

# Heard And Seen

The passing of Fuller H. Stines has keenly affected this writer as well as hundreds of others who have known him for many years... I have admired his quiet but cheerful disposition, his loyal friendship and his bright sense of humor, especially since his retirement... We have spent many hours together talking about serious matters as well as funny incidents... he always looked on the brighter side of life and I've never heard him speak disrespectful or slanderous about anyone... he lived two doors from this office and it was seldom I didn't see him every day... he enjoyed life to the fullest and until his recent stroke he sat on his porch, watched television, and visited his many friends up and down Main Street... he had no enemies... everybody was his friend... he read almost every word in this newspaper every week and was often sitting on his porch reading the Bible when I arrived on Tuesday nights with the papers... I would take him his copy and if I failed to see him he would come in the office on Wednesday mornings to get a paper... last Tuesday night as I drove up with the papers, Jean, his daughter, came out to tell me he had died... it was a sad announcement but I knew deep down that he was resting in peace... he wouldn't have liked to linger on partially paralyzed... during his 86 years he has brought much happiness to his family and friends... I have lost a close friend, indeed. I just wish he could read this column which he said he always enjoyed. My heartfelt sympathy goes to his fine wife, Bessie, and to his entire family.

For years I have received copy from various people who reside in the Beech Glen area and most of those writing spell the name correctly but I still have a few people who always spell it Beech GLENN... even the highway department has it spelled with two N's on the signs at the intersection... the dictionary defines GLEN as a secluded narrow valley... and along with the beautiful beech trees, I imagine it was correctly named Beech Glen... on a recent window card announcing Older Americans Day at Beech Glen, some person spelled it Beech Glenn... and I know that's not correct... regardless of how people spell it, it's a fine community with fine people.

For sharp-shooters: a turkey shoot is being held every Saturday at the Madison Gun Club on Ivy Hill (Route 2, Marshall) from noon until dark... trap shooting, still targets, plus rifle and pistol shooting enjoyed... and ammunition is furnished... so join the fun and have a good time.

One of the most punctual fellows I know is Robert Davis whose early morning duties at Roberts Pharmacy is amazing... he always seems to be there regardless of how early a person gets to town... usually between 7 and 7:30 every Wednesday morning I stop by the drug store to leave the papers and invariably Robert greets me with the following cheerful question, "Why are you so late this morning?" or "I've been waiting for the papers for hours"... he's really a dependable and likable person who always seems to be happy... I've never seen him grouchy or mad.



REP. LISTON B. RAMSEY, state representative, 44th District, introduced Congressman Gudger to the crowd gathered Saturday night for the Haywood Democratic Rally.

## Plumbline

By J.D. SHACKELTON

When the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. — PROVERBS 29:2

Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men that rule this people... Because ye have said... "We have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone... Judgement also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place... and your agreement with hell shall not stand when the overflowing scourge shall pass through.

From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you. — ISAIAH 28:14-19

As election times approach again, we are apt to think that the issues are political. Many will weigh advantage against disadvantage, the value of party loyalty, and varying evaluations of one issue after another. The voters will do this. The runners will do it. Many will jockey for position, exchange promises, grant indulgences, and make concessions. Upon this procedure they will build government, law enforcement, economy, and education.

And now in this foundation the cracks appear. And now it begins to shake.

Why must our Lord continue to be the Stone rejected by the builders? "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." And Jesus said that which was not built on obedience to Him was like a house built on sinking sand — "and great will be the fall of it". And it will fall upon the heads of all who built it.

Do we leave God in the church building and go alone to the polls, to the courthouse, to the board meeting? Would we recite the Apostle's Creed, or sing a hymn, or teach a Sunday School class, or lead a choir, or read a verse of scripture aloud — and then sell our souls to the god of government-by-personal-advantage? Will not the Righteous Judge require a reckoning from such a people? Are there those in office or seeking it who would make an agreement in a secret room, and hide a lie behind a closed door? Are there those that would trade secret knowledge kept secret in exchange for secret service? And would some pervert the position of a public servant into that of a private merchant? Do we really think that he who judges righteously has not seen this?

Wake up, you who say that religion is the province of God, but government is yours. Listen to the words of a wise governor: "He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling

# Ingram Promises Help With Health Insurance

John Ingram promised Saturday night that he will try to stem soaring health insurance costs of North Carolinians if they send him to the U.S. Senate.

"I make you two specific promises," Ingram told a rally of party members.

"First, to introduce a bill... to do something about big insurance companies getting together and fixing prices because they are not subject to the nation's anti-trust laws.

"Secondly, to introduce legislation to provide good health insurance for every American under the free enterprise system where you can go to the agent of your choice and get group type rates... that will be fair to everyone."

He did not go into detail on either promise, but they were well received by an audience as plagued as other Americans by escalating health care costs. They seemed credible, coming from the man who has built a political career taking the consumer's side against insurance companies.

Ingram was the biggest gun in the Haywood Democrats' broadside at Republican foes in the November election. Most of his audience had been in the building for almost 2½ hours before his turn came on the program, but they were very attentive, almost hanging on every word.

Approximately 500 persons attended the rally, the last big party function here prior to the November election. There was a two-fold theme: (1) a rallying cry for unity and support of the party "team" and (2) the broadside at Republican opponents.

Most of the jobs were aimed at Curtis Ratcliff, the GOP's candidate for Congressman Lamar Gudger's seat, and Jesse Helms, the man Ingram wants to oust from the U.S. Senate. Most of them were light-hearted, delivered jokingly, keeping with the mood of the evening until Ingram spoke.

Things turned serious when the senatorial candidate took the speaker's stand. Serious from the outset, Ingram wasted no time on jokes. He hammered at his "people's campaign" against the Republicans' "five million dollar man," billed himself and his party as people who "care" for the common man, praised President Carter, called for teamwork in the election ahead, volunteered his wife to campaign with wives of other candidates, and blasted Helms as a man motivated by "special interests."

"You all are what this effort is all about," Ingram said to the rank and file, who made up most of the crowd of 500 persons in the WJHS cafeteria. "You deserve a people's man and not a special interest man in the U.S. Senate."

He said his "five million dollar Republican opponent" changed campaign tactics when Carter came to Asheville and is now "trying to ride the coat tails of Jimmy Carter just like he rode the coat tails of Richard Nixon."

Ingram quoted the Charlotte News, saying gas and oil producers head Helms' list of contributors, that Helms' TV commercials feature the son

of the "biggest insurance lobbyist in North Carolina." Helms voted against the Toxic Substances Act to protect against the dumping of such things as PCB chemicals, Ingram charged, because "he would rather vote for out-of-state special interests than for the interests of the people."

Ingram called dumping of PCB chemicals on Eastern North Carolina highways a "dastardly act" that cost the state \$2 million to clean up, "to say nothing of the exposure of the people there."

To defeat the man (Helms) who opposed the bill that would prohibit such acts was "the reason Jimmy Carter came to North Carolina," Ingram said.

Carter, he said, "has lifted this nation out of a moral depression, and we're on our way again. This week our prayers, and the prayers of the world, were answered because Jimmy Carter, through his commitment and just plain hard work, taught us that here on this earth God's work must truly be our own."

It was a reference to the apparent success at Camp David.

Attorney Gen. Rufus Edmisten, who introduced Ingram, said he smells victory in November and added: "things are going the right way for John Ingram. Nobody has ever accused John Ingram of not doing something he said he would do."

"No amount of money," Edmisten said, is as effective as personal contact in a political campaign. He called the campaign a "time of crisis" and asked his audience to work hard for Ingram "to make this good man... the next senator from North Carolina."

"I know John Ingram and I

Senate can mean the difference between war and peace, between prosperity and economic failure, even "whether we continue as a part of the human race." And because of that "discerning Republicans... and all Democrats... had better think about it seriously... and we'd better make a change."

Gudger worked the "team" approach to election, reviewing Carter's presidency, his support of the president, and his role in the North Carolina Congressional delegation.

"Jimmy Carter's no ordinary man," he said. "He's as strong a piece of steel as I've seen forged in any furnace, and he's doing an outstanding job and not only in foreign affairs."

State Party Chairman Mrs. Betty McCain predicted that Democrats are "going to wing big for big John Ingram" and that voters will "send Sen. Helms back to WRAL," the Raleigh TV station for which he previously worked.

Rep. Liston Ramsey, who heads the party in the 11th Congressional District, also jabbed at Ratcliff, calling him "the man who, until the end, called Nixon an honest man."

Judge Richard Ervin, campaigning for election to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, attended the rally and was repeatedly plugged by speakers for his performance in the General Assembly.

# Bush To Speak At GOP Rally On October 6

George Bush, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency and a presidential hopeful, will be principal speaker at a rally in Asheville Oct. 6 for Republican congressional candidates R. Curtis Ratcliff.

The dinner is set for 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, Brevard Road, Asheville. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each at Ratcliff for Congress Headquarters, Pioneer Building, North French Broad Avenue, Asheville, phone 704-258-9033. Ticket sales outside Buncombe are being handled by various county Republican organizations.

Bush, prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Republican nomination for president, began his political career in 1968 as a congressman from Texas. He served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and a member of the president's cabinet from Feb. 1971 to Jan. 1973. He was appointed chief, U.S. Liaison Office, Peking, China, in Sept. 1974 and director of the Central Intelligence Agency in Jan. 1976. He is a past chairman of the Republican National Committee.

He is chairman, executive committee, First International Bank, Houston and sits on the boards of four major corporations.

A decorated World War II Navy pilot, Mr. Bush is an honors graduate of Yale University and director of the Episcopal Church Foundation.

## In Service

Marine Pvt. Gerald Edwards, son of Gomery and Gertie Edwards of Route 6, Marshall, has completed the aviation machinist's mate basic jet engine course.

During the five-week course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn., students received introductory instruction on the characteristics and operating principles of jet engines. Their studies included engine lubrication, ignition and fuel systems. Additionally, they studied the procedures for refueling and defueling aircraft, for removal and installation of aircraft engines and for the operation of aircraft ground handling equipment.

He joined the Marine Corps in February.

## School Menu

Monday: breakfast, cookie, apple juice, milk; lunch, chipped ham, brown whole potatoes, green beans, peanut butter delight, roll, milk.

Tuesday: breakfast, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; lunch, fish sticks, cheese wedge, slaw, baked beans, peaches, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: breakfast, apple turnovers, grape juice, milk; lunch, hamburger on bun, tomato & lettuce — onion, french fried potatoes, chocolate cake, milk.

Thursday: doughnut, pineapple juice, milk; lunch, chicken salad on lettuce, broccoli w-cheese, buttered carrots, congealed salad, rolls, milk.

Friday: breakfast, frosted flakes, banana, milk; lunch, Salisbury steak w-gravy, creamed potatoes, buttered greens, fruit cup, roll, milk.

## Singing

The Middle Fork Independent Baptist Church will have its regular fifth Saturday night gospel singing this Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m.

Featured in this singing will be the following groups: Rebelaires Quartet from Bakersville, Pilgrims Quartet from Asheville, Lower Lights Trio from Arden.

All singers are invited to come and take part. Everyone is invited to attend.

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