eneral Assembly o Face Four Major Issues

aree big issues in the 1961 eral Assembly which will obvious. A fourth, and in e respects the most sigificant, will be apparent only experienced observers. oney is always a big pro-

ern, and will be this year. total amount of the budet is a closely guarded sec-L but it is co nmonly known will be the biggest in hisgoing well above a illion dollars for the bien um, including Federal aid

Education, mainly the pubschool system, will relire nearly two-thirds of the tal, more than 75 per cent the general fund. The rest ill go to build and maintain ghways, law enforcement and urts, health and welfare, general administration. To meet the demands of cation a lot of new money ill be necessary. Not all of will have to come from new rces, because the advancg economy will afford more illars from current sources. at some new sources must found, Most likely is elimition of present exemptions the ger eral sales tax. The x may be applied to many w exempted, and a raight three percenton auto-oblies is not improbable. any of the arguments suc-ssfully used in the past aga st soft drink and tobacco have lost their force. The problem in some matters is that the Fedd Government also is seek-

new revenue sources, and e is danger that doue impact may invoke the law diminishing returns. That is rticularly true with respect cigarettes, liquor, and gasine. There will not be a ate-levied property tax, but re is danger that effort Il be made to shift to countand cities larger share the total burden, requiring ther advalorem levies. COURTS

Government reorganization which the chief segment will revision of the judicial t up, will be a major issue, may take a lot of time it might be disposed of quickly, though not her nout bitterness. There is ort of tacit understanding "court reform" efforts be limited to inferior s. It is conceded on all that the program presenyears ago was too com-

sive for one dose. mate money will figure as prominently as pubho y in consideration of and insurance laws as n. ect the small loan busi-raffic safety, including e segments of com y insurance, scientific for drunkeness, and the system for revocation ofver permits will occupy

Indications are there will be **RE-DISTRICTING**

Necessity for re-districting the state to afford eleven instead of the present twelve congressional districts, and to re-arrange the State senatorial districts for equitable represenmore looms as the most tation. bothersome and time-consuming problem to face the Legislature. It is loaded with the dynamite of sectional jealousy, partisan politics and personal antagonism

There will be more "horsetrading" on this issue than any other, and deals made in this feild will affect votes on nearly every bill of importance coming before the General Assembly. In many respects, re-districting will be more important to more individual members of the House and Senate than the appropriations and tax bills, or any of Governor Sanford's ideas for quality education or governmental organization.

MAIN ISSUE Underlying all these surface fights over money and organization and re-districting, and exerting more in-fluence upon all decisions reached than casual observers can understand, is the basic struggle for control of the government, And, despite the upsurge of Republican strengthis year, the terms are almost synonymous. The Democratic party has controlled North Carolina government for 60 years, and chances are it will retain control for many years to come.

But factions in the party are almost as clearly defined as the two-party system in other states. For most of the 60 years the so-called conservative element in the party has been dominant --- but often by close margin. Notable exception was the election of Kerr Scott as Governor in 1948 Scott never did get control of the party organization or the General Assemblies which met during his tenure to the same degree most chief.

executives did. Governor Sanford has declared by word and action his purpose to be the leader in fact as well as in name, of the government and the party organization. He offers the type of leadership that has missing for several years. But his claim will be challenged.

A sort of hybrid combination of oldtimers who resent being displaced by youngsters, and disappointed supporters of other candidates in the late primaries, is being organized. (?) to give the new Governor as much worry as they can during the next few months. That background and undercover fight for control may well be the major development of the 1961 General As-

Capital Clipboard

by Eula H. Greenwood NOT THIS TIME

would be permitted two or

official's term of office used

to be called the "honeymoon

FANGS IN GREENSBORO

With Governor Sanford, a

new approach is being taken,

some of his appointments have

appeared, Letters - to - the

editor have torn him apart.

ogether pleasant for him the

conference he had with the

has handled the ball very well

SCATTERED SHOT

his feet, Terry Sanford can

look mostly for trouble for many months to come from

erstwhile Lake-leaners and

Gavin-gops. They will serve to keep him on the defensive.

And the tight rope may be-

There is still much bit-

wounds are slow amending.

But, viewing the scene with

Socratic eye, Governor San-

ford can see that for two weeks

he had the full blast. Now he

knows the critics must turn

to Kennedy and the Washington

lature --- always fair game ----

and taxes. The shot must be

scattered in the months to

come. This may afford the

Governor sufficient time to

stabilize his administration.

CENTRAL

BUSINESS DISTRICT

problem in North Carolina

cities was conducted by the

Institute of Government with

Ford Foundation funds last

Now in book form, some re-

available by the time a

big meeting on downtown pro-

All - American City honors,

about traffic congestion, park-

Hill on February 19-20.

of the findings will be

A study of the downtown

Then will come the Legis-

abroad; and the

come a beaten path.

Even though he is fast-on-

sessions

terness

scene.

spring.

Nor would we label as al-

Editorials lambasting him for

period." No more.

winged

office.

Terry Sanford is Governor Winston - Salem, and Greens boro, will also be highlighted of North Carolina, has been at the meeting. for some two weeks now, and Principal speakers for the will be . . . if he lives. . . for ent: Lt. Gov. Cloyd Philpott 206 weeks more, But since taking office January 5, he has of Lexington. RACIAL EMPLOYMENT to Chicago and to Palm

Now feeling new strength throughout the South, Negroes Beach, Fla. --- and so has hardly found time to warm have begun a quiet campaign to determine if they are being that big leathery chair in his treated fairly on the employ After plugging hard for 12 ment front. The whirlwind will solid months for the office soon settle over the offices of (and the Democratic Party). ou might think our Governor

Employment Security Commission throughout North three weeks of peace. We recall the good old days when the first few days of a new Carolina. Look for this to erupt into prominence any day. Raleigh has had two privately owned employment agencies for about three years now. A third one opened early this month.

THE CHAMP?

When Kerr Scott, freshly sworn in as Governor, was having such a hard time with his 1949 Legislature --- he finally got all he wanted, incidentally --- he singled out the following lobbyists for special attention:

media last Thursday evening Sam Blount, Fred Bowman, in Republican-ridden Greens-Gilmer Sparger, and Harry boro. Fangs showed clearly Buchanan. through some of the questions,

The next morning out came Viewing-with-alarm is the the Raleigh News & Observer modern-day approach. It is with these Peck bad boys heck if you do and heck if you stand, grinning, arm-in-arm don't. We note that Governor in a big three column photo. Sanford has not complained Thus they were recognized by -at least not out loud---and none other than the Governor himself as leaders of the in the press-radio-television Third House."

Blount, who was with the beer people, is practicing law in Washington, N. C., his hometown, Sparger, originally from Mt. Airy, is still doing a first class job for the pet-roleum people here. Harry Buck of Hendersonville, theatre man, is still going good for the theatres. We no longer look to them as a tax Republican Home source --- television has seen to that, And Fred Bowman of Chapel Hill to this good day has kept the crown tax off soft drinks.

There you have the quadruplets --- the Martin, Barn, and Fish of the early 10 days of Kerr Scott --- except that each and every one of them were and are the hottest of Democrats, But there was more venom in FDR's attack on his bedevilers than in Kerr Scott's statement on Bowman, Buchanan, Blount, and Sparger.

If lobbists want to learn lessons in infulencing legislation, they could do no better than sit at the feet of Bottler Bowman. This will be his 20th session as a lobbyist --- that's 40 years, son --- and we are not including the special sessions. He's probably the champ --in years as well as resluts. FROM THE CLIPBOARD

comes up at Chapel Meredith Vice President Bob Deyton out with a heart Mooresville, which we understand is in the running for attack . . . and so is UNC Comptroller William Carwill report on what it is doing michael . . . and Banker Le-Roy Martin recovering extreing, etc. Downtown developmely slowly from brain surments in Ahoskie; Durham, gery at Duke, December 27,

Hogging The Parking

Editorial

Murphy hogs the uptown parking spaces to such an extent that it loses thousands of dollars in trade during the year. This was particularly true during the holiday seaso

Murphy people monopolize so much of the parking that the visitor at times has to play second fiddle. There is a view among competent observers that we use the parking meters for the convenience of ourselves rather than as a traffic control device designed to keep traffic moving thus lowing more customers to visit and shop in our town. Make a check. When you are in the business district about

8:30 in the morning, notice how many atuomobiles already are parked. Notice that most of them are local cars, Notice that the shopper has not yet arrived and when he does he takes second place in parking to the man who works in

Merchants who park in front of their stores are actually running shoppers away from Murphy rather than attract-ing them. The same goes for a merchant that allows his help to park in front of his store. Now this doesn't mean for the merchant and his help to park across the street or in front of his neighbor's store, but find off street parking or park out of the business district,

It's a two block walk in any direction from the square to imple parking space that will not interfere with residential business property. There are even lots in downtown Murphy where parking space can be rented by the week, month, or year, and rates are as cheap as keeping the meters well fed.

Thoughts On Growing Old

(From The Chinese) All of my life has been quiet.

The world roared by me; there were great things to be done, I thought long about them, and sat and listened

To the sound that the river made, dashing against the boulders,

All of my life has been dreams. The air from the busy concerns of men eddied and swirled

about me. I dreamed about the quiet eyes of a face that lighted my heart, To the sound that the winds made, rustling magnolia leaves,

All of my life has been music.

world of men went out to maim and murder each other, I turned my face away and heard the sounds that the stars made Moving, slow and sedate, in their courses.

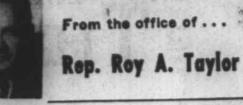
Andrew Johnson

session, if current indications hold true to form.

opposition - Sen. B. C. Brock of Mocksville and Rep. T.E. Story of Wilkesboro --- have already reserved their rooms again at the Andrew Johnson Hotel here. There, too, you will find most of their cohorts.

gislative nesting place for Republicans for several ses-

Incidentally, Brock will be



crats.

setting the Rules Committee

to purge Party-golting Rep. William M. Colmer (D-Miss.)

Mr. Colmer was first consid ered a suitable target for re-

moval from the Committee on

nds he declined to su

the Kennedy ticket in last fall's election. However, the move-

ment is now, as made clear

by Rayburn, to expand the Committee in order to shift

control from Southern Demo-

The rules of a game can-

not be changed merely to suit each player who is disap-

plan

have scrapped an earlier

It has now become well known that one of the first and most controverstal issues to come before the new Conress will be a movement to change or increase the perel of the powerful House Rules Committee.

Speaker Sam Rayburn already has announced his support of a plan promoted by Northern liberal Democrats to increase the Rules Committee from its present 12 to 15 members, adding two Democrats and one Republican, This plan was to have been presented to a caucus of House

Democrats this week, The influence of Southern pointed with the contest results. Democrats on the RulesCom-Again, I am convinced it mittee has been strong and would not be in the South' the proposed changes would best interest to tamper with likely place the control of the Rules Committee which nmittee in the hands of has done so much for our the cor more liberal Northern and region, including the prevention of the expenditures of

Western legislators. While I respect the great funds for many unnecessary programs. wisdom of Sam Rayburn, 1 I expect to join with other must oppose any plan that Southern congressmen in a would alter the personnel or concentrated effort to keep operation of the Rules Comthis important committee inmittee.

Apparently, those set on up-

Health Notes by W. S. Cann Health District Director Cherokee - Clay - Graham

Infectious Diseases

Winter is the time of the year that many infectious di-seases make their appearance, especially those related to the respiratory system. Colds, bronchitis, sore throats, sinusitis, ear aches, and the pneumonia and influenza, Also, this time of the year diptheria and scarlet fever and the streptococcal infections appear.

Be sure your children are Hunt will sit in the Speakprotected against diptheria. er's chair. Harris in Seat 13. That their booster shots have given (usually for been diptheria, whooping cough, and lockjaw). Check that these boosters are active, that is, given at the proper time to be effective. If not, get boosters. Whenever in a community where protection lags, and booster shots are ignored, diptheira makes its appearance. It is a very serious disease and when the child survives it so often leaves a residual impairment of the heart, paralysis of muscle groups such

may be paralysed.

Insturctor Eure To Have Large Class Raleigh - One of the busiest men in the first few weeks of the coming legislative session will be Thad Eure, North Carolina's veteran Secretary of State.

Once again, in addition to his regular duties, Eure will conduct a class in legislative procedure for new members of the House and Senate. It is all informal, but very informative, and usually well attended. This time, Teacher Eure will have one of his laras cross eyes, throat and pagest classes -- -45 in the House late muscles paralysed, even muscles of the extremities

and 16 in the Senate who will

be serving first terms.

Check those boosters!

Cool weather is the best

time to get your smallpox

vaccination. Also, polio being

a warm weather disease, now

is the time to get your shots to be fully protected. We be-

lieve four injections are nec-

essary and that every one

from one year to forty-five

years should have them.

ajor Issue Will Be matorial Re-Districting

It might be interesting to e hundreds of people who we heard and talked and ritten so much about "rertionment" of legislative presentation to learn that ere ain't no such thing! alling to find the word in e office dictionary, your reerter checked the big, 6-inch lick book in the Governor's fice. It isn't there either. There is "apportionment," fined as the result of apprtioning, which is defined dividing in just proportion. he dictionary has "re-point," "re-arrange", "re-ssemble," "re-assign" and re-district" --- but not "re-"portion." The primary definition giin for re-district is "to rese legislative districts es-scially congressional." The institution definitely apporoned membership in the orth Carolina House of Reesentatives, but it left the oblem of districting the state r senatorial and congresonal representation to the eneral Assembly. The state has 100 counties. ith total population of about ur and a half million peoe. It has 120 representatives d 50 senators in the Legisture, and eleven representives in the national Coness, Apportionment of reesentatives is purely matheatical --- remaining 20 to allotted strictly on basis population, Under that plan ree, some four and perhaps ime counties have two, some now entitled to five embers. Any "re-apportion-ent" which would change at set up violates the contution. So, the problem facing the coming Legislature is soleone of re-districting - reranging the State senatorial d congressional districts so to give as nearly as posble equal representation to citizens of the state. EQUITABLE The big question is what natitutes equal represention, if only population is to counted, each of the ele-n congressional districts n congressional build have about 409,000 peo-, and each of the 50 senatal districts about 90,000. at allocation could put three

counties in some congressional districts, 20 counties in some others. It could give one county three senators, and divide the services of one sen-

sembly.



House Seat No. 13 Goes to Rowan Solon Raleigh - A lot of friends of Rep. Clyde H. Harris of Salisbury wanted him to for Speaker of the House last year. He considered it carefully, but finally decided not

to oppose Joseph H. Hunt of Greensboro. Those deans of the loyal That's the way he wanted it,

This has been the main le-

sions now.

serving in his tenth regular session --- five in the House and five in the Senate, while Story will be in his eighth regular term, all in the House,

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SENSATIONAL GOODYEAR ROAD HAZARD AND QUALITY

Raleigh - Deep in the bo-som of Andrew Johnson will sleep most of the 14 Republican members of the General Assembly during the 1961

ator among eight or nine small counties. Such arrangement quite obviously cannot afford equal representation. The point is that opportionment has been fixed: the need is for arranging the districts so as to meet the legal demands for equality of representation.

Similar problems of equality occur in solicitorial districts. Some districts have only a few terms of criminal court a year, while others have almost continuous sessions of court. On basis of

cases tried, the solicitor in the multicourt district would appear to have a much heavier load than his colleague in the scattered court district. In practice, the small district solicitor often has a harder time because he does not have the assistance of well organized and trained police and sheriff departments or a system of in-

ferior courts. The committees seeking to work out the district lines will have to take into account both population and area in order determine equality of representation. And, also, they will have to consider politics --factional, partisan and personal.

so decree.

acted into law.

called ultra liberals sought

That means some lines will be drawn not on basis of equality of population or adequacy or representation, but on basis of political trades. That is where gerrymandering comes into the picture.

Experienced legislators and observers agree that while money will be a major problem as always, and reorganization of State government including court revision, will call for serious study, the problem of re-districting the state for senatorial and congressional seats will likely be the most time-consuming and temper-testing issue fac-ing the 1961 General Assembly.

A child drinks in the outward world through the eyes and rejoices in the draught. -Mary Baker Eddy

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Washington - The 87th Con- America, the ultra liberals gress convened on Tuesday, say that the change proposed January 3, 1961. Immediately by them is necessary to si-after its opening, the so-called lence the "fillbusterers." It ultra liberals initiated a fight would be equally as just for to have the Senate itself change those who oppose the change Rule 22 of the Senate without in Rule 22 to say that the any study being first given purpose of the so-called libto their proposal by the Rules erals is to gag those who committee --- a course of disagree with them. As a, action required by orderly consequence, anyone addicted procedure. Fortunately, they to the use of epithets as a suffered at least a temporary substitute for reason might defeat when the Senate voted well say that we have just 50 to 46 to refer their pro- witnessed a contest between posed in the Bulk Contest between posal to the Rules Committee the filibusterers and the gaggers, for study. The Proposal - It seems

My Position - I favor Rule not amiss to indicate the im- always liked the statement plications of the proposed attributed to the French Phil

change in Senate Rules, Under osopher, Voltaire: "I disa-Rule 22, as it now stands, degree with what you say, but bate in the Senate upon any I shall defend to the death, your right to say it." I also pending measure cannot be ended unless two-thirds of the agree with the observation made by William S. White, one Senators present and voting

of America's foremost col-The purpose of this Rule umnists who points out in his s to make it certain that any book on the Senate that it is Senate minority shall be given well to remember that any a reasonable opportunity to persuade the Senate majority rule devised today to silence troublesome demagogues can that a pending proposal is unwise and ought not to be en-a brave man fighting a just acted into law. Use Of Epithets - The so-

to change Rule 22 so as to For children, there is neiprovide that 51 Senators should have the power to silence ther past nor future and - what the other 49 Senators. In acso rarely happens to us - theycordance with the smear tetake pleasure in the present. chnique now practiced all too -La Bruyere frequently in public life in

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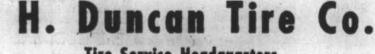


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