

The Raleigh Roundup: Hurry Up And Wait

By Mildred Huskins
RALEIGH — The 1981 session of the General Assembly is winding down and has reached the point known as hurry-up-and-wait. The two houses are handling important legislation showing up on two and three-page calendars with some continuing to spill out of committees. The adjournment resolution is resting in a house rules committee but is expected to come out early in the week setting a recess by Friday.

Debate continues on many of the bills and the usual milling around the floor is taking place as members lobby their pet measures

and hurry them towards ratification. With the main appropriations bills out of the way for the time being, work is going forward on the "special bills", most of which will be held up until the adjourned session expected to be in October.

The push to raise taxes further came to a screeching halt Thursday in the senate finance committee and the governor's proposal to raise additional tax on liquor and beer was postponed for consideration until the adjourned session. An attempt to pass legislation which would allow counties to add a 1 per cent local sales tax was sent off to a subcommittee to await the 1982 "short"

session. This action left the "good roads package" short of more than \$59-million which was expected to come from the General Fund provided additional revenue through tax increases made up that amount. "A lot of people object to passing a tax on liquor to put money in highways," Sen. Kenneth Royall, Jr., said. "I'm not concerned about DOT not getting all the money it wanted. I want to see what they do with what we've given them," he concluded.

"I guess you could say my liquor bill is marinating," Zeb Alley, the governor's legislative liaison said. The bill to allow counties to add the 1 per cent sales

tax had passed the house and the action by the Senate Finance Committee came as a shock to several house members who had pushed through local legislation to allow their counties to levy the additional one cent sales tax. These bills were also held for consideration at a later time. Enough is enough, seemed to be the feeling of senators the day after the three-cent gasoline tax went into effect and gasoline station customers reacted negatively.

In spite of the hours and hours of hard work, members will have their moments of levity. Since they are in the majority, Democrats enjoy a little joke on a Republican colleague. During the entire debate on the budget measures in the house Thursday the Republican members were voting as a block against the more than \$11-million bills. Rep. Howard Coble of Guilford had departed a time or two but had about worn out the red, or no, button on his desk. Then along came a bill he wanted to vote for and he automatically pressed the red button.

With a bit of a red face the Gentleman from Guilford arose for recognition as soon as the vote was announced. "Mr. Speaker, I am so used to hitting the red button. I

want to be recorded as having voted yes on that last bill," he said.

"That's a real bad habit," commented a partisan colleague.

The house membership was debating a bill introduced in the senate by Sen. James McDuffie of Mecklenburg which would make legislator's term begin January 1. This would require a two-thirds vote since it would be a constitutional amendment to appeal to the ballot in the next election. The bill had been delayed several times due to the fact that there were not enough members on the floor to provide the two-thirds vote. There had been motions to displace the bill and there had been motions to send it back to committee and the debate continued.

Rep. Aaron Plyer of Union was on his feet seeking an answer to a question as to actually when did legislators become elected officials after the General Election or when they were sworn into office. Rep. Dwight Quinn of Cabarrus, whose seat is just in front of his colleague from Union, turned and said: "I never had any trouble knowing when I was elected, did you?"

Most of the members
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CLASS OF 1961 — Members of the John A. Holmes Class of 1961 celebrated their 20th anniversary with a reunion in Edenton recently. Members of the class in attendance are pictured here.

Holmes Honor Roll Is Released

Mr. Gregory T. Todd, Principal, Holmes High School has released the following honor roll information at the close of the 1980-81 school year.

The following students have been named to the Academic Excellence List for maintaining a 93 average in each and every class for each grading period of an entire semester:

- Susan Elks - first and second semester.
- Marlin McClain - second semester.
- Marvin Baccus - second semester.
- Dorothy Holley - first semester.
- Kim Holley - second semester.
- Vickie C. Lane - first and second semester.
- Mona Nixon - first semester.
- Final six weeks grades are as follows:
- Principal's List
- 9th Grade — Susan Elks,

Danny Hogan, Willene Jernigan, and Marlin McClain.

10th Grade — Marvin Baccus.

11th Grade — Anna Goodwin and Karen Roberts.

12th Grade — Paula Ashley, Charlene Evans, Marla Jordan, Sandra Ford, Vickie C. Lane and Judi Nixon.

Honor Roll

9th Grade — Tim Bailey, Tommy Blanchard, Lloyd Gene Chappell, Martha Edwards, Vanessa Holley, Joe Hollowell, Elizabeth Hornthal, Bobby Jones, Elizabeth Littlejohn, Angela Lewis, Karen Morring, Vickie Nelson, Carol Voigt, Gwen Wilder and Maria Winslow.

10th Grade — Yolanda Banks, James Boyce, Emily Evans, Butch Everson, Vivian Felton, Jay Gibson, Patricia Halsey, Martha Harless, Ginger Ober, Pamela Spruill, Eric

Strother.

11th Grade — Harriet Abbe, Susan Downum, Teresa Forehand, Wayne Forehand, Valerie Jerkins, Marion Jones, Connie Lane, Darlene MacDonal, Rhonda Mizelle, Eric Rose, Kim Swanner, Robin Williams, Barbara Wright, and Susan Whitehurst.

12th Grade — Sharon Armstead, Gregory Bass, Jackie Rountree Boyce, Angela Copeland, Lynn Dale, Antoinette Ferebee, Mildred Fleming, Gregory Forehand, Craig Halsey, Krista Hare, Kim Holley, Wm. Michael Hollowell, Tim Jones, Susan Keeter, Brenda Layton, Carol Roberts, Suzanne Rountree, Mona Thomas, Archie Sutton, and Bessie Wrighton.

Activities For Summertime To Be Planned

Nathaniel sitting under a fig tree dreams of a new day for his world. And Jesus walks into his life. Mrs. Peggy Leeper will lead a study of Nathaniel, one of the Apostles Sunday at 9:45 A. M. during the Sunday School hour.

The pastor, too, will be preaching on, "Under the Fig Tree" at 11 A. M., at the First Presbyterian Church.

The session has been making plans to engage in summertime activities in some of the resort communities of the area, hold an outdoor evening service, engage in a series of discussion with young mothers about their children's religious growth and the needs of parents in assisting in that growth, and to hold a Presbyterian Sail and Power regatta in Albemarle Sound.

Conder Supports Reagan Policy

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 fection. This is a project that is very close to my heart. But even here, it would be very difficult to fund the entire operation without help," Conder added sadly.

N. C. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has urged an army of volunteers be enlisted to fill the enviable gap in services to the poor that will occur when federal funds are withdrawn. Conder supports this proposal, but then, he has a long history of volunteering himself, Health Services Association, American Cancer Society, Heart Association, as a hospital trustee and as a member of several other civic groups. He is a member of the Rockingham First Presbyterian Church, a former elder, deacon and chairman of its sanctuary building committee.

"The Meals on Wheels program is one of hundreds of categorical grant programs established by the federal government during the last decade," Conder continued. "They were, to be frank, a blessing and a curse, for they allowed us to expand services, make capital improvements we otherwise couldn't afford.

At the same time made us subject to a maze of mandates and regulations."

The new administration has recommended eliminating almost all these programs, promising in return, to send unrestricted funds called block grants to states.

Conder is concerned states will be free to syphon off funds intended for specific services. "Counties are the primary deliverers of services," Conder insists. "If states are permitted to dole out block grants to pet projects, by the time we get a hold of the money, there won't be anything left. Funding will be politically motivated, and allocations could depend entirely on the party affiliation of various governors.

"We have been fortunate to have outstanding relations with our state leaders — Gov. Hunt often calls us for appointments! But there is an unusual situation in the nation, and one that may become increasingly rare, unless block grants are carefully crafted. We must protect intergovernmental relations in this new federalism the administration is forging," Conder said.

Class of 1961 Holds Reunion

Members and friends of the John A. Holmes High School Class of 1961 gathered for a 20-year reunion June 26, 27. Weekend activities included a covered dish supper at Cape Colony Clubhouse on Friday night, a school tour and family activities at Cape Colony Park on Saturday, and a dinner and dance at the Jaycee Building on Saturday night.

The program Saturday night was conducted by Class President, Alex Kehayes. Joan Garrett Abbott read letters of regret from those unable to attend.

There was a time of special remembrance for three deceased members, classmate, Mary Anne Overton Stokely and former classmates, Joseph Hollowell and Fred Bunch.

Awards for the "1981 class superlatives" were presented by Erwin Griffin, Jr. and Bobby Stokely. Curtis Twiddy read selections from the Last Will and Testament along with updated items of interest.

Special guests who attended reunion activities were: Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, Mrs. Mary L. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reeves, and Archie Fairley.

Others in attendance were Curtis and Martha Twiddy, Bryant White, George Nixon and Michael Sheridan, Howard and Theda Collins, Carroll and Gloria (Crummey) Griffin, Gary and Lula (Rogerson) Chambers, Crayton and Emma Hughes, Bob and Karen (Hollowell) Turner, Wayne and Nancy Baker, Gene and Nelia Lane, Alex and Toni Kehayes, Fred Britton, Linda (Wheeler) Babeaux, Tommy and Marie Privott, Doug and Linda (Dail) Twiddy, Joe and Lenita Campen, Bobby and Deborah Stokely, Erwin and Linda Griffin,

Bert and Vickie Willis, Jerry and Joanie Tolley, Joan (Garrett) Abbott, George and Milly (Price) Kaufman, Bob and Sally (Privott) Ballance, Roland and Peggy Anne Vaughn, Bill Keeter, Jimmy and Joanie White, Jack and Kathryn Perry, Neal and Carol Dean (Twiddy) Castelloe, Bud Skiles, Sammy and Mary Ann (Hare) Morris, Gilbert and Carolyn (Stallings) Teterton, Jimmy and Carolyn

Ashley, Eddie and Ellen White, Jerry and Peggy (Williams) Shrewbury, Nettie (Lassiter) Honaker and daughter, Tracy, Lloyd and Patricia Mills, and daughters, Teresa and Kim, Judy (Elliott) Flynn, and Bill and Priscilla (Bunch) Townson.

Mail Service Suspended

All mail service to Canada from the United States has been suspended at the request of the Canadian Post because of a nationwide strike of postal workers in Canada, the U. S. Postal Service announced today.

Until further notice, all U.S. post offices have been instructed not to accept mail for Canada. Express Mail will be returned to senders but all other classes of mail for Canada now in U. S. post offices will be held.

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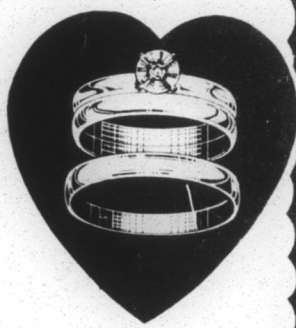


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