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Tar Heel People and Issues . . .

Broughton and Kirkman are seen as grist in the political mill

C. V. HINKLE . . . We were talking with Senator C. V. Hinkle of Statesville a day last week. Hinkle who was right much of a thorn in the flesh of the Hodges leadership during the 1959 session of the General Assembly appears to be an almost certain candidate for lieutenant governor. If Hinkle runs he will certainly be a formidable candidate, and in our opinion the man to beat if someone else is to win the number two spot on the Democratic ticket.

SPEAKERSHIP . . . Rep Jee Hunt of Guilford appears to have made considerable gains in the three-cornered race for Speaker since the session adjourned. Some of his supporters are saying that he has it "sewed up." However, our thinking is that it will not be in the bag for anyone until after the Democratic candidate for governor has been selected. In 1950 Fred Royster is reported to have had 68 or 70 commitments, but lost at the caucus to Frank Taylor by a big margin!

KIRKMAN . . . Saw Arthur Kirkman in Raleigh Friday. Said he had just about made up his mind about running for governor. The implication was that he would likely run.

BANK MERGERS . . . Quite frequently you read in the newspapers about bank mergers in North Carolina. This may be good and well, but some people have their doubts about it. Some people feel that there is a grave danger of the banks wanting to grow big so they can go after the big loans and that the little man who needs to borrow from \$100 to \$500 may suffer.

SCOTT AND BANKS . . . While we are writing about banks, it might not be amiss to recall that banks played a right major part in Kerr Scott's victory for Governor over Charlie Johnson in 1948. The state's money was in a number of the banks over the state and the state was drawing no interest on the accounts. Kerr Scott made this an issue and our guess is that it won him as many votes as any other issue in the campaign—and probably more.

Scott told the writer one time that in most instances he would find the banks with the state deposits opposing him, and that

he would go to the banks which did not have the deposits and they would be supporting him. Since Scott was elected Governor and a law passed providing for interest on the state's idle funds, millions of dollars have been added to the state's coffers in interest.

FORD GUESSED WRONG . . . When the Ford Motor Company brought out its Edsel car a few years ago it guessed 100 percent wrong. Instead of making and attempting to market a bigger car had they then brought out its little Falcon and gave it the Edsel

name, chances are that it would be right up there with Rambler today.

MUSINGS . . . Paul Johnston, Director of Administration in Raleigh is immune from the common colds—says he has never had one . . . We don't expect any formal announcements for high political office by any of the serious contenders before 1960. Around the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, announcements will likely be popping, one way or another . . . We still hear Mel Broughton's name mentioned as a possible candidate for the U. S. Senate . . .

Letters to the Editor

SHE LIKES YULE DECORATIONS

To The Editor:
"Interested Chapel Hillian" has asked if anybody else shares his (or her) sentiment in disliking the merchants' Christmas decorations in downtown Chapel Hill.

I, for one, am bored with supposedly sophisticated people here who seem always to complain about any an every change. Particularly, it seems, they're determined that whatever decorations are put up downtown are too "commercial." For years we've had complaints about the decorations.

It's obvious you aren't going to please all of the people all of the time — or some people any time time. But I'd like to thank the Merchants Association for the attractive Christmas flavor they've given the community this year and for many years before.

Mrs. L. S. Dalton
Raleigh Rd.

'AMEN' ON SIDEWALKS

To The Editor:
—Just a note to say "amen," and then some to your editorial of last week on dirt sidewalks.

My main concern for many years in this manner has been safety. I don't know why the Town hasn't been sued by some of the many people who have tripped and fallen on these rutted

paths.
The News of Orange County has done a public service in calling attention to this dangerous situation. . . . We like the paper — especially "Orange Peelings. . ." Virginia Appleton
Chapel Hill

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Smokey Says:



Flower color photos in Planetarium show

Thirty beautiful natural color close-up photographs of flowers, taken by R. S. Dobson Jr., are now being exhibited in the South Art Gallery of the Morehead Planetarium on the University campus.

A resident of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., but lately residing here temporarily, Dobson exhibited his print collection at the annual Chapel Hill Hobby Show and permitted the prints to remain on public view through December.

The close-ups of flowers were made with 35-millimeter camera and all are Kodacolor enlargements from transparencies. They were taken in various parts of the country, and include the sourwood, wild rose and horse nettle photographed in North Carolina.

Dobson's collection and other art and science exhibits at the Morehead Planetarium may be viewed without charge daily from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7:30 to 10 p.m.; on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and on Sundays from 1 to 10 p.m.

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