

# Editorial And Opinion

## The Scott Announcement

Ralph Scott's decision to tackle Carl Durham in a bid for the Sixth District's congressional seat came as no particular surprise and we assume it is his belief he can win or he wouldn't have announced. Just how he expects to turn the trick, other than with his promised "clean" campaign, we wouldn't care to venture a guess. Factionally, and with considerable respect and affection for the late Senator from Alamance, we have to say it will require more than the now-familiar tape recorder to remove the veteran of 16 years in Congress who will return next term to the chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Committee, probably the most important Congressional job in this particular area.

The Sixth District needs Carl Durham's influence and eminence in Congress and the nation needs his knowledge and mature judgement in the atomic energy field.

These facts are widely known, both by the

practical politicians and the rank and file of voters from one end of the district to the other. They will not be easily over-ridden. Mr. Durham's record is one which other candidates have found difficult to attack.

And, from a practical political standpoint Mr. Scott's climb will be even more rocky, despite the magic political name.

Both the populous Guilford and Durham counties have eyed the prize hungrily for a long time; but the strong men of each have hesitated to butt heads with the other in a contest which must be fatal to one, and for a long time to come. So, the compromise appointee, Carl Durham, from little Orange, has remained a way, political compromise while attaining stature through the merit of his service.

Ralph Scott will carry Alamance, of course. For reasons idealistic and practical, however, he has his work cut out for him elsewhere in the District.

## No Time For Defeatist Philosophies

The North Carolina Education Association in its most recent bulletin took the occasion to deplore what has seemed to be a tendency on the part of some of our leaders to emphasize the "alternatives" to free public schools, to adequate buildings and teaching facilities. And, the NCEA rightly points out that for some things there is no adequate alternative; for example, the church, a happy home, and free public schools, the only hope for even a token of educational equality.

Of course, as is pointed out, we could teach our children in shifts and stagger terms, teach some at night and some in the day, hold school in tents for parts of the year and employ other devices to reduce the need for new buildings. But, no intelligent North Carolina should consider such makeshifts in the

nurture of our most important asset. With the NCEA we take our stand that "as long as we can build double garages and put two new two-toned cars in them, as long as we can decorate our homes with television antennae, as long as we can spend for recreation, alcohol, and tobacco what we do spend, there can be no justification for a defeatist attitude!"

The time has come, we think, when many courageous statesmen should take a stand on the ground hallowed and consecrated by such stalwart men as Walter Hines Page and Charles B. Aycock, saying clearly for all to hear that our public schools shall be preserved, that our children shall be properly housed, and that our classrooms shall be filled with competent teachers.

## Why The Farmer Needs Help

The Department of Agriculture has predicted that the farmer's share of the consumer's food dollar next year will be forty cents. This compares with forty one cents in 1952 and forty three cents in 1951.

From the above forecast, one can easily see that the farmer's share of the consumer dollar is steadily shrinking. For numerous examples in recent years it has been proved that the farmer's share of the consumer dollar is steadily shrinking.

The Department of Agriculture says that marketing and transportation costs next year will average near the record high posted for these services in 1952. This year farmers found that marketing charges were up three per cent over 1951, while prices for farm products were lower.

Therefore, farmers' net realized income during the July-August-September quarter of this year was at an approximate yearly rate of \$10,300,000,000. This is four per cent below the three-month period, April-May-June of this year. It is five per cent under the third quarter of 1951.

Since retail prices of farm goods averaged one per cent lower this year, and since the

marketing costs rose during the year (and may rise further in 1953), the farmer is for even longer sledding next year. These statistics prove that the farmer is up against very sad economic realities, when just about every other segment of the economy is booming.

Since these figures are released by the Department of Agriculture, under a Republican Administration, there is no reason to doubt them. Since the same administration also releases figures concerning business and trade, and labor, manufacturing and other segments of the economy are all reported to be experiencing record prosperity, the farmer's plight is seen in its true perspective.

President Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson must either come up with something to reverse this trend, or risk defeat in 1956. The farmer has been experiencing reduced earnings for three years or more, and it makes little difference to him that the slide began under President Truman. The truth is that it is time that someone looked after his interests and bolstered his net income in today's record prosperity, even though it might cost the Government some money. The Government is helping labor and big business, and must also protect the farmers of the country if prosperity is to continue.

## 'But He Ain't Got Paw's Blessings Yet, Ave'



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## Tar Heel

# PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

**PATRIOTS** ... A significant meeting was held in North Carolina on Tuesday night, November 30. Place: Lee County courthouse, Sanford. Object: Continued segregation.

Lee County is near the center of North Carolina and its citizenship typical of the people who go to make up the great Tar Heel state.

That more than 300 people attended the first county Patriots meeting with 151 people joining up after the rally is most significant. Taking part in the meeting were the county leaders of the Lee County government and the Democratic party. Two weeks ago this column suggested that the "Patriots" might well become a much more formidable force in Tar Heel politics than some people thought. The Lee County rally strongly bolsters this line of thinking.

**HOT AND COLD** ... Speculation as to whether Henry Jordan will run for governor next year blows hot and cold. For two or three weeks the political barometer readings seem to indicate that the former Highway Chairman under Scott will be in there fighting. Then the weather man will change. The last reading was that the chances were dimming that he would run, but the barometer readings can change many times between now and the filing deadline in March, 1956. Sentiment seems to be that the likely gubernatorial candidacy of Waldo Cheek in the event Jordan does not run would not prove too formidable.

**LIEUT. GOVERNOR** ... It now appears pretty certain that Rep. Alonzo Edwards of Greene County will be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Word is that former Senator Edwin Pate of Laurinburg would like to have the State's number two job. Pate and Oscar Richardson of Union County are members of the same conservative group in the Democratic party and both would not be expected to run. Chances are strong that Edwards will have opposition from the conservative wing of the party even though he has often worked with them in the past. However, he is expected to have strong farm support even over Pate who is one of the state's largest farmers. In addition to being a large farmer and landowner, Pate is a leading banker, merchant, industrialist and capitalist, and a mighty level-headed man with it. He will most likely not enter the race unless he feels that he has a better than even chance of winning, and he will certainly prove a formidable contender if he enters regardless of the others in the contest.

**SIXTH DISTRICT** ... A hard fight is predicted in the sixth district race for congress where State Senator Ralph Scott of Alamance County has announced for Congress in opposition to Congressman Carl Durham of Orange County. Generally speaking an incumbent congressman doing an average job is a mighty hard person to oust. Despite the fact that Durham was the compromise man selected by the sixth district congressional committee in 1938 after the regular nominee died, and was not considered a strong man at that time, he has grown greatly in stature during his 16 years in congress and is now vice chairman of the important Atomic Energy Committee, and if the Democrats continue in control of Congress after the 1956 elections will then be Chairman if he can beat out Scott in the primary.

**SITUATION** ... Ralph Scott who is a brother of U.S. Senator Kerr Scott is a hard-worked and a straight shooter. A large daily

man, he also knows the language of the world. He has taken on a mission to beat out Carl who 16 years ago is said to have been agreed upon as a compromise because he was from Orange and would be defeated two years hence (Oscar Coffin is credited with putting him over in the locked committee of the Skipper was a member day, no good thinker was him on lightly. His work day could well be that he been away from the state much of the time during 16 years. Able men have retired from congress when they become so engaged in the business of the state to keep up with the pace, particularly the new year coming along. The great George W. Norris of Ohio was a good example of a great Georgia statesman Senator Walter F. George lose out in that state in the same reason.

**SAUNDERS** ... Governor says that he has more favorable letters and comments regarding the appointment of W. P. Moore County as Director of the Department of Conservation. Development that any appointment he has made as governor adds that he has a time getting his term to agree to the signment than to see other person in state since he took over a year. Don't forget that the speculated following the appointment that the late well be the new face of as a gubernatorial candidate 1960 if all goes well for the team in '56 and the following three years.

## Garden Tips

Robert Schmidt

Many of our deciduous trees and vines are cut back by means of pruning cuttings taken during the winter season.

A deciduous tree that sheds its leaves late fall and grows a new leaves in the spring. Evergreen shrubs are cut back in the fall or early winter. Pruning should be done in the fall or early winter.

A convenient rule is to trim six to eight inches and they may be cut back to a length of up to 100 inches. The cuttings are to be taken care that the bundles of cuttings are to be taken together.

Prepare a small trench well drained location. Bundles of cuttings are to be placed in a sloping trench. They should be covered with a layer of soil three inches deep.

Before growth starts in spring the bundles of cuttings must be taken up and placed in rows in the garden. They always be at least one inch above ground. When only cuttings are to be made they are to be made in the row instead of being in a spring.

Bunch grapes are cut back by means of pruning cuttings taken at pruning cuttings of muscadine and non-grapes are very hard on the root, and therefore usually propagated by cuttings.

Shout now! The month with loud acclaim  
Take up the cry and send it forth;  
May, breaching sweet her Spring perfumes,  
November, thundering from the North  
With hands upraised, as with one voice,  
They join their notes in grand accord;  
Hail to December! Say, they all  
It gave to us our Christ, the Lord!

J. K. Hoyt

The end of the year is upon us, December, the last month — and the tenth month in the ancient Roman calendar — is the closing stanza of a record year of prosperity, 1953.

To Americans, December means many things, though recently they recall December 7th, 1941. They think of Christmas, the year's greatest religious observance, which brings holidays to millions of school and college students everywhere, as the climax of the year and often of the winter season.

To Americans, December is the birthday, anniversary month of Martin Van Buren, who was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., on December 5, 1782; the month that President Wilson arrived in France, in 1918; the month in which George Washington, the Father of his Country, died, on December 14, 1799; the month of the Boston Tea Party, which occurred on December 16, 1773; the month in which the Wright Brothers first flew at Kitty Hawk, N.C., on December 17, 1903; the month in which the battle of Trenton, N. J. occurred, when the British were defeated on December 26th, 1776; and the month in which Woodrow Wilson was born, at Staunton, Va., on December 28, 1856.

### PROCESS IT HERE

Ahokie, one of the largest distributing centers in North Carolina, imports through its wholesale houses millions of cans of food processed and packed at distant points. Meats by the thousands of pounds are brought into local wholesale storage houses and distributed over the countryside in refrigerated trucks. These meats and food products are the same as are or could be grown abundantly on the farms of this area. But they are, when produced locally, sold on distant markets as raw products. The processing, and the jobs and the profits created by it, is an industry we permit others to enjoy.

Here is opportunity that should no longer be overlooked. Government has gone about setting up his small industries corporation to assist in financing the establishment of more small industrial enterprises in the State, and particularly in the East. The examples of success in the field of pickles and herring should encourage expansion into other fields: meat packing, poultry processing, and canning locally produced vegetable crops. What has been done with pickles and herring can be done with these others. —Hertford Co. Herald.

### HOMES FOR BABES

Last year 428 children received help through The Children's Home Society of North Carolina. Greensboro, N. C. and 1,650 childless couples entered applications to adopt a child.

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American also remember December as the month in which Andrew Johnson was born, on December 29, 1808; at Raleigh, N. C. The month is also the birthday month of John Chandler Harris, beloved writer of children's stories.

To hunters, in every state in the Union, December is a month of hunting and outdoor pleasure. November and December weather is usually superior to the weather

of January, February and March in most localities, and hunters enjoy drier weather, often not quite as bitter, than is usually the case in the later months of the hunting season.

But the greatest event of December, of course, is Christmas and the holidays which precede and follow it. We hope that Christmas will not continue to be more and more exploited for financial reasons. We hope that the real meaning of this religious observance, and its true spirit, will be remembered by all Americans. We need not give expensive gifts, but if we remember, in any of a number of ways, our friends and loved ones, then the spirit of Christmas is with us.

Every American should remember that December, this year, brings to a close a year in which the 165,000,000 people of our country were at peace, enjoying good times, many luxuries and many comforts and the highest standard of living in the world.

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON — As this column is being written, the White House Conference on Education is sitting in Washington. This Conference, which is composed of educators and other public-spirited citizens from all sections of the country, was called to consider ways and means to solve unmet educational needs of the public school systems of the Nation.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the Nation is suffering at this time from serious unmet educational needs which arise out of the circumstances that the public school systems of the several states need 180,000 more teachers and 250,000 more classrooms than are presently available. As a result of these tragic shortages in teachers and classrooms, millions of the youth of America are being deprived of their fundamental right to an adequate education at the grade school level.

The tragic state of the public school system in the majority of the states cannot be alleviated by any temporary measures. Since the number of children arriving at school age is constantly increasing, it is apparent that some action of a drastic nature must be taken if we are to have sufficient teachers and classrooms in our public school systems.

The White House Conference on Education is likely to recommend that the Federal Government assist the states in meeting these unmet educational needs. It is altogether likely that the views of the Conference will coincide with those expressed by Senator Lyndon Johnson, the Majority Leader, who prophesied some time ago that Congress will authorize "a school construction program to meet the needs of their children."

In my judgment, Senator Johnson acted wisely in suggesting that the Federal Government can best aid the states in this field by assisting them in the construction of classrooms.

As a matter of fact, the Federal Government has adopted fiscal policies which handicap the states in their efforts to establish and maintain sufficient public school systems. It does this by raking into the Federal treasury an undue amount of income and excise taxes, which are the most easily collected taxes. As the result of this fiscal policy, the state and local communities are compelled to rely in large part on property taxes for the support of the public school systems.

If Congress is to pass a bill granting Federal aid to the public school systems of the several states, it must insert in the bill a provision depriving the Federal Government of all control over public school education in the several states and restricting the Federal aid granted to public school systems, only. Moreover, Congress must refrain from any attempt to use the Federal aid granted as a vehicle for the enforcement of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in the racial segregation field.

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