

Raleigh Round-Up

Utilities Commission Receives Attack From Governor, Says Work Load Light

BY KIDD BREWER

UTILITIES . . . When the Governor of North Carolina makes a statement about one of his departments — whether in praise or criticism — he shakes it to its foundations.

Last week the members of the State Utilities Commission — and staff — were: all shook up. This time it wasn't caused by utilities fuses.

Luther Hodges had intimated the commission has a lot of idle time on its hands, had said rather bluntly that a three-member body could serve the public as well as a five-member ditto.

For a long time we had the impression that this particular branch of State government was overworked. In fact, we know of three men who resigned, voluntarily, from work with the State Utilities commission because of the heavy-work schedule. One of them described it as a "rat race".

FAIR . . . Until Kerr Scott became Governor, we had only three members of the commission. He got the number increased to five. That was less than ten years ago.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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This the 25th day of February, 1958.

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It may be that the amount of work has decreased. But, be that as it may, old-timers around here say the Utilities Commission has been played with by Governors, set up, torn down, name changed, and what-have-you, more than any other state department.

So, all in all, it seems only fair for Governor Hodges to have a go at it. Incidentally, of the three new members appointed by Governor Scott — Josh James, Harry Westcott, and Ed McMahan, only Westcott remains, and Miss Myrtha Fleming, Scott's long-time secretary who became clerk to the Commission, was long ago replaced.

TOGETHER . . . Early last fall there was some talk to the effect that three State organizations — the N. C. Quality Restaurant association, the N. C. Hotel association, and the N. C. Motel association — would soon join hands so as to operate more numerically and more economically.

Last week it became apparent that at least two thirds of the distance had been traveled.

All new N. C. Hotel association cards were signed: "M. M. Melvin, secretary". He is also secretary of the N. C. Quality Restaurant association and for many years before going with the restaurants an official with the State Board of Health.

WAGES . . . At one time, the hotel people tried to maintain an office with a full-time, paid executive in Raleigh — but there was not enough support . . . and insufficient interest unless or until a legislative matter like a minimum wage law came along.

Had it not been for the work of the N. C. Hotel Association in the 1957 Legislature, we would likely have a State minimum wage law today. Melvin, with good legal help from Melville Broughton — and J. C. B. Ehringhaus if he is restrained in the new setup — should give the hotels new strength. Also in the picture will be Ace Publicist C. A. Upchurch, Jr.

NEED . . . Frankly, we can't see the hotels and motels going to bed together — though stranger things have happened in organizational bedtime stories. Mrs. Maude Morrow heads up the Motel Association, with John Larkins as advisor and father confessor. Information we get is that the motels do not give their organization the support it deserves.

In a state going after the tourist dollar you need stronger support than have any of these organizations — and less griping and growling from members.

THE SPOILER . . . Due to the tremendous importance of Forsyth County's vote in the Fifth Congressional District, Winston-Salem's studious Winfield Blackwell had been given a 50-50 chance of ousting Ralph Scott from his recently won seat in the House of Representatives.

For many years Forsyth has hungered for a place in Congress, but the closest they have been able to come was a kind of dog-fall with Elkin when the late Thurmond Chatham made the grade. Perhaps Blackwell was the man.

But no less than the mayor of Winston-Salem himself, the Hon. Marshall Kurfees, has seen to it that Scott goes back to Washington.

This has been accomplished by the simple expedient of making himself a candidate for the position. Those in the know around the Fifth District say that populous Forsyth will split its vote between Blackwell and Kurfees and thus enable Scott's re-election without difficulty.

TWO MORE OUT . . . To the growing list of legislators deciding they want to see Raleigh only from afar next year add the names of: Tom White of Kinston and Calvin Graves of Winston-Salem.

Their announcements last week came as a sharp surprise.

White was supposed to be in a three-cornered race with Carl Venters of Jacksonville and Addison Hewlett of Wilmington for Speaker of the House in 1959.

His sudden decision not to return to the Legislature is expected to throw enough votes to Hewlett to assure him the Speakership place. However, the word we get is that White took no sides when he pulled out of the race for Speaker.

As for Graves, he was in line for position in the 1959 State Senate second only to that of Lieutenant Governor, the presiding officer.

From one of the outstanding legalistic families of Northwesterly North Carolina, Calvin Graves had made a lot of friends among legislators and officials of State Government. He will be missed.

If Archie Davis, chairman of the board of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., comes to Raleigh to succeed Graves — and he has already announced he's going to try it — it will follow a Forsyth pattern for the State Senate. Senators from there in the past 25 years have included Bob Hanes of Wachovia; Gordon Gray of Reynolds and Wachovia, etc.; Irving Carlyle, attorney for Wachovia.

Senator Davis will be a closer cooperater with Governor Hodges than was Senator Graves, you can bet on that. At 47, he has had a lot of experience and should make an excellent senator.

NOTES . . . If you had read about it a year ago, you would have laughed, but now you won't: experimental work is under-way on an electronic device to resist or cancel the earth's gravity — and a national magazine lists the University of North Carolina (presumably State College unit) as one of a half-dozen outstanding schools in the nation working on the project . . . until recently it was thought there was no way to cancel it out . . . this force . . . And our grapevine reports are that Navy people know that the

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This the 24th day of January, 1958. Martha Flax Lawrence, Administratrix C.T.A. of the Estate of Mrs. Allie B. Harlee, Brevard, N. C. 1-30-6tc

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Three Brevard Students Tapped At Local College

Three local students at Brevard college have been tapped for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary fraternity and in Sigma Pi Alpha, national honorary language fraternity.

They are Alice Moses, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyda Moses, of route 2, Brevard; Mildred Miller, freshman, daughter of Mrs. Louise Miller, of Brevard college; and Agnes Hamilton, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton.

Members of these fraternities must be in the top 10 percent of the student body scholastically, possess qualities of leadership and be of high moral character.

Bad Nutrition

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etables, and enriched breads and whole-grain cereals.

So far as quantities are concerned, your children should have 3 to 4 cups of milk daily; teenagers, 4 or more cups, and adults, 2 cups. Of course, cheese, ice cream, and other milk products can replace part of your milk drinking.

In the protein group, each person should eat 2 or more servings of meat, fish, poultry, or eggs daily. Occasionally peas and beans may be used in place of one of these protein foods.

Everyone should have 4 or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily. One vegetable should be dark green or deep yellow, and one fruit should be a citrus fruit or tomato.

Most people need 4 or more servings of enriched breads and whole-grain cereals daily. Of course, you must add other foods like fats and sweets to supply the sufficient number of calories.

Wilmington "earthquakes" were actually nuclear depth charges being tested by the Navy many miles off the coast of North Carolina . . .

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Decorating Tips

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ing room? It can be done very easily. You don't have to have an oriental flying carpet to accomplish this. You might call it a decorating trick and the trick that does it is a scenic wallpaper.

While designer-artists have surpassed any previous creations in scenic and repeat patterns with a scenic effect, the great diversity in wall papers of all types makes it easier than ever to find just what you want. That's because there are designs to fly any background, whether traditional, provincial or modern.

Supposing your problem is a jutting protrusion or dreary struc-

tural beam. Wallpaper won't do a Houdini and whisk away the ugly jog. But the right paper can give an optical illusion of a continuous wall. Many current papers have widely-spaced designs on light backgrounds. These designs can open-out a cramped, hemmed-in room and give the illusion of openness and space.

In a class all by themselves are the new mural-type scenic, which so effectively set the tone to distinctive interiors. The good news about scenic of all kinds is that they are so diversified as to suit even the home with little space and little money for home furnishings. Many of this season's scenic play up free-flowing abstract designs as well as gay and romantic settings.

March Egg Month,

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and lima beans was smaller than for 1956, yet the holdover plus the 1957 pack for those vegetables adds up to ample supplies for the time being.

Dried prunes are a fruit highlight for March. The agriculture department reports record supplies at reasonable prices. Canned pears also are in peak supply and are excellent for desserts and salads, and a fine side dish for meat and poultry platters.

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