

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — In this series of columns it has been shown that Senator Nathaniel Mecon established a very distinguished record as a member of the United States Congress. When he resigned in 1828, James Iredell of Edenton, from one of North Carolina's distinguished families, was elected to fill the vacancy.

James Iredell

Iredell was the eleventh Senator in the line of succession from North Carolina. He was born on November 2, 1788, at Edenton. After graduating from Princeton College, he was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Edenton. He left his practice for a time in 1812 to serve as captain of a company of volunteers. Shortly thereafter he was elected to the State House of Commons, serving as speaker from 1817 to 1828. For a few months in 1819 he served as a judge. In 1828, Iredell became

Governor of North Carolina, followed by election by the legislature to the United States Senate. He did not seek reelection; his term expired on March 3, 1831. In the meantime, Iredell had moved to Raleigh and resumed the practice of law where he continued to be active in governmental affairs. He died while on a visit to Edenton, April 13, 1833.

Whigs Gain Support

Senator Bedford Brown of Rose Hill, Caswell County, had been elected to the United States Senate in 1829 as a Democrat to fill the vacancy caused by Senator John Branch's resignation. He served at a time when the Whig Party was on the gain in North Carolina, a time when Democrats were finding it increasingly more difficult to get the support of the legislature.

The story of Senator Bedford Brown will be explored more thoroughly later.

Frankly Speaking

By Frank Roberts

Well, another pleasant task out of the way, that of judging the beauty contest in Hertford a week ago. It was our job to select Miss Perquimans from a group of 12 very wonderful girls. We had to choose on the basis of talent, beauty, personality and poise. There were five of us judging the contest and five extremely diversified opinions as to which of the girls should receive top honors. However, as we used the point system, that eliminated anything like a "hung jury", and the decision was finally made in favor of a black-haired, blue-eyed, extremely personable young lady, Diane Divers. She has that Elizabeth Taylor beauty, along with her own special brand of charm, a combination that will make her a fine representative for Hertford for 1960. Our congratulations to her, especially since she won over such stiff competition. And, as in the Miss America contest, there was a special award given to a Miss Congeniality. This award went to Paige Anne Chappell. By the way, Betty Brown was outstanding in the talent department with a comedy skit she wrote herself and actually funnier than a lot of the stuff that passes for humor on television. You have to see this gal on stage to appreciate her tremendous talent and ability.

WCDJ's ex-rock 'n' roll man, Oscar Shaw, is in New York now promoting some of the musical groups he featured on WCDJ. Buster Brown, the brilliant young guitarist, already has his first record out and is working in a Long Island night club. What a step up for that wonderful young fellow. He's only fifteen, blind, learned guitar by himself and plays brilliantly. We wish him nothing but the best of luck and success.

That crazy rumor making the rounds about the Taylor Theatre is just that: a crazy rumor. Not a bit of truth to it. As partial proof we can tell you that the Taylor is booked with some terrific movie entertainment well into February. Between now and that time you'll see such outstanding film fare as: "They Came to Corduro", starring Gary Cooper, Tab Hunter and Rita Hayworth; "Sign of the Cross" and "Warrior and Save Girls," two of the spectaculars; the movie version of "Li'l Abner," and much-looked-forward-to "Pillow Talk," which broke all attendance records in Norfolk. Pat Boone's latest, a science-fiction opus based on a Jules Verne story, and those are just a few of the many fine films you'll see at the definite staying-open Taylor Theatre.

Checked on the new Charley Weaver show on television the other night. He's one of the funniest guys around, but seems completely lost in a very unfunny half hour. Maybe he needs Jack Paar as guest.

Payola? Oh, yes, the subject is still with us. Makes dandy headlines, you know. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which tries to look so lofty while about protecting the morals of our country, was asked several years ago by a record manufacturer to look into this business of payola. He got such a good run-around from that government organization that he

is opening his own detective agency. Specialty: keeping tabs on dee-jays; one of the owners of a St. Louis television station admitted buying some meals for FCC members several years back; finally, Kevin Sweeney, president of the Radio Advertising Bureau, Incorporated, called payola the most overplayed story of 1959, rivaling only the cranberry situation.

More show-biz deaths: Tony Canzoneri, boxer turned night-club comic; Mrs. Ann Costello, widow of the late Lou Costello, who'd been under a doctor's care since the death of her late husband; Walter Compton, one-time radio and television commentator; French movie actor, Henri Vidal, husband of actress Michele Morgan.

Look-alikes: The current heroine in the comic strip "Smilin' Jack." Her name is Pyro, and Errol Flynn's "Lolita," Beverly Aadland. Pyro is prettier.

Our short story for the week: A man in California, fighting a \$325-a-month alimony award, said he couldn't afford it because his clientele fell off when the word got around that his happy home was all-broke-up. His occupation? Marriage counselor.

Closing thought for this week: Misfortunes always come in by a door that has been left open for them.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MacKENZIE

The letter from Jesus Christ to the saints at Pergamos (The Revelation 2:12-17).

The city of Pergamos was located some fifty miles north of

Smyrna, on the banks of the Caicus River. Famed far and wide as the intellectual center of Asia Minor, Pergamos was proud of its culture and refinement. It was the Boston of its day.

Here was a library, second in the ancient world only to the one at Alexandria. And here parchment was first used; the very word "parchment" being a corruption of the term "Pergama charta."

It was also a college town, the site of Pergamos University, one of the most exclusive, Ivy League schools of that day. And while there is no record that the students gathered in the grandstands and chanted "Sweat and steam for old P. U.," neither is it recorded of them that they spent their time seeing how many of them could crowd into a telephone booth. Among its illustrious native sons were Galen (physician), Heroditus (historian), and Homer (author).

Pergamos was also a religious city; the headquarters for the World Council of Churches of its time. Its main tourist attraction was a cluster of temples dedicated to the various pagan gods of the day: Zeus, Apollo, Athene, Dionysius, Aphrodite, and Esculapius. They all stood together in a beautiful grove. While Pergamos could not rival Ephesus' Temple to Artemas, what she lacked in quality she more than made up

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for in quantity. Because the ecumenical movement had established such a foothold there, our Lord described it as "the place where Satan's seat (Greek: throne) is" (2:13). You see, our Lord was not at all impressed with all the beauty, splendor, glory, learning and culture of Pergamos. To Him, with all that, it was but the devil's showplace.

But He had a remnant, even in that sorry place. The darker the spot, the greater the need for the pure light of the Gospel, and the brighter it shines. The more wicked the community, the greater the responsibility for God's blood-bought remnant to live godly, consecrated lives.

What kind of a church was the first Church of Pergamos? First of all, it was true to the faith (verse 13). Whatever else we may say about this church, let us begin by admitting that it was fundamental, it believed the Bible, it preached the Gospel. The people taught their children catechism. Indeed, one of their number, Antipas, had been martyred (the Greek word "martyr" really means "wit-

ness," and is used here to refer to one who had been slain because of his Christian witness).

But it was also a worldly church (verses 14-15). When Satan cannot destroy our faith, he sets about to destroy our testimony. There is nothing so detrimental to the cause of Christ as the professing Christian who believes the right things, who is in all points of doctrine correct, but whose life is an abominable, blasphemous heresy. Right thinking is no substitute for right living, and the type of person who inspired the little rhyme:

A Christian is a man who feels Repentance on a Sunday,
For what he did on Saturday,
And is going to do on Monday,
Will someday have to answer to God Himself for the shame and reproach he has brought upon the cause of Christ. Of such it might be said, as Paul said of the Jews of his day, that the name of God is blasphemed among the unsaved because of them (Romans 2:24).

(to be continued next week)

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