



At The Gate
Word from Washington is that gate-keepers of the Democratic Party are growing a little weary of just standing and waiting. They need to know pretty soon what the boss is going to do about '52.

A lot of North Carolinians in the Nation's capital — and there are plenty of them — reported to one of our runners last week that Harry Truman may not run again. They believe this feeling is growing in Washington.

For one thing, they report, Mrs. Truman is sick and tired of being first lady. They say the President is leaning strongly to Fred Vinson, chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, as his successor. Nevertheless, Truman must remain silent

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about his intentions on 1952 for fear of losing control of the party.

Another item these Tar Heels consider is the President's age. He will be 68 years old next May. If he should be re-elected, he would be nearly 78 when his term ended. He would have spent from April 19, 1945, to January 20, 1957, in the White House — or virtually 12 years as President — or four years longer than any other man except F.D.R.

Not only that, but Truman now is the oldest man, except William Henry Harrison, who was President for only a few weeks, at the age of 68, to hold the office of President. Truman is rapidly reaching his three-score-and-ten.

These were some of the reasons put forth by Washington Tar Heels last week for thinking that the President is looking longingly toward Independence.

Vinson is 61. Eisenhower became 61 last Sunday, October 14, and Senator Taft is 62.

Mental Ills
If you wonder why we do not have sufficient facilities to care for our citizens afflicted with insanity, you have the answer in the fact that an average of \$94 per year is expended for each victim of polio whereas only 25 cents goes for each person suffering from insanity.

Dr. Edward Pleasants, superintendent of State Hospital for the Insane,

made this statement here last week. He explained very seriously that the fact that one of our Presidents was a victim of polio has no doubt led to our tremendous expenditures in the treatment of this disease.

"So, now is the proper time," he said, "for us to step up our financial assistance for the treatment of the insane."

Although he certainly meant no harm whatever in making the statement, his hearers immediately made sense of the little verbal faux pas, giggled a little, and put down the blushing speaker as an ardent anti-Fair Dealer.

Attack
Dr. Eugene Olive, alumni secretary of Wake Forest College, is still pretty well laid up from a recent heart attack. Although he has played a major role in the Wake Forest endeavor toward Winston-Salem, he had to remain in the background when the big day came to the Twin City, October 15.

Sports
Although the football season is still young, we have already had a goodly number of "upset." The word we get in that several more are in the making.

Would you like to have Yale Coach Herwig "hiss" in your town as a banquet speaker this winter. He can be had. Our information is that he is receiving \$600 per appearance of the circuit — a special cut-rate price for his old friends down South. On a special deal, he may throw in Pea-head Walker, his assistant.

We thought that Charlie Justice was one of the main coaches at the University, but it says here that he is "assistant coach of the Carolina Jayces team." This is probably being done to give him more time for scouting duties.

For year-in-year-out sports publicizing on the wholesome, yet wholesome, level, we will take Ted Mann of Duke University. Although still a young man, he is deaf of the sports publicists in these parts.

Hottest freshman basketball among the Big Four this year is said to be Dickie Henric, who is somewhere around six-foot-seven-inches. They were all after this "Jonesville native," but Wake got him. His dad, who had hoped to live to see him perform on a college field, died a few days ago.

The Answer
In answer to some questions on our statement last week that Dr. Henry Jordan had decided not to run for Governor, we submit the following: Week before last, Governor and Mrs. Scott had a to-do at the Mansion honoring their son, bridegroom Bob Scott. They had kinfolks in there from Alamance County and all over, about 200 in all.

You, of course, know that Dr. Jordan is Mrs. Scott's first cousin. We have it straight that during the course of the festivities certain members of the Scott-White-Jordan families worked desperately to get the highway-building dentist to tell them privately (We won't tell a soul!) that he would run. He wouldn't say a word. He wouldn't even nod his head affirmatively when they asked him. As the old saying goes, he was "silent in seven languages," including the Scandinavian.

This was the payoff. This coupled with two or three other recent events and statements, made it clear that he now has no intention of running for Governor.

OM Arm Chair
"How they tittered. How they chattered. How my brother and my sister laughed — when they heard the lawyer declare: 'The only thing he left you is the old arm chair.'"

Now, altogether. The words may not be just right, but you know what I mean — or can't you read shaped notes? Out of the huge estate that the late W. N. Reynolds left, Wake Forest got \$1,000,000.

However, lawyers continued looking into the old arm chair last week. After several days of study on the will they thought they saw what Mr. Reynolds was driving at. It became apparent to them as they read, studied, and made interlinear interpretations, that W. N. Reynolds had paved the way for the beard which will supervise the bulk of his estate to the Wake Forest College of Winston-Salem would become the center of Baptist education in the South. That sentence is long and winding, but so is the will. Prediction: Within five years you will agree that the late Reynolds uncle and nephew, W. N. and Smith, were "be good" financial benefactors Southern Baptists have had.

However, the next financial move is up to Baptist themselves.

Chatterbox
This is one that has been kicking around here behind closed doors for two, three weeks now. We let it kick until something happened. Now it says he's a chatterbox, but here goes:

Since the first of October, the Jones Creek Democrat has been circulating the fire to not one, but under National Chairman Bill Davis, that he would have to stay down. They showed an "upside down" the announcement came a few days ago. For weeks time, it is reported, they have been trying to get President Truman to name Cass Warkent to the place which Davis vacated.

Democratic
Democratic is fearful that this State might not go along again with Truman as the nominee.

Matter of fact, some of the N. C. delegates at the 1948 Democratic Convention in Philadelphia wanted desperately to join other Southern states in their spirited walkout. But old Iron Major George Cherry of Gastonia stood like a rock with the North Carolina banner. He wouldn't move a peg, maintaining he couldn't turn his back on the Democrats.

It sounds like a lie, but they tell you to this day that Cherry swallowed a full half-pint estimated of Brown's Mule tobacco juice in that hot, fetid, sweat-bathed and storm-tossed Convention Hall. He had no place to spit and he felt that any untoward movement of any portion of the State's delegation — in the direction of a spittoon or rest room — would be construed as opposition to Truman and a lining up with the Dixiecrats.

North Carolina stood, and rather stolidly, while Brown's Mule kicked around in New Jersey's mouth, entered his stomach, and turned him pale around the gills. That's the story anyway and we pass it along to you for what it may be worth on this autumn day when Brown's Mule frequently seems to have more kick than the Democratic donkey.

President's Party
A busload of Raleigh folks went by special bus to Winston-Salem for the Wake Forest groundbreaking ceremonies. Claude Gaddy, Union County native who handles educational work for the Baptists, supervised the trip. Among those going were Chief Justice and Mrs. W. A. Devin, Associate Justice and Mrs. E. B. Denny, Insurance Commissioner and Mrs. Waldo Cheek, LeRoy Martin, Fleet Williams of the News and Observer, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bunn, and a whole passel of others whose names you would know.

Some of them — though none mentioned here, I am sure — must be Baptists first and Fair Dealers second. As the bus neared the stand, it was stopped by a patrolman and one of these Secret Service men who swarmed all over the place. Looking very businesslike (the SS men kept his right hand in an ominous position in his coat pocket), they inquired: "Is this the President's Party?"

"No," sang out somebody on the bus, "we represent the remnants of the Democratic Party."

"Well, then," replied the coat pocket fellow, "you will have to take that road right over there."

As the bus rocked and moaned along the new-cut road, some of the group said in a stage whisper you could hear from here to the door: "I've thought for some time now that the President had his own special party, but you wouldn't think one of his men would come right out and admit it that way, would you?"

Year-Around Fair
John Fox, who did such a wonderful job on State Fair publicity, may be laying the groundwork for a permanent, year-around job with the fair. If Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair manager and owner-operator of the big fair in Cleveland County and Charlotte, has his way about it, the new

Cove Barn, Coliseum, or whatever you care to call it, will be open 12 months to the year with regular attractions and many special weeks summer and winter.

Work on the building is well underway. Steel for it was contracted for before the pinch began. Look for the completion next summer. It is expected to be the biggest State Government-operated tourist attraction in the South. This building, plus the Reynolds Coliseum at State College, will be able to seat indoors and comfortably the entire adult population of Raleigh.

Water
You have no doubt been reading about the water shortage here. Raleighites have been doing a little of everything to save water and to make it rain. Businessmen have been leaving their raincoats at home. They say several families have staged picnics. That is almost a sure bet to bring down the water, but it has failed this time. We have had one football game after another in this area. You would think that a combination of these rain-makers would do the trick. Nothing doing. These

days of folks went to the State Fair without umbrellas, or other covering of this kind. The Winston Man said no less.

By the time you read this, we may have a good rain here. Prayers by our pastors three weeks ago brought good rains that night and two days later. But they let up too soon, feeling the mission had been accomplished. In other words, it does seem as if there is nothing as dry as a drought. We should be thankful it did not come last spring.

Looking Ahead
If the Asheville area counties are not successful in persuading Brandon Hodges to run for Governor, they affirm that they will devote the next four years toward building up Congressman Monroe Hodges as a candidate in 1954.

Maybe that's why he is getting out of Congress after this term?

Draft
Speaking of planning ahead, suppose you have seen in this week's national magazines the big advertisements pointing out "How YOU can help draft Eisenhower for President." The ads we have seen carry

coupons with them and ask for money and your name and address. They do not indicate which party Eisenhower will affiliate with, and seem to be taking a different approach from any political advertising seen by these old eyes in a long time. If you send money, they promise to provide you with a certified public accountant's audit of the books and further information on the "Draft Eisenhower" Plan.

Town and Country
It says here that Mr. and Mrs. Dan Paul and their sons, Louis and Dan, have returned to Pantego down in Beaufort County. Dan, former Granville County farm agent and for some time almost secretary at State College, can stand it in town just so long — and then it's back to the country.

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