

# Editorial And Opinion

## Modern Noahs

Dr. Ralph McDonald is a man many North Carolinians wanted for their Governor back in the 30's. Recently, as president of Bowling Green State University, he spoke to a group of Ohio School Board members, emphasizing the stupendous problems faced by the school boards of the country and praising them as "modern Noahs of our educational system." His choice of words, as reported by the Toledo Blade, was indeed a happy one it would seem from experience here, and apparently everywhere else.

They are, he said, modern Noahs, who must have insight to prepare for the flood of children soon to descend on the schools of the country.

The responsibilities of school boards never have been pleasant. They must deal with problems ranging from million-dollar construction projects to the complaint by Johnny Jones' parents that their son is unfairly discriminated against by his fourth-grade teacher. As the scope of public education has become so nearly universal, school boards have had to assume greater and greater burdens.

But, as Dr. MacDonald emphasized, the future poses really stupendous problems. Nothing ever has confronted the men and women directly responsible for America's schools to compare with enrollments that soon will overwhelm the present buildings and teaching personnel. It will require wise and imaginative planning to meet this crisis.

Ultimately, it is up to parents—as taxpayers—to decide if they are willing to erect the buildings and hire the teachers needed to provide adequate educations for their children. But it is now that plans must be made for construction programs and teacher recruitment. And this is a responsibility only school boards can fulfill.

They are, indeed, the modern Noahs of our entire public education system.

## In Essence, A Guilty Plea

The situation which has arisen in this country as result of the recent "popularity" of the Fifth Amendment has concerned us for some time.

During the hearings by the Kefauver committee investigating organized crime throughout the country, the claim of the protection of the fifth amendment to the Constitution of the United States was frequently raised. There was no question in anyone's mind who read the accounts of these hearings or saw them over television as to the motive of the witness or the implication to be drawn from the plea. It was perfectly obvious that it amounted, in substance, to admission that guilt of some nature or other was being hidden.

Since then there has been an effort to create a new aura of innocence around the claim of the protection of the fifth amendment. In hearings before the United States Senate's Internal Security Subcommittee and before the Permanent Investigation Subcommittee and even an effort on the part of reluctant witnesses to make it appear that their refusal to testify was merely the exercise of freedom of thought and that any insistence upon the witnesses affirming or denying Communist affiliations or espionage activities was an abuse of their civil liberties.

These witnesses have even set up a new theory of law for the guidance of themselves. Using the shield of the fifth amendment, they have holdly exercised the right to refuse to testify concerning the activities of other persons, even though it may be in regard to matters of vital concern to the Nation. Many of us may be reluctant to appear as witnesses, and especially to testify concerning friends, but this is not a field in which we can exercise any right of judgment; we must take the stand and tell the whole truth.

An article in the April issue of Reader's Digest puts the matter in its true light. It points out that part of the fifth amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America which reads that no person "shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself," was originally designed only to protect accused persons against having torture used to extort confessions from them, although its application has been broadened by the courts to apply even to legislative bodies where no finding of guilt can be made. The extension of course, was to prevent the use of evidence obtained in such a hearing in a court of law on a criminal charge at a later date.

As is pointed out in the article, the true nature of the claim of the protection of the fifth amendment has been ennobled by many courts.

Various suggestions as to the best procedure to end the abuse of the fifth amendment have been made. Among those suggested have been the requiring of public employees to sign a waiver of immunity with respect to testifying about their official acts. It has also been proposed that Congress enact a statute which would grant legal immunity for his crimes to any witness testifying at hearings concerning espionage and subversion.

While such proposals may have their usefulness, it is much more important that claiming the protection of the fifth amendment be seen in its proper aspect; that the distortions and perversions that have been built up around it be dispelled so that the public will once again realize that it is, in essence, a plea of guilt.



**KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup**

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the street sweepers behind the parade.

But I snapped out of it in a second when I heard the director singsonging: "The Governor first, the red corvette second, and General Clark is third."

This really marked the first time I ever outranked a four-star general—and I wasn't supposed to be in the parade in the first place—but Linney enjoyed it immensely, the Corvette did brighten up the place, and everybody, including General Mark Clark back there just behind us, apparently had a big time.

**PHEASANT, ETC.** . . . Anyone looking for the unusual in places to eat shouldn't miss the Pheasant Farm on N. C. Highway 27 near Mt. Gilead.

If you are not on the alert, you might go right by the place, for it sets back off the road and looks about like any other farmhouse. There is a little sign there indicating it is an eating place, however.

Operated by two old bachelors, E. J. Stinson and Al Burch, and advertised as the Home of Bachelor Cooking, you can eat a broiled guinea hen for \$3 or broiled pheasant for \$3.50.

What's more, you can go out to the pens in the backyard and select the particular type of bird you want.

Really a most unusual place. We hope Bill Sharpe of State Magazine will trudge by there and give them a whang in his publication.

**SENIORITY NECESSARY** . . . Former Gov. Kerr Scott's proposition to save money by putting to work some of the Federal funds lying about in New York banks is not meeting with the enthusiasm picked up by a similar thought on State funds in 1948. This is no doubt due to several reasons.

In the first place, the Governor of North Carolina has great power because of appointive positions at his disposal, etc., and his influence is pretty terrific. As a freshman senator, Mr. Scott would be just that—a freshman among 96 senators. Like it or not, it is nevertheless true as gospel that real prestige and power in the U. S. Senate comes only with time served—that is, seniority. In other words, by being there longest—or longer. Mr. Scott is at an age when odds are he wouldn't live long enough to pick up much seniority even if he should be elected.

This is not his fault. It's just a situation.

On the other hand, Senator Harry Byrd has seniority and all that goes with it—but he hasn't as yet been able to do anything about the money matter. Mr. Scott talks so glibly about. Neither could Kerr Scott.

But it makes good campaign material and this is the campaign season.

**SCROLL** . . . Before Gene Simmons, Tarboro tobaccoist, moved out as temporary aide de camp to Ben Douglas, Gov. William B. Umstead had him come by the office for a quiet, intimate little ceremony.

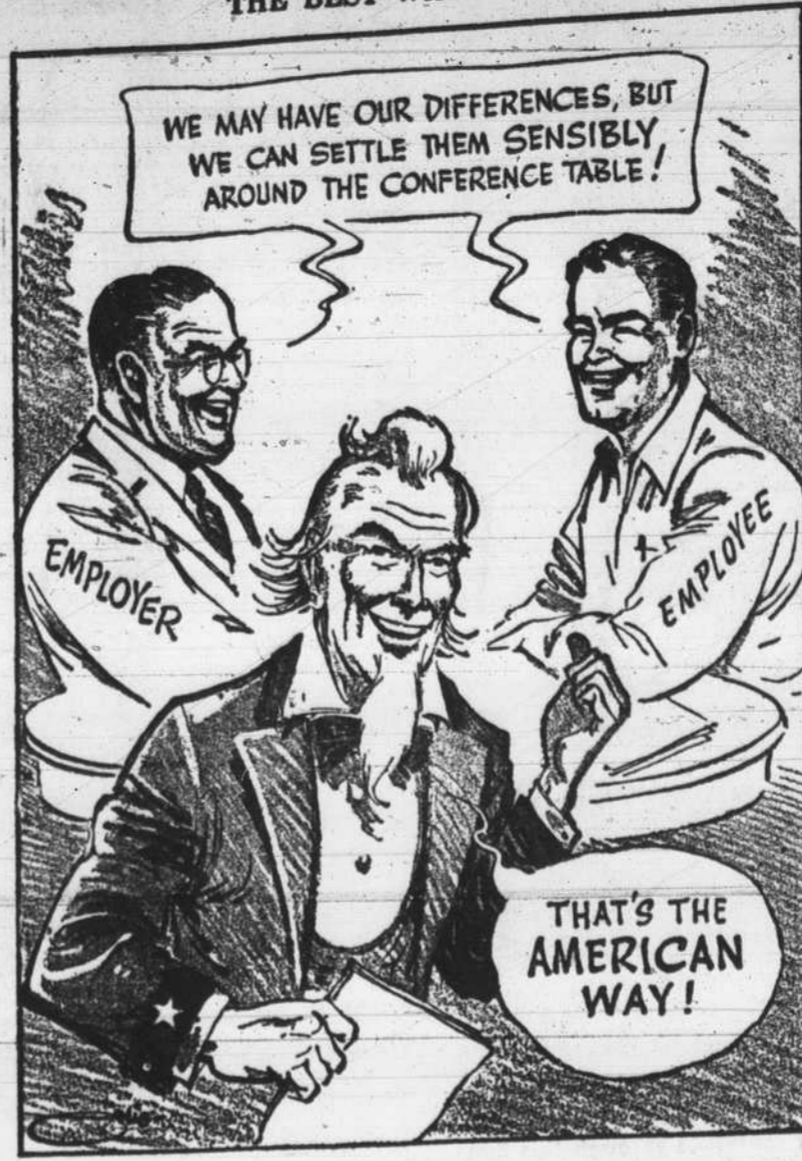
Gene was presented with a scroll extolling his virtues and expressing the Governor's appreciation for the work he had done in setting up speakers bureaus and otherwise assisting in breathing new life into the Dept. of Conservation and Development.

May we add a trite note? It wouldn't have happened to a nicer guy. He left a good business to pitch in and help the State for a few months. If there is a North Carolinian with more varied talents, I have yet to meet him.

Our prediction is that the Umstead administration may be calling on Gene Simmons again for assistance in the near future.

"AND N. C." . . . The Adlai Stevenson party in Mecklenburg was a great Democratic success. Stevenson in my book was never in finer fettle than last Friday

## THE BEST WAY OF ALL



## Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

Now that asparagus is appearing in the grocery stores, we are beginning to receive inquiries about growing this crop. Can asparagus be grown successfully in North Carolina? Yes, it can. When should it be planted? In the eastern part of the state it is best to plant in November or December, but may be planted in February or March. In the western part of the state it is probably best to plant in March or April.

Although asparagus is originally started from seed, the garden-

er or small grower usually buys one year old crowns for setting. These may be obtained from any large seed store or asparagus grower. Fifty crowns should provide plenty of fresh asparagus for the average family. The Mary Washington variety is recommended.

Asparagus is a perennial crop and should be productive for more than ten years if given good care. Because it is a perennial crop, grass and weeds may be a problem—especially if you have Bermuda grass in the garden. Therefore, thorough preparation is necessary before planting. The crowns are set about 18 inches apart in a broad furrow or trench 6 to 8 inches deep. The fleshy roots are spread out at the bottom of the trench with the buds up and covered with soil to a depth of 3 to 4 inches. When the spears come through this soil the rest of the trench may be filled. If the soil

night. He is popular in North Carolina—apparently more popular than ever—and is really considered home folks.

It is interesting to note that, when he called on the Governor at the Mansion, he signed the guest book under the column for residence location: "Illinois and North Carolina."

Quite a fellow, this Adlai.

## Letter To Editor

### Wants Jaypees Elected

To The Editor,  
News Of Orange County:

The Justice of the Peace for Orange County should not be appointed by the Governor of North Carolina upon the recommendation of the Orange County Clerk of Court nor any other person in the county. If the Governor appointed all the Justice of Peace in the entire State it would be too much trouble for him and I feel like he does not care to appoint them for Orange County, however, the Magistrates have not been filing and running on the ticket and then the Governor must appoint them. According to law the Justice of the Peace can file and run on the ticket for election. Of course if none do that they should do then the governor must appoint them.

The situation should be stopped at once. Some of our Justice of Peace do not care to ask the people to vote for them. They think that would be lowering the job and themselves. There are tie ups and democracy is circumvented in this attitude.

They are not willing to humble themselves enough to ask people to vote for them. Their swanky feeling does not permit them to get down and let people choose between several men of women for these places. This is a weak spot in our law and order in the County.

Our Justice of the Peace should have to go to Hillsboro, N. C. and file and run on the ticket. The Governor will not have to appoint our Justice of the Peace if this is done and I do not believe he wishes to do it anyway. Many of you

should run on the ticket in place. I hope our citizens are afraid to offer their services as Justice of the Peace by filing and running on the ticket for the men run on the ticket for the Justice of the Peace. They have more time than the men and do a better job. Each township allowed a certain amount of ice of Peace. Chapel Hill township is allowed four. It is alright for eight or ten to run these places in Chapel Township, the highest town-ning.

The Justice of Peace should be directly responsible to the people and not to the Clerk of the Court for Orange and the Governor Raleigh.

Each township has a certain allotment of Justice of the Peace and two or three people should run for each one of these places. The people should select all officials down to the least township who file and run will get these places. If the Justice of Peace do not run on the ticket then some one will file with Mr. Hamlin in Hillsboro and run on the ticket. Enough people file and run on ticket for all the jobs in township then it will not be necessary for the Clerk to recommend Justice of the Peace for Governor and he will not recommend Justice of the Peace for the County. That will be a good thing. Procrastination is the third time. Young men and women for these jobs.

Grover C. B. Chapel Hill, N. C.

### ORANGE COUNTY REPUBLICANS TO HOLD MEETING

Orange County chairman of republicans, M. L. Gates Sr., called a meeting of the Orange County Republicans and other interested persons, to be held at Carrboro Firemen's Hut on Thursday evening, April 13 at 8:30 clock. This meeting will be to make final decisions on candidates for November election. All party members and other interested persons are urged to present.

# Rabies Vaccination CLINICS

## Vaccination Of All Dogs Over 4 Months Old With Anti-Rabic Vaccine Is Required By Law

THE VIOLATION PENALTY READS: "Any person who shall violate this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than Ten Dollars and not over Fifty Dollars, or not less than ten days in jail."

### SCHEDULE OF FEES

- CLINIC PRICE — .75¢ Per Dog
- Vaccination At Pound — \$1.00 Per Dog After April 30
- Vaccination At House — \$1.50 Per Dog
- Vaccination at the pound on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. until May 1 — .75¢ per dog

Public Vaccination Clinics for Dogs will be conducted by the County Dog Warden Every Week-day between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in accordance with the following schedule:

Alvin Hawkins Store	Thursday—April 8	way 54	Thursday—April 22
Haywood Valines Store	Friday—April 9		
Pender Store, Cedar Grove	Monday—April 12		
Giles Long Store, Highway 86	Tuesday—April 13		
Compton Store, at Carr	Wednesday—April 14		
Jack Long's Service Station	Thursday—April 15		
Morrow Store	Friday—April 16		
Midway Service Station, Highway 86	Monday—April 19		
Calvander	Tuesday—April 20		
Glen Lloyd's Store	Wednesday—April 21		
Brewer's Store, across from Park-Vue Theatre on High-			
Andrews-Rigsbee Tractor Co., Carrboro	Friday—April 23		
Chapel Hill Ice Plant	Monday—April 26		
Stone Store, Mt. Carmel Road	Tuesday—April 27		
White Service Station on Durham Road, Wed.	Wednesday—April 28		
Blake Service Station	Thursday—April 29		
Chapel Hill Town Hall	Friday—April 30		
Bill Dorsett Store	Monday—May 3		

Stray or Undersirable Dogs may be brought to the Dog Warden at any of the above vaccination points as scheduled above for disposition in a humane manner, in accordance with the new Orange County dog law.

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