

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Stone Would Succeed Sanford; Veep And Missus Are Received

By EULA N. GREENWOOD NEWS... If Governor Terry Sanford should be killed in one of the many airplane trips he takes, the man who would be Governor is Clarence Stone of Stoneville, over in Rockingham County. He has never been defeated for office. Senate President Stone, old and tired, has a very, very big load to carry on his shoulders this time. And, last week, another straw was added when a television reporter rubbed Stone the wrong way. Sparks flew. This television reporter said that the Number Two man in our State Government had used bad words at him. Tush, tush: He went running to tell everybody about it. We don't know him, but he must be a sensitive soul. Actually, the offended one was not a news-gatherer, but a tv cameraman. There is a difference. So, the event made headlines... but was hardly news.

IRISH... Here is what Raleigh Times Editor Herbert O'Keefe has to say about it: "... If Senator Stone wanted to be rude to this photographer... he had that right, and the newspapers and the TV stations of this State must support him in that right. As a matter of commonsense, newspapermen must realize that the very nature of their work on occasion must irritate people. If that irritation causes the people to be rude to the newsmen, even to the point of cursing a little or even a lot, the newsmen would be smart to accept such rudeness and such cursing as a minor occupational hazard. Hurt feelings won't do any good, and will only slow down the newsmen in doing his work..."

News-gathering in these disillusioning, irritating, and embittering days is no place for the thin-skinned. Says O'Keefe: "If the press should allow its own bruised feelings to get in the way of doing a competent and complete and fair job of covering this Legislature, the press would be in the position of failing the people it represents." Amen!

LATIN... Herbert O'Keefe's big brother, the News & Observer, devoted a lot of editorial white space to the incident... but only three words, as follows: "Res ipsa loquitur". Most Latin is a lot of Greek to us, but the free translation seems to say: "Let us talk more on these things". Good, but we like the Irish approach better.

BEHIND THE SCENES... Vice President Johnson and the missus made a big hit here... though the social aspects of their visit were far from ideal. Incidentally, we now have a total of 18 Secret Service men assigned to our Vice President. They work in the background to prepare for trips... and to protect... gently but firmly... Lyndon Johnson. You would think this is enough for such a non-controversial character... but Congress has been asked to provide sufficient funds to raise the S.S. squad to 35... for Lyndon and Lady Bird.

FAMILY... If you or your friends ever have Statewide legislation you would like to GET THROUGH the Legislature, you'd better start your planning months in advance. You can KILL bills overnight sometimes, but getting something PASSED is another matter. We refer to the recent troubled death of daylight-saving time. It was introduced without advance warning, planning, or strategy... and was thus doomed for death while still aborning.

Raleigh Mayor Bill Enloe, a leading movie man in the State, was showing how eight o'clock coming at seven in the evening would ruin outdoor movies. He referred to these shows as "fine family entertainment" and gave this illustration: "Not long ago I passed a car with a couple on the backseat and they apparently had seen the movie for they were playing checkers. Or at least I think they were playing checkers, because I heard the girl say, 'If you make that move again I'll crown you.'"

NOTES... Gov. Terry Sanford's Feb. 28 talk to the Sales Executives Club of New York... is being distributed by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development... and may soon be given 500,000 circulation through being distributed in bank statements throughout the State... "North Carolina... from Rip Van Winkle to DIXIE DYNAMO"...

Miss Jane Pratt... prominent in Eighth District Congressional circles for a generation... is now associated with N. C. Telephone Co., and looking younger all the time... The background fight on the Sunday Bill here (Senate Bill 141) is really between little merchants and big discount houses... Oliver Wendell Holmes, a small Fayetteville merchant who has been in business since 1908 and who testified big discount houses would run him out of business or force him to open on Sunday, made Ripley's Believe It or Not a few years ago... because he and two other gentlemen named Robert Burns and Edgar A. Poe lived in the same block in Fayetteville...

Governor Sanford left some good friends... and some not-so-good... awa-ay out on the limb last weekend when he came out against road and school bond ideas. But they can't say they had not been warned... Somebody got down and figured the new State House... or Legislative Building, if you must... cost each taxpayer in North Carolina \$1.24. Mississippi State echo: The first Republican legislator in more than 40 years was elected a few days ago in Mississippi

ASTC To Host Debate Competition Next Monday

Appalachian State Teachers College will be host on Monday, April 8, to the district debate competition for the North Carolina High School Debating Union. It was disclosed this week by Ellis Boatman, director of debate at ASTC.

The tournament will be held in the educational building of the Boone Methodist Church. Nine high schools will be represented with five affirmative and five negative teams taking part. They will be competing for first place positions to represent western North Carolina in the state finals at Chapel Hill on April 18 and 19.

The high school debate topic deals with the question of foreign aid. Affirmative teams are: Erwin of Asheville, Chase of Forest City, Bowman of Bakersville, Glen Alpine, and East Surry of Pilot Mountain. Negative teams are: King, Newton-Conover, Marion, East Rutherford of Forest City and Erwin of Asheville.

SMALL BUSINESSES Small business men would be among the most-favored beneficiaries of President Kennedy's tax program, a study indicated. Cuts would total about \$1,200,000,000 if the plan gets approval. It was evident that small business spokesmen were among the gentler critics of the tax proposals in House Ways and Means Committee hearings on the tax bill.

Ho hum. Those folks who were out to "get" N. C. Congressman Hap Barden... finally got him... and the man who succeeded him as chairman of the House Labor and Education Committee is that gre-e-a-at American... Adam Clayton Powell!

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