

Tom Strickland Wants People Involved In N. C. Government

By Sidney Moore Jr., Post Staff Writer

Goldsboro native Tom Strickland, a Democratic Party candidate for Governor, wants to get the people of North Carolina involved in government.

Senator Strickland was elected to his present office in 1971. He also served in the State House of Representatives from 1968 to 1972.

As a legislator, the candidate worked to get the Presidential Primary law passed in this state. This law, said Strickland, helped establish Jimmy Carter as a serious contender. Strickland said he supported the law "because I think people ought to be involved in the government."

Strickland said the "most pressing problem" now facing the State is its overcrowded prison system.

He said state leaders made a mistake when they decided to centralize the prison system. He said some of the buildings now being used could house the more than 2,000 prisoners that overcrowd the central system in Raleigh. De-centralization would also create more possible work opportunities for prisoners. Strickland said rehabilitation is improbable for most prisoners unless they learn to work

and acquire marketable skills. A de-centralized system would also enable prison administrators to re-classify prisoners, said Strickland. He thinks hardened criminals should be separated from youthful offenders.

The Senator wants to lower the age of responsibility from 16 to 14. Then he would create a new division of prisons. Juvenile offenders under 14 would be handled much as

they are now. Youthful offenders age 14-17 would be responsible for their crimes. But, their records would be cleared if they met certain yet to be specified requirements.

Strickland believes youthful offenders should have a second chance. He said separating these offenders from juveniles and hardened criminals would make the likelihood of rehabilitation more probable. The candidate said that past

experiences as a lawyer and public servant have made him aware of the problems with the criminal justice system.

He cites a 1971 effort to get better training for law enforcement officers. This effort was made, Strickland said, because a study showed the officers would benefit from the training.

Strickland has also advocated speedier trials and more uniform sentencing. He said if

judges will not do anything about encouraging these needed reforms, the legislature and the Governor should.

"We've really got to improve this system," said Strickland.

Other issues the candidate sees as important include jobs, industrial development, more equitable laws to control issuing unemployment compensation checks, a better auditing system to control

welfare funds and the streamlining of government agencies for efficiency.

Strickland said his record in public service to his state is his strongest campaign asset.

He said his reason for running for Governor is make possible for himself "a continuation of the desire to serve."

"I feel like I do have some knowledge to bring to the job," Strickland said.



Mr. Antenor J. Adam (broad smile at right) has been named SMALL BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR OF NEW YORK CITY. Deputy Mayor Paul Gibson presents the Citation for Mayor Abraham Beame on the steps of City Hall during recent ceremonies. Mr. Adam, a graduate of North Carolina Central University is the proprietor of three thriving McDonald franchises in the Brooklyn, N.Y. area. He is also president of Black Castle Enterprises. Mr. Adam has also distinguished himself by being named one of the top-ten sellers of hamburgers for the year. On hand for the ceremony were more than fifty of the more than 250 employees of Mr. Adam. He is the son of Mrs. A. E. Adam and the late Mr. J. J. Adam. Both parents are well remembered by the Johnson C. Smith University Community.

"The Waiting Years" Over For Black Writers

CHAPEL HILL—"Rightly or wrongly the generation of Negro writers to which I belong considered itself marooned for a number of years.

"Whether we were right or not we felt like a voice crying in the wilderness," said Dr. Blyden Jackson, professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jackson, who is in his 60s, said until the 1960s the majority of what Negro scholars wrote reached a very limited audience. Only one or two, managed to catch the ear of the world around them, he recalled.

Jackson's views are expressed in "The Waiting Years", his new book recently published by Louisiana State Univer-

sity Press. The book is a selection of essays written by Jackson during the last 30 years and provides what he calls a sort of panorama of the sentiments of a group of writers who like himself felt they weren't getting through.

The introductory essay includes Jackson's personal reflections upon his generation of Negro writers.

"These men and women because of their race and because of the limited number of whole books devoted to critical examination and interpretation of Negro literature were neglected," Jackson said.

"Remember, we were living in a segregated world and writing about material that we

felt was not reaching an extensive audience. We also felt there was a tendency to ignore us when opinions on North American literature were circulated."

But it was more than just a question of race Jackson believes. He said Negro writing, like all American writing for a time, had difficulty in gaining acceptance among scholars as literature.

A prelude added to other essays in "The Waiting Years" retrieves the time at which each essay was written. Jackson deals with black writings such as the ghetto novel, the Harlem Renaissance and the Negro's image of himself. His other essays focus on individual writers like poet

Countee Cullen, novelist Richard Wright and novelist-poet Langston Hughes.

"The Waiting Years" is designed for use in courses in Negro literature as well as for courses in American literature. Jackson said he also hopes it will be read by those who are not academics at all.

"We have a nation whose level of literacy is fairly high and I'd like to think the public themselves will be interested in reading it."

Jackson, who is also associate dean of the UNC-CH Graduate School, came here in 1969 following a seven-year post as dean of the graduate school of Southern University in Louisiana.

He is the co-author of "Black Poetry in America" and holds a B.A. degree from Wilberforce University in Ohio and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

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Checks Out Super

Market Convention

New York City (API) -- when the 12,000 super market operators and others in the industry gathered in Dallas at the Super Market Institute's annual convention, Kraft Foods and SMI cooperated to present a special seminar for food editors. The Amalgamated group of Black newspapers was represented and this issue of "Ethel's Cookery" is to give you an overview of the conference.

Among the topics discussed were issues and trends affecting super market operators, commodity outlook, the universal product code and shrinkage and the cost of food.

Trends in new foods. New products on the market save time, energy and help the diet-conscious. Grocery product producers have in mind those of us "on the go" single dwellers, special needs in diets.

Commodity outlook. Food availability for balance of the year looks good, prices indicate some increases, but most will be stable. Beef prices may rise, but the rise will be moderate; pork should have an increase. Broiler production should continue at record levels at lower prices. The enormous rise in cost of coffee is due to the freeze in Brazil, the flood in Columbia, war in Angola and

the earthquake in Guatemala--all of which contributed to an 11 percent decline in coffee production.

Shrink and the cost of food. One of the hidden operating costs is that of "shrink", which includes food theft, from customers through shoplifting, relocating items, careless handling by employees, food spoilage and other inventory loss factors. It was estimated that if shrink were eliminated, store profits would double and the savings could be passed on to us, the consumers.

The Automated Check Out System.

The universal product code designed for automated check out at the register, is still not being used, and may not be for awhile yet. Consumer studies showed some resistance to the pricing system and indicated that the home-maker wants to retain individual item pricing.

Conference conclusions. In our opinion, the conference design showed a concern for consumer needs and desires as well as giving insight to the concerns of the industry people, and in spite of high operating costs, super market operators indicated they are attempting to keep overall costs down, although profits will be at a minimum.

Authority, Not Money Causes Quarrels

A frequent theme of family fights is who spends what and how. Money is not the basic issue, marriage counselors contend -- it's simply a cover-up for vital struggles over power and authority.

In a July Reader's Digest article condensed from Monday, writer Caroline Donnelly tells how these fiscal frays can be avoided. Understanding the underlying forces is a start. "Family members who have money tend to try to use it as a means of manipulating those who do not," she writes. This may express itself in arguments between parent and child or husband and wife as a question of who's in charge--the authoritarian parent or the teenager striving for independence? The breadwinner or the homemaker?

If family relationships are sound and caring, money-motivated clashes can be resolved, despite their complex emo-

tional origins. For openers, counsellors advise better planning, so everyone knows how much is coming in and who will be paying how much out. Budgets help; so do compromises.

There are other methods counsellors have found successful in helping families discuss finances without coming apart at the seams. Informal family meetings (include the children) on spending practices and procedures are useful -- when everyone shares in the decision-making, it's hard to blame one another.

If you can't handle a fact-to-face meeting, therapists advise writing it down. One way to get consensus on spending priorities is to have the family -- or husband and wife -- make lists in descending order of importance and then to compare them.

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