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TAR HEEL
People & Issues
... by Cliff Blue

HODGES — Governor Luther H. Hodges moved over a little closer to the "Deep South" way of segregation thinking last Saturday in announcing his candidacy for Governor of North Carolina. "If accidents arise which challenge this policy, (meaning his policy of voluntary choice of

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separate schools) we propose to have legislation which will provide tuition grants or transfers along the general lines of the Virginia proposal."

This is pretty close to the Beverly Lake line of thinking, and may well put a damper on those who were starting to build up sentiment to get the former assistant attorney general to run for governor in opposition to Hodges.

RODMAN — W. B. Rodman, Jr., who is serving out the unexpired term of the late Harry McMullan as Attorney General will be a candidate to succeed himself. For awhile there was some question as to whether the able lawyer from Beaufort County would seek a full term, and while he has made no definite announcement he is telling friends that he will be a candidate in the May primary; and, by the way, he is not expected to have opposition.

RACES — It now looks as if Congressional races in the sixth and eleventh districts, and probably in the seventh, will hold the spotlight in the 1956 Democratic primary in North Carolina.

While the race for lieutenant governor is taking more than usual interest, it cannot be expected to generate interest comparable to that oftentimes manifest in gubernatorial and senatorial races.

But congressional races can wax hot. The Deane-Horner races in the Eighth District, first in 1956 and again in 1950 were hum-dingers. The Seventh District has provided interesting races since Bayard Clark chose not to seek reelection in 1948.

SIXTH DISTRICT — In the Sixth District now represented by Carl Durham, there have been hot races before, and all indications now point to a real race between the incumbent and Ralph Scott. Information coming to this column is that Scott will carry his home county of Alamance by a big majority, and that he will likely carry Durham County; that Carl Durham will carry his home county of Orange by a big majority, but that the fourth county in the district, populous Guilford, where more than 18,000 votes were cast in the 1954 U. S. Senate race will likely decide the issue. The Guilford vote in the Senate race between Scott and Lennon was close with the vote being: Lennon 9130, Scott 8837. Some are giving Scott the edge in the race now, but it must be remembered that its seldom easy to oust an incumbent who has a good record of service from a seat on Congress. And some feel that enemies of Ralph's brother Kerr will loosen up the purse strings to keep a second Scott from going to Washington from Tarheelia. It will be a race worth watching.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT — With three able candidates already in the field seeking the Eleventh District Congressional nomination to succeed Woodrow Jones, you can expect plenty of interest there. Solicitor Basil W. Whitener of Gastonia, Ralph W. Gardner and Hugh Wells, both of Shelby, and likely other would-be-congressmen in the race, can be expected to wage aggressive campaigns, with a second primary likely in the offering to decide the winner.

SEVENTH — In the Seventh District the odds appear to be that Alton Lennon will challenge Ertel Carlyle who has represented the district since his election in 1948. Such a contest should make for a hot race and at this time we would not hazard a guess as to who would come out on top.

COLLEGE — From now until March 6—the day of decision for the Board of Trustees of the Consolidated Presbyterian College, the towns of Wilmington, Laurinburg, Rocky Mount, Fayetteville and Lumberton, will be hard at it to win the Consolidated Presbyterian College. No doubt there will be renewed drives in each of the communities still in the running to raise their financial offers. The 1950 census showed the following populations for the five towns: Wilmington, 45,043; Fayetteville, 34,715; Rocky Mount, 27,697; Lumberton, 9,186; Laurinburg, 7,134. Despite the fact that Laurinburg is the smallest town now in the running, don't sell it short; and the way in which Published O. L. Moore of the Laurinburg Exchange prodded the town into getting in the race would make an interesting chapter to read.

The Laurinburg leaders appeared to take but little interest in entering the campaign to bring the college to Scotland County until Publisher Moore week after week kept driving away for the town to get into the race. Moore was made chairman of the committee, and now Laurinburg is headed for the finals!

PERSONALS

Mrs. June Johnson and children returned from Thomasville, Ga. on Sunday after a week's visit with relatives. Mrs. J. S. Johnson, Sr. remained for a longer visit.

Miss Mary Coates of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hockaday of Creedmoor were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Henry.

Milton Mann of UNC, Chapel Hill, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann.

Dr. R. M. Jordan moved his family to Statesville on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Theresa Willard returned to her home in Anadarko, Okla. Saturday, after a week here with her daughter, Mrs. Alvis B. Dickson.

Mrs. Mary Dolan, Mrs. Dewey Richard and Mrs. Eddie Harmon of Brunswick, Md. are spending this week with Mrs. Mary Shewbridge.

Ered C. Norris, formerly employed at the Raeford Jewelry Shop, is now working at the Faircloth Watch Repair Shop at Fort Bragg.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

Washington — The Senate has been debating the Natural Gas Bill for two weeks.

NO RANCOR
While partisans on both sides of the gas legislation expounded their positions at great length during the debate, it must be said that the debate was carried on in the finest tradition of the Senate. The gas bill was neither all good nor all bad, the way I look at it, because there were worthy points on both sides of the question. As a consequence, I refrained from rendering a final decision on the bill until the debate was completed.

TOBACCO
All of us realize the necessity of continuing a smooth working tobacco program. I believe that it is too late to make an additional acreage cut in flue-cured tobacco this year. The cut already voted amounts to a 12 per cent reduction. The Secretary of Agriculture was late in rendering his further recommendations. I think it is also a poor psychological approach for the entire program to manifest a division in opinion now. Of all the farm programs, the flue-cured tobacco plan has been increasingly hailed as the model farm program. It is true that there is a surplus problem, but it seems more plausible to me that acreage plans ought to be worked out way ahead of the first of February of the crop year.

SOCIAL SECURITY
As the Senate Finance Committee continued hearings the past week, S. 2646, co-sponsored by Senator Scott and myself, was given its day of hearings. This bill would enable policemen in North Carolina, if they so elect, to come under the Social Security system for retirement purposes. State Auditor Henry L. Bridges testified in support of the bill and SBI Director James Powell was also present. I am hopeful that the committee will report the bill favorably or report some adjustment in the Social Security Act which will permit this.

NEW YORK AGAIN
I had the pleasure of speaking to the Association of Textile Merchants of New York in that city last week. Senator George was scheduled to make the talk but had to decline due to Sir Anthony Eden's Washington visit. The last time I spoke in New York, last

April, was on the Supreme Court. This talk dealt with the textile situation. I was happy to put in a plug in the big city for North Carolina and the importance of our textile industry to our state and the nation.

HIGHWAY BILL
The House of Representatives will be wrestling with the highway bill soon. The Senate passed the bill last session and will now await its fate in the House. The Administration, in the face of stiff opposition from the Congress, has indicated that it will support

the Democratic plan for highways. All told, it will provide about \$51 billion dollars for highways during the next 13 years, of which the Federal Government will furnish about \$37 billion. The Democratic plan is for a pay-as-you-ride system of taxes. You will be hearing more about this.

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