

Legislators said to be against special session for school bonds

By CLIFF BLUE

WADE BRUTON . . . The unanimous decision of the State Supreme Court in upholding Attorney General Wade Bruton's ruling that the proposed constitutional amendments could not be voted upon in the Special Bond Issue Election speaks well for the legal mind of the Montgomery County native who was appointed Attorney General by Governor Hodges in 1960.

SPECIAL SESSION . . . We have talked with many legislators in all parts of the state since the 1961 General Assembly adjourned and with citizens recall that a single person has been of the opinion that a special session of the General Assembly should be called to provide for a bond issue vote for school buildings.

SPENCER BELL . . . General feeling seems to be that President Kennedy will name State Senator Spencer Bell a Federal Circuit Judge unless Senator Sam J. Ervin really puts his foot down in solid opposition to him. Ervin has recommended Superior Court Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion for the post.

U. S. SENATE . . . Senator Sam J. Ervin is taking no chances and is getting set for a senate race in plenty of time, should one be thrust upon him. In addition to his newspaper statement that he would definitely be a candidate for reelection, he is writing friends over the state telling them about the same thing he said in his

public statement.

Sam Ervin has served in the Senate since 1954 and he well knows that in eight years, and he will have served eight years before his current term has expired, that old leaders can pass on and new ones spring up in that length of time.

He is determined not to be caught high and dry from contact with the people back home like the venerable Senator Walter George was from the people of Georgia, and the late great statesman George W. Norris from the people of Nebraska when voting time came around.

The best way to insure reelection is to run hard and scared. Take an election for granted and oftentimes you will be caught unaware without time to mend fences at home.

HIJACKING . . . We hope that the failure of the father and son to successfully hijack the Continental plane to Cuba last week will put a damper on

this type of Blackbeard pirating.

GUBERNATORIAL . . . It's nearly three years off but the politicians are already talking about it. The "it" is who the candidates will be in the 1964 Democratic gubernatorial primary contest in North Carolina, which not since 1928 has gone to anyone by default. And when the late O. Max Gardner won the nomination without opposition in 1928—eight years earlier he slugged it out in two campaigns to finally lose to Cameron Morrison of Charlotte.

Alphabetically, we will list some of those being mentioned for 1964: Bert Bennett and Gordon Gray, both of Winston-Salem; Joe Hunt of Greensboro; Woodrow Jones of Rutherfordton; Ed Kemp of High Point; Paul Kitchin of Wadesboro; Dr. Beverly Lake of Raleigh; Cloyd Philpott of Lexington; Pat Taylor Jr., of Wadesboro; and Rep. Basil Whitener of Gastonia.

Peck Comes For A Visit

Chapel Hill's Town Manager-elect, Robert Peck of Washington, was here for the day last Friday to seek housing for his family and prepare to take over his new job on Sept. 1.

Mr. Peck indicated to Chapel Hill Mayor Sandy McClamroch that he might move here before in finding housing. The Pecks have three children—a four-year-old daughter and two sons who are students at the University in Chapel Hill.

In a public statement issued recently when Mr. Peck's resignation as Washington City Manager was announced, Mayor Thomas Stewart declared: "We are sorry to be losing Mr. Peck. We have tried to prevail on him to stay, but he has his mind made up."

"It is very much through Mr. Peck's efforts and devotion to his duties as city manager that our town has progressed in the last four years. He has saved the city much money because of the way he has carried out his duties. We hope we can find someone as near as good as he is for a replacement. He has meant much to our city and has carried on the functions of his office in a business-like manner."

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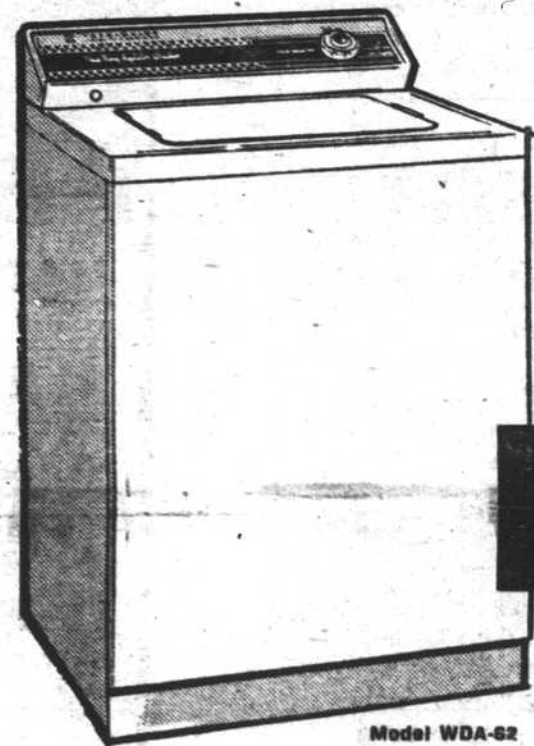
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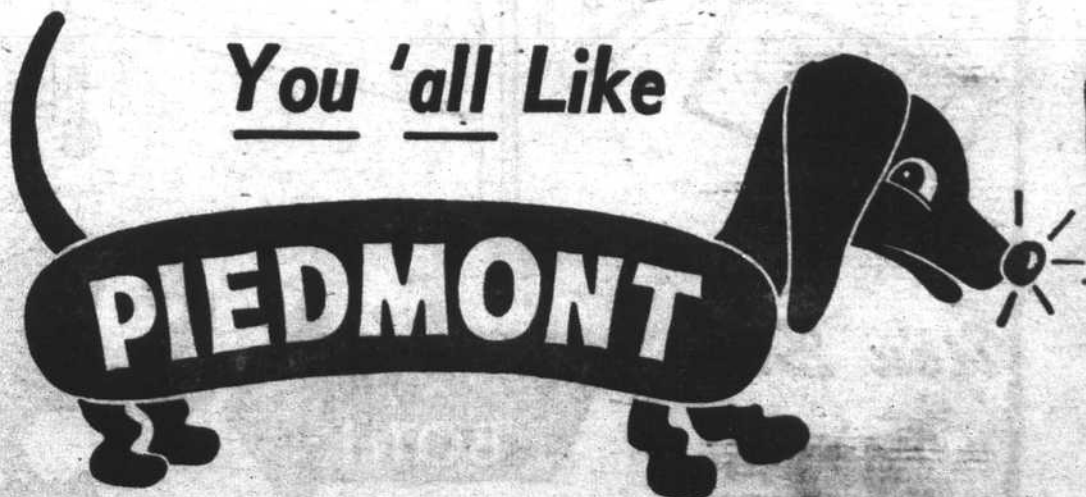
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