

Mostly About You

By Heinz Rollman

The untimely death of Dave Hall has put a tremendous burden on our Congressional District. Only with the goodwill of all the candidates in both parties and only with the help and understanding of a large number of people, can we overcome together what looks now like a wasteful and time consuming undertaking. Under the law, the governor of the state now has to call for a special election and I don't know if there is anything in the world that he could do about it, even if he wanted to. But we have to be realistic and we have to be thrifty, especially when it comes to the taxpayer's money. A special election, just simply in election costs, can cost us as much as \$50,000 and probably twice that much money.

"Why," you may ask, "so much"? The special election to

fill the unexpired term of Dave Hall until January 2, 1961, will require a special primary for both parties with the possibility, in case of a tie, of a runoff primary and on top of that a special general election. In other words, three different elections to send someone to Washington who at best could start working there maybe sometime in May. Now you must realize that our district has over 200 voting places and every voting place is supervised by judges and registrars from both parties so that you have hundreds and hundreds of people who have to take care of the technicalities so that the voters can perform their privilege to vote and all these people have to be paid, not once, not twice, but possibly for three different times of voting.

That is the law. No one can change it except the State Legislature, which is not in session now. And for the governor to call the assembly, especially to change this law, would also cost the taxpayers untold thousands of dollars.

Now I have always felt that it is mighty important for a district to be represented at all times in Washington, but we must be realistic. When the congressman gets up there in

May to fill the unexpired term, what will he find? He will just have time enough to shake hands with his colleagues in Congress before Congress goes home. Remember, this is a presidential election year! Congress this year plans to go home in June, and nothing will be dearer in a presidential election year than Washington from June until the middle of November of this year. All decisions by all government departments are postponed. No new laws will be passed since the members of Congress are not there, and everyone will be in his home district running around making arrangements to be re-elected. Thinking about those things made me realize that a vacancy in Congress until January will not hurt us as bad as foolishly wasting a huge amount of money. There is not only the \$50,000 or more that it will cost to hold the one or two or three elections. That's just the beginning. On top of that, the cost to the taxpayers would be about \$12,000 for the congressman's salary between June and December. He would be paid seven months for shaking hands one month. And then add to that another \$17,000 that will be paid from June to December to the staff of the Congressman if the vacancy is filled. This staff will do little while our government is in low gear.

Many of you only know too well that communists all over the world create crisis after crisis when Congress is not in session, especially during a presidential year, when most congressmen hate the idea of going back to Washington and are unable to work as hard as they can on being re-elected. At times like this the Administration runs the show alone, that is, the President and his Cabinet and their staff.

If you are very conservative and add all the expenses together it will cost the taxpayers in excess of \$100,000 to elect someone to fill this vacancy, a vacancy that for all practical purposes won't be much more than a month or two. I don't think we have this kind of money to waste, do you? I don't think that anyone, regardless, could do enough in a month so that we can afford to spend a hundred thousand dollars or more, likely twice, on him.

Some people might feel that a Congressional District can ill afford to be without representation even for a few days. Please let me assure you that there are now more than half a dozen Congressional Districts in our nation who have a vacancy in Congress until next January. The state constitution in these states, where there are the vacancies, foresees to keep a Congressman's seat vacant if during his term of office he either resigns or dies. But we must remember this: Senator Jordan maintains, at the expense of the taxpayers, an office in the 12th Congressional District and it would not be unreasonable to foresee that his office in the 12th District would be delighted to take care of any special situation that might arise and to pass on this information to the Senator's office in Washington. And, furthermore, part of the staff that worked for Dave Hall can remain on the job until the new Congressman is sworn in in January 1961. Simply I want to

point out this: Without wasting these huge amounts of money, emergencies, special situations and special needs still can and would be handled.

But there is a way out. The special election, by the time this will appear in print, has probably been called by the governor. All candidates for Congress have a certain time in which to file. That is their privilege and they should do so. And then the only fair thing to do to the people in our district would be the following:

That every candidate declares under oath that he will not run in this special primary, runoff primary, or special election and that all the candidates together will so inform the Board of Elections in Raleigh and the governor. Then there will be no elections, there will be no candidates, and the governor has done his duty and the candidates have done their duty to the people. Naturally if one of the candidates would not go along with this idea none of the candidates could go along with the idea for if one candidate would want to have the election take place, then all the money and all the effort has to be spent anyway and the other candidates I'm sure will not let him run unopposed. Everybody who wants to be a candidate for the regular primary May 28 can naturally do so and then we have our regular primary May 28 and the two winners, the one on the Republican ticket and the one on the Democratic ticket, will face each other in the general election on November 1.

I will say very clearly this right now. That if not all candidates agree to forego the special election that in that case, being a candidate myself, I would take part in such special elections. And should I be the winner, should the people decide that they want me to represent them in Washington, I will not accept the salary for the unexpired term of Dave Hall. I will give that money

Ramblin' Around Cullasaja and Higdonville

MISS MARIE JENNINGS Staff Correspondent

Play Given

A large group, including visitors from various churches in this section, were at Higdonville Baptist Church Sunday night to see the play, "The Lost Church," presented by the Training Union of the Burningtown Baptist Church.

Cunningham Preaches

Attendance was good at Sugarfork Baptist Church Sunday despite the fact that many are confined to their homes with flu. Jesse Cunningham preached at the morning worship service.

Reminder

Higdonville folks, remember that tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 is meeting time for the Higdonville Community Development Organization at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moses. The 4-H Club will lead the devotional.

Has Quilting

Tuesday of this week some of the Higdonville and Cullasaja home demonstration club women met at the home of Mrs. Fred Ruppenthal for a quilting. The completed quilts will be given to a worthy family.

Cruise Preaches

Sunday night, the Rev. Floyd Cruise preached at the Cullasaja Assembly of God Church. The pastor, the Rev. R. E. Stephenson, was helping in revival services at the Burningtown Assembly of God Church.

Club Meeting Set

Cullasaja Home Demonstration Club will hold its monthly meeting Friday (tomorrow) at 1:30 at the home of Mrs. A. C. Moore. Special attention is called to the time set for the meeting, as the club has been meeting at 2 o'clock in the past.

The theme for the program will be "Care of Furniture and Rugs." Mrs. Thomas Lindsay and Mrs. Charlie Anders, housing and home furnishing project leaders, will be in charge of the demonstration.

School News

The flu bug has visited both teachers and students at Cullasaja School. So far, four teachers have suffered attacks of flu and absences among the students are increasing daily as a result of flu.

The Cullasaja P.T.A. has made a \$25 contribution towards the sponsorship of the Little Symphony.

The students are looking forward to hearing the Little Symphony on March 9. The third through eighth grades are studying the orchestra instruments, as well as the background for the

back to the government for I would not feel that I would have earned seven months pay for one month's work. If the government would not take the money back I would give it to the United Fund in all of our ten counties in exact proportions to the population. If the people would want me to represent them for the unexpired term I could not possibly accept a salary anyway also for this reason: How can I face the voters in the regular primary May 28 and the regular general election November 1 if I do my campaigning at the expense of the taxpayers?

People who want to be elected to Congress have to be clean, they have to be honest, and they have to be thrifty with the taxpayer's money. I believe these things start right at home and this is an opportunity for all candidates for Congress to prove at least with one action and without a lot of words that they think and feel and know that the voter and the taxpayer is our master and that a Congressman is only the servant of the people. Not knowing what the next few weeks might bring from the other candidates I would like to make the following statement here:

I believe the honor to serve in Congress is bestowed by the people on a man. This honor cannot be bought. Please do not come to me under any pretext asking for money to help me win in the campaign if it should come to the special election which I hope it will not. I will not insult the integrity and decency of the people in our mountains, the people whom I have learned to love and respect during 20 years of mingling with them. I will not insult them by paying for transportation to go and vote or in any other way. Voting is a privilege and upright and honest people don't need any other inducement in the world to exercise that right and privilege except to know that we live in the most wonderful democracy that has ever been created by human beings.

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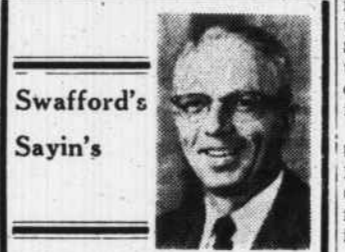
You've heard it said that we profit by the mistakes of others. Well, here's one who made a bad mistake — one that caused me to suffer — and still ain't over it. All you men—especially married men—can keep from making the same mistake, and if you believe me—you will love and appreciate your wife more and have a lot less trouble. However, if you ever do what I did—don't tell your wife.

The other day (one of those cold ones) I decided to fix my own lunch. Now hash, when made right, is a favorite dish of mine, so I got me some ground beef, put it in a frying pan, added salt and plenty of pepper. By that time the pan was good and hot. I didn't know what to put in next, so I got me a little sausage seasoning and two or three other hot seasonings — put these on the beef and kept stirring. By that time the pan was so hot black smoke arose, mingled with a peculiar odor. I couldn't think of another thing to add except some eggs. So I broke two into the beef and continued the mixing process.

Knowing how long to cook anything is not an art of mine, (I found out), for the hash (?) was so tough and hard it took me a long time to eat it, and (which, by the way, never did get cool enough) only then by keeping a constant flow of strong coffee following every bite. I couldn't eat any supper, and that night dreamed of eating helping after helping of good hash. Even the thoughts of it now (a week later) causes the same hard lump to form in the pit of my stomach.

I could have — and here's what you do — opened a can of something and had a good lunch.

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Mrs. Fred N. Sorrells and Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Ledford made a business trip to Shelby last Friday.

Here from Jacksonville, Fla., for the week end were the Rev. Fred N. Sorrells, Grover Sorrells, Beulon Stanfield, Bill Holland, and Willie Wykle.

lin, N. C., is serving at the Naval Air Material Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

Before entering the Navy in September 1952, he was graduated from Franklin High School and was employed by the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Corporation in Baltimore, Md.

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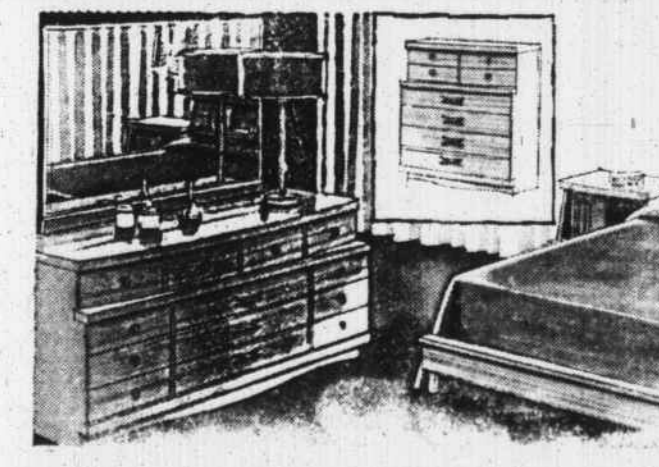
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