

CAPITOL CLIPBOARD

Motor Vehicles Dept. Said To Have Figured In Primary

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BACKGROUND . . . Dan Moore was running for Governor. And, knowing the Department of Motor Vehicles in East Raleigh was full of people, he particularly wanted to visit that place.

Moore had already come out for a shopping across-the-board increase for State employees. He thus felt he would find many a welcome handshake in the castle of the Ed Schmidt empire.

A messenger was sent—more or less on the spur of the moment—to inquire about the Mountain Man's doing a quick Cook's tour of the plate. What he wanted was an office-to-office visit.

The story they tell is that Dan Moore received word there was a ruse against such political visits. Be that as it may, it is a fact that this candidate for Governor did call off the all-out approach.

However, Richardson Preyer did a tour of the Motor Vehicles Dept.—With no apparent trouble. Of course, this burned the Moore lien to a crisp. They resolved—

Looking back on it now, it doesn't seem as bad as when it happened. The difference seems to be that Moore asked for official approval. He didn't get it. Preyer went to the building casually and, without asking for permission, visited there just as he had virtually all the other departments around Raleigh.

Could be. Nevertheless, it must be said that no thin-skinned prima donna anywhere is more sensitive than political aides. Candidates and would-be candidates get their feelings hurt all the time. Many of them never, never forget it.

Did the cold shoulder Moore received from Motor Vehicles in the heat of the campaign have anything to do with the recent earth-rattling shake-up there?

The incident was probably not the prime reason. But, knowing politicians as we do, must come to the conclusion it was part of the picture.

SOCIETY . . . Chub Sewell, speaking to a Raleigh group the other day, said he had never seen such efforts toward peace in a war that had not yet been declared.

He refers to President Johnson's anti-poverty program as "Beulahland".

CONTROLS? . . . A friend just returned from Washington reports that the talk there is about price controls. Come before July 1.

North Carolina's last struggle with them came in the Korean War. The recent pattern seems the same as 15 years ago.

A Feb. 23 confidential memo out of Washington said: "Price controls—not yet, but EVERYTHING is ready, if and when."

EVENTS . . . A census taken here in February shows that Raleigh has gone well over the 180,000 mark, a milestone it tried so hard to reach in 1960.

But the joy of the big population is dampened this week with the knowledge that Raleigh is losing the Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournament. We are now in the middle of the last round-up.

Your Capital City has for two generations enjoyed the distinction of being the "sports capital" of the State. But then it lost the famous Christmas-time Dixie Classics. Now the ACC Tournament.

One of the biggest meetings in the State will come here on March 10-12 when the Distributive Education Clubs of the State gather for annual convention. Hundreds and hundreds of beautiful, nice kids from all over North Carolina.

At the same time the DE's will be here—the same days, March 10-12, Raleigh will be host to the NCAA Eastern Regional Basketball Tournament.

SWITCH . . . When the Employment Security Commission here lost its ace public relations man, Ted Davis, it sent out for another just as good. His name: Ted Davis. No kin.

A few years ago when the N. C. Merchants Association's attorney, I. M. Bailey, died, they got another attorney. His name: James H. Pot Bailey, No kin. Bailey later became general counsel for the N. C. Bankers Association, held the big job capably—and then some—until Gov. Dan Moore appointed him Superior Court judge.

The bankers wanted another just as good. They got him on Jan. 12. His name? — Ruffin Bailey, son of the late I. M. Bailey and one of Wake County's two State Senators.

Bailey, like his father before him, is a leader in the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church here. The Baileys have two children—a junior, age 12, and Jane, age 9. Their mother is the former Nelle Routsseau of North Wilkesboro.

THAT OTHER JOB . . . The return of Ralph Howland to Raleigh to head up a new safety program for the Department

of Motor Vehicles recalls a story.

Howland has lived in Elkin for many years. He has served as public relations man and safety advisor for the Chatham Manufacturing Co. Ralph knows his way around, has been close to many a Governor and would-be Governor. Although only 53, he's an old newspaperman.

When he was editor of the Associated Press in Raleigh during World War II, men were scarce as hen's teeth. Knowing this, one of his reporters every now and then would receive an offer for a "better job". Ralph would grit his teeth, talk it over with the reporter, give him a raise, keep him. This went on for two, three years. It became worrisome. Next time the "better job" came along, Howland blew up, told the reporter to go ahead and take it—at once. Of course, it developed—tearfully, albeit—there was no other job. Howland forthwith cussed him out, threatened him with hellfire and damnation—and kept him. Or so the story goes.

Harris-Teeter Buys In Lenoir

Lenoir, N. C., Feb. 23.—Harris-Teeter Company, operator of 41 supermarkets and four drugstores in North and South Carolina, has purchased the Thrift Food Center in Lenoir and began operation Monday, Feb. 28.

W. T. Harris, president of the Harris-Teeter Company, said today that his company was indeed happy to acquire the new Lenoir outlet for his organization.

The Harris-Teeter organization began its operations 29 years ago with one small store on Central Avenue in Charlotte. It has grown until today there are 41 supermarkets and four drugstores in operation throughout the Carolinas and four other stores will be opened in the next four weeks.

The company has its own warehouse in Charlotte which contains more than 200,000 square feet of floorspace and it operates its own fleet of trucks to carry merchandise to its many outlets.

Humphrey's Tour Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey has assumed a role of salesman on a tour of Asian nations. The Vice President told newsmen there have been gains in the military phase of the Vietnam War, but little progress has been made in the struggle against poverty, disease and illiteracy.

Wataugans At Work



For three years, Paul Grimes of North Depot Street has worked for Todd & Higgins Esso on King Street. Prior to this employment, he ran the projector for the Skyvu Drive-In and still works as projectionist on the weekends. He is married to the former Lala Jackson and they have a daughter, Mitzi, who is a student at Watauga High School. During World War II, Grimes served with the U. S. Army in Europe. (Staff photo)

ECHOES OF THE BLUE RIDGE

Appalachian First In South To Train For Junior Colleges

BY HERMAN W. WILCOX

Watauga County again first in a most welcome move by our fine college:

Junior College Instructors Appalachian State Teachers College was the first school in the South to begin a special training for Junior College Instructors. This program was started in 1957. The demand for these instructors is greater than can be taken care of for the present.



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12 State Junior Colleges The master plan calls for at least 12 junior colleges and a majority of these are now functioning. Within the State there are 15 church related and private junior colleges. Within the very near future this would give the State 27 junior colleges.

At the present time ASTC has enrolled 64 resident students whose aims are to be junior college instructors. Last year 69 received their M. A. degree to become instructors. 1502 Requests Last year the college received 1,502 requests for instructors of this nature. The demand is much greater than the college can provide. The junior college has filled a long needed service to our various communities.

All of the State operated junior colleges are "Drive Ins", no dormitory space provided, dependent on and service to the immediate community. These instructors require special preparation, therefore, ASTC has been recognized as turning out the best instructors anywhere in the entire South. Some new colleges in the South will only enroll junior college graduates: the Atlantic College at Vero Beach will only accept junior college graduates.

Newest Plans North Wilkesboro, Morganton and Elkin are in the process of creating new junior colleges to serve their immediate communities. It seems that this is the most effective plan to reach our people who otherwise could not attend a college. They can leave home early in the morning by car or bus to college and return home that afternoon. This no doubt will increase a greater demand on our four-year colleges to make room for these graduates so

they may complete their college work and take special graduate work.

Appalachian is determined to do her part, and is to be commended for its forward program. There is no doubt that ASTC is the foundation on which this community has been and will continue to be built.

Girl Scout Week To Be Observed Starting Monday

Sunday is girl Scout Sunday and on Monday the national celebration of Girl Scout week will begin.

The girls will attend church services in their uniforms, according to Mrs. Kay Bosworth, Girl Scout leader.

Indonesia recalls Ambassador from Peking.

Advertisement for Vertagreen Lightweight Lawn Food. Features a large image of a lawn food bag and a shopping cart. Text includes: 'Buy Vertagreen right now!! [There's a dollar in it for you.]', 'Hurry, Offer Good 'Til March 15 Only', 'Just buy VERTAGREEN Lightweight Lawn Food... cut the word MAGNEX off the bag and send it to Vertagreen, P. O. Box 7073, Chicago, Illinois, 60677 before March 15, 1968... and we'll mail you one dollar (\$1.00) cash. Maximum refund \$3.00.', 'at your authorized Armour Dealer Goodnight Bros. Produce Company E. Howard St. Boone, N. C.'

Advertisement for Heiress Classic Pumps. Features a large image of a black patent leather pump. Text includes: 'AT BELK'S IN BOONE', 'Belk's Home of Better Values', 'NINE DAY SALE! MARCH 3 THRU 12', 'keep step in patent!', 'Heiress CLASSIC PUMPS 8.88 USUALLY 10.99', 'Everybody loves our classic leather pump, and, no wonder! We use only the softest select leathers, we style to the latest, loveliest this-minute lines: the perfectly curved throatline, the newest in the slim heel look! Quality construction includes full leather linings, leather soles, all the inside comfort features you expect. Gleaming black patent leather; soft, full-grain calf leather in black, red, navy, white. Sizes 5 1/2-9. Mid or High heel. BELK'S—Boone's Largest Department Store'

Advertisement for Buick's \$1,000,000 Sweepstakes. Text includes: 'You may have won \$2332.00 cash!', 'A new list every week from now until March 31st. 429 first prizes.', 'If the first part of your car registration number is here, you might be a winner.', 'There's an authorized Buick dealer near you. See his Double-Checked used cars, too.'