Tar Heel People & Issues . . .

Lore of old capitol is recalled; Gavin seen safe in chairmanship

By Cliff Blue

HISTORIC . . . This week will be historic in North Carolina legislative history. It will mark the first time since 1840 that a General Assambly has convened other than in the State Capitol building which is regarded by many as one of the outstanding buildings in the nation, Gutzon Borghum, the famed sculptor, once said of the building: "I er that there is no buildchagi ing in the country of its size which for color, for care in construction, and purity of style is its superior."

When I antered the Jogisla-ture as a freshman in 1947, a logislathe commission present-ed its report which recom-mention that the present Capitol ibuilding be enlarged to provide more adequate space for the legislature and for committee meeting rooms. This esal to tamper with the old Capitol building cause groups, and particularly w en's organizations all over the state to rise up in protest against any tempering with building.

The matter of a new or enlarged capitol or State House gave full support to the idea of a new State House.

COST . . . The present Capitol Building was constructed over an eight - year period from 1833 to 1840 at a cost of about \$531,000. That sum in those early days was probably less on a per cap-ita moome basis than the new \$6,000,000, plus State House is costing.

m though labor was cheep 125 years ago, you can with modern skills and machinery build so much faster now than

when wheel-barrows and buckets were so dominant in the building trade.

BRITAIN & FANCE . . . It's hard to understand why General Charles De Gaulle has turned his back on Great Britain which twice helped save France from conquest by Germany. In recent years General De Gaulle has served as a strongman which France sorely needed. But we suspect that he is getting a little too big for his breeches, to use an old but apt expression.

But, in the long-run, our thinking is that Great Britain will be able to take care of itself. History has proved that she is guite resourceful. she is quite resour

EASTERN CAROLINA COLLEGE ... Recently it was my privilege and opportunity to visit in Pitt County and while there I visited and talked with Dr. Leo Jenkins, President of Eastern Carolina College. In recent years ECC has grown by leaps and bounds with some 5.600 students now enrolled there. Dr. Jenkins told me that the freshmen applications for the 1952-54 terms were some 609 shead of the number a year ago. Eastern Carolina College is lay fairly dormant until the providing quality education at Hodges Administration when he the lowest per capita cost of any state - operated institution of higher learning in North Carolina

> CARL GOERCH . . . After skipping a session or two, Carl Geerch will be back broedcast-ing doings of the legislature via telepision and radio over WRAL channel 5 Menday through Friday of each week. Carl is a favorite with logis-

WALTER JONES . . Form State Rep, Walter Jones of Pitt County is conducting each Sun day a television program ove channel Nine, interviewing Eas tern legislators on doings of the General Assembly. Walter, who dropped out of the House to run for Congress in the First Dist rict in 1960, is regarded as possible candidate for the Con press post again in 1964, and as an almost certain candidate should Rep. Herbert Bonner decide to call it quits.

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BOB GAVIN . . Some of the GOP leaders feel that State Republican Chairman Bob Gav-In has garnered enough support and backing to hold on to the chairmanship until his term expires in the spring of 1964 without too much bickering from here on out. Some feel that Gavin might like another try at the governorship. in 1964. However, most feel. that it will go to either Charlie Jonas, or James Broyhill, the new GOP congresser from the ninth district.

PEOPLE . . W. A. (Red) Forbes, the new House memb from Pitt County is already being mistaken for Ben Roney, Sanford's secondary road boss. They look very much alike. . Joe Dester and Dwayne Walls, Charlotte Observer reporten certainly did an interesting and comprehensive series of articles on abuses of the absentee ballot in the West. The articles have caused considerable comment over the state.

FATHER ONG TO SPEAK

The UNC English Club will or a lecture by the American Jesuit Walter J. Ong, Prossor of English at Saint Louis University next Monday, Feb. 11. His lecture before the English Club, will deal with one of Father Ong's main concern: our understanding of Renaissance attitudes and modes of thought. It is entitled, "The Rhetorical Bias: Rhetoric as a Way of Life Before the Enlightenment." The lecture is open to the pub lic and will take place at 8 p. m., in the University Faculty Claim Louinge,

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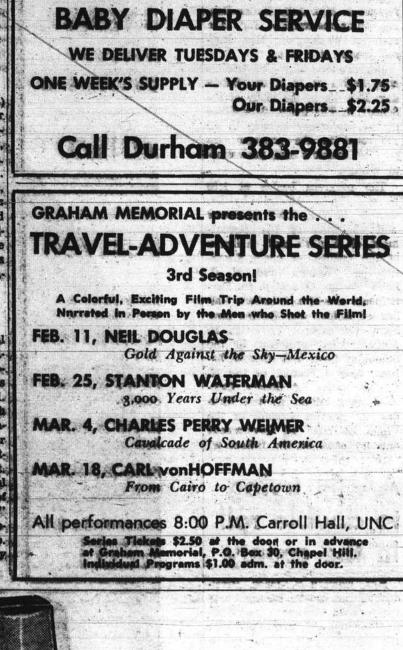
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Local Heart Council membership is announced

ident of the Council.

Members of the Council are Dr. Thomas C. Gibson, who will serve as Medical Representative in supplying scientific publications and information to physicians, nurses, and members of Ulmer, publicity chairman, who will report the activities of the

Completion of a Heart Coun- Council to the public news mecil for Orange County was an- dia; Mrs. Jeanne Hoft, communnounced by Carl Durham, Pres- ity programs chairman, who will be in charge of the Council's educational activities and will work with other community organizations towards a solution of local heart disease problems; John T. Wettach, Council Treasurer, who will bank and account other health professions who for all funds raised for Heart in work with heart patients; John the area; and Dr. O. K. Cornwell, Memorial Gifts chairman.



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