

From The Gallery Assembly Members Enjoy Reminiscing

By Mildred Huskins
RALEIGH — Members of the General Assembly are engaged in the business of looking forward and working towards a better future for the people of the state; but Monday evening they took a look backwards and enjoyed their reminiscing.

The House of Representatives and the Senate convened at 9 P.M. in the old House and Senate chambers in the 140-year-old Capitol which is undergoing extensive restoration. The two legislative halls have been restored and after brief preliminaries the entire General Assembly met in joint session in the larger of the two where Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green presided over an informal get-together. This ceremony has become traditional since the lawmakers have moved into more spacious quarters in the Legislative Building about a block north of the Capitol.

The last session of the General Assembly was held in the historic Capitol in 1961 and it was amazing to see that there were as many members who had served in that body still around to recall for the newer members how things were "way back then." The lieutenant governor was serving his first term in the House of Representatives in that year and was so impressed by the senior members he was able to recall Monday evening about where each of them was seated.

Mr. Green said the senior members did not want to sit in the seats up at the front but wanted the aisle seats. He recalled that he was such

a green freshman that he did not think his vote on anything would count. "But I soon found out that in the Mecklenburg delegation, two would vote aye and two would vote no, so their votes did not count and mine did."

The presiding officer of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, Carl Stewart, Jr., sat together at the speaker's desk and were trying to decide which was the front door of the Capitol Building. "Since there are four doors, any one of which could be the front door, we decided they were all front doors, so there could be no back door," Stewart said.

Monday was the 84th legislative day of the session and there were some who were thinking that this month may be the last full month they will be in Raleigh. However, others expressed the opinion that it would take until the final days of June to whip the budget into shape and adjourn the 1977 session.

Dr. Albert Edwards, opening the Monday evening session, asked that members be granted "good sight, good hearing, good sense and good humor ... all of which would result in good judgment."

Before the week was out there was evidence of some of all of that and yet there was some question about whether all of the members had been so generously endowed.

Community college trustees and presidents came to town Wednesday and House Speaker Carl Stewart was their luncheon speaker. At the session later in the afternoon Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank arose on a point of personal privilege and informed the membership that the Speaker had really given the trustees a very fine speech. Rep. Mary Nesbit of Buncombe sought the floor to ask the Gentleman from Pasquotank a question. "Who was invited?" she wanted to know and was informed that boards of trustees, of course.

Rep. Clyde Auman of Moore then took on Rep. James. "You would be against a bill to remove legislators from boards of trustees, I guess, now that you have been fed." The Gentleman from Moore was referring to just such a bill which was introduced in the Senate by Senator Robert Jordan of Montgomery County who resigned as a member of the UNC Board of Governors when he was elected to the Senate as the law provides that legislators nor their spouses may serve on that board. That bill is in

the Committee on Higher Education and comes up for consideration Tuesday.

Rep. Charlie Webb's litter bill was having trouble from the start and since the committee failed to give it a favorable report by a one-vote margin it came up on a minority report. The members were debating whether to accept this report and the talk went on and on. Finally, Rep. Albert Martin of Yadkin suggested that it was about time to vote on the question. "I don't know how I'm going to vote on the bill but I would like to hear it debated on its merits. I know my wife is sure opposed to those cans and bottles along the highway and is strong for such a bill."

Rep. Ernest Messer of Haywood asked the Gentleman from Yadkin if he was trying to use his legislative cloak to get around his wife.

For the time being there was no response from the Yadkin lawmaker as he scanned the gallery to see if his wife, Jessie, was among the spectators. Later Rep. Messer was speaking in favor of accepting the minority report when he was interrupted by Rep. Martin who asked: "Mr. Messer, is your wife in the gallery?"

The outcome of the entire debate was that the House members refused to accept the minority report.

It is not unusual for a group of members to get their heads together when some vote is about to be taken or some controversial matter is being debated. One member may kneel beside the desk of another and several others may join in the huddle. Such a situation developed Thursday afternoon when a motion was made to send a certain bill back to committee or to another committee for consideration which often means that particular bill may never come out again.

The huddle at this time was around the back row seat of Rep. Peter Hairston of Davie and at least six lawmakers were participating. "The Chair is interested in what kind of play is going to be run," commented Speaker Stewart, which caught the attention of the entire group.

The governor's measure to reorganize the Board of Transportation was about ready to come to a vote in the House Thursday when Rep. Roy Spoon of Mecklenburg, House Minority Leader, had an amendment. The bill had already been amended to let the governor appoint a Republican to the Board of Transportation instead of that appointment going to the House Speaker. The Mecklenburg lawmaker agreed that the makeup of the proposal suited his party very well but that he thought the appointment should be made by the Republican caucus. He was not opposing the bill for, he said, his party would just have to "get up off their rear ends and get more members in the General Assembly."

Rep. Richard Erwin of Forsyth asked: "Mr. Spoon, when you suggest that Republicans get off their rear ends and get more House members or lose what they have in the way of appointments, you didn't have Forsyth County in mind, did you?"

The gentleman got no answer and Mr. Spoon's amendment failed.

Rep. Tom Gilmore's bill dealing with unclaimed bodies was called on Tuesday's calendar just after the House had voted 105-12 to submit to the people a constitutional amendment permitting the governor and lieutenant governor to succeed themselves.

When Sam Burrow, the reading clerk, called "House Bill 649 — to amend the General Statutes regulating the disposition of

unclaimed bodies," Speaker Carl Stewart, Jr., quipped to the sponsor, "Does that have anything to do with those 12 who voted against succession?"

Each day the House is in session, Rep. P.C. Collins of Alleghany takes it upon himself to move the suspension of Rules 12-d and 12-e to the end that members may smoke and have refreshments brought to the floor. Friday was no exception. He got the floor to make his motion.

"For what purpose does the Gentleman from Alleghany rise, as if we didn't know?" the speaker asked.

"D and E, Mr. Speaker," Rep. Collins said, trying to shorten his motion.

"Is the gentleman talking about an operation or the rules?" the Speaker continued.

Rep. David DeRamus of Forsyth has been a member of the House for two terms — and each term he has managed to announce the birth of a daughter. And, as is customary, each new daughter is made an honorary page.

So Friday, when the real pages were being recognized on the floor, Rep. DeRamus rose to explain that Mrs. DeRamus was in the galleries with their three-year-old daughter and their three-month-old daughter, both of whom are honorary pages.

"Yes, I know," the Speaker said. "I already have a form ready to sign next session."

The House had just finished voting on the bill reorganizing the Department of Transportation, which had only six votes against it. Rep. Jay Huskins of Iredell had voted against that bill as well as the succession bill.

He rose on a point of personal privilege to explain.

"Yesterday I joined the dirty dozen," he said, "and today the dirty half dozen. Could it be I am making progress?"

Mrs. Ober, 73 Taken In Death

Mrs. Blanche White Ober, Route 1, Edenton, died in Chowan Hospital Monday following an extended illness. She was 73.

Mrs. Ober, wife of Paul M. Ober, was a housewife. A native of Chowan County she was the daughter of the late John and Ellen Bunch White.

In addition to her husband, surviving are three sons: Paul Ober of Edenton; Carl Ober of Roper; and Scot Ober of Freehold, N.J.; three daughters: Miss Faye Ober of Edenton; Mrs. Frances Merritt of Hertford; and Mrs. Mary Ellen Boyce of Sanford; two sisters: Mrs. J.R. Parrish and Mrs. Lizzie White, both of Portsmouth, Va.; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church where funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Tuesday with Rev. Larry McClure and Rev. Bill Leary officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Charlie Boyce, Louis Bunch, Stillman Leary, Carroll Privott, Louis White, Jep Layton, Clyde Bunch and Thurman Ashley. Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Peggy Peters Receives BS Degree

Mrs. Peggy Nixon Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Nixon of Edenton, graduated May 14 from the University of South Carolina with a BS degree in psychology. She has accepted a post as clinical counselor at the S.C. State Hospital in Columbia.

AMA Reports Vaccinations Not Adequate

Many children received measles vaccination when they were very young, but some of them may no longer have adequate protection against this childhood disease. That is the conclusion of a recent report in the January 24, 1977 issue of the "Journal of the American Medical Association." The report states that children immunized against measles before the age of thirteen months may be inadequately protected and should be reimmunized.

A team headed by Dr. Ann S. Yeager from the Stanford University School of Medicine studied the protective levels against measles in the blood of 465 children in two California counties.

Dr. Yeager found that more than 14 per cent of the children immunized at 12 months of age were not very well protected against the disease. But for those vaccinated at 13 months of age or older, only 5 per cent showed inadequate protection.

The researchers suggest that children up to the age of 12 months still received some degree of inherited protection from their mothers and this factor interfered with the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Despite great reductions in measles outbreaks since the advent of the vaccine in 1963, "The control of measles is not a solved problem," says Dr. Yeager. Many children have not been immunized at all and some that have been need a booster shot to maintain protection.

Measles in the United States has dropped from a pre-vaccine level of half a million cases annually to some 35,000 cases. With this decrease has come a corresponding drop in measles induced encephalitis, inflammation of the brain, an occasional serious side effect of the disease.

Experts in this field now recommend that measles immunization be deferred until about 15 months for infants who live in communities where the disease is not prevalent.

During an outbreak of the measles, however, vaccinations can be given any time after six months of age but these children should be revaccinated when they reach 15 months.

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Dr. and Mrs. Victor C. Rambo

Guest Speaker To Be At First Christian

Dr. Victor C. Rambo, distinguished ophthalmologist and missionary, and his wife will speak at First Christian Church in Edenton at 7 P.M. Sunday.

Col. Waters Commander 30th Inf. Brig.

Col. William G. Waters, Jr., of Kinston, has been appointed commander of the 30th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) of the N.C. Army National Guard. The appointment was made by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., on recommendation of Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety J. Phil Carlton and Adj. Gen. William E. Ingram.

Gen. Ingram, who made the announcement, said that he had recommended Waters' promotion to brigadier general. Pentagon and U.S. Senate approval is necessary before the promotion can be effected.

Before assuming the new position on April 26, Col. Waters had served as deputy brigade commander of the 30th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) since July, 1975.

He saw active duty with the Army in 1945-46 with primary assignments and duties with the Corps of Engineers. He was appointed second lieutenant in the N.C. National Guard in 1948 and rose through the ranks with assignments including ordnance battalion commander, infantry brigade commander, and support group commander.

Waters is manager of an automobile parts company in Kinston. He and his wife, the former Susan Gertrude Blow, have one son, Thomas G. Waters.

The 30th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) now under Waters' command includes National Guard units in over 30 counties in the state. The counties are Alamance, Anson, Bertie, Bladen, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Cumberland, Davidson, Duplin, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Martin, Mecklenburg, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pasquotank, Richmond, Rockingham, Robeson, Sampson, Stanly, Wayne, Wilson and Union.

Mr. Pierce Is Honored

Eddie Pierce, sanitarian supervisor for the Pasquotank - Perquimans - Camden - Chowan District Health Department, was awarded the Northeastern District Sanitarian of the Year Award for 1977.

Pierce was born in Elizabeth City. His parents are William Edward and Marion Barco Pierce. He graduated from Central High School in Pasquotank County and received his B.S. degree from East Carolina University.

He taught in Johnston County School in Smithfield, from September, 1963, through May, 1965. In the summer of 1965, he worked in the Migrant Program funded by the N.C. Council of Churches for four months.

In 1966 he was employed by the Pasquotank - Perquimans - Camden - Chowan District Health Department as a sanitarian. In 1969 he was reclassified and promoted to sanitarian supervisor position in 1971.

Pierce is past president of Eastern District, N.C.-P.H.A., having served previously as vice president and program chairman. His efforts as program chairman resulted in a most unique program for the 1976 meeting held in Wrightsville Beach.

He is one of the most respected environmental health practitioners in North Carolina and is known for his attention to detail and his commitment to doing a job well. He is an active member of the Environmental Health Section, N.C.P.H.A., Inc.

In his spare time, he is a coin collector and enjoys boating. He is a past member of the Ruritan Club.

Death Claims Mrs. Byrum

Mrs. Mary Crawford Byrum, 57, Route 1, Hertford, died Wednesday morning of last week in the Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Va.

A native of Old Fort, she was the wife of Lloyd Byrum. She was a member of the Riverside Baptist Church in Newport News, and was a member and past president of the Home Extension Club of Hertford.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons: Thomas C. Nesbitt of Newport News; and Alan B. Nesbitt of Columbia, S. C.; three sisters: Mrs. Joyce Mitchell of Hampton; Mrs.

B. V. Wilson of Newport News; and Mrs. T. N. Page of Poquoson, Va.; three brothers: L. W. Crawford of Chesapeake; J. R. Crawford of Gloucester County, Va.; and R. T. Crawford of Dallas, Tx.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 P. M. in the Chapel of the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home with Rev. Jack Hamilton officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Carroll Byrum, Paul Byrum, Michael Whitaker, Mark Whitaker, Daniel Crawford, and Gary Crawford.

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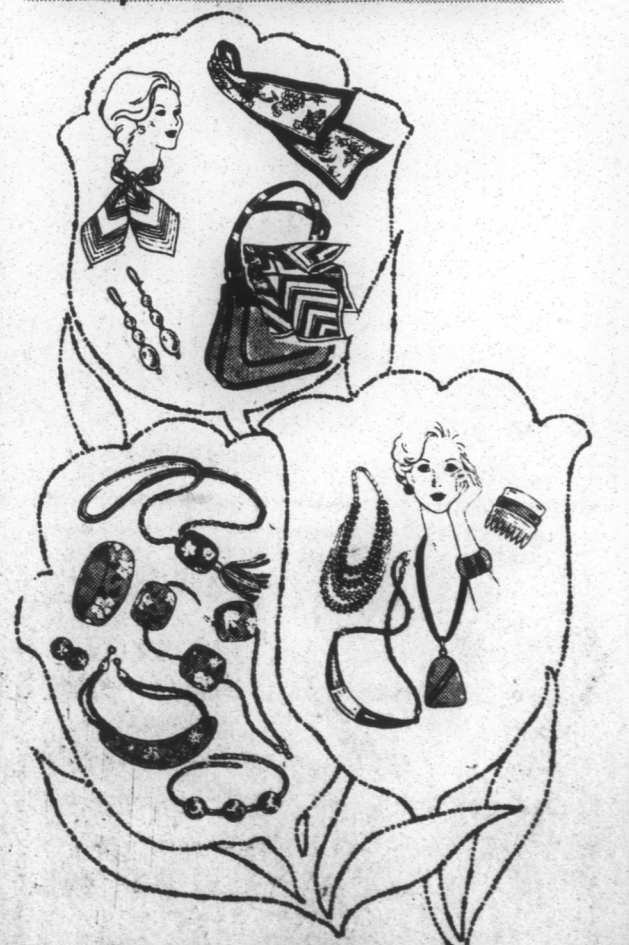
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