

# The Chapel Hill Weekly

"If the matter is important and you are sure of your ground, never fear to be in the minority."

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## Judge Preyer And Prayer Don't Figure To Stop I. Beverly Lake

There is always a slim possibility that I. Beverly Lake will not run for Governor of North Carolina in 1964. There is still hope that if he does run he will not win the Democratic nomination. And there is substantial reason to believe that if he wins the nomination, then the next Governor of North Carolina will be a Republican.

But whatever Dr. Lake does from here on out, there can be no doubt that he has already succeeded in scaring anti-Lake Democrats witless.

The latest manifestation of the desperate groping anti-Lake Democrats have been reduced to is the trial balloon being prayerfully pumped in Guilford County for Richardson Preyer.

Mr. Preyer, in case you've never heard of him, is Judge of the U. S. Middle District Court in Greensboro and scion of the wealthy Vicks Vaporub family. He was appointed a Superior Court judge by Gov. Luther Hodges in 1956, later won election to the bench on his own, and then was appointed to the Federal bench by President Kennedy in 1961. Those who know him seem to think he's a fine man, and an advertisement in the Greensboro newspapers played heavily on the fact that he comes from a long line of illustrious forebears.

Judge Preyer, believe it or not, is being touted as the Democratic Party's white hope. And several people outside Guilford County, surprisingly enough, are listening to the tip. The main trouble right now is that Judge Preyer, as a serious gubernatorial candidate, is little more than a figment of somebody's imagination.

With television and the saturation coverage provided by newspapers these days, it is obvious that political candidates no longer need to start projecting public images years before the campaign; and perhaps a new and fresh face can pile up a lot of points in a short and hard run. But it is ridiculous to believe that the best image the TV and news men can put on a candidate will successfully gloss over a glaring lack of political and legislative experience. Perhaps television and newspapers can remedy Judge Preyer's anonymity to some extent, but there is nothing under the sun that can convert him into a qualified candidate between now and next May.

If there really isn't anybody else to stand between I. Beverly Lake and the nomination, Heaven help the Democratic Party.

## Burning Issues In Orange County

Orange County's Democratic Executive Committee will name a successor to Judge L. J. Phipps as a member of the State House of Representatives on Tuesday, and for a while there it seemed that it would be a fairly simple matter.

The only reason the appointment is being made is because of the special session Governor Sanford is expected to call in October, and the only reason for a special session is Senate redistricting.

So, with practically nothing to win but a vote on a redistricting plan, it seemed reasonable to expect the jockeying for Orange's House seat to turn largely on which candidate had the most friends on the 57-member Executive Committee. Contention for the seat has not been quite that simple.

One of the issues figuring in the contest is the Legislature's Communist speaker ban, and growing out of that, the issue of who's liberal and who's conservative. Why the members of the Executive Committee should care one way or another is a mystery. Nevertheless, one candidate is reported to be picking up some strength by embracing the gag law and conservatism.

An issue that seems to have been completely neglected, incidentally, is Senate redistricting.

Exactly how this speaks for Orange County politics is not certain. But it seems to be a fairly fitting preliminary to the regular run of work in Raleigh.

## And Now A Word From Our Sponsor

Governor Terry Sanford has designated October 7-13 as North Carolina Corn Bread Week with the following panegyric:

"In the increasingly complex society in which we live and in a time when man

is making voyages down under the Arctic ice and upward toward the stars themselves and in an age of nuclear bombs, and automated machines and surrealist art and sophisticated systems, it is appropriate that we pause to consider the fundamentals of our way of life—fundamentals like corn bread.

"Italy is famed for its pizza, France is renowned for its crepe suzette, the Orient has its chow mein, Latin America has its tortilla, the ancient East has its barley loaf, Germany has its pumpernickel, and England has its crumpet.

"But above these all ranks North Carolina's corn bread.

"Down through the years, corn bread has satisfied Tar Heel stomachs, built Tar Heel bones and energized the Tar Heel spirit of moving ahead.

"In a multitude of varieties, Tar Heel corn meal ranks at the top. It can be baked, fried, steamed, boiled, broiled. It is known in such forms as corn muffins, corn bread sticks, hush puppies, hoe cakes, spoon bread and, of course, corn bread, to mention but a few of the tasty and tempting table delights."

You'll have to admit, he didn't leave a whole heck of a lot to say about biscuits.

## Saws For Today

True education is learning to look away from self, thus constantly broadening one's mental horizon.

—Mary Kimball Morgan

Every student must be a volunteer in the intellectual and spiritual struggle to preserve freedom for mankind.

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

A democracy can only be strong if all the citizens are properly educated and careers are freely open to all the talented.

—James B. Conant

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

—Henry Peter Brougham

## Leave The University Free

# Gag Law's Threat To Education

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By PRESTON H. EPPS

Those unwilling to see the University of North Carolina reduced from the status of a first rate national University to that of a parochial and community indoctrination establishment had better get resolutely into action — and soon. For the deadly forces which have always been destructive of the essential nature and purpose of all universities and institutions of learning are continuing to move in on the University of North Carolina.

Although infiltration into the internal control and direction of

the University has been closing in on us for some time, it came into full cry with the attempt by outside athletic zealots trying to force on us a restoration of the educationally unworthy Dixie Classic. This emotionally aroused group insisted on trying to override the considered judgment not only of the faculty and administration but even of the trustees in their effort to have their way in this matter. This year the American legion began trying to horn in on control of what shall be taught and how in the schools, and apparently of who shall have the right of assembly and for what on the campus.

And to crown all this impertinent interference in the internal control of the University, we now

have the futile, questionably maneuvered and apparently tantrum inspired law limiting who shall be allowed to speak on the University campuses. The prohibition can apply even to fully enfranchised citizens. Such a law can only embarrass the University, as in a case already confronting the Raleigh unit, while most likely stimulating student interest in communism. For any one who knows college students knows how attractive the forbidden is to them, and also that they can outwit any restrictions put on them by impertinent elders. There are too many radios equipped for overseas programs and too many places for listening soirees for resentful students, like the anti-prohibitionists a few

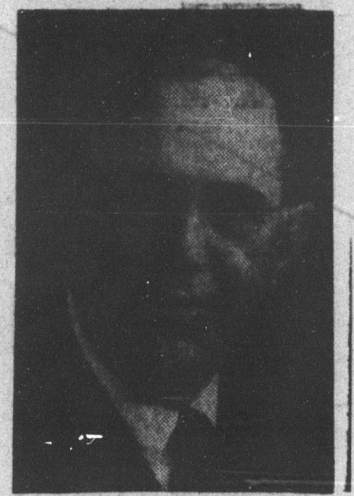
years back, not to strike back at infringements on what they consider their inherent rights. It seems significant, moreover, that no professional educator has had any good word for this legal infringement, while many have called attention to its futility, except as an embarrassment.

Now let's face it. Such infiltrations from outsiders into the internal control and direction of any genuine University always has and always will destroy it as a university. No amount of money can keep it a bona fide University, if it ever becomes externally controlled to any degree. This has been true from Hitler right on through Barnett and Wallace. That is why we urge that this interference stop. It must, if the University is not to be destroyed (and soon) as a genuine university.

The sad thing is that these intruders think they are helping the University. They are not vicious enemies. They have apparently just never worked out in their minds the basic nature of and reason for a true university. They are doubtless victims of the thoroughly mistaken notion that its first task and purpose is to protect the contemporary community, culture and mores, and that because they support it they have a right, perhaps a duty, to control it. This is a natural error of those who have never realized that there are two institutions a community must support, while at the same time refusing ever to ask or accept any control of them, if the community wishes to receive the benefits they can give. These are (1) the church or synagogue and (2) institutions of learning. For these are manned by religious leaders and scholars dedicated to the pursuit and discovery of the truth of things just as it happens to be. Genuine scholars are not interested in having the truth turn out in any particular way. Their entire concern is in how it actually happens to be. They know that it will never side with error and that it is no respecter of persons, groups or cultures.

The half truth offered as a profession of devotion to academic freedom by the backers of this recent gag law are really pitiful. For to say "I am for academic freedom but" is really to say "I am for academic freedom but only so long as it accords with my conception of academic freedom". But academic freedom is indivisible and cannot be so limited and remain academic freedom. Such a statement as the one above is the same type of half truth used by segregationists who iterate their friendship and goodwill toward Negroes. The full truth of what they really have in mind is that "I am and always have been a friend of the Negro as long as he stays in what we white people have unilaterally decided is his place." Let him step out of that place and the friendship these segregationists have for the Negro fades away as rapidly as the morning dew.

Also to ask that the University



DR. EPPS

investigate and teach communism and yet cut off one of its most direct sources of information is a curious procedure. Communism when studied by a university becomes thereby an academic subject and thus subjected to academic freedom. This particular freedom not only desires but demands that all sides, the unfavorable as well as the favorable, have unimpeded liberty to state their arguments with equal fullness, and each from its own point of view. This is an all-important procedure, if the fullest truth about anything is to be obtained. For statements on communism by a dedicated anti-communist free-enterpriser could, and most likely would, be as slanted and untrustworthy as an estimate of free-enterprise capitalism by a dedicated communist could, and most likely would, be. No defense lawyer would accept in court the prosecutor's estimate of his client's case. No! The fullest truth can be arrived at only after the fullest statement from all sides and from each side's point of view has been heard and properly evaluated.

Moreover, any professor who undertook to present an honest, documented course on communism would be branded immediately by supporters of this gag law and by emotionally overwrought citizens and organizations as a dubious American citizen if not an outright communist. This was extensively documented during a recent In-School TV Workshop held here. Think also how some North Carolinians are still charging as fine a biblical Christian and as genuine an American as this state has ever produced with being a communist or communist oriented. No charge could be further from the truth.

So the only safe and proper course for all concerned is to leave the University free, completely free, as it had been until recently, to handle its internal affairs as seems best to its faculty, its administration and its trustees. Support it? Certainly. Try to control or interfere with its internal policies in any way and to any extent? No! A thousand times no, unless we want to see it reduced to the level of a mere state controlled indoctrination establishment.



The University's Morehead-Patterson Bell Tower ... Carillon Chimes Ring Out 'Hark The Sound' Loud And Clear

## Letters: House Seat, Lake Threat

Dear Editor:

Let me correct some recent mistaken reports on political matters.

You have listed, among others, the names of Earle Wallace, Gordon Cleveland and myself as candidates to fill Orange County's vacant House of Representatives seat.

Mr. Cleveland has told me that he is not a candidate and, in fact, is actively supporting the candidacy of Edwin Hamlin, publisher of the News of Orange County. Mrs. Wallace reports that Earle is definitely not a candidate.

So for myself, while honored by your news mention, I am not a candidate.

Mr. Umstead had held this seat since the Thirties, and for some years speculation has been rife among the politically minded as to who should have the place when Mr. John retired. Many months ago I committed myself to support Mr. Hamlin for the place should a vacancy occur, as long as I felt he had a chance of election, and I am sure he has the leading chance!

While the special session of the Legislature is to be called primarily for the purpose of redistricting the Senate, there is always the chance that it may break over into other matters; and also the appointee, as incumbent, may have a slight head start over other candidates for the seat in next spring's primary. Therefore, members of our Democratic Committee should be thinking of the issues which may arise that are of particular interest to Orange County people.

If it is not too presumptuous of me, I would like to detail some positions I think our Representative should be ready to work for.

1. State employees should have an adequate 10 per cent or higher pay raise. The recent \$10 a month raise to our badly paid State personnel can be compared to throwing a copper to a beggar when one considers the raise from \$12,000 to \$18,000 per annum to members of the Council of State, and the raises of

\$1,000 to \$3,500 to 105 top administrative personnel who were already getting from \$12,000 to \$20,000. It was a cruel, ridiculous joke on our rank and file personnel — and Orange County, with its University and Highway employees, has a large number of people who resent the injustice.

2. We think that the power of our Board of County Commissioners to fill vacancies in their membership should be removed. To select one's own associates means to select people of nearly identical thought and is productive of "crony" type thinking, and destroys the values which derive from democratic opposition.

3. We think a bill should be enacted forbidding the private use of public property by anyone. This would forestall a nasty situation such as has recently arisen when a member of our County Commissioners, in lieu of using County-paid plane transportation to a national meeting in Colorado, borrowed the County ABC Board's "Whiskey Wagon" — the station wagon the ABC people use for various business and to transport supplies from warehouse to local stores — for the trip. When the Whiskey Wagon was returned, ABC Chairman Remus Smith was surprised to find an expensive air-conditioner on it; and certainly was much less pleasantly surprised to get the bill for something he feels his Board never ordered!

4. No one in his right mind would favor allowing persons to advocate the violent overthrow of our government, as communism does, in speeches at tax-supported institutions. However, there is a right way and a wrong way to do things. The Legislature appoints boards of trustees to determine policies for these institutions, and, in turn, the trustees appoint Presidents and Chancellors to see that the colleges are well run.

If the Presidents and Chancellors do not carry out the policies of the trustees, the trustees remove them; and if the trustees do not satisfy the legislators, the

Legislature can appoint new boards. History shows all too many instances of cases where legislatures made up of laymen inexperienced in the field of education have, in attempting to do a good thing, made such a mess with restrictive or directive legislation that serious damage has been done to the spirit of advancement of research and inquiry into knowledge; and in many cases loss of huge sources of research funds and even loss of accreditation to the universities has occurred.

The communist speaker bill is not bad in its intent; but it sets a dangerous precedent in a state which has progressed faster than its neighbors in this century — and mainly due to the inspiration given by the academic freedom not merely permitted, but forwarded, by our Legislatures.

Yours,  
Hugh M. Wilson

Dear Editor:

My hat is off to chamber of commerce officials, mayors, ministers, editors, and the present state administration in Raleigh for the splendid way North Carolina is handling its racial problems.

North Carolina is now pictured to the nation as an economically sound state with a model education program. The citizens of this state take pride in being progressive and able to handle local problems.

With this wonderful record and proud image, what would happen if Dr. I. Beverly Lake, with his racist philosophy and fanatic supporters, were elected leader of our state? It is my personal opinion, and I will express it if I may, that with Dr. Lake as governor, we would take a drastic leap backwards and be pictured as a storm-trooper type state such as Alabama or Mississippi.

Could this ever happen to the Tar Heel State?

Sincerely yours,  
Col. John B. Hunsinger  
Greensboro

## -Looking Back-

From the Weekly's files:  
IN 1953 —

### BLOODED CATTLE COME TO ORANGE

"Eight registered Jersey cows and heifers, costing a total of more than \$600, were brought in to Orange County the other day. They were purchased for farms roundabout Chapel Hill, and their coming means one more step in the movement to make this a prosperous livestock county . . .

"Three new cream separators have been put into service, in the last few days, by Orange farmers who are selling their product regularly in Burlington. These belong to Charles Durham, Odell Blackwood, and Brady Lloyd."

IN 1953 —

### Tombet Errant

"Miss Mary Hunter, who recently moved from one of the Pratt cottages down in the edge of Battle Park to 409 Cameron Avenue, is with her accustomed poise and equanimity rapidly becoming acclimated. Not so her cat, Thomas, a shy two-year-old noted for his love of home and his absolute inkiness. One seeing Thomas or hearing of his whereabouts will confer a great favor on Miss Hunter by calling the matter to her attention.

"When she moved she took the precaution to enclose him in a bag so that he would make none of those tracks which a transported mouser is supposed to smell while retreating; but this did not suffice. Thomas returned to his accustomed haunts which consist in the main of a stone wall on which he sunned himself during his mistress' ab-

sence at the business of securing the household's board and keep. Miss Hunter came back for him, again placed him in a bag and took him to their new domicile.

"There Thomas indicated no intention of taking root. He is again A. W. O. L. and this time Miss Hunter fears he may be a victim of amnesia."

IN 1953 —

"The Civilian Defense organization here functioned efficiently for the blackout here night before last, but because of the carelessness of some house holders and the absence of others on vacation, the blackout was not as successful as the one about a month ago.

"There was a case of willful violation of the blackout regulations. A resident of the district in which W. P. Jordan is air raid warden turned his lights on after he had been directed to turn them off. There have been complaints against the same man before, and R. J. M. Hobbs, commander of Civilian Defense, said last night that this latest case of non-compliance would probably lead to prosecution of the offender. . . ."

IN 1953 —

"Jonas W. Kessing, son of Commodore and Mrs. W. O. Kessing, was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve last Saturday, August 22, after having completed the course in the University's NROTC.

"Ensign Kessing received his A. B. degree in journalism from the University in graduation ceremonies the day before his commissioning."