

### All Your Legislators Our View On Issues

Now is the time for all good citizens to think carefully on issues which will be before the legislature soon to meet in Raleigh.

Now is the time for all good citizens to express themselves to their duly elected representatives of House and Senate.

Now is the time for all good citizens to begin to accumulate information in detail in order to have an intelligent understanding of the issues ahead.

Your representative and your senator wish to have the benefit of your thinking. They wish to have the benefit of the thinking of commissioners, members of town boards and other local officials.

What are the problems of the towns and of the county which are in the Legislature might help solve?

It is certain for the first time in many, many years that new taxes may have to be provided, Gov. Sanford and citizens generally have pledged full support to education enrichment programs which will cost \$106 million. Sanford's statement in his inaugural address that if it required new taxes to give North Carolina this push forward for quality and rank they must come. This statement got the loudest applause from the jam-packed Raleigh city auditorium.

Sanford is leaving no stone unturned to prepare the way properly for the enactment of this program. The Legislature, he even took occasion when addressing some 30 North Carolina furniture manufacturers who honored him at a dinner in Chicago to ask these "solid businessmen" for their backing of the program. A good many, if not a majority, of these big-time manufacturers (big time for North Carolina) were Republicans. Traditionally the men of this status resist new taxes of every sort with might and main.

It is upon such men in the state's business world that the fate of the great new education program may finally depend, Sanford woos them ardently.

So it must be some new taxes.

Where do you want these taxes placed?

Think through that one and give your senator or representative the benefit of your thinking.

Talk to them now. Don't wait until the Legislature is meeting and then bedevil them to death with time-consuming interviews of little consequence.

### OTHER FOLKS SAY: Shocking School Statistics

Appalling and shocking are the only adjectives strong enough to describe statistics about North Carolina schools just dug up by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Civil Rights.

They show that North Carolina ranks extremely low among 11 Southern states in percentage of students attending schools accredited by the prestigious Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This state is last (or 11th), in percentage of white students in accredited schools, seventh in number of Negro students and ninth in the combined total.

Just what do these statistics mean? In the first place, the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is a venerable organization established early in this century to evaluate quality of public schools throughout the Southeast. Colleges use its services to determine qualifications of students seeking higher education. A North Carolina student, for example, planning to go to Georgia Tech or Harvard would have better chance to win admission if he graduated from an accredited high school.

In the second place, a statement by the State Department of Public Instruction deprecating the importance of accreditation is faulty in logic and sounds more like a rationalization of North Carolina's poor standing than a real explanation of the facts.

Dr. Charles Carroll and his associates say that most North Carolina high schools put emphasis on accreditation by the State Department of Public Instruction rather than the Southern Association. Yet they argue, at the same time, that the Department's standards are similar to those of the association. If they are similar, why is the broader accreditation not preferable? Certainly it gives graduates of North Carolina high schools a better standing among colleges all over the nation than state accreditation does.

For example, all high schools in Greensboro, and High Point, are accredited by the Southern Association and many have been for years. Greensboro Senior High was accredited in 1920.

North Carolina prides itself on being a leader in public education. Yet we are near the bottom among all the Southern states in number of students accredited - even Mississippi.

Why is this true?

The other states have just as many rural and poverty-stricken areas as we have - some even more. It is true, of course, that North Carolina has no large cities comparable to Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, Miami and Norfolk. But the total quality of our schools should give us a better standing.

Could it be that North Carolina's schools are too highly centralized? Have we relied too much on providing a floor for the poorer schools at the expense of raising the ceiling on quality? Does state management discourage local initiative--teacher supplements and enrichment -- without which few schools can attain accreditation?

The Southern Association does put emphasis on quantitative statistics--such items as amount of money spent per child, classroom space, salaries, et al.--but these in turn go a long way toward determining quality.

In this dawning New Day in Education, North Carolina must do some deep soul-searching about the quality of public schools. There are signs that we have fallen far behind--even farther in our own region than we had dared suspect.

And a good part of the trouble lies in our continuing failure to recognize that local enrichment of the public schools is a vital requisite for adequate education. Governor Sanford and the 1961 General Assembly should deeply probe this whole subject. It was examined by the N. C. State Education Commission in 1948 and by the N. C. Public School Finance Committee of 1958.

What does North Carolina Propose to do about the deteriorating quality of its public schools?

### Don't Just Happen

We've heard and believe it that traffic accidents don't just happen -- they are caused. And very often winter traffic accidents are caused by people who refuse to fact up to the fact that winter driving and walking demand increased caution and alertness from motorists and pedestrians.

These people know they can't walk surefootedly nor stop their cars quickly when road surfaces are slippery -- that they can't see clearly through a mist of rain, sleet, or fog -- that others can't see them clearly nor stop suddenly for them under the same conditions.

If an accident does occur, they'll blame it on the weather. But shifting the blame won't mend broken bones or put breath back into a lifeless body.

Every time a person steps out in traffic, he is responsible for his own safety, and -- to a degree -- for the safety of those he meets. Refusing to accept this responsibility doesn't relieve him of it. Nor does it make his pain and discomfort any easier to bear if his carelessness lands him in the hospital.

So, let's take an adult attitude toward this business of traffic safety. Let's realize, like the State Department of Motor Vehicles warns, that our safety is our own responsibility and that the way to stay hale and hearty is to take special precautions when the weatherman gets ornery.

It's a sign of maturity to be able to fact up to situations.

Who hath not learned that when alone he has his own thoughts to guard, and when struggling with mankind his temper, and in society his temper?

Mary Baker Eddy

Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it.

Mary Baker Eddy

### THE CHEROKEE SCOUT

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## Capital Clipboard

by Eula H. Greenwood

Although most of Raleigh's summer vacationers--and we have our full share--prefer sand and sun to mountain greenery, owning or renting cottages at Morehead City or Wrightsville, some of them hie to the hills come summer-time.

In this group in the future may be Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine, whose official address is listed as Varins, but who also live a lot on the top of the Hotel Sir Walter here. Known to their wide circle of friends and close acquaintances as Bess and Stag, Mrs. Ballentine runs the N. C. Automobile Dealers Association, whose beautiful offices are on the ground floor of the Sir Walter, and Mr. Ballentine is Commissioner of Agriculture. He is also a working farmer, operating a dairy which provides Raleigh with much of its milk.

They are building a home in the Boone area, certainly one of the real garden spots of North Carolina--particularly from April to October.

To use an old agricultural cliché, they make a peach of a pair--and we daresay the people of Watauga will love very much their new neighbors from Wake.

**OUR OWN FIRST LADY**  
Nice is Mrs. Jackie Kennedy. Young and handsome are President John and Governor Terry. Let us not, though, pay so much attention to these others that we overlook Mrs. Terry Sanford, our own First Lady.

But you didn't know she is a native of Kentucky, grew up on a farm out from Hopkinsville, lost her parents while still in her teens, and then went to live with an aunt in Howell, Ky.

Her name before marriage was Margaret Rose Knight. Her parents were John Richard Knight and Elizabeth Ford Knight. She was a co-ed majoring in English at UNC when she and her future husband met.

On July 4, 1942, they were married -- and he left a draft exempt FBI job four weeks later to enlist in the Army. She taught school for a while in Chatham County.

Mrs. Sanford's first two years of college work came at Christian College in Columbia, Missouri. When young Sanford returned to Chapel Hill after the war to complete work on his law degree, his young wife served as assistant to the Dean of Women at UNC.

**MORE THAN ORGANIZATIONS**  
To our desk has come the new and beautiful edition of "North Carolina Organizations" compiled by the N. C. Council of Women's Organizations of Chapel Hill.

Well edited by Mrs. W. S. Carawan of Columbia, N. C., the book is well laid out and full of helpful information.

Although not nearly as thick and cumbersome--and lacking all the facts--the book reminds us of the old "North Carolina Almanac" put out by Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, now living in Edenton, and Mrs. Carl Goerch in the early 50's. By the way, wonder what ever happened to the "Almanac"--haven't seen one in many years.

Now if you would like a copy of "North Carolina Organizations"--it's undervalued, incidentally--write POB 1132, Chapel Hill, for information on how to secure it.

**MANSSION CHILDREN**  
While it has been many years since we have had children in the Governor's Mansion as young as Betsy (11) and Terry (8) Sanford, all of our Governors of the past 45 years--with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Cherry--have had offspring springing there.

Superior Court Judge Bill Bickett was a gay blade around the Mansion in 1917-21. The Ehringhaus administration saw three children at the Mansion--and two of them, Matilda and Haughton, were--or are--twins. The Broughtons had four children: Melville and Robert, Raleigh attorneys, Woodson, in the investment business in N. Y., and Alice, who also lives in New York. The Max Gardner's had three sons tearing about the Mansion in the late 20's.

### Lawyers Make The Laws In Raleigh

Raleigh - If the makeup of the 1961 General Assembly is anywhere in line with its predecessor, most of the law-making done in Raleigh this year will be by lawyers.

Of the 170 men and women comprising the 1959 Legislature, 80 were attorneys. Forty-seven of the 120 members of the House were attorneys, and 23 of the total of 50 in the State Senate.

There were only two physicians in the 1959 session. They are both returning this time -- Dr. Rachel Davis III, Kinston, representing Lenoir County, and Dr. J. M. Phelps, Creswell, Washington County representative.

Hector McLean, banker and former mayor of Lumberton, was a kid of five in the Mansion. He was the youngest.

To this good day, the old walls of the Mansion have not echoed to the midnight colic-cry of a gubernatorial new-born babe.

**STATE COMPETITION**  
When the State finally decided recently to add legislative bills to the printing done at Central Prison, it moved the government another firm step into private business.

The N. C. Legislature over the past 25 years has averaged introducing about 2,000 bills per session. Think for a moment of the number of bills that must be printed on some of the more important pieces of Legislation and you can see that Raleigh printers this year are losing some good solid business to the State.

We think of California as being one of our ultra-modern areas, with manana culture and all that. Nevertheless, we note that after 29 years, the State Board of Education in that paradise on the Pacific has turned from the state's printing office to private publishers for its textbooks.

While the tax-free state could likely do the job more cheaply than it can buy books from the publishers, it ran into a serious hitch; some of the publishers got tired of leasing their plates to one of their chief competitors. The State Board of Education, realizing the school children would thus be deprived of some excellent books, are getting about 70 per cent of the basic textbooks in California from private publishers.

## Letters To The Editor

### Raise Our Standards

The Editor:  
We are a big country, and we have a big government, and it is easy for a little part of a big country, with all the work going on, with all the problems that come up, to be overlooked.

But regardless how big and how rich our nation is, we in Western North Carolina should try everything possible to raise our standard of living. The government has to know that this is our wish and our intention, but the only way they will know is if we tell them often enough. There are several ways that the federal government can help. One is to build a government-owned and run defense plant. Millions of workers all over the country are employed in defense work. All products manufactured for the defense of our nation are paid for by the taxpayers. There are literally thousands of things that we can manufacture in Western North Carolina for the defense department, since we have the room to put up defense factories, and the people who can build and manufacture anything. If it is something new that is not manufactured in Western North Carolina at this time, our people can learn it in no time.

Another way would be for a lower federal gasoline tax, or no federal gasoline tax, for the lower income regions in our country, until such time that the income in those regions at least reaches the national average. The savings in federal gasoline tax could make a considerable change in our economy. More tourists would certainly want to take advantage of it, more trucking companies would establish their headquarters in the poorer sections. All around, it would be a way to make a beginning to even out the standard of living within our own nation.

We don't want anything special or unreasonable for our region, except that we want to see all the poorer sections of our land gradually get into a position to really enjoy the material goods produced in our nation in the Twentieth Century.

What can people do to bring all this to the attention of the powers-that-be in Washington? The civic groups,

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington Those of us who witnessed the inaugural oath by President Kennedy at the Capitol were part of a drama that has always fascinated men everywhere who see democracy in action. Kennedy as the 35th occupant of the White House, demonstrates anew the strength and the union which binds this country to the greatest of all nations.

Tar Heels A host of North Carolinians were on hand at the Capitol for these ceremonies. This year's festivities were probably the most colorful ever. Led by Parade Grand Marshal, Lt. General James M. Gavin, war-time commander of the famed 82nd Airborne Division, more than 33,000 civilian and military marchers participated in the 1961 Presidential Inaugural Parade. North Carolina, like all other states of the union, sent its sons and daughters to participate in the parade.

Committee Meetings - Most of my time not spent in the Senate debates has been used recently in attending meetings of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee. The latter held hearings on the appointment of Robert Kennedy for the cabinet post of Attorney General. Despite charges of inexperience by some critics, I urged his confirmation because I believe that the President should have the power to pick his advisers. I have known Robert Kennedy

since the days when he served as Counsel to the Senate Rackets Committee of which I was a member. He has a great capacity for work, has superior intelligence, and is a man of outstanding courage.

Hodges I accompanied former Governor Luther Hodges to the Senate Commerce Committee which was considering his nomination for Secretary of Commerce. Governor Hodges and I were schoolmates at the University of North Carolina and my long association with him has been most pleasant. He made an excellent impression on the Committee and will be the first Cabinet member from North Carolina since Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, who was a member of Woodrow Wilson's Cabinet.

Kennedy Administration -- Much has been said and written about the new Kennedy Administration. My impression has been that the new Administration has conscientiously tried to assemble a talented group to head the Cabinet. Many problems beset our country both at home and abroad. We need the best minds available to form workable programs without upsetting our economy. I am confident that the new President and Vice-President will summon out best energies to the tasks ahead.

### Explorer Club

The Murphy Explorers Club met Thursday, January 19, in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

The Club decided to attend church as a group the following Sunday at the First Baptist Church. They also plan to tour the prison camp after their next meeting.

After the business meeting, the group viewed a film "Blue Angles," which was obtained for them by Mr. Enslley.

### Shoal Creek News

Mrs. Ruth Hamby of Atlanta, Ga., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherr Jones of Shoal Creek Road.

Mr. Burt Brown, Wehutz Road, has returned very much improved, after a stay in a hospital in Gastonia, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter of Akron, Ohio are spending some time this week with the J. B. Slaughter's on Shoal Creek Road. They are on their way to California.

## NORTH CAROLINA MEANS BETTER LIVING



Tourists visiting in North Carolina often comment on our excellent highways, and for good reason. North Carolina citizens now enjoy the largest state-maintained road system in the nation--more than 70,000 miles in all! And our state-wide program continues unabated, providing additional hard-surfaced roads to make markets more accessible to farmers and to transport workers to their jobs in nearby industries.

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Oh, merchant, in thine hour of eee,  
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You'll find the object of some uuu--  
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Be wise at once, prolong your daaa,  
An Unknown Business, soon de kkk.

## Report of Condition Of CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

of Andrews, Hayesville, Murphy, and Robbinville in the State of North Carolina at the close of business on December 31, 1960

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection.	\$1,638,571.98
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.	3,434,479.15
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions.	1,243,848.76
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures.	153,082.28
5. Corporate stocks (including None stock of Federal Reserve Bank.	100.00
6. Loans and discounts (including None overdrafts).	1,181,554.79
7. Bank premises owned 102,039.12, furniture and fixtures 33,055.82. (Bank premises owned are subject to None liens not assumed by Bank)	135,095.54
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises.	16,979.65
9. Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate.	None
10. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding.	None
11. Other assets.	132,117.02
<b>12. TOTAL ASSETS.</b>	<b>9,935,829.17</b>
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.	\$1,829,551.16
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.	3,568,191.70
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)....	228,111.32
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions.	449,741.87
17. Deposits of banks	None
18. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.).	39,404.38
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS.	\$9,114,999.63
20. Bills payable, rediscounts, and other liabilities for borrowed money.	None
21. Mortgages or other liens, None on bank premises and None on other real estate.	None
22. Acceptance executed by or for account of this bank & outstanding.	None
23. Other liabilities	211,801.38
<b>24. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>9,326,801.01</b>

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	200,000.00
26. Surplus.	300,000.00
27. Undivided profits	109,028.16
28. Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	None
<b>29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>609,028.16</b>
MEMORANDA	
31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities & other purposes.	1,027,090.46
32. (a) Loans as shown above are after deductions of reserves of . . .	222,542.10
(b) Securities as shown above are after deductions of reserves of . . .	2,766.51

\*This bank's capital consists of:  
First preferred stock with total par value of None, total retrievable value None.  
Second preferred stock with total par value of None, total retrievable value None.  
Capital notes and debentures of None  
Common stock with total par value of \$200,000.00  
Total deposits to the credit of the State of North Carolina or any official thereof \$61,960.63

I, Mildred B. Ray, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly SWEAR that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct -- Attest:  
MILDRED B. RAY,  
W. D. WHITAKER,  
W. F. FORSYTH,  
PERCY B. FEREBEE  
Directors

State of North Carolina, County of Cherokee, ss:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of January, 1961, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. My commission expires April 21, 1962.

FANNIE B. PULLIUM  
Notary Public

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