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SCREECHES
MURPHY'S LAW—According to the Funk & Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary, Murphy's Law is "The principle that whatever can possibly go wrong will" and there are times when Murphy's Law seems to prevail. The past ten days gave me ample proof of that.

My first inkling that things might not work out as planned came when I arrived in Raleigh for the weekend. A large family outing had been arranged in honor of Etienne's third birthday but at the last minute there were only four of us who could go to the new zoo in Asheboro and besides, it looked like rain. My daughter Vicki and I took the two boys (Etienne and big brother Marcel) for a quick tour, just managing to finish before the skies fell on us. The Honda company picnic was in full swing when we got back but we forgot to bring swim suits. I managed to sprain my thumb playing volleyball and would up the day trying and would up the day trying to mediate a wedding plans.

My arrival in Greensboro was even more prone to mishaps. My reservation at the motel was in good order but the arrangements for the North Carolina Library Association Bicentennial Committee meeting had gone astray. In straightening out the first mess; the management switched room numbers on me and none of my telephone messages were delivered. Despite the mix-up, we had a very productive meeting during which we began planning for another forum series similar to the successful one held this past spring.

My vacation plans were fouled up because my letter to Greensboro suggesting a golf game with a friend there never arrived. So I decided to try a new golf course and got caught in a thunderstorm. Besides getting drenched, I lost my umbrella.

The next thing that went wrong was a bit more serious. The flowers ordered for my son Stephen's wedding were sent my mistake to San Francisco and were two days late in getting to Raleigh. However, "All's well that end well" and by everyone pitching in, literally, the wedding in the meadow went very smoothly.

HOOTS
GOOD NEWS—The summer programs for children have gotten off to a great start in the libraries of the Pettigrew Region (Shepard-Pruden Memorial

Library in Edenton, Tyrrell County Public Library in Columbia, and Washington County Library in Plymouth). The reading clubs have enrolled a large number - well over a hundred in Plymouth alone. And the crafts class is proving popular again, too. In an attempt to demonstrate colonial homemaking chores, the children churned butter last week and I can vouch for their success: it tasted good.

Wood Says

State Needs Strong Auditor

DURHAM—A strong, independent state auditor who can insure that state funds are properly spent is urgently needed, George Wood, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, said Friday.

Wood, campaigning in Durham, proposed that the state auditor be appointed and that he issue performance audits.

The present auditor is elected.

"Members of the General Assembly should select the auditor and name him to a long-term, perhaps as much as 10 years," Wood said. "In this way the auditor could hold an independent office and would be able to act without fear of displeasing anyone."

The auditor must have the authority to examine spending and performance of all state programs, Wood said.

Under Wood's proposal, the auditor would report to the General Assembly, the governor and the public. The auditor now reports officially to the Advisory Budget Commission.

"The people thus will know who is responsible for overseeing state funds," Wood added. "More efficient and more economic government is bound to result."

Better utilization of state funds has been a key Wood campaign theme. He has urged establishment of a sunset law which would require periodic reapproval of all state programs and reorganization of the legislature to make it more efficient.

Special Service Set By Post 40

Members of Edward G. Bond Post 40 have been requested by commander E. C. Toppin to meet this Sunday at 9:45 A.M. in front of First Presbyterian Church for worship service and mass.

Melanie Morris, oratorical contest winner, will be guest speaker.

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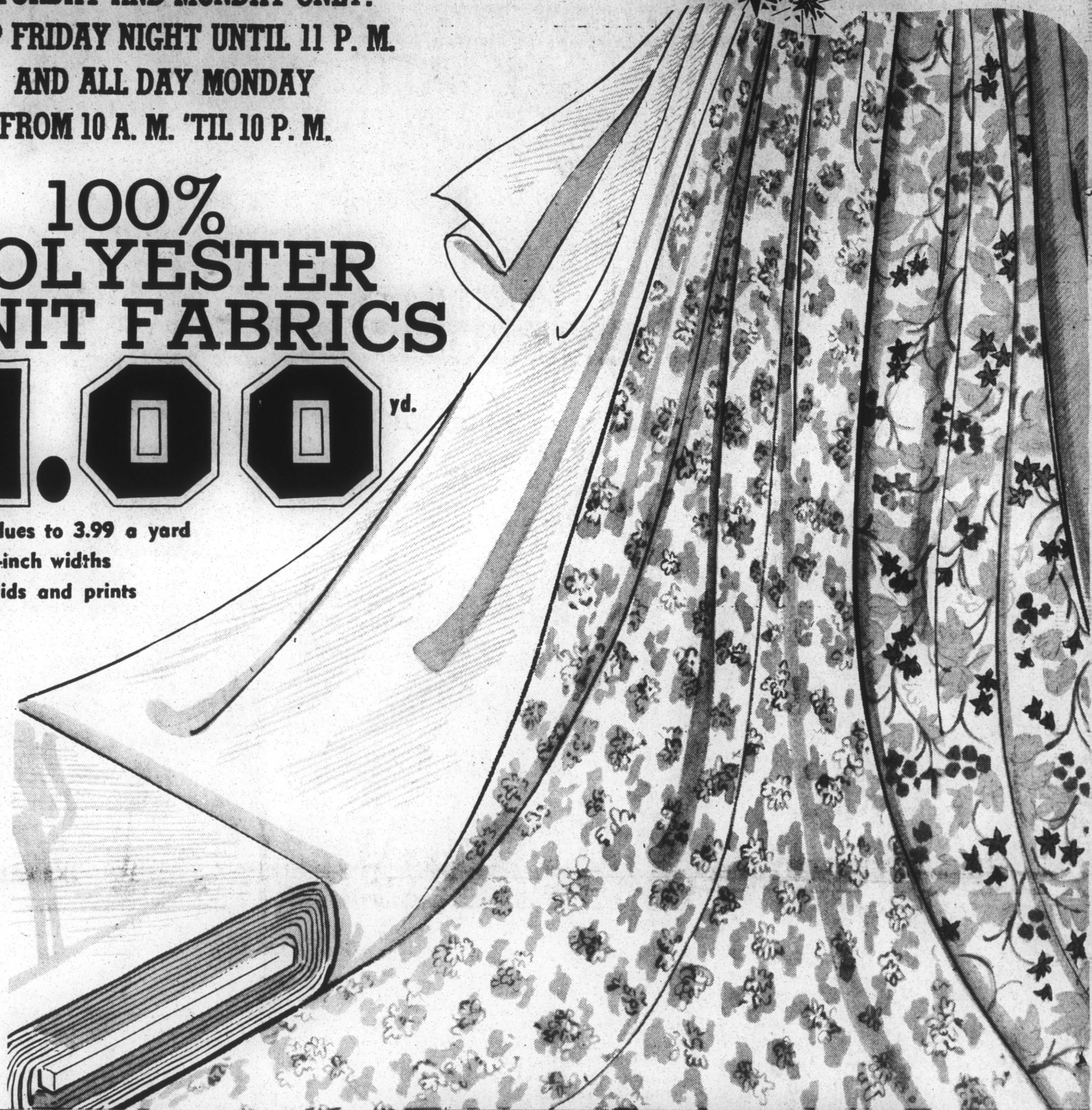
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