

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Racial Strife Said To Be Adding Catholic Members

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LOSING OUT? . . . North Carolina Baptists may still be "as numerous as English sparrows", as the late J. M. Broughton phrased it one time, but there is some worry in high places that racial strife may be converting colored Baptists over to Catholicism.

The Baptists are bickering among themselves in scores of their churches throughout North Carolina about what to do about Negroes who are eager to become active members of their flocks.

The problem lies festering. And, when settled in this or that church, is—still unsettled. But the Catholics opened their schools to Negro boys and girls more than five years ago.

If it were left entirely to the pastors of the churches, many of them would be wholly integrated by snowfall. However, the boards of deacons do not have these same deep-seated convictions and neither do most of the church members.

Meantime, the Catholics make hay.

Marse Grant, editor of the vigorous and influential Baptist paper, "Biblical Recorder", reports in the September 28 issue of a conference he recently attended in these parts.

"While Southern Baptists continue to fumble the ball, others are running with it full speed. In a strategic state meeting which the RECORDER editor attended recently, there were 45 people of all faiths in attendance. Fully half of those present were Roman Catholic leaders, although they represent only one per cent of the population of North Carolina. They are now pushing to the front as the saviors of the racial situation. Don't underestimate the effectiveness of their witnessing effort."

And, point out Baptist leaders in private conversation, don't overlook the fact the Negro knows that John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, tried-and-true friends, are Catholic to the bone. If the drift continues, the colored people will leave in droves the solid-white Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches and swing to the integrated houses of worship of the Roman Catholic Church.

NO DEAL . . . With tobacco companies being attacked for low prices and cigarettes selling for 25 cents a pack—and ever going higher—fag jokes are becoming more popular in leaf-rich North Carolina.

We heard one last week about this 90-year-old man a leading tobacco company found out in Tennessee. He had started smoking as a boy and was still a heavy smoker. Well, this was the person they needed to counteract bad cigarette publicity.

They asked him if he could come to New York for a special television interview. He was carried away with the idea, had never been anywhere, and everything was going well with the plans until he learned he was to go on the air at nine o'clock one morning. Right there he put on the brakes; and they waited to know why.

"Well, to tell you the truth", he said, "I don't stop coughing mornings till about twelve."

GREAT SCOTT! . . . This Dan Moore of Canton is making friends fast in Eastern North Carolina, where until a few days ago they didn't know him from a side of sole leather.

He has a way with him. The other night at a YDC political pow-wow at Garner, just out from Raleigh, he sidled up to a youngster and asked: "Do you have a Preyer commitment?"

The play on words added the Young Democrat for a moment. He stuttered, but then came back with: "Oh, go jump in the Lake!"

BREWER . . . Somebody asked us recently how Kidd Brewer is holding up while waiting day-by-day the result of his appeal to the U. S. high court his conviction on the great highway signs scandal.

Well, we wouldn't know. Reports say he is in excellent trim, physically and mentally, with good morale. He no doubt has retained a goodly portion of his old sense of humor. He had one of the finest looking horses in Raleigh's big horse show sponsored by the Lions Club here last week.

Name of the Brewer nag: "Influence Peddler".

AUTOMOTIVE . . . This WPTF radio announcer may just turn into a car before he is through with all those adjectives describing the new models.

One evening last week after a particularly long-winded and glowing report on the new Chevelle he took a deep breath and said: "My, that's almost enough to make you want to BE a Chevrolet rather than merely buy one."

CHOOSING SIDES . . . With two Democratic candidates for office already announced—we refer now to Mansion-wishers—and another expected about frost, the big companies in the State will soon start to choose sides.

This usually works in this way: This big Northeastern North Carolina firm, for example, wants to be with the winner. So, one of their leading officials will line up with Preyer; another with Dan Moore; and a third with Dr. Lake. One of these may not even be a company officer, but one of the most important

stockholders. The firm is in the background.

Each will work hard and earnestly for his man and, in the campaign, will make handsome contributions for his particular candidate. In this way, no matter who wins out for Governor, the firm will have a friend in the office. This happens over—and over—again.

ASTC Debating Union Starts November 1

The Appalachian State Teachers College Debating Union is scheduled to begin its program of debating on November 1 and 2 at the Novice Tournament to be held at Wake Forest College (this tournament is open only to freshmen).

Ellis Boatman, assistant professor of history, is the debate coach on the ASTC campus.

The topic for intercollegiate debating, 1963-64, is "Resolved: that the Federal Government should guarantee an equal opportunity for higher education for all qualified high school graduates."

The ASTC Debating Union is composed of 15 members, nine freshmen and six returning debaters. Officers for this year are: President—Thomas Rhyne, vice-president—William Robinson, secretary—Brenda Wallace, and freshman chairman—Bill Bingham.

Appalachian will also visit the University of South Carolina, Florida State University, Lenoir Rhyne College, Stetson University, and Carson-Newman College.

ON AID CUTS

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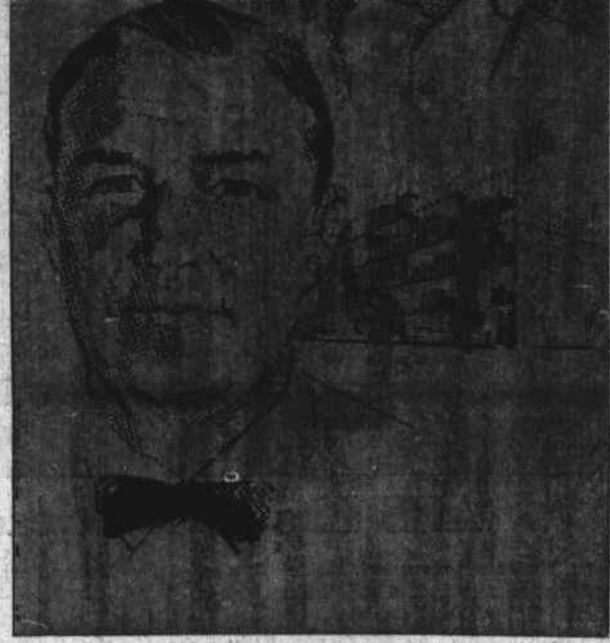
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