

SENATOR Sam Ervin SAYS

Washington—Lawmakers, like those who visit the Nation's Capital, welcome the spring pageant that is traditionally known here as the Cherry Blossom Festival. The warmer days and the Japanese cherry trees unfold a panorama along the Potomac Basin that is inspiring to all who witness it.

Geneva Pasley — North Carolinians remind me on many occasions that they have an abiding interest in the prospects for peace and the avoidance of war by this nation. To this end I am mindful of the trust imposed upon me as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. This year our defense expenditures will be in the neighborhood of \$50 billions so that we may effectively cope with aggression directed toward our country. The President recently commented on the progress we are making toward peace. He said: "the great currents of history are carrying the world away from Communism and toward democracy and freedom." At the same time while the tide may be moving with the United States, we still find it necessary to engage in talks with the Russians at the Geneva meeting that recall bygone days. While I am not opposed to talking with the nations of the world about effective safeguards for peace, history has demonstrated time and again that an aggressor nation has no intention of abiding by a disarmament treaty. Reports from the conference have indicated a willingness by our British friends to reduce to a minimum the standards for international inspection to safeguard disarmament. Signing a weak treaty will not make disarmament possible, nor do I believe that we will want to relive a period of history when ineffective treaties were unwisely hailed as the dawn of the era of peace. It is well to remind ourselves that while Soviet diplomats sit around the conference table at Geneva, Soviet actions are going on in Berlin, Vietnam, the Congo, and Cuba.

Hearings — Woodrow Wilson in his commentaries on Congress said: "Congress in committee is Congress at work." The tax revision bill has been reported for debate by the House Rules Committee, but for the most part Congress has been engaged in hearings on major pieces of legislation yet to come up for debate. House committees have been holding hearings on foreign aid for 1962 and the general farm bill. Senate committee hearings have been going on concerning public works, wiretapping, and literacy voting requirements.

Voting Tests — Hearings are under way before the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee in the Senate on three bills which seek to establish by federal law educational tests for voters. The fundamental concept of our government for 172 years has been that this republic rests upon the intelligent exercise of the voting privilege by the electorate. These bills expressly violate the Constitution which is specific on the rights of the States to stipulate their own tests of eligibility for voting. It is interesting to observe that the decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court have uniformly upheld reasonable requirements which exclude from voting the

illiterate, the felonious criminal and the mentally incompetent. The Court has held these voting requirements are neutral on the subject of race, creed and color. None of the three bills before the Committee have any operative statutory provisions which refer to racial discrimination. The clear mandate of the Constitution of the United States and the court decisions to this hour has been that changes such as the proponents of these bills seek to bring about can be lawfully done only through Constitutional amendments adopted by the Congress and the states. The plain truth of the matter is that heretofore the Constitution and the Courts have reposed a constitutional trust in the states concerning the eligibility of voters. The framers of this bill would remove that trust.

CENTER HILL CLUB MEETS

The Center Hill Junior 4-H Club met Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Chris Venters. Linda Sherrill Monds, president, called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the 4-H pledge was repeated by the group. Chris Venters led the group in singing "America" and gave the devotion and prayer. Linda Goodwin reported \$11 made by the 4-Hers when they served the Ruritan dinner in February.

Harry Venters, assistant county agricultural agent, introduced Chief Leo LaVoie of the Edenton Police Department, who showed a film and talked to the group on bicycle safety. All the boys and girls especially enjoyed having Chief LaVoie meet

with them. Chris Venters, host, served refreshments of ice cream, sodas and cookies to those present. There were 15 members present and several visitors. President Linda S. Monds welcomed Charles Asbell and Tom Bulls as new members. The group was invited to meet with Robert, Phyllis and Tom Bulls for the April meeting.

GLORIA BYRUM,
Reporter.

Lunch Room Menu

Menus at the John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of April 9-13 will be as follows:

Monday: Cornbeef with potatoes and gravy, buttered yellow corn, hot biscuits, butter, cheese slices, apple sauce, milk.
Tuesday: Tuna fish salad on lettuce, cranberries, grapefruit sections, salted crackers, dried pinto beans, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken pan pie with yellow corn, candied yams, bread, chocolate block cake, turnip, greens, butter, milk.

Thursday: Beef soup, apple pie, milk, pimento cheese and peanut butter sandwiches.

Friday: Hamburgers, creamed potatoes, strawberry shortcake, butter, hamburger rolls, garden peas, milk.

WHITE INFANT DIES

Elisha B. White III, two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha B. White, Jr., died early Sunday morning at his home in North Edenton.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Joan Ma-

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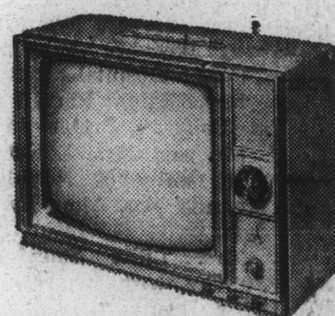
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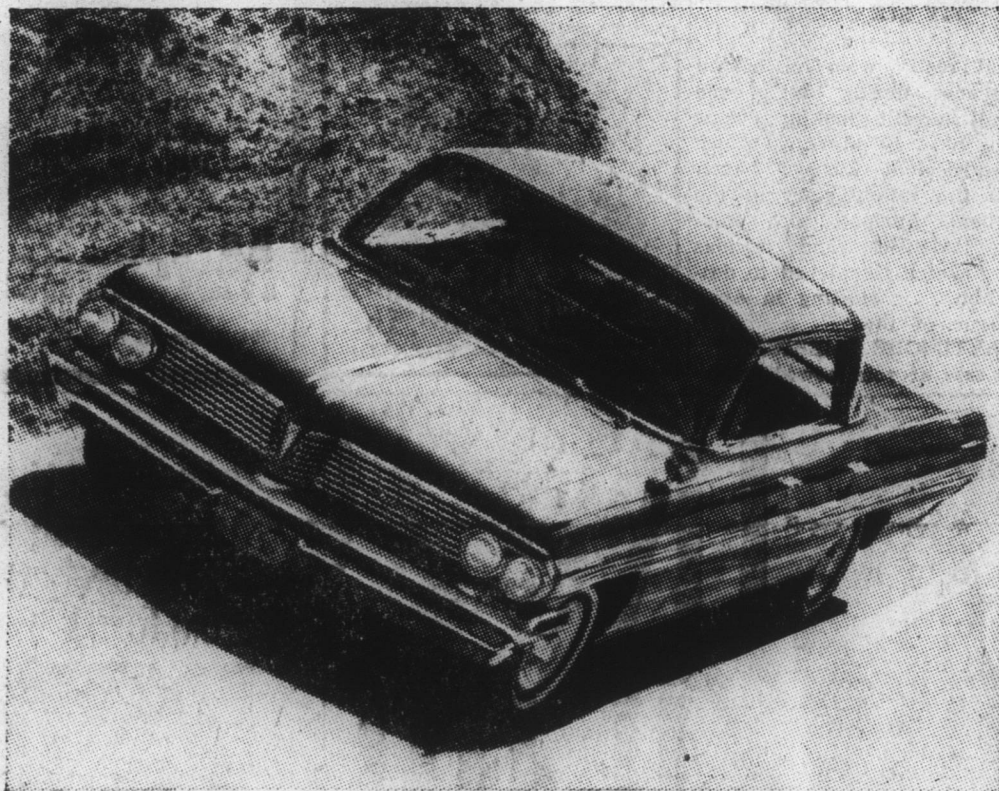
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