

Washington—I have been impressed with the appeals from your letters both for and against Senate Joint Resolution 1, commonly referred to as the Bricker Amendment. This is a very involved Constitutional matter. Since coming to the Senate last July 15, I have discussed the proposed amendment and read just about everything available on the subject. I am sure many of you have done the same thing. I haven't felt like jumping up on the stump and telling you that I know all the answers about a thing so important and complex. I am still studying it. At the time this is written, the debate on the floor of the Senate is hot and furious. As one of my friends who was visiting the gallery during the debate said, "Alton, I don't see how a Philadelphia lawyer could get all the facts for and against a thing like that in five years of study—especially with 1267 pages of fine print in the testimony before the Judiciary Committee."

**AMENDMENT**

Senator Walter F. George of Georgia has offered a substitute amendment. Let me say I consider him probably the most outstanding member of the Senate. He has been a member for 32 years, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and is now ranking minority member. He is considered one of the most prominent Constitutional lawyers in the country. Senator George's substitute amendment seems short and simple enough. After he introduced his amendment, I asked Senator George to brief me on his thinking. He did, in detail, and there were other Senators who joined me in listening to his explanation.

**THE GEORGE SUBSTITUTE**

What Senator George said, with the earnestness and sincerity of a scholar of the old school, I shall never forget. He said that amending the Constitution is serious business, and that no surplus of words should be used in a proposed amendment. He feels, and I most certainly agree, that the Constitution should be the supreme law of the land and supreme above everything, including international agreements. His amendment says that treaties which conflict with the Constitution shall not be legal and that no international agreement other than a treaty shall become effective as internal law in the United States except by act of Congress. Perhaps by the

time you read this, the issue will have been settled and my vote recorded. I favor the George substitute as middle ground. Many of my colleagues fear that to insist on the Bricker amendment all the way would result in a complete defeat of all of the suggestions and the George substitute seems to provide, they say, the safeguards necessary. It would appear that Senator George has come to the forefront to again prove himself the great statesman we all know him to be. I feel confident that is the reason President Eisenhower called him to the White House recently for his views. At the present time, I hope and believe that the majority of the Southern Senators will favor the George substitute.

**THIS-AND-THAT**

Senator Hoey has been acclaimed for his leadership in helping to work out in conference the final cotton acreage increase bill . . . He and I were over at the television studios the other day to make our television film when we ran into the Vice-President who was just completing his program. He was rushing around in order to get back to open the Senate Session . . . Speaking of television, one of the Congressmen is reported to have made a fluff for sure on television when he got up and proudly stated, "Hello, ladies and gentlemen, I'm glad to come into your bedroom again." Of course, what he meant to say was "living room." . . . I hope those of you who have an opportunity will read Dr. Harris' prayers at the opening of the Senate each day. He is pastor of Foundry Methodist Church here in Washington and is Senate Chaplain . . . Senator Monroney of Oklahoma wants to convert a room in the Capitol into a prayer room for all members of Congress to use for meditation. I think he is to be highly complimented for this and it should be done . . .

Where children are, there is the golden age. —Novallis.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Members of the Yeopim Baptist Church desire to express their thanks and appreciation to the Edenton Fire Department for answering a call for help Sunday morning. Fortunately no damage was done and the firemen discovered what was causing so much smoke.

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**Pfc. Willie E. Taylor Helps In Celebration Of 40th Inf. Division**

Army Pfc. Willie E. Taylor, 26, son of Mrs. Rosetta Madrey, 121 W. Freemason Street, Edenton, helped to celebrate the 40th Infantry Division's second anniversary in Korea this month.

The former California National Guard division, which distinguished itself at Sandbag Castle, The Punch-bowl and Heartbreak Ridge, arrived on the peninsula in January, 1952. Taylor, whose father, William H. Taylor, lives in Portsmouth, Va., arrived in Korea last July and has been serving with the 160th Regiment. He entered the Army in May, 1952.

**Wet Weather Delays Tobacco Bed Seeding**

For the past three weeks it has been tobacco plant bed seeding time in Pender County, but the weather has delayed this all-important Tar Heel farm operation.

V. T. Maultsby, Negro county agent for the Agricultural Extension Service, says that with the advent of dry weather many farmers will hurry to finish a task started three weeks ago. Many farmers started sowing the tiny seed that will produce the plans to start the major crop on their farms only to be halted by continuous rain. The determined farmers who tried to buck the stiff wet soil in the plant beds were forced finally to take their

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tools back to the shed and look for a wet weather job.

**Talent Show Presented By Oak Grove Club**

Sponsored by the Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club, a talent show was presented Wednesday night of this week at Chowan High School. Talent in the show came from Suffolk, Gates County, Hobbsville and Edenton, with C. W. Overman acting as announcer.

The program was as follows: Gates County Ramblers; music by the Rhythm Beaters, third grade at Chowan High School; pantomime, Joyce Bunch;

tap dancer, Pat Mooney; solo, Beverly Ward; acrobatic act, Shirley Ward and Annie Mae Riddick; boy chorus, ninth grade at Chowan High School; tap dance, Peggy Johnson; imitation, Peggy Perry and Jerry Evans; duet, Loretta Benton and Annie Marie Overman; piano solo, Kay Frances White; clog dance, Cleve Chappell; duet, Sylvia and Jennette Bunch; The Lord's Prayer, Peggy Perry; music.

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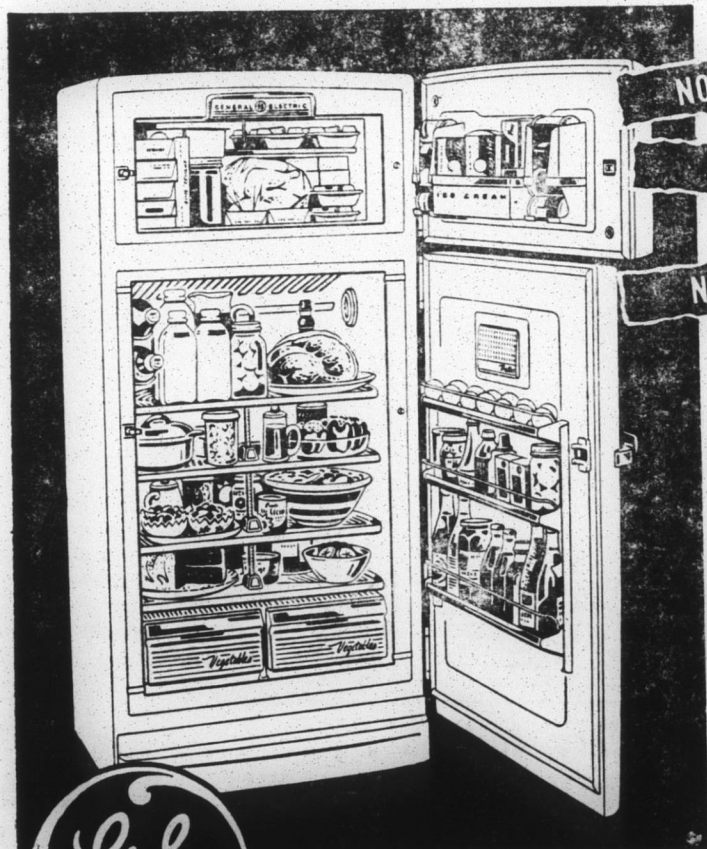
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