



Congress Draws Lines For Major Skirmishes

Opens New Session With Much Good Will; Install New Speaker Wed.

Washington — Congress opened a new session with beaming, backslapping good will, installed a new speaker of the House and told President Kennedy Wednesday it was ready to buckle down to business.

Kennedy's ideas of what the business should be was sketched out today (Thursday). He delivered his State of the Union message in person then, in the House chamber, shortly after 12:30 p. m.

Some of his ideas are old ones, some of the new ones are known in general terms, and some of both already have stirred up controversy.

So skirmish lines already were well established for what could be a rough, explosive, election-year session. And the opening day harmony and pleasantries may melt away like the mantle of snow that fell on Washington during the night.

BIGGEST SQUABBLES

As it looks now, the big squabbles will center on administration bills for such things as tariff-cutting authority, medical care for the aged under Social Security, aid to education, farm legislation, more spending, tax changes, foreign aid, and the federal purchase of \$100 million in bonds to help the United Nations out of a financial jam.

With these and perhaps other controversial proposals in the offing, the mood still was one of optimism, if only for the moment.

Senate and House members held various off-floor meetings for assorted purposes. They roamed the Capitol greeting fellow legislators they hadn't seen for three months. They were grabbing hands and pumping vigorously all over the place. Some of the women members were hugged on the cheek by gallant solons.

NOTE OF SADNESS

Democrats and Republicans were smiling and saying nice things about one another. In the House, there was a note of sadness along with gladness at the ending of an era and the start of a new career.

For the first time since 1913, Sam Rayburn of Texas was absent from the halls of Congress. The man who was speaker for longer than any other died in November.

And with the end of the Rayburn era, the House opened its session with no one in the speaker's chair. The vacancy wasn't allowed to stand for long.

John W. McCormack, 70, who served as Democratic leader under Rayburn for 21 years, was elected speaker amid standing ovations and salvos of bipartisan acclaim.

SRS NC Franchise Taxes Of \$473,330 For 1961 Are Paid

Southern Railway System reports that it will this week present the tax collector of the State of North Carolina with checks amounting to \$473,330.00, representing payments of 1961 State Franchise taxes for Southern Railway and affiliated companies, the Carolina and Northwestern Railway and the State University Railroad.

Total of all direct taxes, state and local, paid or to be paid in 1961 by Southern Railway System in North Carolina is estimated to be more than \$2,150,000.

Children's Home Society In Need Of \$11,874 For Goal

With only ten days remaining before the end of its annual Christmas Fund Campaign, January 15, George E. Perrin, Finance Chairman of the Children's Home Society of N. C., announced today that the largest number of contributors in the 60-year history of the Society have responded to the appeal. This year's campaign features the "Little Astronaut" and his search for a safe landing in a loving new home. The drive is conducted primarily in areas which have no affiliation with the Carolina United Fund agencies. The Children's Home Society is completely supported by voluntary gifts.

To date, 1,373 contributors have given \$48,126 to continue the work of safe adoption by this non-sectarian service which helped over 600 dependent babies and children during the past year, in 97 of the 100 counties of the state.

To leave no call for help unanswered, the Society has sent out an urgent plea for \$11,874 in contributions to complete its goal of \$60,000.

Anyone concerned with the future welfare of the many helpless little North Carolinians who hope to make safe landings in 1962, are asked to send their New Year's contributions today, if they have not already done so, to the Children's Home Society of N. C., headquarters, Greensboro.

TAX LISTING TIME IS HERE

Madison County taxpayers are again reminded that this is the month to list taxes. Consult past schedules published in the News-Record for dates and places for tax takers.

WALNUT YOUTH HURT IN WRECK HERE MONDAY

Frankie Thomas, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas of Walnut, was injured about 7:30 p. m., Monday when the vehicle which he was driving went out of control, ran off the highway and struck a rock embankment on the right side of Redmon Road near Marshall, according to the State Highway Patrol.

He received dispensary treatment at an Asheville hospital for chest contusions and released. He is a member of the senior class of Walnut High School.

Allen Replaces Mrs. Adams At Laurel School

It was announced this week that James Allen, of Walnut, has replaced Mrs. Neple W. Adams on the Laurel school faculty. Mrs. Adams resigned her position on Monday, due to ill health, it was stated.

Mrs. Rankin Wallin, who was fifth and sixth grade teacher, will take over the second grade which was taught by Mrs. Adams and Mr. Allen will replace Mrs. Wallin as teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, it was announced.

PREPLANT FERTILIZATION ON CORN CHEAPER

According to Harry G. Silver, county agricultural agent, corn growing can be easier and less expensive. The job of applying a sidedressing when corn is two to three feet tall can be eliminated.

The corn growing season of 1961 found a number of Madison farmers applying all the fertilizer to their corn before it was planted. These farmers, demonstration farmers, used 30-10-10 and 60% potash in a lime spreader and harrowed it into the soil. Their corn was then planted without any fertilizer in the planter and none was used later. Jack Boone of Hayes Run said, "The preplant nitrogen kept my corn green later and didn't fire. I believe it yielded better than if it had been sidedressed."

The new analysis 30-10-10 has been approved by TVA for all farmers in Madison County for use as a source of preplant nitrogen and phosphorous on corn. This fertilizer furnishing 30 pounds of nitrogen and 10 pounds of phosphorous per hundred pounds comes in 60 pound bags and costs \$3.70 per hundred.

Farmers interested in the use of preplant fertilization and who would like to have 30-10-10 should contact the county agricultural agents' office in the courthouse.

Getting Married Takes A Little Longer -- In '62

It takes a little longer to begin marriage in 1962.

New marriage license forms were introduced by the state at the beginning of the year, which require additional information and are made with an extra copy for the State Board of Health.

On the old form, and on all marriage licenses issued up to Dec. 30, the man's name, town, age, color, father and mother and their town, followed by the woman's name with the same information, were all that was required at the Register of Deeds office.

Meeting state requirements for marriage consisted of giving information, and paying \$5, and they were given a blank to be used within 60 days in this county and returned to the Deeds office by one month later by the person who married them.

The new form is a tablet-type document made in triplicate, one side for male, one for female. Each is required to give name,

full address, in the county and state, race, birth date, occupation, and a check by answers to these questions:

Never married, widowed, divorced, number of times previously married. Parents' names with full addresses and a check by living or dead complete the document.

The couple is required to swear the statements are true, make an oath that there is no legal impediment to the marriage, and they sign the copy left in the Register of Deeds office.

They leave with two copies to take to the preacher, still to be used in 60 days, but he returns both copies to the Deeds office, who sends one to the State Board of Health, after filling in the financial information.

Heretofore only two witnesses to the ceremony were required, but the new form requires three witnesses to sign to blank that they witnessed the wedding.

A JOB WELL DONE

EDITORIAL

We appreciate the progressiveness of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation in its recent project of replacing electric wires with larger ones and installing new poles throughout this community. In changing over to the new wires the voltage has been increased thereby giving better service.

The local co-op awarded the "hot contract" to Leo T. Barber, of Moultrie, Georgia, who chose the Skyline Construction Company, of Asheville, to do the actual work. A dedicated crew of fifteen expert linemen, working under Earl Turbyfill, as foreman, started the difficult job in October. For the past three months these highly qualified electricians have worked in just about every conceivable kind of weather. In burning sunlight or driving rains and snow, these men have stuck with the job — a job that only real men could endure.

Impossible working weather such as the case was here Wednesday of this week has caused some delay in what they had hoped to complete before now but the crew expects to complete the job in a few days.

The amazing accomplishment was realized with a minimum of inconvenience to the public. Consideration, efficiency and courtesy have been the trademarks of these fellows. Working a "hot contract" means that while changing over from old wires to new, from old poles to new, these men are working, for the most part, with "hot" wires of high voltage. They know their business, believe us.

The citizens of Marshall are grateful to both the Co-op and the Skyline Construction Company on this forward step. The great improvement will long benefit this area and the manner in which the improvement was made will also remain in the minds of our people.

Commissioners To Rule On Township Relocation

ZERO WEATHER HITS COUNTY; SCHOOLS CLOSE

Bitter winds and zero temperatures trailed into this area Wednesday night in the wake of Tuesday night's snowstorm, which snarled traffic and closed schools for the second time in the 10-day-old year.

Although the main highways were cleared of much of the snow and ice, side roads were almost impassable without car chains. Weather officials hold out little relief in the next few days. Although the skies are clear with sunshine, the temperature is expected to be sub-freezing over the week-end.

Superintendent Fred W. Anderson stated this morning that schools would be closed for the remainder of the week due to the hazardous condition of roads.

CAROLINIANS HAD \$187 MILLION IN 1961 TO SPEND

Carolarians had nearly \$187 million more to spend during the first 10 months of 1961 than in the same period the year before, according to the latest issue Business Week magazine.

Personal income in North Carolina was up 2.7 per cent, from \$5.96 billion to \$6.12 billion, while in South Carolina there was an increase of 1 per cent from \$2.79 billion to \$2.81 billion.

For the nation as a whole, personal income was up 2.3 per cent.

All seven Carolina cities that rank by population among the top 200 in the nation showed increases in building permit valuations for the first 11 months of 1961, compared with the same period of 1960, according to Dun and Bradstreet.

CENSUS BUREAU MAKING SURVEY IN MANY FIELDS

The January Current Survey will include special questions on plans to purchase automobiles, television sets, washing machines, and refrigerators, the U. S. Census Bureau announced today. This is part of a quarterly survey being made at the request of the Federal Reserve Board for use in a national study of consumer buying trends.

At the request of the Defense Department, home owners in the Current Population Survey panel will be asked if they have a fallout shelter or if they intend to install one within the next 12 months. Another special question will cover television set ownership. This question is being asked at the request of the Advertising Research Foundation.

The special questions on consumer buying plans, television set ownership, and fallout shelters are in addition to the regular inquiries on employment and unemployment which are asked each month in the Current Population Survey.

The Current Population Survey will be conducted here and in 332 other sample areas of the country during the week of January 15. Information will be collected locally by Mrs. Edna L. Hamner of 61 Wolfe Cove Road, Asheville, N. C.

Census Bureau activities in this area are supervised by Joseph R. Norwood, Regional Field Director, 212 South Tryon Street, Charlotte 2, N. C.

SANFORD SAYS HE WON'T SEEK OFFICE AGAIN

Raleigh — Gov. Sanford said Wednesday night he doesn't intend ever to run for public office again after he completes his four-year term as governor.

The governor made the statement in an informal session with reporters at the executive mansion.

In recalling the hard-fought primary battles he went through in winning the Democratic nomination for governor, Sanford declared:

"I have had all I ever intend to have."

Asked if he meant he would not run for office again, Sanford answered, "yes sir."

"I have been saying that all along."

Obstacles are placed in a man's path to test his initiative.

Aim to do good in this life—it'll help miss fire in the next.

Petition Involves Townships 4 And 5 (Beech Glen Area)

A petition requesting the relocation of boundary line between No. 4 Township and No. 5 Township in Madison County will be presented to the board of county commissioners at their next regular meeting at the courthouse on Monday, February 5. The exact boundary requests and petition is published in legal form on Page Seven of this issue.

Any and all persons having any interest in this matter or any objections to the proposed change are asked to present them to the commissioners on February 5.

One of the reasons for the relocation of boundary lines would be for the convenience of voters who live near the Beech Glen school who must travel approximately five miles where they must vote at California Creek. The change would give them an opportunity to vote much nearer their homes, it was stated.

Among the petitioners are J. G. Gardner, Clarence Boone, O. E. Anderson Jr., Paul Carter, Donald Whitte, Paul Gillis, Clyde Jarvis, Pearl Gillis and other petitioners.

Aerial Topdressing Is Being Planned In Madison County

Correction In List Of Names In Advertisement

In the list of names appearing in the advertisement published in last week's issue concerning the citizens protesting post office action, the name of Mrs. Owen Rice should have been Mrs. Queen Rice. It has also been requested to announce that the Howard Rector name was not that of Howard L. Rector of Hayes Run.

Marshall PTA To Meet Tuesday In Auditorium

The Marshall Parent-Teachers Association will meet Monday, January 15, at 3:15 p. m., in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Earl Robinson will have charge of the program. Mrs. Dorothy Shupe will preside.

The fellow with a fiery temper fills tomorrow with regrets.

Agent Says There Is A Way To Fertilize Mountain Pastures

What is going to happen to my mountain pasture?

With no fertility, that rough hard-to-get-to with fertilizer, pasture is grazing fewer cattle every year. If it is not improved it is destined to: 1. Have less carrying capacity, or 2. Have sparse ground cover until it erodes into gullies, or 3. Grow up into undesirable weeds and brush! "There is a way to fertilize mountain pasture," states Harry G. Silver, county agricultural agent. "Why not use a \$10,000 fertilizer spreader—an airplane!"

The cost can be reasonable. A high analysis fertilizer is a must in aerial topdressing. The TVA will assist by making available 0-30-30 or 0-63-0. This means that 90 pounds of phosphorous and 90 pounds of potash can be applied by using only 300 pounds of 0-30-30. If phosphorous is the need 189 pounds can be applied by spreading only 300 pounds of 0-63-0. Yes, but what about the cost?

For aerial topdressing, 0-30-30 is available at \$3.85 and 0-63-0 (Continued To Last Page)

Importance Of Agricultural Conservation Program Cited

January 10-25 Designated As Initial Sign-up Period

The Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) is a soil-saving program, which helps farmers to conserve not only their soil but also the water that falls on their land. Under this program, Ralph W. Ramsey, ASCS Office Manager, points out that individual farmers form a partnership with the Federal Government, under which each shares about half of the actual cost of carrying out practices directed toward conserving the Nation's agricultural soil and water resources.

Through the ACP, thousands of acres of protective vegetative cover will be established in farm-land which would otherwise be highly susceptible to wind or water erosion. Tree plantings estab-

lished under the program protect steep and rocky land where a vegetative cover would be impractical or hard to establish.

Conservation of any kind is a good policy, and our farmers definitely need to protect their soils and other agricultural resources from washing or blowing away. Why would the Government pay to do this work on private owned farms?

The reason is a nutshell, according to Ramsey, is that we are all dependent upon farm products and upon the farmers taking care of the life-giving topsoil for the food we eat, much of our clothing, and for a good part of our building materials. There are many people other than farmers who are dependent upon agricultural products and only for food and (Continued To Last Page)

Magazine Sees Possibility Of Record Year In 1962

Economic Outlook Is Bright According To Changing Times Magazine

1962 will be a good year—possibly a record year—with more jobs, higher pay and increased production, according to Changing Times, the Kiplinger magazine. An article in the current issue of the magazine takes a look at the year ahead, and finds the economic picture especially bright. The editors of the magazine predicts that more jobs will be available, with the total number of people working in the 75 million range. "But joblessness will still be a serious problem," they note. "Unemployment will average out to about 4 million or a little more. The unemployment rate will drop from about 7 percent to not much higher than 6 percent."

try will operate at 90 percent of capacity or better, compared with a bit over 80 percent in 1961. That means more of everything, from steel and aluminum to buttons and safety pins, will pour out of the factories. Gross National Product will rise to a rate of at least 570 billion dollars by the end of 1962... an impressive 6 percent increase.

Pay will go higher, too, the magazine predicts. "But how much is a question. With profits and industry prosperous, unless will agitate for more money. Many employees will go along rather than risk interruption of output. But some may not — notably the steel industry." And a major steel strike, the article continues, could trigger a business drop.

But overall the opening will be steady, at least until fall, for (Continued To Last Page)