

CAPITOL CLIPBOARD

Whiskey Issue Again Flares In Wake Brown Bag Decision

BY EULA N. GREENWOOD
OUT OF HOME . . . It is estimated in Raleigh that there are probably over 2,000 private clubs in North Carolina serving alcoholic drinks of various kinds across the bar.

Since this would be an average of 20 per county, it seems a little on the high side. However, consensus is that more whiskey is actually being sold across the bar than in the open-saloon days of 50 years ago.

The 1967 battle cry of those wanting alcohol sold in public places by the drink is already taking shape and goes as follows: "Let's get whiskey out of the home".

DRINKERS . . . North Carolinians apparently like to drink—beer, wine, rum, whiskey, and even a little tequila now and then. Tequila is Mexico's favorite drink, is an intoxicant—sold in North Carolina ABC stores—made of a certain type of fermented cactus juice. Wow.

Tarheels love strong drink—and the millions of dollars in taxes that strong drink brings in.

Many units of local government—city and county—already crying for more money, could not make ends meet without their income from alcohol of various kinds.

COMING EVENTS . . . Coming events often cast their shadows before. Thus we can see now that the two main fights in the next Legislature will be concerned with:

1. Cigarette taxes.
2. Drinks sold legally across the bar.

TYPICAL PLACES . . . Ben Jonson, in one of his many writings, remarked that "the law is an ass".

What with the many judicial pronouncements we are getting these days— from brown bags on up to school prayers—one never knows what next to expect. Legislative bodies these days are kept busy straightening out—or catching up with—judicial decisions.

Too many criminals whose guilt is beyond doubt are being set free through legal technicalities and as a result of some innocent error on the part of under-paid law enforcement personnel. Example: the other day a man went into a big department store, tried on a suit, was walking out with it when arrested for shoplifting. The

judge freed him because the N. C. Shoplifting Law refers to concealed merchandise—and he had not concealed the suit.

Your suspicions are as good as any as to why—after 25 solid years of it—brown-bagging has suddenly become illegal. And, as to serving drinks in clubs: this is one of the main reasons for the existence of many of these clubs.

Here are typical places where you can—if you are a member or friend of a member—get a mixed drink in almost any county in North Carolina: the Elks Club, the Moose Club, the Country Club, the City Club, the hotel club and, now and then, the motel club, the American Legion Club, the VFW Club, etc.

It may be that one reason "leading citizens" have not made more of an outcry for open bars in North Carolina is that so many of them already have access to across-the-bar drinks.

Be this as it may, the restaurant people and the hotels—if they can hold out for about 18 months—now have what they have been looking for in that judge's decision against out-of-the-home drinking.

FROM THE CITY . . . In the 1967 Legislature, those who are against saloons will be accused of preferring to have whiskey served in the home. A lot of argument will be forthcoming as to why alcoholic beverages should be served only outside the home, away from the children.

Now that the Legislature has been reapportioned to favor heavy population centers like Raleigh, Durham,

Greensboro, Fayetteville, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and Asheville, look for more open-bar sympathy than ever before.

Without going into the social aspects of the matter, we would like to say this: nothing is more tacky, and nothing gets us laughed at more by tourists, than this totting of liquor (slosh-slosh) in the brown bags as we dine out evenings in our posh restaurants.

And, as to the alphabetical aspects of ABC, consensus seems to be it has one letter too many—the last one.

MORE SANFORD . . . Last week in reporting here that former Gov. Terry Sanford's party chairman, national committeeman, and head of the C&D are candidates for the Legislature, we failed to list these other Sanford stalwarts who are also running: Sneed High, Fayetteville, former head of the N. C. Revenue Dept., under Gov. Sanford; John Henley, Fayetteville, head of the Division of Purchase and Contract with Gov. Sanford; and Good Friends San Burrows of Asheville, Billy Harrison of Rocky Mount, Dave Reid of Pitt County and Dub Graham of Mecklenburg.

Seriously and frankly, it looks right now as if Terry Sanford may have—if they are all elected—more real tiger-hunting friends in the Legislature than Gov. Dan Moore. It promises to be a most unusual—and interesting—situation.

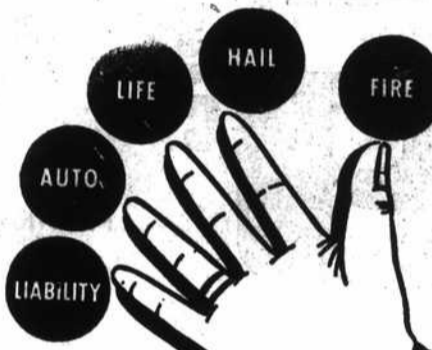
This Sanford Group could, and well might, hold the balance of power on all highly controversial matters coming up in the 1967 Legislature. How they will affect Lt. Gov. Bob Scott's plans, nobody knows.

Wataugans At Work



Displaying a bucket of firm red apples in the back of his truck on West King Street is Clarence Mains of Boone. He has been in the produce business for several years. He is married, has a daughter and a grandchild. He and his wife attend Elk Knob Baptist Church at Tamarack. (Staff photo)

Selective Service lists student deferment rules. U. S. is squeezed by O. A. S. commitments. Fowler hints tax rise decision late next month. Armed forces clothing supplies found improving.



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In order to vote in the primary, one must have declared party affiliation. If a person wishes to change party affiliation or change from independent to party supporter, he should appear before the registrar during the regular registration period and request that such change be made on the general registration books.
One who has moved from one precinct to another in Watauga County must register in the new precinct if he has lived there 30 days.
Appalachian State Teachers College students are, in general, not eligible to vote in Watauga County. However, students whose parents live in Watauga County and married students who have established residence here are eligible to register and vote if they meet the general qualifications.
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that every dollar of our money ought to be spent to back up our fighting men in the Far East.

There is no doubt about the sincerity of these people, but it might be a serious mistake, some people think, to sabotage or discard the Peace Corps at this stage of the Viet Nam War.

Wednesday night at 7:30 a general meeting will be held in the Auditorium of Rankin Science Building. The returning volunteers, if they can, will answer the question—"Guns or Butter: The Peace Corps vs the Viet Nam War." Some people have contended that the Peace Corps is a sort of luxury, and

The Wednesday night meeting will be open to everyone, and an attendance even larger than last year's general meeting is predicted by officers of the International Relations Club who are again sponsoring Peace Corps Week on the campus.

Club and societies who would like to have the Volunteers speak before their groups are urged to see Carole Brewer of the International Relations Club as soon as possible this week, or phone Dr. Edward Gibson, Peace Corps Liaison Officer, 264-887, Ext. 217, or 4-3532 before Sunday night.

On-Campus Peace Corps examinations will be given during the week. Prospective Volunteers should pick up the Peace Corps Questionnaire (a part of the examination) from Dr. Gibson, 349 Edwin Duncan Hall, and complete it before the examination.

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