

# Carolina Review: "Hornet's Nest"

Tradition Bypass... A story in the Raleigh News and Observer that Gov. Hunt might appoint Sec. of Crime Control Phil Carlton to replace retiring State Supreme Court Chief Justice, Susie Sharp, stirred up a hornet's nest in Raleigh last week.

The ensuing debates and scenarios blessedly pushed discussion of John Ingram's substantial loss to Jesse Helms to the back burner of most Democrat's thoughts. Most of the debate centered around the possibility that Hunt might play politics and bypass senior Associate Justice, Joseph Branch. Traditionally, the senior justice of the court has been appointed — ostensibly to minimize politics and competition for the top job in the state courts system.

No doubt Carlton's appointment would further strengthen Hunt's hold on the political structure of North Carolina (theoretically, the fairly large patronage system in the courts would indirectly give Hunt more control and power through Carlton).

But then, seniority is no guarantee of performance. Nor is the Supreme Court

guiltless of politics even now — five of the six present justices have served in the N.C. General Assembly. The other one has run for governor (Lake, unsuccessfully). In fact, Joseph Branch directed Dan Moore's successful gubernatorial campaign in 1966. And it was Dan Moore who appointed Branch to the Supreme Court.

Gubernatorial spokesman Gary Pearce said the governor would definitely like to appoint someone who would further his (Hunt's) efforts at judicial reform when Chief Justice Sharp reaches mandatory retirement age next August.

That person, according to Pearce, would have to be someone administratively capable and who was not locked into doing things "the old way."

Reports circulating in Raleigh suggested that Carlton would first be appointed to the appeals Court in January to replace Judge Walter Brick who was elected to the Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Dan Moore. Carlton would then be named Chief Justice with Sharp's retirement.

Former Rep. Herbert Hyde of Asheville and presently treasurer of the N.C. Democratic Party, would be named the new Secretary of Crime Control. Carlton has no appellate court experience but served nine years as a chief District Court judge before his present appointment.

As things now stand, Hunt will almost assuredly appoint Carlton to the Appeals Court and Hyde will move to Crime Control. But the hard realities of politics might prevent Hunt from naming Carlton (his long-time political associate and friend) to replace Sharp. Still, the chances are good that Hunt will break tradition further and appoint someone other than Branch as Chief Justice.

Either way, Hunt's choice will have to stand for election before the voters after serving out the remainder of Sharp's term (3½ yrs.).

Senate Campaign Notes... One can only speculate what might have happened if the Democrats had been able to present a more formidable opponent to Jesse Helms than John Ingram.

Helms was able to successfully paint Ingram as too liberal for North Carolina as well as being a "one issue" candidate (insurance).

Nor did Ingram help himself by practicing negative politics (tearing down Helms instead of building up Ingram) and only flirting with campaign organization and fundraising.

The past several elections have proven that no one should even consider running for a statewide office if he can't raise a quarter of a million dollars to begin with... a candidate for senator or governor must then be able to funnel an additional \$750,000 or more into the kitty while soliciting votes.

Furthermore, at the beginning, such candidates should be able to reveal names of supporters (willing to work) in practically all 100 counties of the state.

Of course, the numbers are not concrete. Council of State incumbents can often get by with less — but not comfortably.

At any rate, Ingram didn't play by the rules, possibly because of his fluke upset victory over Luther Hodges Jr. (who did play by the rules but could not identify with the rank and file). So Ingram got burned. But a Jim Hunt or Jimmy Green or Rufus Edmisten might not have.

Incidentally, a candidate is also wise not to choose an opponent who can raise \$7-million.

## Peanut Demand Moderate

Southeastern Section — Demand for Southeastern grown peanuts was fairly light during the week ending November 10. Trading of U.S. Grades continued to be slow while trading of segregation three stock was fairly active. Prices were mostly unchanged. Prices paid per pound for shelled Runner Type peanuts sold on an FOB shipping point basis for November-April shipment were for medium 34½ cents, and for U.S. splits 34 cents. For January-March shipment, Jumbo 37 cents. Sales of other grades were too few to quote.

Southwestern Section — Demand for Southwestern grown peanuts was moderate during the week ending November 10. Trading was moderate and prices were unchanged. Rains delayed harvest in Texas. In New Mexico, harvest progressed slowly due to frequent rains. Prices paid per pound for Southwestern Grown peanuts sold on an FOB shipping point basis for prompt shipment were for Spanish Type Shelled Jumbo 40 cents; Number One 38½ cents; U.S. Splits 33 to 33½. Valencia type handpicked 35. Sales of Runner Type peanuts were too few to quote.

Virginia-North Carolina Section — Demand for Virginia and North Carolina grown peanuts was moderate for the week ending November 10. Trading was moderate. Prices were about unchanged. Harvest was practically completed. Prices paid per pound for Virginia type peanuts sold on an FOB shipping point basis for November-April shipment were for Unshelled Fancy 34½ to 35 cents; Shelled Medium 38½ to 38½ cents; Number One 32 cents and Number Two with 70 per cent splits for

November shipment 29½ cents.

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## Atty. Gen. Hosts Conference

On November 20 in High Point, Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten will host a one-day conference on the development of historic properties in North Carolina.

The conference is being sponsored by the N.C. Association of Realtors and the N.C. Downtown Development Association. Frederick Goldstein, a tax attorney who has been involved in joint venture developments concerning the 1976 Tax Reform Acts use with eligible historic properties, is speaking at the conference.

Also featured will be Ronald R. Morgan who will make a presentation on preservation issues and opportunities in North Carolina. Morgan is a partner in Environmental

Perspectives, a Charlotte firm specializing in community economic and environmental analysis and townscape design.

Atty. Gen. Edmisten commented, "The business community's involvement is a fundamental means of preserving our environment, including its

historic elements. Historic Preservationists are not the only group with an interest in historic properties. My duties with historic preservation extend to developers too. Any law must be something the community can live with, including the business community. The Tax Act is the single most important

law to encourage historic preservation among people in business."

The conference will begin at 9:30 A.M. in the High Point Room at the Top of the Mart Restaurant, located on the 11th Floor of the Southern Furniture Market Center Building, 210 East Green Drive.

## \$49,200 Expected By Members

Member-consumers of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will be receiving \$49,200 in capital credit checks within a week, according to manager Ed Brown, Jr. Checks will be mailed to members receiving service in the years 1963 and 1964.

A non-profit, cooperative business, Albemarle EMC

does not make a "profit" as such. Instead, any monies left over at the end of each year's operations are referred to as "margins" and as such are assigned to each member-consumer's account as a capital credit.

"With this retirement of capital credits we will have returned \$365,429 to the cooperative's members through general retirements

and \$146,890 to the estates of deceased members," noted Brown. "That's a total of over one-half million dollars returned to our members and to the economy of the area," he added.

Albemarle EMC serves some 5,800 member-consumers in parts of Chowan, Perquimans, Paquotank, Camden and Currituck counties.

## State Awards 13 Contracts

KINSTON — The N.C. Board of Transportation awarded 13 contracts for highway construction and improvements across the state. The contracts totaled \$4,301,789.72. Since July of this year (beginning of the state's Fiscal Year 1979), the Hunt Administration has awarded \$66,409,657 in highway contracts.

The board also approved \$62,480 in state funds to assist in the purchase of 26 new buses for the city of Fayetteville's transit system. The total cost of the buses is \$624,800. In addition to the state funds, \$62,480 will come from local sources and \$499,840 in federal funds.

Invited by the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce to meet in Kinston, the board convened Friday morning at the Lenoir Community College.

The monthly meeting of the board was chaired by Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw. Members of the board include Marc Basnight of Manteo.

## Local Students Honored At Reception

GREENSBORO — Two students from Edenton were among approximately 380 sophomores honored for academic achievement at a special reception at the University of North

Carolina at Greensboro recently.

Included among the students were Robin L. Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Harrell, Route 3, a recreations

major; and Wendy P. Crandall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson B. Crandall, 120 West Queen Street, a dance major.

"Everything is sweetened by risk." Alexander Smith

## DO YOU KNOW - What your veteran's benefits are?

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