



## Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON—The Senate Subcommittee on Separation of Powers, of which I am chairman, has been engaged for more than a year in a most important undertaking: the study of the delicate and controversial subject of nonjudicial activities of federal judges.

In July of this year, the subcommittee held initial hearings on nonjudicial activities, and heard testimony from jurists, university professors, members of Congress and other distinguished persons.

In hearings now underway, the subcommittee is receiving testimony from a most distinguished group of witnesses. Indeed, in the current hearings the subcommittee will have before it four former associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States: Justices Reed, Clark, Whitaker and Goldberg. Their willingness voluntarily to appear and give these proceedings the benefit of

their vast knowledge and experience, and their great prestige, attests to the importance of this inquiry. The subcommittee will also hear from other distinguished federal judges, lawyers and outstanding representatives of the academic community.

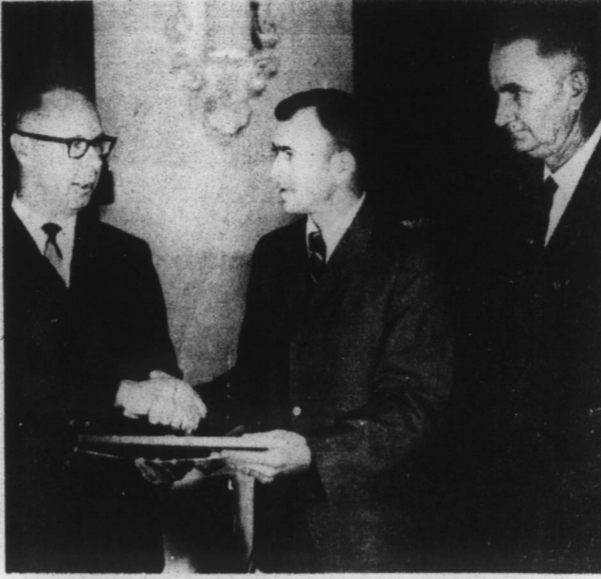
In June, 1968, when the subcommittee first began looking into the question of what outside activities federal judges could properly perform without doing violence to their primary responsibilities, the problem appeared almost academic in nature. Recent events have demonstrated that this is a critical issue affecting the federal bench and, in its implications, the federal government. Unfortunately, prior to these hearings, there has been more heat than light on this subject.

The hearings are not intended to deal in personalities and the alleged improprieties of any federal judge. They are intended to provide a forum in

which some of our country's best legal minds, most learned scholars, and most experienced judges, can advocate reasoned principles which will guide the public and the federal bench in the future.

The subcommittee presently has before it two bills which relate to this problem. On February 25, I introduced S. 1097, a bill to bar all federal judges from performing official or governmental activity of a nonjudicial nature. Thereafter, on May 8, Senator Griffin introduced S. 2109, a measure to require federal judges to disclose all outside financial activities. These measures are representative of two approaches that have been suggested and will serve as focal points for this inquiry. One of the questions before the subcommittee is whether this is a subject upon which Congress properly can and should legislate.

Preliminary studies in this field indicate that the problems arising from extrajudicial activities are not entirely susceptible to solutions imposed by laws. Still, appropriate laws, if necessary, can improve our judicial machinery. In this context, I believe that the hearings will be of considerable value.



**HARRELL RECEIVES AWARD** — Stanton Harrell, conservation technician in the Perquimans-Chowan Work Unit, was recently presented the USDA Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Performance. This certificate was presented to Harrell for his outstanding service and contribution to furthering the cause of conservation in Chowan County. He is shown being presented the certificate by Charles W. Bartlett, State Conservationist, as F. A. McGoogan, District Conservationist, looks on. Harrell was one of eight Soil Conservation Service employees from throughout North Carolina to receive such an award. This award was presented at the annual awards banquet held at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, on September 25. Norman A. Berg, associate administrator of the Washington office, Soil Conservation Service, delivered the principal address.

## Dr. Downum, Jr. Given Position

Dr. Edwin H. Ashendorf of Atlanta, Ga., general chairman, has announced the appointment of Dr. Allen F. Downum, Jr., of Edenton as a coordinator for the 47th annual Southeastern Educational Congress of Optometry, February 12-15, at the Marriott Motor Hotel in Atlanta.

He will serve as local advisor and liaison with optometrists in the area for the congress, one of the world's largest optometric educational meetings. An attendance of more than 2,000 is anticipated. Dr. Downum has been

active in his profession and the community since beginning practice here in 1965.

He attended University of North Carolina and Southern College of Optometry. He has served as president of Northeast District Society in his profession.

Positions of community leadership he has held include president of Teenage Club Association, county chairman of March of Dimes drive, Chamber of Commerce board.

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## College Enrollment At New Peak

ELIZABETH CITY—"Enrollment at College of the Albemarle is at an all time high," Dr. Bruce Petteway, president, announces with pride.

COA opened its door this fall to 737 full time students. This represents a 5 per cent increase over last fall's enrollment figure of 700. The largest number of students, 368, are in the Liberal Arts program.

In addition to increased enrollment, students are taking heavier loads of course work than in the past, Dr. Petteway pointed out. This reflects the increasing desire of young people to get all they can from their educations, he added.

Projecting into the future, Dr. Petteway said, "We expect full-time equivalent enrollment figures to

exceed 1,000 students in the near future."

However, comparing this year's enrollment figures to the 1968-69 figures, Dr. Petteway noted that the largest percentage increase, 10 per cent, is reflected in the occupational programs most of which are operating at full capacity. For instance, Dr. Petteway pointed out that students in the electronic technology program have increased from 18 last year to 26 this year.

"We are delighted at the increased interest shown by students in vocational and technical programs at COA," Dr. Petteway said. "Exciting and rewarding careers are ahead for these young people because graduates of our occupational programs are in great demand."

Besides electronics tech-

nology, COA offers automotive and machinist course, practical nurse education and radio-TV repair.



## Tom Was No Child.....

Thomas Child was, in fact, one of North Carolina's early statesmen and dynamic leaders.

He served as Attorney-General of the Colony from 1745 until 1761, and was the leader of a faction which opposed Governor Dobbs.

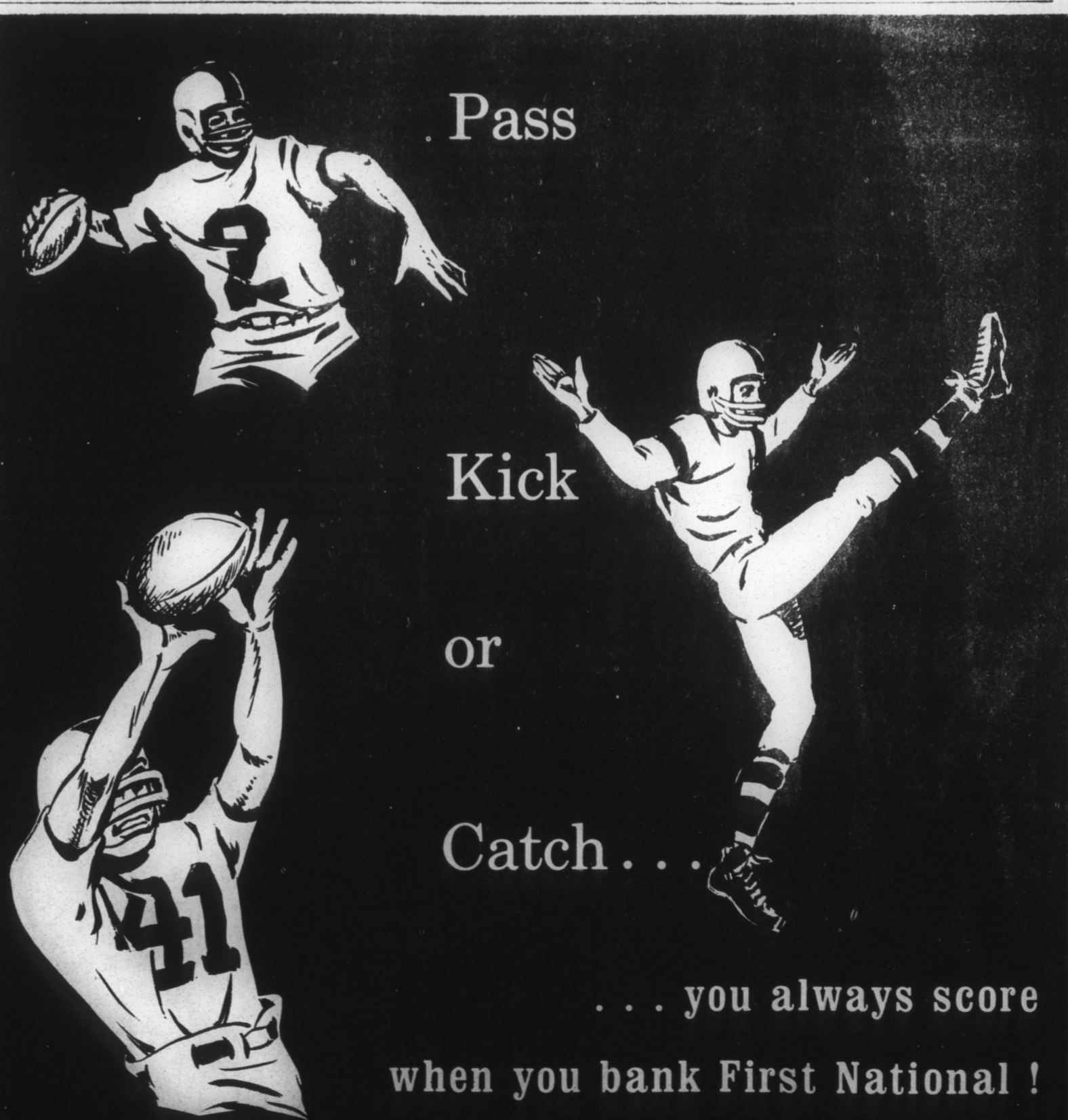
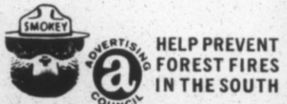
Child also acted as secretary to Lord Granville for many years.

He lived in Edenton, in Chowan County.

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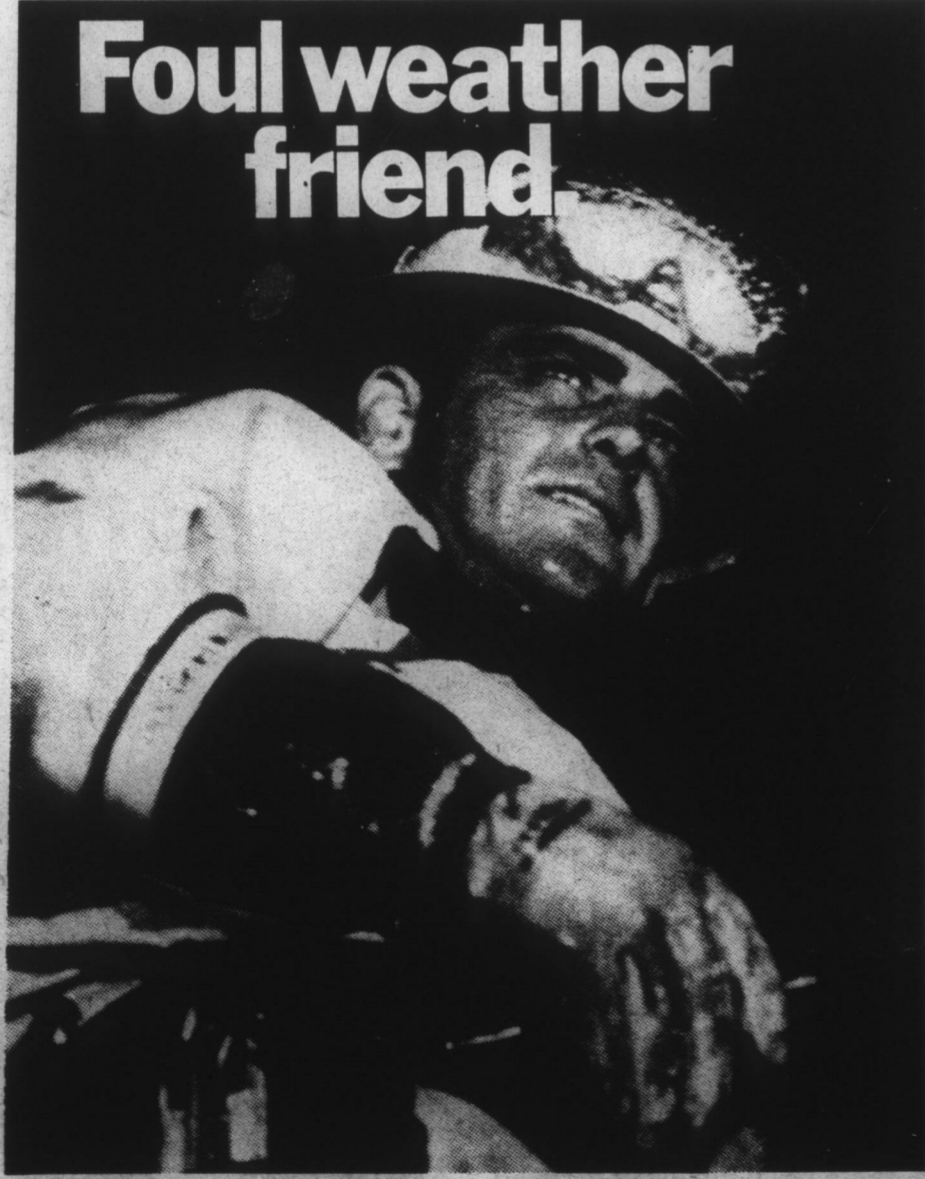
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