

From the Gallery By Mildred Huskins

It is with us no more but, as we have said here before, it may be back.

But for now, ERA has been drawn, quartered, dead and buried for the 1977 session of the General Assembly. It simply struck out the third time.

The way it happened...therein lies the story.

The matter was before the Senate after having been approved in the House a few weeks ago. And while the opponents of a referendum worked to kill any such amendment to the ratification bill, the opponents of the original bill were lining up support to kill it outright. It all happened Monday night before the anti-ERA forces in the Senate met and took a head count. They found they had just enough votes to put the clincher on the bill. So, they checked the health of all their votes (to be sure all would be present for the vote the next day), outlined their strategy and went home to await the outcome.

Meanwhile, the Governor, the President and First Lady, along with a cabinet secretary or two, kept the phone line hot trying gently to persuade wavering senators to vote against a referendum. The opponents of ERA kept their peace. They had the votes and they knew it. The amendment to put the matter to a vote of the people and thus delay was no longer necessary for they knew just how to end it once and for all for this session.

Again the galleries were packed. This time the Senate galleries. And for two hours the pro-ERA senators argued in favor of the bill to ratify the amendment. Not a word was uttered by those who were known to oppose the bill. That, in itself, should have put them on notice something was amiss, but it didn't. Then the vote was called and the measure went down to defeat. We were surprised when Sen. Julian Allsbrook of Halifax remained silent, for he seldom is. After the vote was taken and he was asked why he and his colleagues just let the pro forces do all the talking he said, "Silence is golden. We had the votes." Sen. Kenneth Royall, Jr., of Durham, a staunch supporter of ERA,

commented: "But what a price to pay for Allsbrook's silence."

Soon after the House convened Wednesday, Rep. John Ed Davenport of Nash, whose forces against ERA went down to defeat in the lower chamber, arose on a point of personal privilege and asked Speaker Carl Stewart, Jr., known to have been in favor of the bill, to appoint a delegation which would deliver an arrangement of 26 red roses to the senators who had voted to kill the bill. The Speaker gave the Gentleman from Nash that privilege and the two women members of the House who had voted against the bill, Rep. Lula Bell Wiseman and Rep. Edith L. Lutz of Cleveland, led the delegation of "whoever wants to go" into the Senate chamber, bearing their gift of appreciation. Those left behind, most of whom had helped pass the bill in the House, suggested all sorts of things which might be handled while "certain people" were out of the chamber. Rep. Mickey Michaux, Jr., of Durham, suggested that the doors be locked and Rep. Patricia S. Hunt of Orange took the opportunity to announce that the N. C. State University women's basketball team is the state champion. Then Rep. Joy Johnson of Robeson arose asking if he could do a little bragging. "The Gentleman may do his bragging" the Speaker said. The Gentleman from Robeson only wanted again to remind the members that Wake Forest star player, Rod Griffin, is a member of the church of which he is pastor. We probably won't be hearing to much this coming week from Rep. Bob Jones of Rutherford, leading Wake cheerleader, or from Rep. Johnson.

When the "delegation" returned to the chamber Rep. Jim Edwards of Caldwell arose to comment that some of the senators had received roses twice since a few of them were members of the House two years ago when the Senate sent over roses for the same reason. "That's about the only reason I know for running for the Senate," quipped the Speaker.

Monday evening Rep. Howard B. Chapin of

Beaufort was explaining his local bill to prohibit hunting of bear in his county. Since he had voted against ERA some of the proponents had been giving him a hard time, telling him he would not be re-elected at the next election. So he said: "Since we have already lost a male chauvinist pig, we want to keep the bear."

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Rep. Albert Martin of

Yadkin has been trying to get a little local bill enacted since early in the session and it has been amended each time it has come up. It seems that other counties want to be included in his bill to place Yadkin County in the state statute which relates to obtaining ambulance services without intending to pay. Finally HB79 was back on the calendar and the Gentleman

from Yadkin was asked to explain his bill. He began:

"This bill has been around a long time. It is just about worn out" and that is as far as he got for a colleague arose to offer an amendment. "Aw, no," Rep. Martin groaned and sank into his seat. The amendment was sent up and was simply to have Union County added to the bill.

"Now, the Gentleman will explain his bill," said the Speaker.

"I'm not going to do any more explaining. If any of you others want in on this bill I want you to get in on it so I can get it passed," the Gentleman said and sat down. The vote was taken and the bill was passed and sent to the Senate.

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The Senate Agriculture Committee gave a favorable report last week to legislation to help control bee diseases. After the vote, Senator Jim Speed of Franklin told the committee: "If anybody ever gets stung by a bee, put a little tobacco juice on it. It'll kill the sting quicker than the atomic bomb."

A House resolution, introduced by Rep. William McMillan and Rep. J. P. Huskins of Iredell, honoring the life and memory of Homer Brown Tolbert, Sr., former member of the House from Iredell County, passed Monday evening and was sent to the Senate. Members of the Tolbert family were in the galleries to hear the many tributes paid Mr. Tolbert. Mrs. Tolbert was present with her daughter, Mrs. Carroll Jordan, two of the Jordan children, and Carl Tolbert, a son.

Wednesday evening we were among a large group of legislators, their spouses and civic leaders from our area of the state invited to the mansion for dinner. This was the final in a series of such dinners which have been hosted by Gov. and Mrs. James Hunt, Jr.

We have not yet met the attractive, petite daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lambeth. She is the wife of Tom Lambeth, Jr., who is a special assistant to Congressman Richardson Preyer but who retains his residence in Raleigh. Donna Lambeth is secretary in the office of Rep. Tom Gilmore of Guilford who is one of the busiest legislators in the building.

Thompson To Speak At DAR Meeting

Roy Thompson, columnist for the Winston-Salem Journal and author of "Before Liberty," will be speaker at the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meeting Wednesday.

Thompson first visited Edenton in 1940 when he attended the Peanut Festival. The "specialness of the town" has drawn him back many times and his interest in its' history has led to this writing articles and books about Edenton.

In 1974 he returned because of his desire to inform the readers of the Winston-Salem Journal of the contributions Inglis Fletcher made to our knowledge and appreciation of the past. As he wrote in the forward of the resulting "small book", Mrs. Fletcher's Eden, "the Bicentennial was just over the horizon and it seemed proper".

The book was published by The Chowan Herald in 1975 and gave welcome insights into the lady who introduced millions of readers to the history of the

Albemarle in her novels. The publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal also wanted to do something in observance of the nation's



Roy Thompson

bicentennial year. He assigned Thompson to write a series on the Colonial period. The purpose was to tell the people something about the lands their forefathers had come to, the lands they left, the problems they faced in the wilderness, and something about the

forefathers themselves.

To accomplish this he visited the places the first Tar Heels had been and what resulted in not a formal history, but as Jo Woestendiek in a book review in The News and Observer stated "it might best be described as the most 'unshackled and unfettered' view of the state's past that has ever been written".

The book will appeal to North Carolinians, but local citizens will find special interest in reading Chapter 33-A Place That Is Forever England - which of course is about Edenton.

The attractive hard bound, 341-page book, "Before Liberty" with the subtitle-Their New World Made North Carolinians Different, published by Piedmont Publishing Company, is available from the Winston-Salem Journal.

Thompson is a Tar Heel, being a native of Winston-Salem, and attended the University of North Carolina. He has been a reporter and columnist for the Winston-Salem Journal since 1947 and has received a number of awards for his writing.

He will return again March 16th to tell DAR members and their guests more about our history at a luncheon at 1 P.M. at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant. Reservations must be made by noon Monday.

Judge Chaffin Presides Over District Court Here

James Aldridge, charged with nine counts of breaking and entering and larceny and-or breaking and entering, was before preliminary hearing on the charges Tuesday morning in Chowan County District Court.

Judge John T. Chaffin presided at the session of court where the following action was taken:

James Fleming, worthless check, called and failed.

William Michael Alexander, drunk driving and hit and run, called and failed.

Richard Gregory Bowman, traffic violation, called and failed.

Audrey Jernigan Bonner, improper registration, \$20 fine and costs.

Haywood Lee Johnson, hit and run and failure to report an accident, nine months, suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Ronald Lee Mitchell, improper equipment, called and failed.

Evans Randolph Moore, improper equipment, \$10 fine and costs.

Joseph Wayne Perry, speeding, \$15 fine and costs.

Gahl Pigott Stevens, traffic violation, dismissed.

Bernard Leon Harris, larceny, six months, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

J. Wallace Owens, worthless check, 30 days,

suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs and make restitution.

Jimmy L. Williams, worthless check, called and failed.

Donald Dail Forehand, speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

Faye McDonald, dog ordinance violation, dismissed.

Bobby Lee Byrum, drunk driving, dismissed.

Two divorces were granted. They were: David Russell Kilpatrick from Joan Carol Mayo Kilpatrick; and Mary Conger Blow from Gordon Blow.

Pamela Wills On Hospital Staff

Pamela Eyvette Wills is now on the staff of Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh.

Before accepting her present position she was on the staff of the District Health Department as a home health nurse and Winslow Memorial Home. She is a graduate of John A. Holmes High School and attended Winston-Salem State University, receiving a degree in nursing.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Wills, Tyler's Lane, Edenton.

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Outer Banks Haven Near Reality; Land Purchased

NAGS HEAD — The Town of Nags Head has signed a contract with an Edenton group to purchase nine acres of land owned by the town on which a 96-bed nursing care facility will be constructed.

Outer Banks Haven, Inc., owned by the same men who developed Cape Colony Haven in Edenton, will construct a 33,000-square-foot intermediate care and skilled nursing care facility adjacent to Outer Bank Health Center, west of U.S. 158 by-pass. The complex, which will include space for two private physicians, is expected to be accepting residents within 12 months.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., president of the development company, said construction is expected to begin well before the July deadline set by the State Department of Human Resources in the certificate of need issued last year. Development costs will exceed \$1.4-million.

The complex will be located within a 25-acre

tract designated by the Town of Nags Head for medically-related facilities.

Pendleton, Leonard & Krider, Architects, of Statesville, designed the facility in Edenton and are architects for the Dare County facility.

The facility will have 64 intermediate care beds and 34 skilled nursing beds. Dr. John Corley will be medical director for both facilities.

James E. Lewis is secretary-administrator for the corporation but a licensed administrator will be in charge of the facility at Nags Head. The other principals in the business are Jack Habit, vice president; and John A. Mitchener, Jr., treasurer.

Lewis said Outer Banks Haven would employ approximately 55 people and have an annual payroll in excess of \$350,000. It would be Dare County's largest industry with the exception of tourism.

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