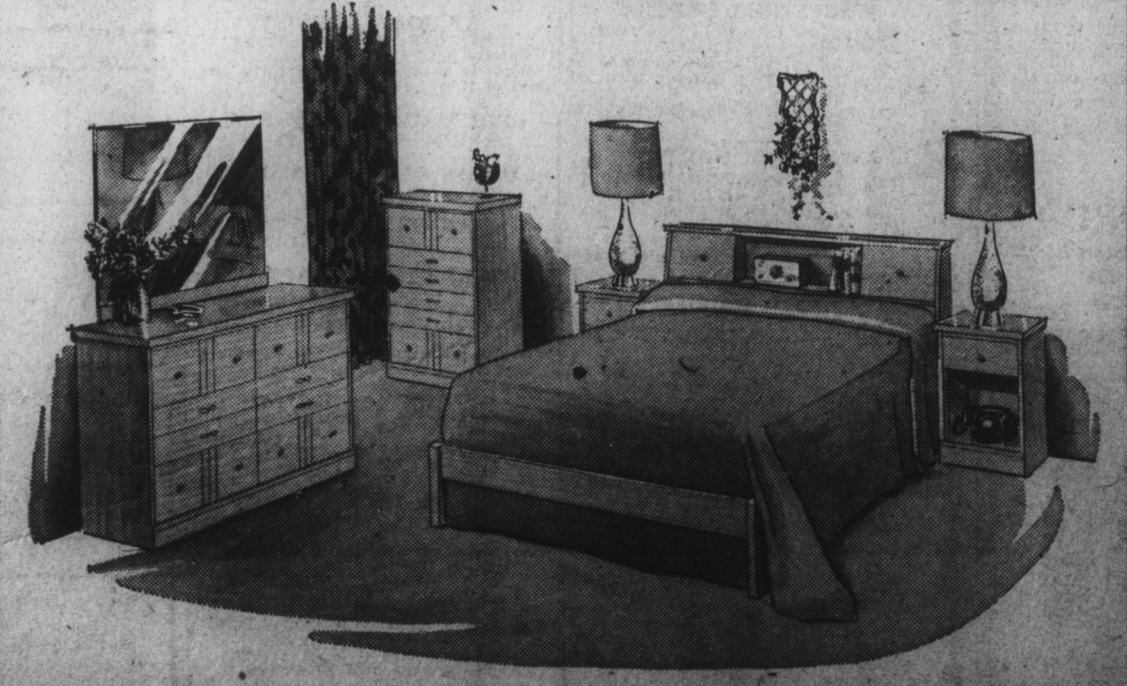
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