

Capitol Comments

Bloodless Compromise On Ban Surprise; Godwin Given An Ax



By SIDNEY STAPLETON
RELIEF - The adroit solution of the Britt Commission to the sticky problem of the Speaker Ban Law has resulted in an almost audible sigh of relief from both the staunchest supporters of the original law and those who were most dedicated to its destruction.

For two years the opposing sides in the controversy were locked in what seemed an irreconcilable deadlock with no middle ground on which to reconcile their differences. Even Governor Moore's decision to refer the hot potato to the study commission was assailed from both camps.

Those favoring the ban felt Moore should have let sleeping dogs lie, while the opponents of the ban felt it was a cowardly way out. They wanted Moore to come out flatly during the 1965 regular assembly session and insist the law be repealed or drastically amended.

But in the fever heat of the debate, to have done either would have been political suicide for the new governor.

Magically, the Britt Commission's compromise on the law has been welcomed, despite dire predictions to the contrary.

REACTION - Typical of the reaction from the strongest foes of the gag law was that of Watts Hill, Sr., of Durham. After the original idea of a compromise was voiced by Sen. Robert Morgan of Hargett Hill had a few things to say, Morgan's plan included the basic policy statement finally made a part of the Britt recommendation, and Hill argued heatedly that any such statement would amount to "prior restraint." He was sure the University trustees (of which he is a member) would never commit themselves to such a limitation.

But the broadness of the end result of the Britt commission's investigation made Hill change his mind. As he put it, "I'm always prepared to fight for my convictions, but this is no time to be too legalistic."

The opposite side of the coin was Gatesville Rep. Phil Godwin who had vowed to fight to the end any motion to weaken the law. In fact, only two short weeks ago Godwin was openly discussing the possibility of a statewide referendum on the measure to let the voters settle it.

But since the commission's recommendation, Godwin has softened his tone considerably and given his best assent to the compromise.

VICTORY - Actually, the end result is a victory for both sides. Those concerned with the ban's effect on the University got rid of the main thorn in their side, the fact that the law made the

trustees subject to the legislature and an academic area. This was the point that troubled the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

But at the same time, the proponents of the ban scored a few points of their own. They succeeded in dramatizing the fact that communist speakers had appeared on the University campus and that some students had been attracted by them.

And they threw a genuine scare into the trustees and the University administration. In the future the University officials will be extremely careful who speaks and why, what he says, and the circumstances surrounding his appearance.

A few short months ago, no one on Capitol Hill would have given even odds for such a bloodless settlement of the dispute. But now friend and foe alike seem grateful that the troublesome ghost has about been laid to rest.

SHAKEUP - The recent string of resignations in the Department of Conservation and Environment may well be an indication of things to come in several other State agencies.

In the few months since Governor Moore took office, no less than six resignations have hit C & E's Commercial and Industry Division. Two of these (Russell Hanson and E. Bruce Peabody) were outright firings. The other four men who left sensed the hand writing on the wall and made themselves scarce before the axe fell.

And it's not over yet. At least four more members of the Division are understood to have quietly put out the word that they are available. At least one of these will be quite a surprise to some outsiders who have insisted there is nothing political in the leave-takings.

Purvis; nephew, Harvey Purvis, Jr., and sister, Marguerite B. Bazemore to be considered presents and "satisfied in full and cancelled."

To husband, sisters and nephews, as named, all rest of estate.

Braswell
J. L. Braswell, probated November 11, Elizabeth Ann Braswell Spivey and Virginia Braswell Whitchard, executrices; written June 8, 1965; witnesses - Barbara A. Wheeler, T. W. Cooley and Merrill Gay.

To wife, Ruth D. Rook Braswell - all furniture, furnishings, china, ornaments, automobile, clothes, watches and other wearing apparel; and real estate as follows:

1. Tract of land in Roanoke Township, 101 acres, homeplace, known as "Spivey Tract."
2. Tract in Roanoke Township, 125 acres, known as "Grizzard Farm."

3. Tract in Roanoke Township, 10 acres, known as "Lane Filling Station Lot."
To daughter, Elizabeth Ann B. Spivey, real estate as follows:

1. Tract in Roanoke Township, 77.1 acres, known as "Rufus Futrell Tract."
2. Tract in Roanoke Township, 68.7 acres, known as "Draper Parker Land."
3. Tract in Rehoboth, Roanoke Township, 126 acres, known as "Britton Tract."
4. Tract in Rehoboth, Roanoke Township, 3/4 acre.

To daughter, Virginia Braswell Whitchard, real estate as follows:

1. Tract in Roanoke Township, 20 acres, known as "Alex Grant Tract."
2. Tracts in Jackson Township, 17 acres, known as "King Motley Lands."
3. Tract in Roanoke Township, 121.92 acres, known as "Emma J. Futrell Homeplace."
4. Tract in Roanoke Township, 90 acres, known as "Boone-Futrell Land."

To wife - 2/3 undivided interest in all negotiable promissory notes owned by deceased, together with deeds of trust and other security given to secure payment of notes; and an amount equal to 50 per cent of value of gross estate.

In trust - \$500 for maintenance of cemetery lot, plus income from investment of this amount. All rest of estate to Elizabeth Ann Braswell Spivey and Virginia Braswell Whitchard.

LAND TRANSFERS
Gaston Township -
No revenue stamps - James C. Harper to John B. Sower and wife - Lot No. 1 on Lake Gaston, 2.38 acres, bounded on west by Charlie F. Bloodworth lands and on south by Willie Sykes lands.

Revenue stamps \$1.65 - James H. Capps, Jr., and wife of Virginia Beach to Berry L. Capps of Guilford County - Lot 39 in "Pineview Development."
Revenue stamps \$1.10 - Henry Miller to Leonard C. Revell and wife - Tract on VECO's Gaston Lake, 1.2 acres.

Jackson Township -
Revenue stamps \$1.10 - Dorothy P. Parker, William Raymond Parker and wife to The New Jerusalem Church, Apostolic Faith of God - Lot in Town of Jackson on east side of public road leading from Jackson to Boone's Crossroads, bounded on north by Joe and Nellie Vaughan lands, on east by Beale and Burgwyn lots, and on south by W. P. Morris land, and known as Warehouse Lot of late W. M. Parker and W. T. Parker - Lot 2 "Old Jackson Depot" subdivision.

Watauga Township -
Revenue stamps \$11 - Glenn Davis and wife to Thomas Lee Davis - 1/2 undivided interest in "Homeplace of late L. E. Davis," tract containing 157.36 acres.

Rich Square Township -
Revenue stamps 55¢ - Hollie P. Brown, Eugene W. Brown, Jr., and wife to William K. Brown and wife - Tract on east side of county road leading from Highway 305 to Highway 258 at Pinner's Church, better known as Brown Road.

Revenue stamps \$6.60 - C. J. Dunning and wife, Minnie Dunning, Janie C. Dunning, R. E. Dunning, Jr., and wife, Vida D. Joyner and A. T. Joyner to Bar-

row Manufacturing Co. - all pine timber and trees measuring 14 inches diameter on tract bounded on north by lands of J. P. Parker and Ray Bryant, on east by H. C. Rawls and Hugh Hollowell and on south by Rich Square-Aulander Highway, 217 acres, one year from November 1 to cut timber.

Revenue stamps 55¢ - Brownie Thompson and Harvey Thompson of Baltimore to James Thomas Boone - a part of lot 9 of G. G. Maggett subdivision on west side of county road from Highway 305 to Pinner's Church.

No revenue stamps - John Thomas Boone and wife to Mildred Jacobs - part of Lot 9 of G. G. Maggett division.

Revenue stamps \$1.10 - Clyde Elbert Bunch, Jr., to Evie S. Robbins - Lot 70 "Myers Park Extended" on Gordon Drive in Rich Square, Seaboard Township -
Revenue stamps \$4.95 - Virvan L. Irvin to Robert C. Jones and wife - Lot on Franklin Street in Seaboard.

Revenue stamps \$2.20 - Nancy Barbee Crawford and W. H. Crawford to Melvin F. Broadnax - Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block L of Section 3, and Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Block B of Section 2, Town of Seaboard.

Revenue stamps \$2.20 - W. H. Crawford and Nancy Barbee Crawford to Trustees, Seaboard Baptist Church - Lot in Seaboard bounded on north by Lottie Stephenson Barbee residence lot, on east by Phillips Avenue, on south by Seaboard Baptist Church land, and on west by Main Street.

LOST HIS BED
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WILLS PROBATED
Delbridge
Willie Delbridge, probated November 2, son, Captain Delbridge, executor; written April 9, 1962; witnesses - Patricia L. Merritt, Kelly Jenkins, C. D. Coleman.

To wife, Neties Delbridge - dwelling on homeplace and five acres of land surrounding house for her lifetime.

To daughter, Virginia Lee - house in which she lives and five acres of land around the house for her lifetime.

To children, Sarah Thomas, Isabelle Lee, Captain Delbridge, and Jake Delbridge - remaining 41 acres of 51 acre homeplace tract.

Will directs executor to sell 98 acre tract and divide proceeds as follows: granddaughter, Rose-line Delbridge - \$200; balance of proceeds divided equally be-

tween wife and children, each receiving 1/3 interest.
To wife - \$1,000 on all household furniture and articles.
If available after \$1,000 payment to wife, \$200 to Virginia Lee.

Balance of cash, if any, to children.
Balance of personal property to be sold and proceeds divided equally between wife and children.

Boone
W. A. Boone, probated November 9, son, Wilson W. Boone, and wife, Ruth Draper Boone, executors; written September 29, 1956; witnesses - Rockie Lassiter Boone and Ballard S. Gay.

To wife, Ruth Draper Boone - All household and kitchen furniture, jewelry and all personal property, automobile, and home tract of land for her lifetime - then to children, Wilson W. Boone, Hazel Boone Bone and Margaret Boone Garner.

Also to his three children - Wood Farm.
To wife and children - rest of personal property and any other real estate.

Morgan
Hettie B. Morgan, probated November 9, husband, Julian Morgan, executor; written June 2, 1958; witnesses - J. J. Rogers, Thomas J. Draper.

To Julian Morgan for his lifetime - All real estate in Seaboard Township. At his death real estate to D. I. Morgan of Emporia.

Real estate in Rich Square Township to be divided as follows: 1/4 interest to sister, Dala B. Purvis; 1/4 to sister, Marguerite B. Bazemore; 1/4 to sister, Julia B. Williams; 1/8 to nephew, Irvin T. Blanchard; and 1/8 to nephew, Edward V. Blanchard. All household and kitchen furniture to husband for his lifetime and then to sisters.

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