

# Editorial And Opinion

## Age Of The Golden Mean

There are signs that we Americans are growing up. We have it from Dr. James E. McClellan of Teachers College, Columbia University, that we are not only becoming creatures of moderation, but that this is a quality highly admired by most of us. "Well-balanced" and "well-adjusted" are compliments now-a-days.

It will be recalled that moderation was not always counted an American virtue. We have been given to boasting about how much (or how little) we worked, played, ate and spent. We were too inclined to regard our surroundings, our prospects and progress, our economy and even our politics as either all right or all wrong. With the growth of this new spirit of moderation, we have become more discriminating, more analytical, more thoughtful and certainly more considerate of each other. Today, the talk is on moderation in diet, in exercise, in child discipline and particularly in outbursts of emotion that punish the arteries almost as severely as the innocent bystanders.

Dr. McClellan's findings resulted from a study of what the word "moderation" means to over 1,600 men and women in different walks of life, and was financed by the U. S. Brewers Foundation whose members' product has been regarded increasingly over the years as the beverage of moderation.

Asked to describe the man and the woman they regarded as the best example of moderation and also to describe the man and woman they most admired, Dr. McClellan was surprised to discover that the two categories turn out to be pretty much the same people. The typical moderate man is honest, sincere, intelligent, friendly and likeable, and he rates 72 per cent the same adjectives as the man most respondents wanted to be like. Mr. Moderate Man and Mr. Admired Man are both college-educated professional men over 40. Mrs. Moderate Woman and Mrs. Admired Woman are both college-educated housewives over 40. (This might prove also that 40 is when life begins!)

But the clincher for moderation is that most men think they have it. Two-thirds modestly voted themselves the moderate sex. And even half of the women agreed!

It occurs to us that Dr. McClellan may have unwittingly invented a fascinating parlor game in which members of a social gathering might submit secret ballots on these subjects providing they will exercise moderation in the discussion which follows.

## "George" Can't Do It

At his first press conference in five weeks, President Eisenhower predicted, in answer to a question about his plans to curb inflation, that unless management and labor held profits and wages in check, "the American consumer is going to rebel . . . in a big way and there will be real trouble and we will get something that we don't want." Government, whose job is to keep down expenses, is equally concerned, he said.

Most Americans, we think, were under the impression that there had been something of a rebellion in recent months—even by those who were seeking higher wages at the same time—and that we had had in the recession "something that we don't want." However, perhaps shoppers have not yet rebelled "in a big way," maybe we haven't yet seen any "real trouble," and most of us realize that a full-blown depression is something we want even less than what we have had.

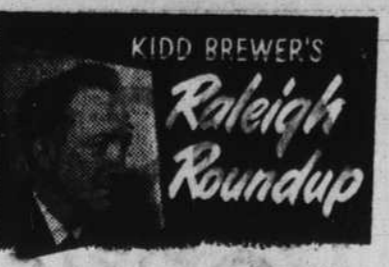
But we fail to see where Government is making a reasonable effort to check a headlong decline in the worth of our folding money. Government has continued its long discredited policy of massive largesse to friend and foe, has reiterated its demand for extended "reciprocal" trade—that has been more disastrous than reciprocal.

Government has rejected all efforts at tax reform that would stimulate business by restoring waning incentive to workers, managers and investors. Government has made no sincere effort to curb its own extravagance, eliminate duplication and useless activities, to remove itself from highly un-economic competition with tax-paying business.

On the contrary, Government has steadily added new functions, agencies, commissions and personnel. It has sought to strengthen the grip of unions on the economy and to further harass management. The budget deficit for the current year is estimated at \$12 billion. The House has approved increasing the "permanent" debt ceiling to \$285 billion and authorized a further temporary boost to \$288 billion until June 30, 1960. The Senate will no doubt follow suit.

While the President named management and labor as coequally responsible with the Government for the existing situation and the threat to our economic future, it is actually the people, all the people—whether classified as labor or management or capital or professionals or housewives or students—who have failed in their job of making democracy work. Political interest has flared up quadrennially, only to be quenched by campaign promises. There has been no follow-through on those promises. Honest legislators and high-minded administrators found themselves without support after the votes were counted.

Today, leaders in all walks of life—and notably in business—are determined to rouse the people, not to rebel (as the President fears they may) but to rise in their sacred duty and accept their part in the management of their country. It is the 14th hour. But it still may not be too late.



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over the same period in 1957.

**NOTES** . . . A lot of people were surprised when Wilbert Forbes decided to give up his Burial Commissioner post to go with the railroads . . . but he is leaving a good job with uncertain future to go with a good job and . . . certain future . . . as a smooth lobbyist . . . and friend-maker.

You won't be able to get any public statements on it, but trouble seems to be brewing in the N. C. Wildlife Commission and still . . . in the Alcoholic Beverage Control setup . . .

Those lobbyists preparing for the 1959 Legislature are skipping over the House in advance plans as "entirely too uncertain to mess with" . . . but are concentrating on the State Senate . . . and may live to regret this decision . . . as it is still a two-house legislative body we have here . . .

A small group of legislators coming here in 1959 are contacting each other in efforts to come up with a tobacco tax, etc . . . and aren't we right in saying that North Carolina is the only state of the 49 that does not have a tax on cigarettes, cigars, snuff, etc.??

Very little was said about it in the papers, but the State Board of Education last week approved an exhaustive study of a merit-rating system for teachers . . . and teachers hate bitterly even the thought . . . and we doubt it can ever be worked out in N. C. . . or elsewhere.

## Gems Of Thought

### TRUTH

Receiving a new truth is adding a new sense.—Justus Liebig  
Eternal Truth is changing the universe.—Mary Baker Eddy

Beg no question, shrink from no conclusion, but follow truth wherever it may lead.—Henry George  
Every truth has practical consequences, and these are the test of Truth.—William James

A man must be stupid who believes there is no truth but on his own side.—Joseph Addison  
We must not let go manifest truths because we cannot answer all questions about them.—Jeremy Collier

### Better Try Again!

In early spring the Negro Baptist minister was baptizing a new member while his friend looked on. As they stepped out of the water, the friend asked, "Is the water cold, Moses?"  
"No-o-o-o," shivered Moses.  
"Better duck him again, Pahson," replied the friend, "he ain't stopped lying yet."—Progressive Farmer

# Kerr Scott—Political Phenomenon

(Harry Golden In The Carolina Israelite)  
Senator W. Kerr Scott was a political phenomenon. He was the first Southern politician since the Populist days of the 1890's who received the overwhelming votes of both the rural population of a

Southern state and the Negroes; and to make the story even more fantastic, this Southern farmer also won the enthusiastic support of the textile unions and the intellectuals of the colleges and newspaper offices. The "branch-head" boys of the farms, the factory workers, and the Negroes. Quite a story. (In four Negro precincts Kerr Scott received 97 per cent of the vote.)

Why? Senator Scott never once spoke out against racial segregation! Ah, but neither did he ever "use" the issue, even by innuendo, at any time in his entire political career, and coming from that part of the state which has the preponderant Negro majority, it makes the Scott career one of the most important political stories of our times. What Scott did was to substitute for the "race" issue such other issues as electrification, collective bargaining, telephone lines for the rural population, and roads—and it worked for him. He built a secondary road system in the state which, in most cases, stretched from the main highway right up to the kitchen door of the farmer. "Don't want the kids to stand in the mud waiting for the school bus."

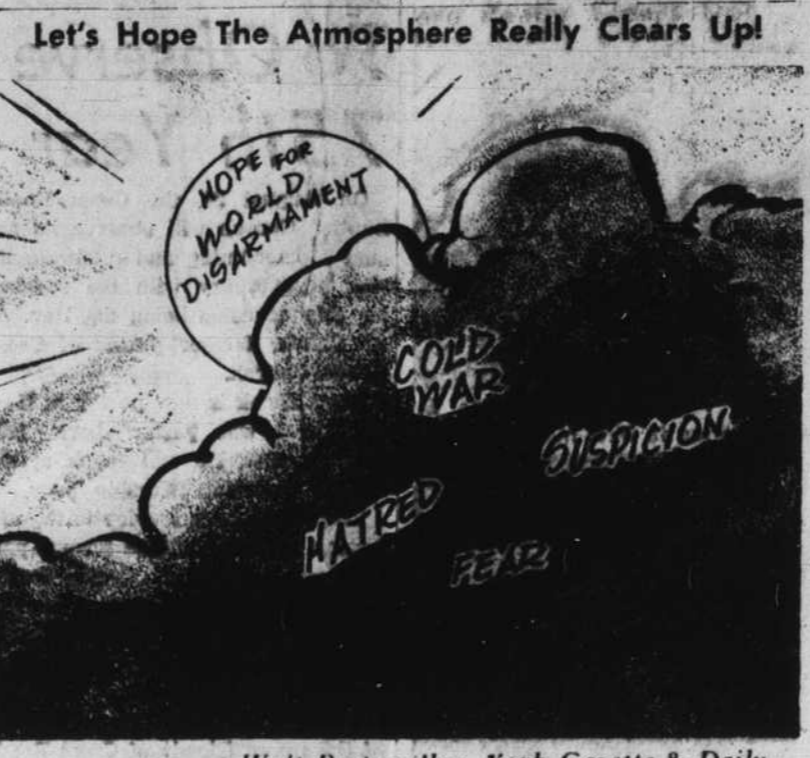
During the Senate debate on the Civil Rights measures of 1957, a suggestion was made to Scott that he should be the first Southern senator to publicly support the Civil Rights program. Scott bit into his plug of tobacco. "You must remember that I'm a Southerner, and I'll always go along with the Southern boys, but during this Civil Rights debate, I'll have a heap to say about the need for the preservation of our water resources."

Governor Scott used public power to install electricity in over 50,000 arm houses, but in the process he provided private enterprise with the greatest stimulus the State had ever seen because electricity and rural roads meant that the folks now needed washing machines and refrigerators and that they could now come into town at the drop of a hat to do business with the banks and the department stores, and go to the movies. Scott's most prized "fan" letter came from a farmer's wife right after the installation of electricity: "Been married forty years and for the first time I can see what my husband looks like."

Because of Senator Scott, many thousands of the ladies of our Hadasah Society now call them-

gram. John Clayton, who is in charge of the Shipping Department, says the company will be glad to supply a stencil for every farm family that will clean up, repair, and paint their mail box.

Applications for name plate stencils will be handled through each of the eight community organizations, sponsored by the seven Farmers in the County and the Farm Bureau in Cedar Grove Community. All applications for name plate stencils will be received at the Orange County Farm Agents Office. It is requested that no calls for name plate stencils be made to the textile company. This fine spirit of service and cooperation on the part of the William L. Barrell Company, Inc., is very much appreciated by the farm people of Orange County.



Walt Partymiller—York Gazette & Daily

## ORANGE COUNTY FARM AGENTS' COLUMN

**BRED HEIFER SALE**  
The fifth Annual North Carolina Proven Sire Bred Heifer Sale will be held at the Gullford County Livestock Center in Greensboro Tuesday, August 19th. The sale begins at 12:30 p.m. The following Orange County farmers have consigned heifers to this sale: M. O. Walker, and Miss Martha Jackson of Route 1, Hillsboro; H. P. Woods, Route 2, Hillsboro, and Bob Strayhorn, Route 2, Chapel Hill.

**COOPERATION**  
Clarence Walters, Orange County Superintendent of Roads, earnestly requests livestock farmers to contact his office before building permanent fences along the right-of-way of hard surfaced roads. He says that the state has certain laws stating the distance from the road a fence will have to be placed. He has had the disagreeable task of requesting certain farmers to remove fences after they had been built.

**FAMILY FARM**  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Walker and Mr. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walker, operate cooperatively a family farm adjacent to the Old St. Mary's Church, 6 miles East of Hillsboro. They keep about 4000 laying hens and 8 brood sows. Their 16 acres of corn has practically matured and looks as if it will make an excellent yield in spite of the dry weather. When asked why this corn was withstanding the drought so well Mr. Walker replied that he thought it was because he planted reasonably early and supplied it with a sufficient amount of Nitrogen from both chicken manure and liquid Nitrogen, used as a top-dressing. He also sprayed with 2-4-D to control Morningglories and other weeds. The corn will be fed to his laying hens and hogs.

**TEMPORARY PASTURE**  
The Cheeks, who own and operate Lemola Dairy Farm, north of Chapel Hill, are high in the praise of Starr Millet as a temporary grazing crop for dry periods like we are now experiencing. They have grazed 55 head of dairy cows and heifers for three weeks on six acres of Starr Millet and say they like it better than any temporary grazing

**WEED CONTROL SCHOOL**  
Friday night, August 16th, at the Hillsboro High School Agriculture Building, at 8 o'clock, County Agent Don Matheson will give a summary of the latest chemical weed control practices. Members of the Veteran's Training Class, merchants handling weed control chemicals, and farmers are invited to attend.

**TWO NEW HOUSES**  
Two young dairy families are well along building attractive homes. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cates Jr., of New Hope Community, are working hard to finish their new home by this fall, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hogan of Calvander Community, are not very far behind in the construction of their new home on the Lake Hogan property.

**PROGRESS PRIZE**  
At a meeting of the Agricultural Worker's Council held in Hillsboro last Monday a committee consisting of Miss Kathryn Pritchett, Chairman, Mrs. Jane Price, and Mrs. Glenn Auman was elected to select individual prizes to be given at the November Rural Progress meeting of each of the eight communities in the county. These prizes will be drawn for by individual farm families in the respective communities on the same basis as last year. Besides these valuable prizes which can be won by individuals for making some improvements in their home and on the farm some \$500 in cash prizes will go to communities which make the most progress.

**MAIL BOX STENCILS**  
The William L. Barrell Company, Inc., which recently purchased the Belle Vue Manufacturing Company of Hillsboro, has offered to cut a name plate stencil without cost for every rural patron cooperating in the Mail Box Improvement feature of the 1958 Rural Progress Pro-

**HOME AGENT'S CORNER**  
by Jessie Trowbridge and Kathryn Pritchett  
A visit to almost any section of Orange County will show improvements in housing. The Strayhorn home at Aycock is one of the most attractive modern new homes. Miss Elizabeth Strayhorn entertained the home demonstration club there recently. This house is filled with conveniences and good storage.  
The Watkins' home in St. Mary's community was completed about a year ago, after the old home and furnishings were destroyed by fire. Miss Laura Watkins has used excellent taste in the selection of furnishings for this home.  
There are a number of new homes being built in the Caldwell section. The Flint Hamlin has moved into their brick home. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gates hope to have theirs completed soon.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Lockhart of New Hope have remodeled a house. The colors used throughout the house, and the convenient kitchen adjoining the family room are outstanding features of this house.  
Mrs. Clyde Hogan of New Hope and her family are proud of their family room too. This large pine paneled room was built next to the remodeled kitchen. A new bath has been added to this house.  
The W. G. Cole house at Smith

Level has recently been painted. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker of St. Mary's have had an old house moved from the site where they have started building a new home. The Henry Walkers of St. Mary's are completely remodeling their home. The house has been raised and the roof has been changed. With the brick veneer and the rearrangement of rooms, this house will have the sentiment attached to an old house and the comforts of a new house.  
In checking at Andrews-Riggsbee Hardware Store in Chapel Hill, I found that only 3 pressure canners had been checked there this summer. For safety's sake pressure canners should be checked every year. The people who live near Chapel Hill can get this service at Andrews-Riggsbee Hardware Store. I am trying to make arrangements for checking pressure canners in Hillsboro also.  
The first meeting of the Community 4-H Club in Buckhorn will be held in the Grange Hall tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. Hilda Stanford, daughter of Mrs. Patye Stanford will act as temporary chairman until officers are elected at this meeting.

# PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

**NEW TAXES** . . . You have been reading in the daily newspapers reports on statements by Governor Hodges and other state leaders about the huge amount of additional revenue which the 1959 General Assembly will have to provide to carry on the present schedule of services for our growing state. We do not question for a moment the veracity of the statements, but we want to call your attention to 1955. That year the people were told that in the neighborhood of \$50 million extra would have to be forthcoming, but before the General Assembly got through with the revenue and appropriations bills, the extra money required through new taxes had been reduced to about half the original estimate. People are wondering if similar results will follow in 1959. If economic conditions improve and rigid economy pressed, tax increases may well be held considerably below the \$50 million figure.

**WITHHOLDING TAX** . . . Chances are strong that the matter of withholding state income taxes will be before the 1959 General Assembly. In 1955 the proposal was presented by Senator David Hall of Jackson County, now the Democratic nominee for Congress in the 12th district. Employees generally favor the plan but employers oppose it because it lessens the take home pay of the employees and its the take home pay that the employees look at, not the gross amount.

**UNION RACKETEERING** . . . A great and growing danger to this country is union racketeering, particular in Jimmy Hoffa's Teamsters Union. Union racketeering as revealed by the Senate Investigating Committee is a growing menace, so much more dangerous

than the KKK that it compares. Officials of the Rock school integration but it's a small matter of the labor racketeering. The Observer is to be listed on the forthright which it met the Teamsters strike against the delinquent Charlotte Observer last

**ADLAI** . . . Adlai Stevenson's visit to Russia, Poland, land, etc., is pretty good that he is still interested in the presidency. It now seems a must for presidential visit abroad that they first hand information on the other side. It will be recalled that President Nixon has done some traveling outside the States. And right here add that Richard Nixon a much stronger candidate may think he is known possibility in the Republican party, just as the best-known possible Democratic party.

**MALCOLM SEAWELL** . . . are hearing more and more about the possibility of General Malcolm Seawell for Governor in 1960. In the prime of manhood shop-worn like some of those who have frequently been mentioned in the past. You a long bet that Governor is going to want a loyal mansion. More and more beginning to look as if the traction candidate may be rather than Luther B. Tom Pearsall or Ed. Should this be the case have two candidates being counties in the Congressional district. For Seawell is from Fayetteville and Seawell's home county of Seawell would (or should) interesting campaign stand Faubus's victory has started some. The politicians talking Beverly Gore's win in Tennessee off. Strange alliances formed between squaring off time for gubernatorial primary

**TENNESSEE** . . . Tennessee's Democratic last week lessens the of Governor Faubus's victory in Arkansas. Gore who has been a segregation views was by former Governor Cooper, who was sought by Gore. Texas has Senator Yarborough, where you are!

## From The Chapel Hill News Leader

# School Boards Lead In Secret

An interesting tabe prepared by the North Carolina Associated Press News Council has been published, showing the degree to which different public agencies in the state hold closed meetings. Tabulations are given for city councils, county boards of commissioners, boards of education, hospital commissioners, recreation, airport authorities, and library commissions, according to information provided by daily and non-daily newspapers.

The matter of particular local interest seems to be that the only one of these bodies here which consistently holds executive sessions is the one which leads the pack over the board. In this community where education, open communication and free thinking is held to be the ripe heart of its existence, it seems not to be more advanced in its thinking in this respect.

In a full-page feature article for the Durham Morning Herald, staff writer Graham Jones reviews different cases of secret meetings by public groups in this area. Only reference to this community is "In Chapel Hill, the 'Oasis of Learning' weeks ago, the Town's Board of went behind closed doors to decide of major importance to that area. tion of what to do about Carrboro. Cross pupils attending Chapel Hill

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