



Washington—Easter brought a lot of North Carolinians to Washington, and a number who live here went back home for the week-end.

**Senator Griswold**

The Senate was shocked at the sudden passing of one of our colleagues, Senator Dwight Griswold of Nebraska. He had not been in the Senate very long, but had made a great impression on all of us. I attended the memorial service in the Senate on Monday, at which time last tributes were paid to him. He was on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee with me.

**Mortality Rate**

The mortality rate of Senators is high. I am advised that there have been 23 Senators who have died in the last ten years, including three North Carolinians, Senators Josiah W. Bailey, J. M. Broughton and Willis Smith.

**Wool Bill**

By the time you read this column, the Senate is scheduled to be taking up the Administration's wool bill. It will bring about quite a debate, I am told. I am still in favor of the 90 per cent of parity support for basic farm crops grown in North Carolina where production controls and marketing quotas can be set. Our tobacco program has been a model for others. It is a tribute to farmers of North Carolina. Much of the farm price support program is hinged on the wool bill.

**Student Exchange**

I have had some letters recently deploring the reduction by the House of funds for the foreign student exchange program. This is one program which needs to be strengthened and not weakened. It seems to me that Senator Fulbright deserves commendation for pushing this program. I strongly favor the program, and I can think of no better way than this of getting across the idea of democracy and freedom.

**Ambassador**

I hope all of you are carefully following the good work that Billy Graham is doing in England. He certainly is an ambassador of good will and Christian fellowship. As I told you in a previous report, it was my pleasure to entertain him at a luncheon here in the Capitol just before he went overseas. At that luncheon were a number of our most important Senators and Congressmen. Billy spoke to us about his trip to England.

We were all impressed with his sincerity and are more than happy to see that he has had such great success. If we had a few more people in the world like this preacher from North Carolina, we wouldn't have to be worrying about hydrogen bombs. It makes me feel good to have Senators stop by on the Senate floor and comment on the good work being done by Billy Graham.

**Explosion**

We were all shocked at the tragedy in Goldsboro. At the request of Goldsboro officials, I am glad that my office could be of some little help in getting experts from the Bureau of Mines, who are experienced in blasts and explosions, to go down and help out.

**This - And - That**

Mickey Vernon's tenth inning home run that won the opening ball game for the Senators was a thrilling conclusion to a good ball game. I didn't get to see the game, but I read the news accounts. Two Tar Heels are on the Washington team, Tommy Umphlett of Ahsokie and Tom Wright of Shelby. . . One of the best views of Washington is from the Lee Mansion at Arlington.

**Letter To Editor**

The PTA meeting on last Tuesday night was one which I wish that all parents and interested citizens could have attended. Mrs. Ferguson's program was attractive enough in itself to have made everyone glad they had attended.

However, the business meeting is actually what I have in mind. It was a shining example, to coin a phrase, of two groups of people who should be working and fighting for the same things ultimately, each on an opposite side of the fence. This fact, remaining until now, a complete mystery to me.

There were some recommendations presented to the PTA by a committee appointed by the president, for the approval of the PTA Association in Edenton. Several of these suggestions have had their origin in the State Department of Education. They are as follows:

1. Levy a special school tax of 15 cents in order to:
- (a) Provide additional instruction-

al supplies.

(b) Eliminate all local student fees.

(c) Increase teacher supplements to insure better trained teachers.

2. That the local teacher supplement program be reconsidered.

3. School Board and Public Relations:

(a) That public notice be given of each regularly scheduled meeting and minutes of each meeting be published in the local newspaper and that a representative of the PTA be given a standing invitation to attend each meeting.

4. Employ additional teachers in the elementary school so that no class will be larger than 30 students average daily attendance.

5. We suggest that the School Board make a thorough study of the school attendance problems which would result in decreasing the teacher load and improving classroom instruction.

6. That an adequate program of sick leave be set up for all teachers.

7. That all fund drives except for school-sponsored drives be eliminated in the schools.

I want you to consider these carefully and tell me how a group of teachers could possibly conscientiously vote against such suggestions. For

vote against it is precisely what they did. The recommendations are certainly by no means final as a result of the voting them in or out. The vote was merely to have them endorsed by the PTA and presented to the School Board for consideration. Assuming, of course, that these men are men of discretion, foresight, wisdom and have the very needy interest in the best over-all program for our school system. It appeared at the meeting, I might add, that we have a one-man school board, as he seemed quite capable of telling us exactly how the School Board would feel about the matter without the necessity of the presentation of the suggestions to them.

Parents are, naturally, primarily interested in their children! Where one's children are, there also is one's heart. However, many parents secondarily certainly make an effort to understand the problems and difficulties of the teacher. A happy, not overloaded well-satisfied teacher generally makes a good one better. At least, it seems to stand to reason. My idea would certainly be to cooperate with my child's teacher to the best of my ability and definitely not to complicate her working field.

There was a meeting in a colored church. The church finances were in-

dire need. The preacher to his congregation said: "Brethren, our situation is 'Status Quo'—that's Latin for the fix we're in."

Brethren, from where I sit—that's Latin for the fix we're in.

—Mystified and Disturbed Citizen.

Little strokes fell great oaks.  
—Benjamin Franklin.

**Following Formula**

"Children," said the teacher, "bear in mind that the affix 'stan' indicates the place of. Thus: 'Afghanistan'—the place of Afghans, 'Hindustan'—the place of Hindus." Now, can anyone give me another example?" "Yes, teacher," replied little Clarence. "Umbrellastan—the place of umbrellas!"

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