

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

BY KIDD BREWER

OUR LUTHER . . . The May 22nd issue of U. S. News and World Report gives a size up of President Kennedy's Cabinet in the second 100 days. This is what was said about Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges: "Moderately conservative. A lone voice on many issues affecting business men and not regarded as very influential." That just doesn't sound like our Luther. We in North Carolina have just one thing to say, and that is just wait until the country has another big hurricane, and then see who gets there first, and has the most influence!

GENE SIMMONS . . . We were sorry to learn that our friend Gene Simmons, from Tarboro, had resigned as Senate Reading Clerk to

return home to look after his lovely wife, who has been ill. Gene is popular and gifted with a wonderful voice. He will be missed in the waning days of Legislature. We join in wishing for Mrs. Simmons a speedy recovery.

MARVIN DUNBAR . . . We went to Rex Hospital here in Raleigh to see Marvin Dunbar who is one of the many able and dedicated employees of the State. Marvin has been a patient for ten days or so, and was glad to have the word that he could go home. When we sympathized with Marvin about his long stay in the hospital, he introduced us to Mr. J. M. Stancil. Mr. Stancil has been a patient at Rex for over fifteen years! Not fifteen days, or fifteen months; but fifteen years. It is our understanding that Mr. Stancil expects to spend the rest of his life in the hospital. He is cheerful and interested in a lot of things.

We know one thing for sure - we will stop feeling sorry for ourselves when we have a minor pain.

BLAME . . . We heard five men condemning the State College basketball players and those who birthed them. We knew that at least three of these five men have from time to time placed a little bet on the outcome of a game. The thought occurred to us that really they are many of the rest of us are to blame for these scandals. If there were no bettors there would be no "fixers". Isn't it just that simple?

LEADERSHIP . . . Most observers say this Legislature has produced no real leaders so far, and is nearing the end. In the past there have been stand outs speak-

ing for the cause of the administration and that of the opposition. So far this session has, for the most part, been peaceful and boring to watch. Maybe the fireworks will all come in the last few weeks. Who knows?

AUTO PLATES . . . This is the week for a decision as to whether the Motor Vehicle Bureau will sell the State auto tags or whether the Carolina Motor Club will continue to sell them, along with insurance, membership, and a lot of other things. There can be only one reason for a vote to continue this political farce which has been going on for some thirty years-personal friendship!

COOLEY . . . We have had suggestions from friends in Shelby that the solution to the elimination of one of our congressmen be solved by getting Harold D. Cooley appointed a high federal post and then to combine Cooley's district with that of L. H. Fountain. A lot of people have already pointed out the fallacy of that suggestion. North Carolina would lose the Chairmanship of the House of Representatives. We cannot afford to lose not only a Congressman but also an important chairmanship.

COOL . . . So you want to spend the summer in the mountains. Junior (or his sister) have to go to summer school? Don't worry, they are in grades 5 thru 8 Appalachian has the answer at Boone this summer. They are conducting a school-camp from June 19 to July 8th, offering credits in Science, English, Reading and Music. Starting this summer school teachers can take some of the extra pay they are going to get, and attend summer school at Appalachia. They can take along their children and they can go to school-camp 'ou can't beat that.

WHY NOT? . . . Overheard "Calvin Swafford and John Larkin" set to be Federal Judges for coming in third and fourth, looks like "Loverly Lake" should have been in Kennedy's Cabinet.

YMCA . . . According to a press report Cyrus Donald Johnston, 23, of the Raleigh YMCA was acquitted in Court of the charge of throwing a cup of whiskey out of his car window and onto the laps of Francis Ray and Elaine Allen who were passing in an open convertible. He was, however, convicted of failing to notify the Motor Vehicles Department of a change of address. We assume that Cyrus will be having to notify the Department of still another change of address. "No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a boy - support your YMCA."

DEBATE . . . Don't worry too much about what will happen when Kennedy and Khrushchev meet. Just remember - most of us thought Kennedy would come out second best when he debated with Nixon.

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In late May, 1836, a Southern Railway predecessor line, the South Carolina Canal and Rail Road Company carried U. S. Army and U. S. Marine Corps units on

their way to battle against the Creek Indians and their allies in the Creek War. Landed from ships at Charleston the troops were moved quickly to Hamburg, S. C., marching from there to the war

area in Georgia. A story in the May issue of Southern's magazine, "The Railroads," describes in detail this "first military railway" that a railroad moved men and arms to a point within the strategic boundaries of a theater of war. This successful use of fast rail transportation of troops and supplies led Secretary of War Lewis Cass to recommend Congressional

attention to developing the vast potential of railroads. Railroads proved their tactical value beyond question in the Civil War - a war called "the first railroad war." A hundred years of technological advance and three wars in this century have only added greater emphasis to the relationship between America's railroads and the nation's military strength.

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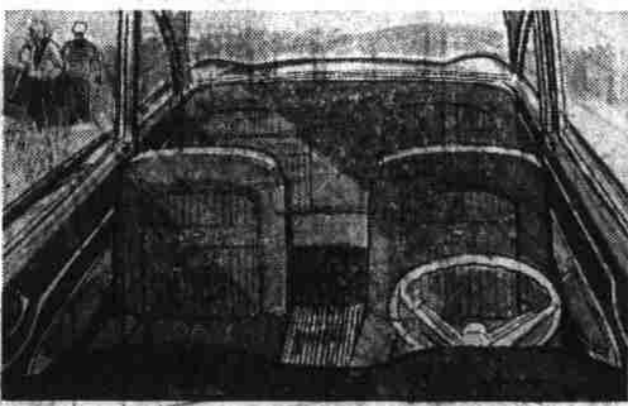
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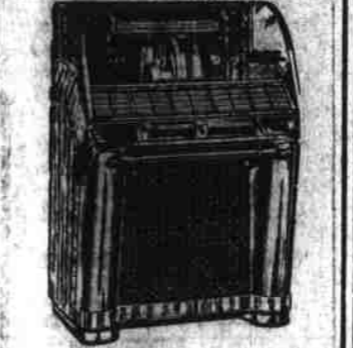


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