

## Sen. Ervin Falls Victim To Carolina Spring Fever

WASHINGTON — My mail has been running unusually heavy for the past few weeks.

North Carolinians are writing about many things. Of primary interest now are the pros and cons of the numerous amendments to liberalize the social security law. The Senate Finance Committee has been engaged in weeks of hearings on these amendments. I am not a member of that Committee, but I am advised that it will be some time before the Committee will act. Departmental matters occupy a considerable portion of the small volume at all times. Another subject which is at the forefront in the volume of mail is the matter of segregation in the public schools. I have previously taken up the matter of foreign economic aid. It continues to be prominent in the letters I receive.

### CONFEREES

The country has witnessed a rather dramatic function of the Congress during the Easter recess. I refer to the Senate-House conferees on the farm bill who remained at their tasks daily. While this is the formula for working out differences between the versions of the two legislative houses of Congress, it is a function that goes on quietly and with less drama most of the time. Conferees on the farm bill have had a difficult task.

### SPRING FEVER

Potomac fever is a malady that afflicts politicians. But the fever that is certain to strike this season of the year is that pleasant, lazy attack of spring fever. It got me on a recent trip to North Carolina. I had the pleasure of making the "Man of the Year" presentation to my fellow townsman, Mr. Robert O. Huffman, in Morganton a few days ago. He is as much a part of Burke County as Table Rock, Ripshin Ridge and the Catawba River. When the time came to return to Washington, I found that Potomac fever was not bothering me at all. I was enjoying the majesty of springtime in North Carolina.

### THE WEEKS AHEAD

Congress will be faced with important legislative chores in the remaining weeks of the session. There are a number of bills awaiting action that probably will evoke lively debate. Action will be more swift in the coming weeks as the committees are shaping bills after lengthy hearings. It appears now that foreign aid will be hotly debated. That will also apply to the revised Bricker-Dirksen amendment if taken up.

### DESERVED ATTENTION

Miss Faye Arnold, of Raleigh, who is "Miss North Carolina" graced the Cherry Blossom Festival here last week as the princess from our State. She brought much attention and credit to North Carolina.

## 'Coonskin' Song Appeals To Kefauver

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn) was so enchanted with the song "Coonskin Estes," sung to the tune of "Davy Crockett" at the annual stunt party of the Women's National Press Club, that he had a recording made of it.

The song, written by the news-women, was sung by good-looking Eulalie McDowell, former Washington news correspondent and now aide to Rep. Evans (D-Tenn). The Marine Band played the accompaniment. It was a riotous hit, and Nancy Kefauver, the senator's pretty auburn-haired wife, was tickled to tears.

The Chief of Naval Operations and Mrs. Robert B. Carney have been about the most enthusiastic party givers in the capital, throwing two or three shindigs weekly at the big Admiral's House atop a hill off Massachusetts Avenue. Just about everyone of importance in the town's official, diplomatic and residential social circles has sampled their very special brand of entertaining.

One wingding was a garden party to which 700 were invited. Including Rear Adm. Arleigh Burke, who will relieve Adm. Carney as CNO in mid-August. Mrs. Burke came down from Newport, R. I., just for the night. Also in the throng were at least eight ambassadors. Many thought this was the Carney's final fling. But no. "This isn't our last party," Mrs. Carney told guests who tried to wish her farewell. "I'll have my last party at Arlington," the admiral quipped.

Young S. John Kennedy (D-Mass) and his pretty wife Jackie, are deep in historical research while awaiting the moment they can move into their new home, Hickory Hill, the nearby Virginia estate of the late Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, which they purchased for a reported \$125,000.

The justice's widow says the estate is believed to have served as a headquarters for Gen. McClellan during the Civil War but that little of its history has been yet brought to light since records of its building were lost in the war.

Being "Miss North Carolina" is a full-time job, Miss Arnold declares. She performs her official duties in a splendid manner.

## BILLY ROSE VIEWS REMAINS OF FIRE-SWEPT HOME



BROADWAY SHOWMAN Billy Rose (left) looks over the blackened walls of his suburban home in Mount Kisco, N. Y., after it had been gutted by fire. Destroyed were paintings, antique furniture and assorted art objects. The house itself was valued at \$100,000. Four servants escaped uninjured. (International)

## So This Is New York

By

NORTH CALLAHAN



Seeing New York City through the "eyes" of the blind was an unforgettable experience. It came about this way: ever since I met blind Bill Stanley on the train and wrote a column about him, my interest in blind folks has been stimulated more than it ever was except when I met Helen Keller. The column about Bill brought much sympathetic response from readers, and recently I inquired to see how he was getting along in his "Kentucky home." Paul J. Langan, able Superintendent of the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville, reported that Bill was happily working there in the mop-making division. Mr. Langan also told me he himself was coming to New York with ten other blind boys, and asked if I'd like to "see" the city with them. I jumped at the chance.

We met at the United Nations building, the boys and Mr. Langan being a bit late on arriving, having been to Hartford to defend their titles as champion wrestlers of a blind school conference, having won the title at Baltimore last year. This year, Virginia was first in the tournament, Kentucky second and West Virginia third. The blind fellows wrestle mainly by "feel." I was told, and although rough, show better sportsmanship than most athletes who can see. The chauffeur of their bus, genial Armando d'Angelis, a New Yorker, said he was thrilled by the excitement of the matches. He also told of how the boys had seen Yankee Stadium—then wanted to see Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. It seemed mighty nice that these sightless fellows could be so wholesomely interested in sports.

The group spent quite awhile going through the big UN buildings, being told of what was there, feeling the walls and statues and tapestries. Gordon Pierce of Nancy, Ky. said the place was "magnificent." Earl Hall, 14, of Carr Creek, asked me what an atomic bomb would do to these and other New York buildings. His pals kidded him and said he couldn't see the damage anyway. Burt Boyer, 15, of Putney, national wrestling champion in the 120-pound class, remarked that the General Assembly building was something wonderful. Frank Washington of Georgetown was happily amazed, and James Hopkins of Crab Orchard liked New York but preferred Kentucky, as did Mason Hall of Carr Creek. As we left the UN for the Empire State Building, Charles Allen, 15, blinded by

an explosion when 8, said the 155 blocks they had travelled from the Bronx to Manhattan seemed as far as across his whole state. Elwood Miracle, blind from birth, felt that the Empire State Building was the best "sight" of all, but his friend, Donald Brown remarked that even if he couldn't see, he still would not want to be a window-washer of the building—he could still feel falling 102 stories. Melvin Mattingly of Bardonia liked the big town but confided to me that he would rather live on his father's farm—which was what he is planning to do anyway. He thought a trained blind person could farm all right.

Another group now approached, and I found they were boys from the West Virginia School for the Blind at Romney. A nice bunch of fellows, they talked freely and Earl Jackson of near Welch, West Va. said he could use more time in seeing this place. Arthur Burnside from near Princeton felt that the UN was the prettiest place he ever "saw." Jerry Woolwine and Willie Aldrich, both of whom live not far from Welch, felt much at home here—and I told them we wanted them all to stay as long as possible.

Paul Langan began to get his boys together in order to board the train for home. By his kind yet firm manner, one could see that he understood blind people and liked to work with them. His school is evidently doing greatly beneficial work. As the blind boys from Kentucky and West Virginia left, I had a lump in my throat. Here was a group, greatly handicapped, but you would hardly know it had they not had to be led and feel their way around. It seemed to me that no visitors ever saw more in New York—and I'm sure none ever appreciated it more than these fine young gentlemen.

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## Carolina Earning Title Of 'Brick Capital Of U.S.'

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This indication that the demand for brick is increasing at approximately twice that which normally could be expected from increased construction activity alone is said to be responsible for a huge wave of expansion programs among Tar Heel brickmakers.

New tunnel kiln installations — the continuous, nearly automatic

way to make brick—were recently completed in the Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Thomasville, Burlington and Salisbury areas. Others are said to be under construction in the Asheville, Charlotte, Albemarle, Sanford, Statesville, Raleigh and Rocky Mount areas, indicating wide-spread expansion over North Carolina.

Spokesmen for the industry here in the state which has already earned the title of "Brick Capital of the Nation" are proud of this bold multi-million-dollar expansion program. They say that it not only indicates faith in their product but also a firm confidence in the future of North Carolina. These same spokesmen like to add that

## Leap Year Drinks

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Arthur Flynn, tap-room proprietor, is featuring two "Leap Year" cocktails which he says are unbeatable for getting the job done.

A gin-and-orange juice concoction is advertised as making a girl "irresistible." A Scotch and vermouth on ice, says Flynn, will render a fellow "immovable."

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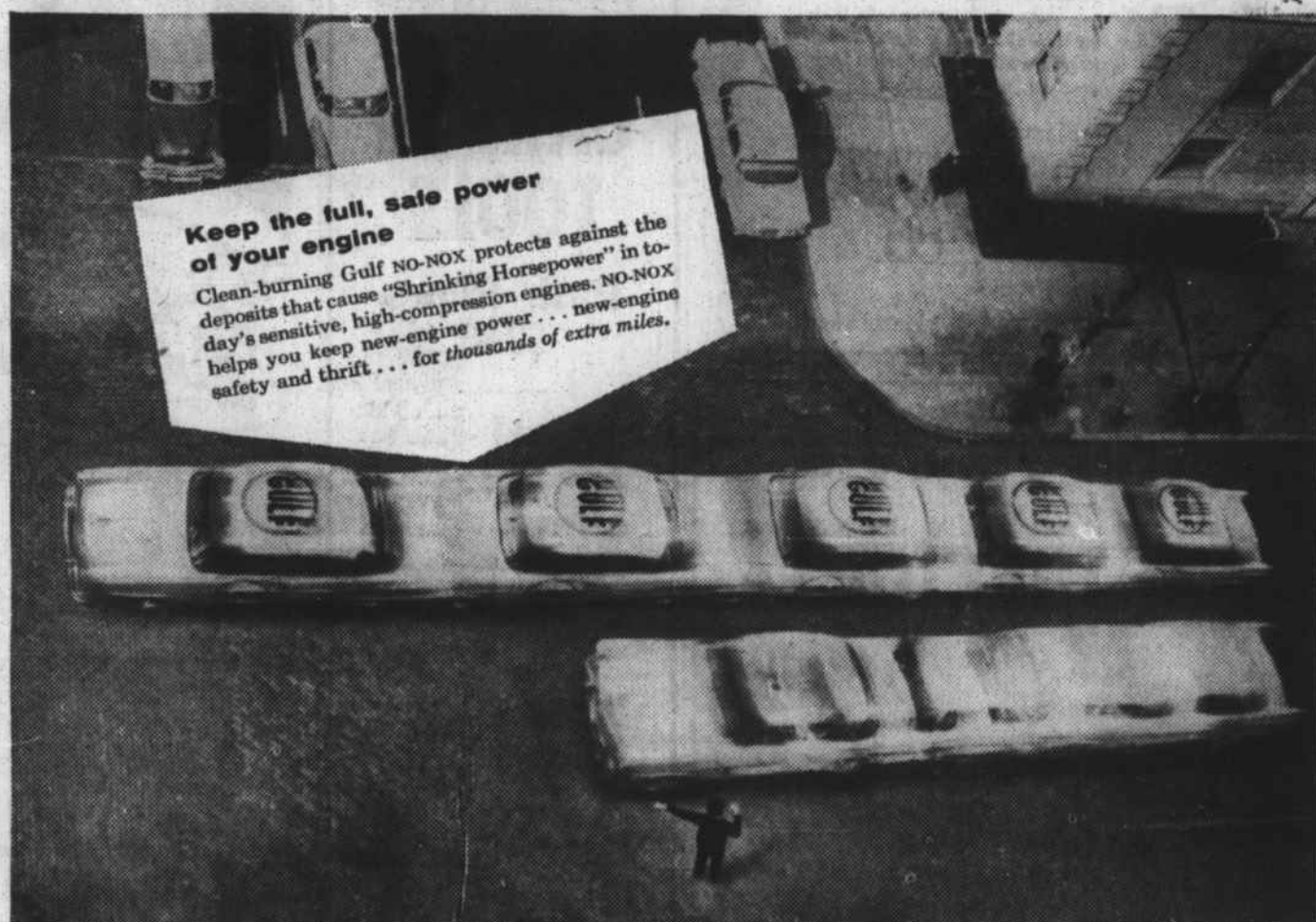
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