

Washington—The Joint Session of the Senate and House to hear President Eisenhower's message on the state of the Union produced some headaches. The Senate met at noon and at 12:16 we marched over to the House for our seats to hear the address. There were so many former Senators and diplomats present that all the seats were taken. A number of us Senators offered to stand and did so in order to let some of the others have a seat, so I can truthfully say the speech seemed longer than fifty-four minutes and 7,000 words.

President Eisenhower used a taller than usual lectern installed so he wouldn't have to bend his neck and expose the top of his head to the television cameras. This permitted the reading of the message while standing more erect.

**TAX CUTS PROMISED**

My reaction to the Presidential message is that I approve generally of the manner with which he presented his program and his thinking, especially with his desire to reduce taxes. I had hoped that he would state that the budget can be balanced. The statement that foreign economic aid can be reduced impressed me, for that has been my position since coming to the Senate.

**THE FARM PROGRAM**

If I am any judge of the consensus in the Senate regarding the farm program I believe the 90 per cent of parity price support for the six basic farm commodities will be extended. I hope so. I don't believe that flexible price supports will be for the best interest of North Carolina. I will strongly support 90 per cent of parity because of its urgent importance to our farm economy.

**AMENDMENT**

I have joined with the Majority Leader and other members of both political parties and the one Independent in the Senate to sponsor Senate Joint Resolution 112, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to grant to citizens of the United States who have attained the age of 18 the right to vote. My purpose for this has not changed since I supported similar legislation in the North Carolina Senate in 1951. I believe young men and women today are better informed at age 18 than most of the folks were at 21 only a few years ago. Also, it seems unreal to me to deny the right to vote to a per-

son who is old enough to serve his country in the armed forces. I think the Resolution will show to the several state legislatures the feeling of the Congress and will dramatize to the country the various arguments, pro and con, on the matter. The President asked for this legislation. I am glad to identify myself with it in this non-partisan manner.

**VISITORS**

Last week a constituent stopped by the office and seemed almost apologetic about making an inquiry about a particular matter of government in which he was interested. I assured him that a Senator's office is maintained by the taxpayers to be of service whenever possible. I have instructed my assistant, Harry Gatto, and my secretary, John Sear, to see that no person is denied the courtesy of our office.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

This week your wires and letters were interesting. The majority of mail concerning legislation was on the proposed pay raise for postal clerks. My office staff has carefully perused the mail to me to get your ideas. We have worked late each night answering letters and studying legislation. The mail has been heavy.

**SPECIFIC**

My stand on a number of issues will be determined by the committee hearings and debate in the Senate. I will let you know how I stand as debate develops. I feel it is advisable to carefully study each bill. Senate Joint Resolution 1 (Bricker Amendment) and Senate Bill 2150 (St. Lawrence Seaway) were the first measures announced.

**FEDERAL PERSONNEL**

Federal employment dropped during November by 6,035. During the first five months of fiscal 1954 civilian employment in the federal government was reduced by 102,930, according to Senator Byrd.

**THIS-AND-THAT**

We nominate the Crossnore high school seniors as the real early birds. They have already visited Washington. While here they called by our office. . . North Carolina was certainly in the limelight with high honors by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Two of the nation's ten most distinguished young men of the year which they have announced are Hor-



**60 - SECOND SERMONS**

—By—  
FRED DUDGE

TEXT: "Pride makes some men ridiculous and prevents others from becoming so."—C. C. Colton.

The story is told of a proud young attorney who was cross-examining a witness. He strode before the jury and grandly emphasized his superior talents over those of the bewildered witness. Then he turned on the witness with a flourish.

"Now tell the Court," he commanded, "just what way the stairs in that house run."

"Well," stammered the witness, "I reckon that all depends."

The attorney was triumphant. He had the witness confused and could discredit his testimony.

"Depends? How could that possibly depend?"

Editor of Tabor City and Bishop William Gordon of Alaska and Leaskville-Spray . . . I had a fine time in Wilson last Friday night for the Jaycee banquet and recognition of Wilson's man of the year, Lee Gliarmis . . . Thanks for the favorable comment on the first column.

**MOVING THE CAPITAL**

On June 11, 1800, the Capital of the United States was moved from Philadelphia to Washington. In 1954 this would be a big task, requiring much planning, but in 1800, the government consisted of only 126 persons!

**Weekly Devotional Column**

By JAMES MACKENZIE

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the gift of God; not as the outcome of works, lest anyone may boast" (Ephesians 2:8, Roman Catholic Version).

The Greek word translated "grace" in the Bible is the word "Charis," and, according to the scholar, Thayer, it has reference to "kindness which bestows upon someone something not deserved." The German commentator, J. P. Lange, tells us that "Grace is God's goodness to the sinner, who does not deserve it." And we all know the common English definition, "Grace is unmerited favor." Ordinarily we might think of unmerited favor as some act of kindness done to a friend, or a stranger. But the grace of God is stronger than this; for it is freely given, not to friends, or strangers, but to them who are in open, deliberate rebellion against Him. For "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Without the grace of God it is impossible to be saved, for salvation is from start to finish an act of God. The grace of God means that He loved us enough while we were yet sinners, yet in rebellion against Him, to purchase our redemption with the blood of His only begotten Son. The grace of God also means that He convicted us of sin by His Holy Spirit, gave us faith to receive and trust His Son as Saviour and Lord for even our faith is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8) and pardoned our sins because of that faith.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found—  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear.

And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

And this amazing grace of God is beyond measure; there is no end to it. That is why we sing:

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Marvelous grace; infinite grace!  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

Marvelous grace; infinite grace!  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Grace that is greater than all our sin! Do you know what that means? It means that we cannot sin more than God can forgive. God is better at forgiving than we are at sinning. If we could place all the sins ever committed by you and by me, and by everyone, on one side of a large scale, they would not be sufficient to counter-balance even a small fraction of God's unlimited supply of grace. Thus saith the Lord: "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound!" (Romans 5:20).

For the grace of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.

sibly depend on anything?" he demanded savagely.

"Well," said the witness, "it depends on how you look at 'em. Lookin' at 'em one way they run upstairs and lookin' at 'em the other, they run downstairs."

Many times we have seen proud men made humble or been humbled ourselves when we have been most proud. There is virtue in pride. We admire men and women who are too proud to demean themselves—who are too proud to conduct themselves in a manner that may lower their opinion of themselves. Yet we detest one who proudly parades his virtue or superior talents. Be proud—quietly. Avoid pride that turns your nose up. Possess pride that keeps your chin up.

God offers this grace to you, even now as you read these lines. How may you receive it? By faith (Ephesians 2:8), just as we receive all of God's gifts, and blessings, and promises. The grace of God is offered in Christ, and is unto all, and upon all who believe. Right now, confess your sins to God, and trust Him to forgive you for the sake of His Son.

Saved by grace alone,  
This is all my plea;  
Jesus died for all mankind,  
And Jesus died for me.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe;  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Chappell of Frederick, Md., announce the birth of a 7-pound daughter, Carol Palmer, born Friday, January 9, in the Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Chappell is a native of Tyner and is presently engaged in bacteriological and virological research for the Chemical Corps Biological Laboratories, located at Camp Detrick, Frederick, Maryland.

Advice is less necessary to the wise than to fools, but the wise derive most advantage from it.

—Guicciardini.

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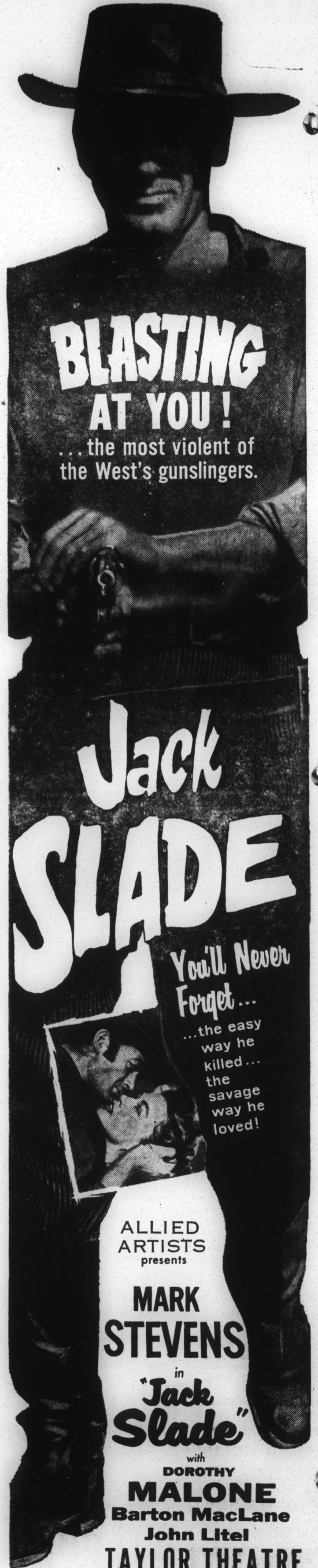
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