

Extra walk to new State House 'good exercise' for legislators

By CLIFF BLUE
PRESS INSTITUTE . . . It was our pleasure to attend the 38th annual Newspaper Institute held at Chapel Hill and Durham last week-end.

We always enjoy meeting with newspaper people from over the state and talking shop and current events with them. While the formal programs are good, we usually enjoy the informal association and chats more than the programs.

Highlight of the Duke dinner meeting was a humorous talk on "Newspapermen's Wife" by the vibrant Willie Snow Ethridge. Some one suggested that at the forthcoming Asheville meeting her husband, Mark Ethridge should be given equal time to reply.

JOHN UMSTEAD . . . While in Chapel Hill we had a nice visit with Rep. John W. Umstead, dean of the House members in point on continuous service and dean of the entire assembly in point of age, he being 73. John's chief interest centers in providing adequate facilities for the mentally sick.

We know of no man in North Carolina who has done more to provide for the mentally ill than John Umstead. In the General Assembly where many requests are turned down for the lack of funds, John usually gets for the state hospitals what he says they must have.

BEACH HOTEL . . . At the invitation of Rye B. Page of the Wilmington News Star, the Press directors voted to hold their convention at Wrightsville Beach in the summer of 1964. Rye told the newspaper people that the new million dollar plus, modern and up-to-date hotel

be completed and ready for the 1964 summer business. New Hanover has long felt the need for a more adequate convention hotel at Wrightsville or Carolina Beach.

KENNEDY . . . Commenting on President Kennedy's "State of the Union" message, Ike London calls it "A masterful summation of the present and future of our country — probably the finest speech of his career. The President is growing in stature." Kennedy, like his predecessor — General Eisenhower — is proving very popular personally with the people, more so, we suspect, than some of his proposals — like deficit financing.

STATE COLLEGE . . . We figure that a compromise will be offered concerning the name of State College which will NOT be the University of North Carolina at Raleigh, but will have the word "University" in it. When issues get real hot they are oftentimes resolved before a vote is taken. Like law-suits — many get to the courthouse with a large number being compromised before they get into the courtroom.

WOMEN . . . The Home and Garden Clubs in North Carolina are engaged in an all-out campaign to ban billboards on the new interstate highways. While this is an old issue it arouses much interest pro and con.

NEW STATE HOUSE . . . Like most people, we have our likes and dislikes about the new State House in Raleigh. History teaches that when we progress and move ahead that we often have to give up things to which we are greatly attached. The present capitol building is re-

garded as one of the most beautiful in the nation. We like the closeness in the old chambers on one hand, but on the other hand, you need more working space.

The walk for the legislators staying at the Sir Walter will be a couple of additional blocks, or a total of about a mile. This would make it nice for Harry Truman who takes brisk walks each morning, and it should prove to be good exercise for the members.

WEST . . . On Jan. 12 it was our pleasure to attend the meeting of the Western legislators at Western Carolina College at Cullowhee. The lawmakers from the West appeared to be very much interested in roads, education and public utility legislation, along with election laws.

COMMUNISTS . . . While the democracies of the world have their problems — and plenty of them, the communists seem to be drifting apart. There is not the brotherly-love between Russia and Cuba that seemed to exist a few months ago, and Russia and Red China seem to be about as bitter towards each other as are the communists and the free nations of the world.

MONEY . . . Money is not the most important thing in the world, but, a sufficient amount of it could settle a lot of big issues in North Carolina and elsewhere like roads, and many problems than you can count on your fingers.

FATHER-SON TEAMS FEATURED

Two father-son teams and a Chapel Hill minister will be featured on the final program of the series, "With Due Process," on WUNC-TV, Channel 4, at 7:30 p. m., Monday, Jan. 28. They are program host Thomas Christopher, professor of law, and his 11-year-old son, Tom; Daniel H. Pollitt, professor of law and his 11-year-old son, Dan; and Rev. Charles M. Jones, pastor of the Community Church.

Exhibit of Picasso's work being displayed

An exhibit "Picasso: Ceramics and Posters" will be held at the Ackland Art Center of the University through Feb. 10. Selected by The American Federation of Arts for circulation to art centers throughout the United States and Canada, the show contains 35 ceramic pieces and 20 colorful posters. The Center is open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays, 2 to 5 p. m. and 8 to 10 p. m. Saturdays, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Closed Mondays.

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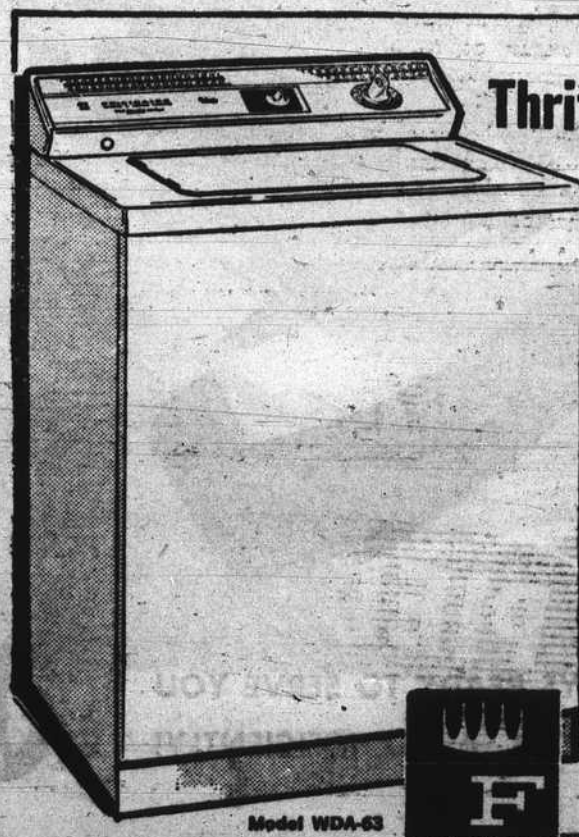


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