

The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

"Castro Bans Elections" reads a newspaper headline. Remember—if you didn't vote in the last election, or any election, you have treated with contempt and have thrown away that which many people have died to possess. And have, by your action, become the stooges of characters like Castro.

Thousands of people watched Astronaut Shepard make his epochal flight into space, and their hearts and hopes and prayers rode with him, as much for the man himself as for the success of the venture. But whether they realized it or not, subconsciously, in the back of each American's mind lurked the dark thought that no matter how great the achievement unfolding before their eyes, at best it was a second place try. Sit-

ting on each man's shoulder, like Poe's somber bird, the Raven, was the reminder that Russia had, in this, too, beaten us to the punch, to an even greater extent—by orbiting a man around the earth. We Americans, by training, habit, thought and by our way of life, presume it our prerogative to be first, to lead the rest of the world, especially in the field of technology and science, which until recently we believed ourselves to be the leaders. And Russia's achievements in space, surpassing ours, has come as a great shock. And now we are breathlessly and feverishly trying to catch up and correct our woeful lag.

I think we make a great mistake when we allow our efforts in this field to degenerate into a mere race to see who gets

there first. Does it matter now whether Columbus or some other adventurer was the first to set foot on these shores? No—the end result is the same, and so it will also prove true of space travel.

Our greatest danger, now, is to allow space experiments to become befogged and the whole issue clouded by this feeling of lagging and being inadequate to the task. This mental and psychological block in our thinking WILL make us inadequate, and hamper our space program, if we allow it to continue.

So, with a clear head and clear thinking, let's forge ahead—in our own way and in our own time, giving no thought to Russia. And let Russia do the same.

No compromise with communism!

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — High School seniors who visit my office at this time of year often ask me this question: "What does a Senator do when the Senate is not in session?" I answer them by giving a brief resume of my daily activities which should be of interest to the readers of this column. Recently a typical day when the Senate was not in session went like this: The Subcommittee on Investigations was investigating the delays in our missiles program. I attended it briefly. Then I went to preside at another committee hearing being conducted by the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of which I am Chairman. This hearing went on during the morning and afternoon. It provided testimony of able doctors, lawyers, and citizens who were interested in aiding the Congress to enact a law for the District of Columbia which will improve the statutes now in effect regulating the admission to hospitals of persons needing psychiatric assistance and clarifying the provisions of other statutes dealing with the hospitalization of persons acquitted of crimes on the grounds of insanity. At 3:00 P. M., while this testimony continued, it was necessary for me to turn over my duties as Chairman to Senator Keating and go to a third hearing as a

Senate conferee on the Federal Judgeships Bill. During that conference it was agreed that the bill would provide for three additional North Carolina federal judgeships. The bill has since passed by the Congress. A number of times during the day, I was called from the hearings to talk to constituents from North Carolina, to answer long distance telephone calls, and to confer with a member of my staff about some pressing matter. At the end of the day when I returned to my office, there were approximately 250 letters upon my desk requiring my personal attention and answer. There had been no roll call votes, no speeches in the Senate, no legislation enacted, but the Senate had been hard at work carrying on its functions.

Man In Space—Testimony before the McClellan Committee on the missile program indicates that we could have launched the first man into space six months ago if it had not been for inexcusable work stoppages at Cape Canaveral. Three very adverse effects have been the result of this delay. First, we are behind the Russians in an area of national security. Second, the stoppages have resulted in the additional expenditure of millions of tax dollars. Third, the disclosures have caused grave questions to be raised about the ability of our nation to defend its freedom.

Merry Hill News

By LOUISE B. ADAMS

Marvin Cobb of Dover, Delaware, spent the week-end at home with his mother, Mrs. Lloyd Cobb.

D. P. Mizelle, daughter, Betty and son, Charles Thomas of Edenton visited their grandmother, Mrs. C. T. Baker Wednesday night.

Tommie Cobb and son, Kenneth of Elizabeth City visited Mrs. T. E. White and Mrs. Virgil Baker Sunday.

Kermit Mizelle of Edenton visited his grandmother, Mrs. C. T. Baker Saturday.

Mrs. Marcia Phelps of Windsor visited Mrs. C. T. Baker and family Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Williams and daughter, Lynn, Mrs. Archie Rhea of Ahoskie and Sgt. and Mrs. L. Larraway and daughter, Maureen of Jacksonville spent Sunday with Mrs. Lloyd Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Love and daughter, Nina, spent the week-end with Mr. Love's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Love in Wingate.

Jimmie Davis of Windsor visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Outlaw, Mrs. Ronald Outlaw and Mrs. H. G. Cobb were in Edenton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis spent the week-end with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Altman in Portsmouth, Va. Janie Ella Altman returned home after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Don Ambrose and children and Marie Farrow of Portsmouth, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Duke Lilly and children of Williamston, also Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Baker and daughter, Nita Sue, were dinner guests of Mr. and



COME EARLY! THE BIG PARADE STARTS UP FAYETTEVILLE STREET AT 10 A.M. FLOATS, BANDS, ARMY AND MARINE UNITS, AND "CONFEDERATES" IN FULL CIVIL WAR PERIOD COSTUMES.

NORTH CAROLINA'S CONFEDERATE FESTIVAL AND ARMED FORCES DAY RALEIGH, SATURDAY, MAY 20

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Mrs. Jesse Baker Sunday. Bobby Rhea of Franklin, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of Ross community, Windsor, visited Mrs. C. T. Baker and family Sunday.

Mrs. Lillie Evans was honored Sunday with a Mother's Day dinner at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chet White. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Evans and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Evans and children of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Small, Jr., and children of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Evans of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley Evans and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Evans, Jr.; also Mr. and Mrs. Milton Robertson of Rosemead.

Mrs. Chet White and Mrs. John Bond of the Merry Hill Home Demonstration Club, made

a sight-seeing tour of Williamsburg, Va., Wednesday with other club members from Bertie County.

Mrs. Henry Foxwell visited her cousin, Mrs. Clyde Jordan of Windsor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Crabtree of Raleigh spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Adams and brother, Sammie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Winborne visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Castelleo of Windsor Sunday afternoon and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen, Sr. for supper Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hitt and boys, Woodie, Freddie and Bruce of Newport News and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Holland and little daughter, Michelle of Greenville, were the guests of Mrs. Sue

Britt and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winborne and Mrs. H. E. Foxwell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey and Mrs. Lime Halsey of Edenton Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill White of Portsmouth and Billy Wilder of Washington, D. C., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lawrence and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Love and daughter, Nina, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Love of Wingate.

Mrs. J. W. Winborne spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. G. E. Keeter in Windsor, who has been very ill for the past three

weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Wright Williford visited relatives in Edenton Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Baker entertained their son, Everett Baker, Beth Layton, Thomas White of Newport News, Va., and Peggy Eason of Hampton, Va., with a chicken barbecue Saturday evening.

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