

Kidd Brewer's "RALEIGH ROUNDUP"

LEGISLATIVE WIVES . . . The wives of the members of the legislature have a tremendous influence on what laws will be enacted. This is true for many reasons. The wives of many of the members are here in Raleigh with them. They see more of their husbands than any one else does, regardless of what you hear about lobbyists to the contrary. And wife just influence their husbands, any way.

We will always remember one night a group of us were listening to Senator Everette Jordan carrying on a long winded discourse on his opinion and feeling with reference to some topic of current interest at the time. After a long session of this, Senator Jordan caught his breath, and hesitated for the apparent purpose of getting a reaction to his comments, so far.

His beautiful, quiet, and charming wife took the opportunity to express her reaction — and we suspect she was expressing the majority opinion, when she said, "Ah pooh."

Now the point is that no one else would have dared express the true reaction to Everette's expressions. But since no one came to his rescue, we assumed he came to the conclusion that we felt much the same about the matter.

Keep in mind that some of these members of the legislature have been coming to Raleigh every two years for a very long time—and that their wives have been coming with them. These families have cemented strong and lasting friendships over the years. The hotels in Raleigh become sort of dormitories, and the rooms are visited much in the same way as families living in the same apartment buildings visit each other.

The wives get together while their husbands are attending meetings, and naturally they talk, and exchange ideas.

"Do you know that Clara is against my bill to subsidize bird feed," is the way one wife expressed it the other day. "And this, after all the work Henry and I did last session to get her bill to require her neighbor and a million other people to muzzle her cat!"

Seriously, the point is that the legislature is no different from

any thing else. The women make the decisions, and their main problem is how best to get it across so that "friend husband" will think that it was an original idea of his own — like the one he had when he asked her to marry him!

WHY . . . A lot has been said and written recently about the interest in the selection of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina and about the desire by so many to be appointed to this group. Very little, if anything has been said about why this should be such a desirable appointment. Its about time some one took a closer look at this situation.

THOUGHT . . . Just remember that the weather and legislature by nature get hotter as time goes on. It has been a late spring this year, in both cases.



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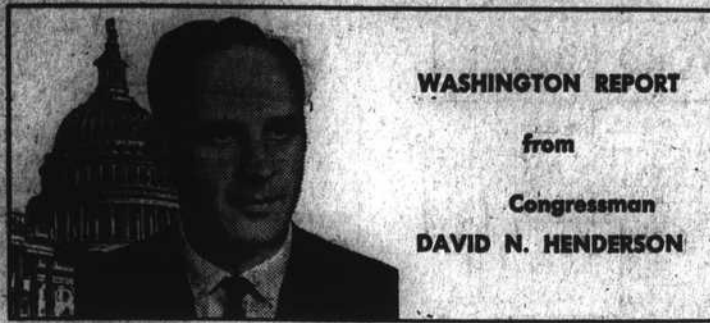
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WASHINGTON REPORT
from
Congressman
DAVID N. HENDERSON

Nothing is more vital to the economy of the Third District than the Tobacco Program. The District derives more of its income from tobacco than from any other product.

In view of this, I was shocked to learn that during the past several years, the effective support price level on flue-cured tobacco has been kept below 90 per cent of parity — apparently deliberately.

One of the most amazing angles to this is that it has been going on right under our noses, while we have been kept in the dark by the

clever use of statistics.

The law on support prices for flue-cured tobacco is very clear. Chairman Cooley of the House Agriculture Committee, together with all of the Congressmen from tobacco-producing states have seen to that, supported by their counterparts in the Senate.

The "gimmick" lies in the fact that the technical aspects of the program are handled in the Department of Agriculture by the Tobacco Division and his staff to prepare the statistics upon which support levels are based, and if

they substitute their personal judgment and opinion of the Congress as expressed in its legislative program, the intent of Congress is not carried out.

It appears that Joe R. Williams, the Director of the Tobacco Division, has felt that the quality of the tobacco is not as high as it used to be and therefore, farmers are not entitled to the prices they used to get.

The effect has been a general downgrading of tobacco, with the result that the farmer who sold his tobacco to the Flue Cured Stabilization Corporation has consistently received less than the 90 per cent of parity that the law entitled him to be paid.

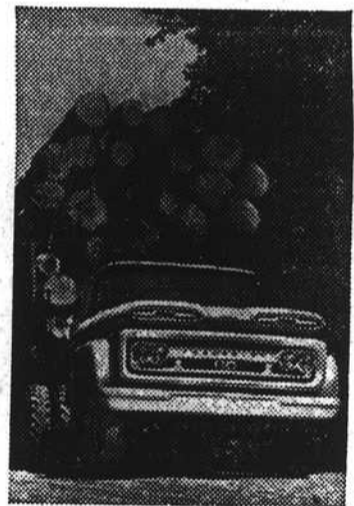
Congressional leaders have not yet completed plans to rectify this situation, but tobacco growers may rest assured that before the next selling season, those of us in the Congress will insist that the Director of the Tobacco Division adjust the program to comply with the expressed will of Congress.

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