



The Roundup

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Wernher von Braun has intimated that the main reason Russia has beaten the United States to the punch in major space projects, is that we are too cautious. And that, in a nutshell, particularly where human beings would be in jeopardy, is one of the basic differences between our philosophy of life and Russia's. With us, a human being is not to be sacrificed heedlessly in a rocket, until every precaution has been taken, and every mechanical working part is functioning perfectly—over and above the element of chance. With Russia, when they orbited a man into space, the entire equipment, including the man, were expendable. What was one rocket, or man, to them?—they had more.

Now that the fore of the speech-making, milling around of the crowd, the picture snapping and the general confusion of the day is over, this is my personal tribute to Inglis Fletcher: I shall sit down and re-read

Gov. Terry Sanford's Address At Inglis Fletcher Dedication

As one who is dedicated to a New Day on a New Frontier, I am grateful for the honor of participating in this pilgrimage to the cradle of North Carolina. It is appropriate and it is beneficial for us to pause in our race for space to commemorate the past.

Much of the history of North Carolina had its origins in the Albemarle Sound area. And, of course, "The Towne on Queen Anne's Creek" was the cornerstone for the history of the Albemarle.

Much history has been made here in Edenton and the Albemarle and, thanks to the lady, we honor today, much of the better history of North Carolina was written here.

Patrick Henry, no mean writer himself, once wrote, "I know of no way of judging the future but by the past. If Patrick Henry was right, Edenton and Chowan County, the Albemarle area and all of Northeastern North Carolina hold the potential for a prosperous future. For this old town and this whole broad area is rich in history. The stories that this Court House could tell if it could speak. And the stories it does tell us in its records.

You know a lawyer doesn't get by his apprenticeship before he delves deeply into the history of the county in which he is practicing. He is researching the history of land when he goes through that generally demeaned legal oddity of title-searching. The lands of Chowan County have been searched and researched, sold, bought, mortgaged, foreclosed, surveyed and recorded here in this Court House for 194 years.

I don't know if any of you lawyers present here today have had the same experience that one lawyer had in showing clear title to some land in Louisiana. Perhaps you've heard his story:

He had to show clear title to a piece of land in order to secure approval by one of the wartime bureaus in Washington for a loan. The lawyer was meticulous so his search of the title was diligent, all the way back to the time of the Louisiana purchase. He sent his exhaustive work to the Washington Bureau. The bureau wrote back asking: But who owned the land before

all of Mrs. Fletcher's novels... the greatest tribute anyone can pay a writer, is to read that writer's work.

If the Hotel Joseph Hewes building is torn down, Edenton will see one of its oldest landmarks removed from the scene. It has been an authentically historical tavern site since Colonial days, and the razing of the present building will lessen greatly Edenton's overall historical atmosphere.

STREET SCENE—He was blind. He was accosted by someone he hadn't met for a long time. After a lengthy conversation, they took leave of each other, and the blind man said, "It's been nice seeing you." Courage can be found in many places, but the quiet, unexpected kind of courage is the best.

These North Carolina rocking chairs that have recently become so popular, largely by the fact that JFK prefers them,

are potent supplements to spring fever and complacency. Many a lawn will go unmown and spring cleaning will no doubt suffer a letdown, because of their debilitating efficiency. Let us hope that JFK will not get such a dose of rocking chair fever, that he will not keep his weather eye on the world shenanigans that's going on around us.

OVERHEARD — "Bring me a burlap bag," this fellow was asked. "Burlap bag? What kind 'o bag is that?" "OK, I forgot that you were a farm-raised boy—bring me a tow sack."

Received a chain letter the other day which promptly went into my trash basket. Aside from my strong disapproval of letters of this type of correspondence, I don't have the time to write 'em, and I certainly don't intend to waste any money on postage to mail 'em.

No compromise with communism!

Inglis Fletcher has found those hidden spots. She has searched the history of this land, these waters that surround it and the people who for three centuries have made their living upon these lands and the waters.

She has carefully documented and skillfully described the stories of pirate, patriot and planter of the Albemarle.

In fact, there is no area of North Carolina, and few in the nation, that has been so well reduced to writing than this area of the Albemarle, thanks to Inglis Fletcher's Carolina Series.

Like the great poet, Carl Sandburg, who lives in the mountains of our state, the lady we honor today came from Illinois. She first came to North Carolina to trace one of her ancestors.

Once she started her research on her Tar Heel ancestor, she became enamored of this area, its people, its land and its history. So rather than stopping at her family tree, Mrs. Fletcher wrote "Raleigh's Eden."

There is a passage in that book that seems to me to be as true today as it was when Mrs. Fletcher wrote it and as it was in the 17th century. She had Adam

Rutledge say: "Commerce and trade will come, but land is, and always will be, the basic source of wealth." That theme finds itself in most of her books about North Carolina.

It is this fact that makes me so interested in the agricultural economy of our state and the proper conservation and development of our lands of North Carolina—whether they be the sandy soils of Eastern North Carolina or the red clays of the Piedmont or the black loam of the mountains.

Mrs. Fletcher's knowledge of our potential is proved by her dialogue—"land is, and always will be, the basic source of wealth."

Then, you readers of Mrs. Fletcher's works will recall the last line in "Pay Back and Follow"—"for the land remains, vital and ever giving of its richness to those who cherish it."

We are not going to forget this. The improvement of the economy of this part of the state is found in these words. As we work to improve the per capita income of our people, we will encourage commerce and industry to come, but we are not going to forget the wealth to be found in the land.

I was happy to see, in flying over the land as we came here this morning, the modern soil conservation practices under way on farms whose owners live in century-old homes. It is good to see 1961 tractors at work on farms that once were tilled with hoes.

This is a good marriage, this wedding of the best of the new with the land and homes of the old.

But then, North Carolina is supposed to be a state where we are not the first, the old to cast aside, nor the last the new to accept.

The history of North Carolina is just well begun. A significant chapter of new history was recorded yesterday in Raleigh in Room 513 of the Revenue Building. You and I are living in an age when the heritage of our past, and the demands of our present, demand making a good



AH, SPRING—Knorke, a gorilla in the Berlin, Germany, zoo, seems to be waiting for the vernal equinox. He received the flowers on his fifth birthday.

Lunch Room Menu

Mens at the John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of April 24-28 will be as follows:

Monday: Grilled lunch meat, garden peas, gingerbread, milk, buttered potatoes, bread, butter.
Tuesday: Tuna fish salad on lettuce spiced apple rings, block pineapple cake, butter, crackers, green snap beans, milk.

Wednesday: Southern fried chicken, succotash, ice cream, potato salad, hot rolls, butter, milk.

Thursday: Stew beef with potatoes and gravy, hot cheese biscuits, strawberry shortcake, butter, turnip greens, milk.
Friday: Sliced ham, sweet potatoes, apple pie, steamed cabbage, bread, milk, butter.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Victoria E. Bowser wish to express sincere appreciation to the many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and services rendered at the sudden passing of dear Mother. May God bless each of you.

THE CHILDREN.



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Negro Citizens Urged To Help Cancer Fund

Members of the Edenton Negro Woman's Club call attention to the fact that Friday, April 21, is canvassing day in Edenton for the cancer drive.

Club members or a representative will call at homes for contributions and urge those called upon to give as much as they are able.

Those who are not at home when the canvassers call are urged to send their contribution to Mrs. N. P. Wilson, 416 North Oakum Street.

MARTIN LUTHER STORY TO BE PRESENTED ON SUNDAY

The Young Churchmen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will show the "Martin Luther" story in full length Sunday, April 23, at 7:30 P. M., in the Parish House.

Tickets may be secured from members of the Young Churchmen, proceeds of which will be used for the missionary work of the youth group in the diocese.

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