

Washington—Writing a weekly column, making it worthy of the editor's valuable space and letting you know what I am doing as your United States Senator in Washington is quite a task.

It is a good idea, I honestly think, to let you know where I stand on the vital issues facing the Second Session of the 83rd Congress. That's the idea behind this report—to tell of my stewardship. The report will be free of partisan politics. It will hew to the line of integrity. I hope you find it helpful.

**TODAY'S MAIL**

Your mail is interesting. It takes some time out of every day to get it all read and studied. I returned to Washington to find a basket full of letters on a diversity of subjects. What is today's mail revealing? It shows that the people of North Carolina are interested in a reduction in taxes, how to assure farmers that they will receive a fair price for their tobacco, cotton, peanuts, corn, grain and other products. Many letters show that there is considerable concern about unemployment. There are many letters favoring a wage raise for postal and other government workers. Of course, the mail also covers many other subjects such as the controversial Bricker amendment, overseas spending, minimum wage and labor legislation and the problems in the field of States' Rights. It's all read. It's helpful, and it doesn't take long to spot the so-called "high pressure" letter from the heartfelt.

**FARM PROBLEM**

Your letters regarding my stand on the farm problem were mostly congratulatory and in agreement. A few said they hoped I had been misquoted. My position has not changed. I believe we cannot afford to let our agricultural economy suffer. That is why I favor strongly, and plan to support with all my power, legislation to continue high (90 per cent of parity) support prices for farm products. Many sincere and honest people do not agree with my thinking on this, but I find myself unable to take any other position other than to back the farm people of North Carolina.

**BUMPING THE CEILING**

My position is that we should not raise the debt limit which is now standing at the awesome \$275 billion mark. Some of the leaders in our government say we're bumping the ceiling right now and that our unbalanced budget will suffer if it isn't raised. That may be true. But I have to be shown in no uncertain terms that this is necessary. It seems more plausible to reduce our foreign economic spending greatly, to plug the defense loopholes and balance the budget. If we cannot balance the budget now, how on earth are we ever going to get it done? It seems more fair to our taxpayers to cut out as much of the unbalance in the budget as possible because the debt service on the national debt now runs at about seven billion dollars a year. I believe that we can prevent raising the debt limit by examining every proposed expenditure carefully.

**THIS-AND-THAT**

My travels during the recess took

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THE MONEY WE ARE ABLE TO PUT BY THIS WEEK MAY NOT SEEM MUCH, BUT IF WE SAVE REGULARLY, EVEN ONE PLUS ONE OR TWO PLUS TWO, BUILDING UP OVER THE YEARS WITH INTEREST ADDED, CAN AMOUNT TO A TIDY SUM FOR THE FUTURE FINANCIAL SECURITY OF THE FAMILY.

me into all but ten of the counties in North Carolina. That was a pleasant task although it meant being away from my home in Wilmington for weeks... Senator Hoey is hale and hearty after spending the recess in Shelby... For the hundreds of school boys and girls and others who come to the Capitol during the year, Senator Hoey's seat in the Senate is Number 40 and mine 42 on the Senate diagram. I sit between Senator Kefauver and Senator Clements. Our desks are located on the second row right from the President's position... The children always get a big thrill out of riding the cars between the Senate Office Building and the Capitol which run in the subway. Be sure to let your children have this thrill on your trip up here... Invitations to speak in North Carolina are coming in and I appreciate them greatly. I'll make all possible, but the rush of legislation will have a bearing on keeping me here. I'll get into those ten counties I didn't have time to visit during the recess.

**WISDOM**

I'm reminded in closing of the story about the little boy who was praying at bedtime for God to "look after Mommie, Daddy and all the rest." And he closed his child's prayer by saying, "Good Lord, take good care of yourself, because if anything was to happen to you, we'd all be sunk."

**CATHOLIC SERVICES**

Every Sunday (except first Sunday of every month, when first Mass is in Palace Theatre, Windsor, at 8 A. M.), the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated at 8 and 11 A. M., each including sermon, Holy Communion, followed by Rosary in honor of Mary. Help of Christians, and for the Conversion of all non-Catholics, Sunday School, with Confessions for half hour before Services in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father Francis J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services and to the Information Forum held in the rectory library every Thursday 7:30 P. M. to 8:30, followed by choir practice to 9:15. Week-days, including every first Friday and first Saturday of the month, at 7 A. M., Mass, Communion, Rosary.

**Hopeless**

"How much is a wee tiny small radio, mister?"  
"Six dollars, son."  
"Gee, that's almost nine dollars more than I got."



**GARDEN TIME**  
ROBERT SCHMIDT  
N.C. STATE COLLEGE

I have already received a number of new seed catalogs for 1954 and they are better than ever—beautifully illustrated, and containing many new varieties of flowers and vegetables. If you haven't received yours, address a post card to your favorite seed house, or send for several different ones so that you can compare their specialties. Each company has certain specialties and novelties which it emphasizes and recommends to its customers, as well as the standard varieties. This is especially true of hybrid varieties. A few seed companies produce new hybrid varieties which are offered for sale only by themselves. There are many hybrid varieties of vegetables being introduced by seedsmen—especially of tomatoes, cucumbers, and sweet corn. Some of these are distinct improvements over standard varieties; some are not as good. The way to find out if they suit your needs

to try them out.

The seed of hybrid varieties are usually more expensive than standard sorts because of the labor involved in hand pollination. The home gardener should try out small plantings of these new varieties and hybrids because he takes very little financial risk and at the same time he may be well pleased with the results. He should, however, continue to plant the old proven varieties until he has given the new ones a fair trial.

Every gardener should take an interest in the "All America" vegetable and flower variety selections of the last few years. These have been tested in several different locations in the country and can be generally recommended. Good examples are Wade snap beans, Salad Bowl leaf lettuce, Premier Great Lakes head lettuce, America spinach, Cherry Belle radish, and many others.

Next week's column will include a list of recommended vegetable and flower varieties.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES**

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:

Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M.; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome to all services.

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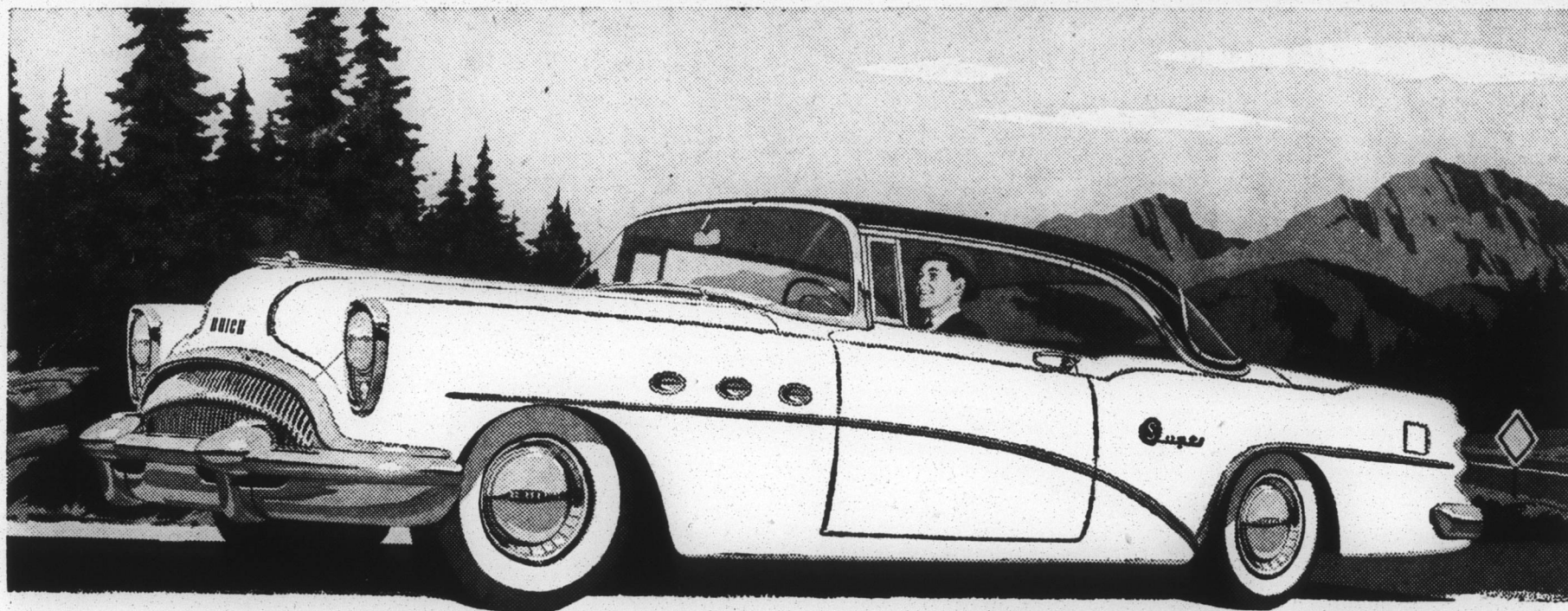
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