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### More Light On Gag Law

There are few things in North Carolina that have been more misunderstood or that has brought forth more emotionalism than that of the Speaker's Ban Law.

In the first place that Law was passed not to embarrass the communists but the University of North Carolina. It was introduced as a result of a UNC professor taking part in a civil rights march in Raleigh during the closing days of the Legislature in just 19 minutes without a public hearing.

Communism is no threat at the University of North Carolina and has never been. We know President Friday and many of the older instructors at Chapel Hill. In recent years two of the editor's children have graduated from the University. During the more than half a dozen years they spent at the University they had no contact with any communists and never heard a communist speak. It is doubtful that more than a handful of communists have ever spoken at the University, and those were usually given a hard time by the comparatively small number of students who went to hear them. We will be verified by the cores of graduates of the University who are well known to our people.

The Chapel Hill Weekly, not a part of the University, but published in Chapel Hill, has an unclaimed offer of \$100 to anyone who will find a communist among the faculty or student body of the University. The only known communist speaker to appear on the campus of a North Carolina College within the past two years, we have been informed, appeared at Wake Forest, not covered by the Ban. In the question and answer period that followed his talk, the students made him look silly.

The Speaker Ban Law, per se, is not the cause of the threat to the continued accreditation of state supported institutions of higher learning. The threat lies in the Legislature's interference with the actual operations of the schools.

The Southern Association of Colleges and School is no sinister outside organization telling us "how to run our schools." The Association accredits public school systems in North Carolina as well as its colleges and universities. Its proceedings are issued annually and are available to the public. In North Carolina its members include the majority of the public schools, and almost all the colleges of the state. Its members include Duke University, the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte College (now a part of the University) East Carolina College, Wake Forest College, Davidson College, Meredith, Lenoir Rhyne, High Point College and a score of others.

The association of these schools and colleges was organized in 1895 in Atlanta, Ga. Prof. Edwin Mims of the University of North Carolina was a founder, and the charter members were the University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt, University of the South, University of Mississippi, Washington and Lee, Trinity College (now Duke). Other information about the association may be found in a clipped editorial found elsewhere on this page.

If this is true, why all the excitement? The law has accomplished the purpose of its sponsors. It has embarrassed the University, as well as all other state operated institutions of higher learning. Much worse it has harmed these schools and embarrassed their administrators. For instance, it must be rather embarrassing to President Friday when after a speaker has been in-

vited to speak at the University to have to ask him if he is a communist or has he taken the Fifth Amendment. Several well known scientists have already refused to accept invitations under such conditions.

The law is an encroachment upon academic freedom and the right to know and as such is resented not only by college professors but by many others who believe in freedom of speech and that the only way to combat error is with truth.

Was the law actually introduced in order to embarrass the University and not because of any communist threat? Or was it to spite legislation? Writing in a recent issue of The Charlotte News, Bob Smith, associate editor, in a three-part series, "What's Wrong At UNC?" stated:

"... Yet communism as such is a vastly overrated issue as it is used to explain the General Assembly's concern with the University. It is interesting to note that the ban on communist speakers, which ignited much of the present discord, was not passed in response to the appearance of a communist speaker at all.

"It was a reaction against civil rights militancy and against demonstrations in Chapel Hill that has made the University's liberalism seem particularly abrasive to the legislators. It is worth pausing to examine how the speaker ban got on the books and what it means.

"The man most often credited with the invention, Secretary of State Thad Eure, describes returning to the Sir Walter Hotel on the evening of June 20, 1963, with the legislature still wearily in session. 'I was standing in front of the Sir Walter Hotel when the motliest Negro group you ever saw, looking like they had just come from garages, piled up on the sidewalk and began clapping hands, shouting that they were going to sleep in the Sir Walter one of these days. Jim Phipps (Rep. James Phipps of Orange County who later resigned to become state commander of the American Legion) nudged me and said 'That man over there'—he pointed to a white man—I know he is a professor at UNC.' I said, 'Well, you better get in touch with Bill Friday and see if in some tactful way he can see to it that this doesn't happen again.'

"Representative Phipps couldn't reach Dr. Friday, who was out of the state, and before the University president could get into action and before many legislators knew or fully understood what was happening—the speaker ban law drawn up by Mr. Eure at the request of a tiny group of lawmakers was passed in irritation, in haste, under a suspension of rules, and without debate.

"This recounting is important because my talks in Raleigh have convinced me that if a law like the present speaker ban were introduced for the first time in the General Assembly today, it would not pass. Those in the General Assembly who think the present law is good legislation deserving of perpetuity are in the distinct minority."

#### NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

### Looking Backward Into The Record

July 8, 1960

A new postoffice will be constructed at Norlina, Postmaster General Arthur Sumnerfield announced this week.

Dr. William Burns Jones, Jr., 29, began his duties as Warren County Health director on July 1.

A hearing on the location of a site for a bridge over the Roanoke River near Eaton's Ferry was held by the High Commission at Littleton Thursday morning.

July 8, 1955

Dr. Rufus Jones, Warrenton dentist, was installed as president of the Warrenton Rotary Club on Tuesday night.

A tax rate of \$1.55 for Warren County is indicated as the tentative budget is adopted by the commissioners.

The tentative budget adopted this week by the Norlina town commissioners calls for no increase in the \$1.50 rate.

July 5, 1940

The Warrenton Tobacco Market will open on September 17, the Tobacco Association announced at its convention last Friday.

The Warrenton Junior Chamber of Commerce is backing efforts to have an armory built here.

The Warrenton Town Board Monday remained firm in its refusal to approve the operation of slot machines here.

## The Southern Accreditation Organization Has No Secrets

Greensboro Daily News

If the conjunction of inquiries in Raleigh seems to cast the Southern Association of Colleges and School in the role of a sinister agency, comparable with the Ku Klux Klan let the coincidence of the questions be dispelled.

Officials and legislators are checking into the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which accredits public school systems in North Carolina as well as its colleges and universities, with all the gumshoe techniques of a private eye.

One legislator "divulged" that he has acquired a book that "discloses" the nature of the organization and its membership and rules and regulations. It is hinted that all will be made known in due time.

To forestall that foolishness, it may be well to look at the volume "Proceedings of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools." It is issued annually. It is available to anyone. No secrets are in it.

Who are the members? In North Carolina, the large majority of the public schools are members. That includes the Greensboro City schools and the Guilford County schools. It includes the Scotland County school in which legislator Roger Kiser teaches. It includes most of the other school systems of the state, approved and accredited by the Southern Association.

Besides the public schools, it takes in also the colleges of North Carolina. In Greensboro, the University of North Carolina is a member, and so are Greensboro College, A. & T., Bennett and Guilford College.

Other North Carolina members include Duke University the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C. State University in Raleigh, Charlotte College, (about to become the University at Charlotte), East Carolina College, Wake Forest College, Davidson College, Meredith, Lenoir Rhyne, High Point College, Elon College and a score of others.

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How is it governed? Each member is entitled to one vote in the annual delegate as-

sembly. The head of each institution is the official member; he may appoint someone to represent him. For example, Chancellor Paul F. Sharp is the representative from the university at Chapel Hill. The delegates elect a board of trustees of 16 members and commissions that do much of the work of the association. There is also a paid staff at the Atlanta headquarters. President William Friday has been a member of the board of trustees. Joseph M. Johnston, supervisor of curriculum development for the State Department of Public Instruction, is now a trustee.

North Carolinians serving on committees include: Ivy Hixon of Salem College in Winston-Salem; Provost Taylor Cole of Duke University, Melvin Stahl of the Salisbury Public Schools, Willard Swiers of the Fayetteville schools, Lambert Davis, director of the U. N. C. Press, Dean Arnold Perry of the U. N. C. School of Education, Heywood Bellamy of the Wilmington schools, T. O. Wright of Oak Ridge Military Institute.

The association was organized for cooperation and mutual assistance and to "elevate the standard of scholarship and to effect uniformity of entrance requirements."

One of the main functions today is the accrediting of institutions of higher learning and public schools.

Accreditation in the United States, as practiced by the institutions of higher learning, is the task of six accrediting associations in the six regions of the country—one of these in the Southern geographical region and including the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The book describing the organization of the Southern Association and giving its membership and activities does not have to be obtained from under the counter or in a graveyard after midnight. The association maintains a public relations office in Atlanta, and is pleased to disseminate the fullest information on request.

There is no sheet or hood hiding the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. There's no need for a furtive search to discover any mischief or misdeeds. The association is a mutual assembly of schools and colleges to benefit one another and the people of the states they represent.



DR. W. R. HARRIS

### Dr. Harris Diplomat In Ophthalmology

Dr. William R. Harris, specialist in eye disease and eye surgery, has been awarded the highest recognition in his specialty with his selection as a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Harris is associated with Dr. Roy Stewart in the practice of ophthalmology in offices in Newton and Lenoir, and he is on the staff of Catawba hospital and Caldwell Memorial Hospital.

A native of Henderson, Dr. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Harris of Henderson.

### Limer Funeral Held At Warrenton Sunday

Funeral services for Robert Edgar Limer, 70, who died Friday, were conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. at Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall by Curtis Whitehurst. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Limer, a prominent farmer of near Warrenton, was a member of the Jehovah Witness Central Unit.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Hayes Limer; two sons R. E., Jr., and Earl, of Rt. 2, Warrenton; two daughters, Mrs. Leonard G. Bender of Norlina, and Mrs. Leon Edwards of Rt. 2, Warrenton; three brothers, Osborn Limer of Rt. 2, Warrenton, E. W. Limer of Weldon and Britton Limer of Burlington Flats, N. Y.; six sisters, Mrs. Annie Laurie Felts of Boone, Mrs. Evelyn Williams and Mrs. Ruth Williams of Greensboro, Mrs. George Peak and Mrs. Julie Ward of Asheville and Mrs. Ada Parker of Greer, S. C.; and six grandchildren.

are invited and urged to attend and join in a day of reunion and fellowship.

Each family will contribute a picnic basket for the noon dinner and it will be a day-long event.

Mrs. Horace Roberts and children, Gall and Byron of Stransbury, Va., spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Powell. Mr. Roberts joined them for the weekend.

### Haitcock Reunion To Be Held On July 18

The 18th annual Haitcock reunion will be held on Sunday, July 18, at the home and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haitcock near Liberia.

This is the old Whitmel Haitcock homestead and is a favorite gathering place of the clan. All Haitcocks and related kin

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### RIDGEWAY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Seaman, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Seaman, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Seaman, Mrs. C. P. Holtzman, Mrs. A. G. Bender, Mrs. L. M. Paschall, Sr., Mrs. L. M. Paschall, Jr., and children, Mrs. Richard Matthews and Mrs. Chris F. Holtzman, Sr., visited Mrs. John Buck and Mrs. Otto Shockey of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Eva Hayes at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Edwards in Norlina over the weekend.

Mr. H. B. Bender is receiving treatment in Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson this week.

Mrs. C. P. Holtzman and Mr. Richard Matthews attended the funeral of Mrs. Charles Troutman in Raleigh last Friday.

Mrs. C. P. Holtzman, Mrs. L. M. Paschall, Sr., Miss Alice Paschall, Miss Doris Bender and Mrs. C. F. Holtzman visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Woodruff and family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Seaman last week.

Miss Barbara Troutman of Raleigh was weekend guest of Mrs. Albert Bender.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brannock and sons, L. C. and Banner Paul, are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Brannock in Mt. Airy.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hecht and Miss Elizabeth Hecht and Mr. John Hecht of New Bern visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hecht over the 4th of July weekend.

Mrs. Eva Petar and Mrs. Mattie Prigden of Warrenton visited Misses Ann and Rebecca Collins on Friday.

Misses Bonnie Buchanan, Debbie Rigan and Zandra Rigan of Portsmouth, Va., are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Holtzman.

Mr. R. L. Mitchell, Mrs. Archie Reavis, Jr., Mrs. Arnold Moss, Mr. Bobby Mitchell, Miss Becky Mitchell, Miss Diane Reavis, Mr. Dean and Stevenson Reavis spent Tuesday with Mrs. Albert Bender and family.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Brauer of Norlina visited Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bender on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hecht and daughter, Carol and Pam, of Portsmouth, Va., are spending this week with Mrs. Carl Hecht and enjoying a stay at Kerr Lake.

Mrs. W. W. Brauer is spending this week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Graham, in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Madison Weaver and

son, Dean, of Indiana spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Holtzman.

Mr. A. C. Holtzman of Henderson spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Holtzman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holtzman honored their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Killian and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holtzman at a fish fry in their back yard Monday night.

Mrs. Cora Lambert has returned home to Dayton, Va., after visiting a week here with her brother, Mr. W. J. Walker and family.

#### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Miss Donna Brauer celebrated her 13 birthday on June 25 with a weiner roast with all the trimmings, a big decorated birthday cake, ice cream and drinks served to approximately twenty-five guests. After the weiner roast in the yard all the guests were invited into their large living room and enjoyed records with Lee Burrows playing the drums and the young group dancing. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brauer, Miss Catherine Brauer, and Mr. and Mrs. William Brauer assisted in the serving.

#### BAPTIZED

Master Stuart Holtzman White, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal White, Jr., was baptized Sunday morning at the regular morning worship services at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ridgeway by the Rev. M. E. Franke, sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz of Wise.

#### Inez News

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coleman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Coleman, Jr., and family are spending this week at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fowler are visiting relatives in Mount Lookout, W. Va., due to the death of an uncle of Mrs. Fowler's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, Jr., and family are vacationing at Kerr Lake this week.

Mrs. Lee Boman of Raleigh and Mrs. G. H. Taylor of Centerville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harmon.

Mr. Ellis Harris of Arizona spent the weekend with the Harmon's.

Mrs. M. P. Powell has returned home after attending the Holmgreen-Hunter wedding in West Chester, Pa. While there she also visited Philadelphia, Pa., and Camden, N. J.

### Ernest L. Hudgins Succumbs On Sunday

Ernest Locke Hudgins, 65, a native of Warrenton, died Sunday. Graveside services were conducted Monday at 11 a. m. at Fairview cemetery by the Rev. John R. Link.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. M. J. Vinan of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Clinton Neal, Mrs. Sam Cheek and Miss Madge Hudgins, all of Warrenton; and three brothers, Daniel, W. W. of Warrenton and John A., of Durham.

### Mrs. Herbert Tucker Dies In Petersburg

Last rites for Mrs. Herbert Tucker, 80, who died on Tuesday of last week were held on Thursday afternoon in Petersburg, Va., and interment was in Old Blanford Cemetery there. She was a native of Warrenton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Pat) Miles and a life long member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Robert Ayers, Mrs. Charlie Wells and Mrs. Thomas Guy all of Petersburg, Va.

Her only son, Herbert Tucker, Jr., of Ahoiski was buried on Monday in Rich Square. Attending from Warrenton were Mrs. A. C. Blacklock and Mrs. C. C. Perkinson of Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perkinson of Kerr Lake this week.

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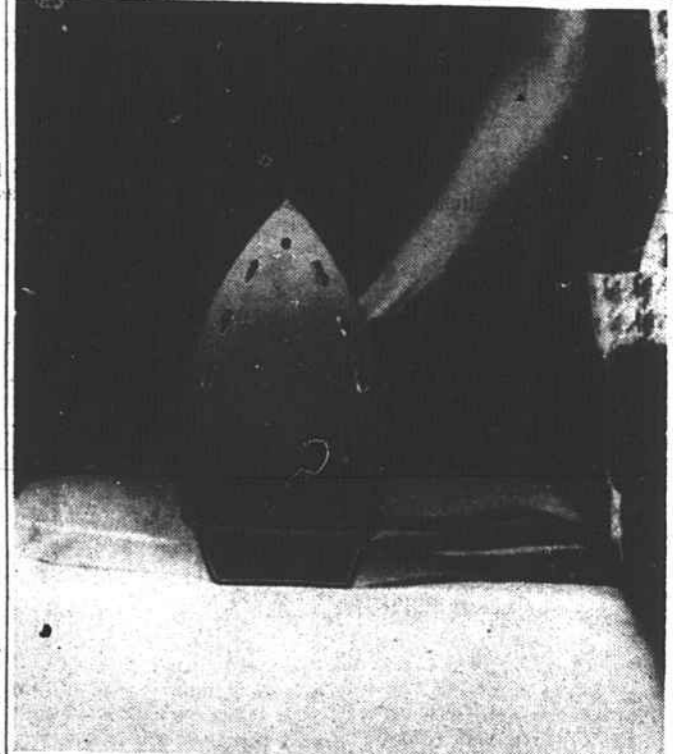
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