

The Evans Report

By Rep. Charles D. Evans



As of Friday, March 4, the North Carolina General Assembly has completed its 38th day of the Legislative Session. There are many issues under consideration both of a State-wide interest as well as local interest. I would like to start this legislative report with an update on the deliberations on the Governor's Bill to deal with drinking drivers. The House Judiciary III Committee continues its deliberations on this matter. One of the most controversial features of this proposed law is the Dram Shop.

You will recall from my previous reports that I have been very much involved with the consideration and rewriting of this section. The changes that are being made, I think, very much improve the Dram Shop provision as it affects our business community.

Although I think it is very important to place more responsibility on the sellers of alcoholic beverages, I continue to support and work for alternatives to the original Dram Shop proposal. I am confident that the General Assembly will adopt a provision that will be fair to the affected business community.

Two matters, more of a local nature, are receiving quite a bit of attention. They are the proposed incorporation of the Currituck Outer Banks and a bill introduced by Senator Daniels in the Senate which is intended to open to unrestricted access and use of the road leading from Dare County to the village of Corolla. The Board of Commissioners of Currituck County, as well as many citizens, are interested in both of these matters.

Unlike the bill dealing with the road leading to Corolla, there is no bill pending dealing with the incorporation of the village of Corolla since this matter has not been endorsed by the Currituck Board of Commissioners. I will be involved in meeting with interested parties concerning these matters.

Another issue that is attracting a lot of local interest is a proposal to levy a tax on motel and hotel rooms and restaurants. I have heard rumors that the Mecklenburg delegation in the General

Assembly is planning to introduce a measure that will allow counties to implement taxes on accommodations and the reserve from this tax could be used to promote the area as a place to vacation or visit. Another proposal which has recently surfaced would include restaurants. At this time, I am not convinced that any of these proposed taxes would be a wise thing to do. I think the idea of an additional sales tax would be fairer and better received.

Another item that has recently emerged as a rather controversial issue is the proposed resolution expressing the North Carolina General Assembly's concern in bilateral, verifiable nuclear freeze. Many people in our State and in the First District feel that the escalated nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union is greatly increasing the possibility of a complete world-wide nuclear holocaust which would very likely end up making the earth uninhabitable by human beings and life as we know it today. On the other side of the issue are those who feel that the United States should continue to develop and employ nuclear weapons in order to not end up in an inferior position visavis the Soviet Union. I personally believe that the point has been reached that both nations can completely obliterate the other many times over. It does seem somewhat senseless to continue to develop nuclear weapons as long as each nation is deterred by the other's already existing forces. I look forward to hearing from any readers concerning their opinions on this matter.

We are all very happy to see that Governor Hunt has made a complete recovery from his recent illness brought on by an attack of appendicitis. The Governor was hospitalized for several days following his operation and recuperated at the Mason several days following his release from the hospital. Now he is back in his office on a regular schedule. I continue to be amazed at the energy displayed by our Governor. I feel that we are indeed fortunate to have such a man as Governor Jim Hunt running in office. I very much enjoy working with him and think

he is an asset to our State.

This past week in the General Assembly the Natural and Economic Resources Committee of the House had a presentation dealing with the Coastal Area Management Act. Secretary Joseph Grimmsley of Natural Resources and Community Development which has the office of Coastal Management has appeared before the committee along with the director of the Coastal Management Office and some of his staff. I appeared before the committee to explain the bills dealing with the Coastal Management Act that have been introduced as a result of the recommendations of the study commission which I co-chaired on the Coastal Area Management Act. Several of these bills I propose to amend from their original version in order to make them better bills. There seems to be a great deal of support not only among the citizens of the 20 coastal counties in North Carolina but also among the members of the General Assembly. I hope that interested parties will communicate any thoughts they may have concerning revisions to these bills, or for that matter, any recommendations concerning the Coastal Area Management Act. I will continue to work toward a reasonable but effective coastal management program.

In Search Of Wine Heritage

ROSE HILL — A search is on for rare North Carolina wine and wine artifacts! In attics and basements, packhouses and on display shelves across the state are the treasures of North Carolina's grape and wine heritage - mute testimony to a once thriving industry. None are unimportant - some are quite valuable.

Beginning in 1835 with Medoc Vineyard in Halifax County, our nation's first commercial winery, North Carolina grew to become the leading wine state in the Union before Prohibition halted commercial wine production. From "Murphy to Manteo" the state was literally peppered with successful wineries in Fayetteville, Castle Hayne, Wilmington, Conover, Eagle Springs, Gibson, Littleton, Louisburg, Manteo, Murphy, Peachland, Holly Ridge, Samarcand, Tryon, Warrenton, Willard, Edenton and Icard.

With the revival of the state's commercial grape and wine industry, marked bottles signs, packing boxes, and of course wine, are now being sought by collectors. In recognition of the interest and demand for these artifacts Duplin Wine Cellars, now the States largest winery, will sponsor a North Carolina Rare Wine and Artifacts auction and banquet April 30th at the winery. Everyone is invited to submit such finds to the winery for auction, or, to display.

Beginning at 2 P.M. collectors may exchange wines or artifacts to complete collections or purchase autographed copies of "Scuppernong: North Carolina's Grape and its Wines" by Dr. Clarence Gohdes. A speech by Dr. Gohdes, formerly of Duke University and a noted authority on North Carolina's native grape, will be featured at the banquet.

Reservations for the day's events and banquet will be \$10.00 and must be made by April 23rd. Items to be auctioned, displayed, or exchanged may be delivered to the winery any time prior to 2 P.M. April 30th. If you are interested in submitting items, know someone who may be interested, or wish to make reservations, please contact Pam Pope, Duplin Wine Cellars, Drawer 756 Rse Hill, N.C. 28458, telephone (919) 280-3888.

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I want to encourage any of you who are interested in doing so to contact me by telephone or letter concerning any issues of interest to you. Also, I would like to issue a special invitation to any of you who are in the Raleigh area during the Session to come by to visit and see the General Assembly in Session. It is truly an interesting process and one which I think would make you more aware of our government in action. One of the things which I am sure we are able to have is for high school students to be able to come to the General Assembly to serve as pages. I remember very well my experience as a page during my senior year in high school. This Session I have had the following to serve as pages: Jennifer Belch from Plymouth, Kimberly Hudson from Moyock, Rebecca Michelle Hutchins from Plymouth, and Whitney Warren from Wilmington. I believe all of them have benefited by their experiences.

Cards Of Thanks

I would like to thank each and everyone for their cards, flowers and calls in the home going of our loved one, my brother, Lemuel Garfield Rouson, Mary R. Jernigan Mar. 10, pd.

We would like to express our deepest thanks to everyone for being so generous to us in our time of tragedy. The many gifts given to our family will never be forgotten. The fire was so unbearable but with our friends and relatives' help we have been able to start over again. God bless each of you. Durwood, Rhonda, Valerie & Stacey Copeland Mar. 10, pd.

In Memory Of

In Memoriam For John Alvin Jones, Jr. In loving memory of our husband and father, John A. Jones, Jr., who died March 13, 1978. You have been gone from us 10 years. You are not forgotten loved one. Nor will you ever be. As long as life and memory last We will remember thee

We miss you still, our hearts are sore. As time goes by, we miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face. No one can ever fill your vacant place. Wife, Nancy Daughter, Diana Mar. 10, pd.

Importance Of Public Meetings And Their Disaster

Public meetings are always a potential disaster. Mostly, they live up to the potential. A public meeting is supposed to be used to gather public opinion on an idea or a list of ideas. Hopefully, a lot of people will attend and a lot of opinions will be expressed so those conducting the meeting will understand what the people involved are thinking about the topic of the day. It just never works that way.

The problem is a matter of numbers. A recent example was the annual public meeting for central area fishermen conducted by the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission February 24 in New Bern. Fishermen were urged to attend and express opinions on any changes they thought necessary in Marine Fisheries regulations. Other meetings will be held soon in the southern and northern areas. Let's say this meeting should have drawn fishermen from five counties (Onslow, Carteret, Pamlico, Craven, Beaufort). According to 1981 statistics, the latest available,

9,405 N.C. commercial fishing boat licenses were purchased in the five counties. The licenses indicated 2,301 of them were bought by full-time commercial fishermen, 3,273 by part-time commercial fishermen, and 3,831 purchase the license only for recreational reasons. This does not include seafood dealers, environmentalists, etc. in the five counties.

The evening of February 24 found 37 people in the audience (not including governmental and news media employees).

That was a disaster because 37 individuals just do not represent 10,000. Someone could say most fishermen are content with current regulations. He or she would be out-of-step with the times to believe that. Fishermen are in trouble, and these public meetings should be the forum to air their grievances. The disaster gets darker when someone in the meeting room believes the opinions voiced are representative. It expands frighteningly when

vast audiences look at television or read a newspaper account of the meeting and believe the opinions were representative.

Those that attend a Marine Fisheries public meeting and give a good presentation make a positive impact on Commission members. Emotions and shyness are sometimes a barrier, however. After a rather noisy public meeting earlier in the month, about a specific problem, Commission Chairman Jerry Gaskill said, you heard that old saying about you can catch more bears with honey than with vinegar. Too many, he said, come to us with vinegar in their mouths.

Jerry is sincere in trying to gather enough opinions from enough people so the Commission really knows what the majority of fishermen want. He needs it. The fishermen need it. With increasing pressures of skyrocketing operating costs, competition from newcomers, and water quality, the need for their organized voices is critical. In addition to a central voice, commercial fishermen are splintered into interest groups depending on the type of gear used and the species caught.

Jerry said recently commercial fishermen will soon become extinct unless things change. They are just going to have to do a better job of

representing themselves, and one of the important arenas is public meetings.

Edenton-Chowan March 14-18, 1983 Menus

Monday — Breakfast — Apple Sauce, Cinnamon Toast and Milk. **Lunch —** Pizza, Corn-on-the-cob, French Fries - Ketchup, Prune Spice Cake and Milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast — Fruit Juice, Sausage Biscuit and Milk. **Lunch —** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches, Rolls and Milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast — Fruit Juice, Cheese Toast and Milk. **Lunch —** Roast Turkey w/Giblet Gravy, Dressing, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Rolls and Milk.

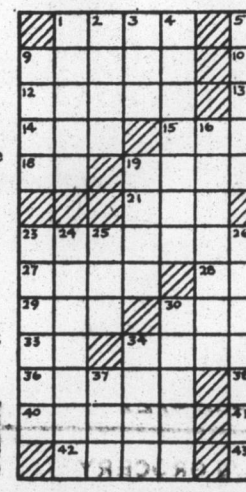
Thursday — Breakfast — Fruit or Juice, Cinnamon Bun and Milk. **Lunch —** Beef Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Sandwiches, Cherry Cobbler and Milk.

Friday — Breakfast — Fruit Juice, Pancakes w/Syrup and Milk. **Lunch —** Fish Fillet on Bun w/Lettuce and Tartar Sauce, Potato Rounds - Ketchup, Peppato, Peanut Cup and Milk.

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1. Portion
5. On top
9. Bringer of ill luck
10. Horse pill
12. Fragment oleoresin
13. Core
14. Berry of hawthorn
15. Having shoes
17. Music note
18. Biblical city
19. Leading actor
20. Biblical name
21. Sick
22. Abel's brother
23. Irish fairies
27. Land measure
28. Affirmative reply
29. Biblical pronoun
30. Caliber
31. Samarium (abbr.)
33. Exclamation
34. Rational
35. Firmament
36. Number
38. Potato (dial.)
40. Pig's nose
41. Mohammedan priest
42. Guns (slang)
- DOWN**
2. Kind of bear
3. Male sheep
4. Prickly plant
5. Hate
6. Having digits
7. Palm leaf
8. Steal
9. King of Israel
11. Discolor
16. Peaceful
19. Title of respect
20. Greek letter
22. Packing box
23. Wood-shaping machine
24. Reverting
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26. A dissembler
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