

Kidd Brewer's "RALEIGH ROUNDUP"

REACTION . . . The reaction to the Governor's "Money Message", as far as the Legislature is concerned, can be pretty well sized up by the remarks of one of the veteran members, "The Great White Father," has spoken. We will now get down to the serious business of "separating the men from the boys" — and the tax payers from their money".

REPRESENTING . . . A story in the press recently, went something like this: "It is felt that it will be too difficult to get a tax placed on soft drinks or cigarettes due to the powerful lobby representing these interest — and that in the final analysis, the money will come from an increase in the sales tax. This can probably be done without running into too much opposition."

Now, to our way of thinking, this is another way of saying that the special interests are represented here in Raleigh, but the average citizen is not.

Should the "folks back home" elect a representative from their midst to come to Raleigh, to look out for their interests, and then have to organize, raise money, and employ a lobbyist to send down here to see to it that their elected representative votes for them, instead of the way the special interests' lobbyists wants them to? That is the sixty four dollar question!

We don't claim to know the answer, and there are more angles to the question than meets the eye. But there is one thing of which you may be sure, there may or may not be a tax placed on soft drinks, or tobacco, but if there are any new taxes raised, some of it will come from an increase in the sales tax.

GOOD MEN . . . The members of the Legislature whom we know are able and fine men. It is our bet that when the cards are down, that we tax payers are going to come out alright.

SOMETHING BIG . . . Those who missed seeing the Southeastern

Flower and Garden Show held at the State Fairgrounds Area recently really missed something big. Over a hundred thousand dollars was spent in erecting gardens, patios, greenhouses, water fountains, full length swimming pools, and other things you wouldn't believe. Groups came from all over the South.

If they have it next year, we will let you know in time to come!
JOHN HORNE . . . Last Week we mentioned that our friend, John (Horne, Administrative Assistant to U. S. Senator John Sparkman, from Alabama helped set up the National Small Businessmen Administration, when it was originally created under the Truman Ad-

ministration. The other day I placed a call to John through Senator Sparkman's office. "Mr. Horne has received a Presidential appointment as Administrator of the National Small Business Administration." The voice sounded right proud of John — and we were too.

We had our call transferred, and shortly John was on the phone. "I have been over here since the first week in February", John said, "By the way, you will be interested to know that yours is the first call I have had since taking over this job, that didn't wind up wanting something." We assured him we just wanted to congratulate him and sympathize with him. "Boy, this is refreshing", was John's comment as our conversation came to a close!

HUNT . . . Overheard at the

Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournament, "Joe Hunt, is such a loyal Duke fan — its a shame Duke is not eligible for a

state appropriation — Joe, indeed is a staunch Duke supporter and of the House of Representatives in the North Carolina Legislature."

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