

Washington Report

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The highlight of last week was the Inauguration of President Richard Nixon as the 37th President of this Nation. By far, the most important part of this occasion was the President's inauguration speech. A careful analysis shows it to be one void of dramatics and rash promises. In its best light, it could be considered as a plea for unity among all citizens of this Nation. To me, his statement that "we have found ourselves rich in goods, but ragged in spirit; reaching with magnificent precision for the moon, but falling into raucous discord here on earth," was one of the most impressive of the entire speech. Oh yes, Chief Justice Earl Warren used a bible while administering the oath of office to the President.

Last week the House had only taken sessions. Within a few days, the Committees of the 91st Congress will be announced and I have been assured of continuing on the Agriculture and Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees. In somewhat of a surprise it was learned that Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and Congressman Allard Lowenstein were actively seeking a place on the Committee of Agriculture. The surprise is that both represent strictly urban districts from the City of New York. Also, another North Carolinian, "Vinegar Bend" Mizelle, was named to the Agriculture Committee by the Republican Party.

On Thursday, January 23, I introduced legislation which would exempt the field service of the Department of Interior from the manpower cutback ordered by the Bureau of the Budget last year which restricted the filling of vacancies to six out of ten resulting in the net loss of 292 permanent jobs in the Park Service. This does not include the hundreds of temporary employees who were displaced by this order. I believe this bill to be necessary in that the recreation and tourist trade continues visitors of all National Parks was to increase. In 1967, the total 139 million, while in 1968, estimates are it will exceed 162 million people. If this legislation is successful, it will also eliminate the necessity of leasing campsites to private operators and will permit Park Service employees to continue to operate

the campsites in their usual efficient manner.

I think it is safe to predict that there will be little if any sensational legislation introduced in this the first session of the 91st Congress similar to that enacted in the 88th, 89th and 90th Congresses. Also, I hope and believe that this Administration will recommend a return to more state and local control of Federal monies. This, of course, can be accomplished through the medium of "block grants" and a further minimum of Federal bureaucratic requirements. This prediction is based on low tone of the President's Inaugural Address and the overall conservative background of his Cabinet appointees.

As the 91st Congress is now constituted, out of 435 Members there are 40 who were not here last session. Of this number of new Members, there are 21 Democrats and 19 Republicans. When I entered the Congress on February 10, 1966, of the 11 North Carolina Congressmen here at that time, in just three years, four are no longer here. Either by retirement or defeat, Congressmen Harold Cooley, Horace Kornegay, Ralph Scott and Basil Whitner are no longer a part of the delegation. This is an unusually large turnover inasmuch as the South has the reputation of keeping their Congressmen in office in order to achieve seniority in the Committees and on the House and Senate Floors.

Sgt. Jimmie Dail In Top Unit

Sergeant Jimmie R. Dail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston E. Dail, of 2316 Richland Road, Kinston, has been recognized for helping his unit earn the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Sergeant Dail, an aircraft mechanic in the 437th Military Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, S. C., will wear the distinctive service ribbon as a permanent decoration.

The sergeant is a graduate of South Lenoir High School, Deep Run.

His wife, Sylvia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Dawson Sr., of Kinston.

ECU Business School Among Top in Nation

The East Carolina University School of Business, largest and oldest of the seven professional schools at ECU, is doing yeoman service these days and is geared to grow for the future.

That is the conviction of its energetic new dean, Dr. James H. Bearden, after some five months in the top job. Dr. Bearden, who joined the faculty here in 1959 and later became assistant dean, took the reigns last fall from Dr. Elmer R. Browning, the veteran who had guided the business program since its inception 33 years ago.

Dean Bearden cites figures to show that his school, with 51 faculty members and more than 1,850 students, is preparing around 28 per cent of the state's business and commerce graduates with bachelor's degrees from public colleges and universities.

He points out that ECU's is among an elite group of 132 American business schools with accreditation by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business and that ECU has one of the two schools in the state offering the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree, a credential held in high esteem by the business community.

A departmental alignment in the School of Business, begun during the Browning administration, is now operational. Four departments now offer 107 courses supporting majors in accounting, business administration, marketing, management, real estate, distributive education, economics, office administration and business education.

Tax Rules on Children Covered In IRS Booklet

A \$600 exemption may be taken for a baby born anytime during the year as long as certain tests are met, according to J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina.

One of the basic requirements for claiming a child as a dependent is that the taxpayer provide more than half the child's support for the entire year. If a child is born, or dies, during the year this support test has to be met for the months the child was alive.

Another test for dependency is that the child must either be related to the taxpayer or be a member of the taxpayer's household.

The child must also be a citizen or resident of the United States to be claimed as a dependent. The exceptions to this rule are for a child who is a resident of Canada, Mexico, Panama or the Canal Zone.

Wall said the requirement that a person cannot have income of \$600 or more a year and be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer does not apply to a child who is either under 19 at the end of the year or a full-time student for some part of five months of the year.

When the child is under 19 or is a full-time student, his exemption could be claimed on different tax returns. The child would claim his own exemption on the return he was required to file and his parents would still be entitled to claim his exemption on their return.

Publication 501, "Your Exemptions and Exemptions for Depen-

Judge Hardy's First Visit to Lenoir County Court Seeks Stiffer Penalties

This week District Judge Herbert Hardy of Maury is presiding over trial of criminal indictments in Lenoir County District Court and there has been a sharp rise in the fines levied for routine traffic violations. Hardy's judgments in other categories were comparable to those issued in the past by Judge Buck Wooten.

Hardy was attacking a backlog of something more than 600 cases on the Lenoir County court docket the majority of which have accumulated during the almost unbelievable confusion that has resulted from the beginning of the new court system in the county on the first Monday in December.

Federal Tax Refunds May Be Delayed by Errors

North Carolina taxpayers can expect a delay in receiving Federal income tax refunds because of errors in computing the new tax surcharge, J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina observed recently.

Early tax returns filed at the IRS Service Center in Chamblee, Georgia shows an unusually high percentage of returns with mistakes in computation of the surcharge. In some cases, taxpayers are not computing the additional tax, he noted.

The surcharge was effective for only nine months of 1968. Consequently, the rate for the calendar year 1968 is 7½ per cent. Most salaried taxpayers experienced increased withholding rates to reflect the surcharge during the past year.

Mr. Wall urged taxpayers to read their instruction booklet which provides step-by-step methods of calculation. In the case of Form 1040, Page 10 of the instructions carries the tax surcharge tables. For the card Form 1040A, taxpayers should consult Page 8 of the instructions prepared for taxpayers earning less than \$10,000.

If a tax return is properly prepared, it takes 4 to 6 weeks to issue a refund, Internal Revenue Service officials said.

Ballet Lessons To Be Given

The North Carolina State Ballet Company, resident ballet at East Carolina University, is offering young dancers of the state a five-week ballet workshop at ECU next summer.

Scheduled June 23 through July 25, the workshop can accommodate up to 80 students. All must be at least 11 but not over 19 years old and all must have had some previous training in ballet.

Classes will be small so that students will get individual help as needed. The faculty will include professional staffers from the state ballet and guest teachers.

Further information is available by writing to Ballet Workshop, ECU Division of Continuing Education, P. O. Box 2727, Greenville, N. C. 27834.

Completes Basic

Airman Joseph S. Briley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Briley Sr., 801 Darby Ave., Kinston, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training in the air traffic control field. Airman Briley was graduated in 1966 from Wallace - Rose Hill High School and attended Pembroke State College.

which furnishes more detailed information on this subject, may be obtained by calling your nearest Internal Revenue office.

Benjamin Gay of Wilson route 3 was given a year in prison for speeding 120 miles an hour, reckless driving and failing to stop for police siren and lights. He appealed to superior court.

Herman Byrd of Pink Hill route 1 appealed a six-month jail term he was given for speeding 100 miles an hour.

Shelby Skinner of 905 Candlewood Drive was fined \$25 for reckless driving.

Larry Thomas Taylor of Snow Hill route 3 and Linwood Sanderson of Pink Hill route 1 were each fined \$100 for drunken driving.

Michael Paramore of 707 Plaza Boulevard was fined \$25 for following too closely (a type case that usually carried payment of the \$15 court costs in Wooten courts.)

Gilbert Sturgis of Jacksonville was fined \$25 for speeding 82 miles an hour.

Wayne Jarman of Trenton and Charlotte Stallings of Kinston route 6 were fined \$25 for failing to yield the right of way.

Bruce Patterson of 513 Liberty Hill Road was fined \$25 for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Joyce Marie Wills of 805 Williams Street was fined \$25 for making an improper turn.

Frank Hill of New Bern route 3 was fined \$25 for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Richard Vinson of 212 East Lenoir Street was fined \$100 for reckless driving, driving without a license and public drunkenness.

George Weston of Pink Hill route 2 was fined \$25 for speeding 60 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone. Carl Sandlin of Kinston route 7 was given from 30 to 180 days in jail for a second drunken driving offense.

Alton Dail of Snow Hill route 1 was fined \$25 for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Raymond Earl Carter Jr. of Grifton, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$25 for reckless driving.

On the happier side of the fence, Hilda Witherington of 740 Cavalier Circle was found not guilty of failure to yield right of way, Gary Allen Herring of La Grange route 2 was found not guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road, and Thomas Waller of Trenton was found not guilty of speeding.

Other non-traffic cases resulted in Douglas Turner of Deep Run route 1 and Annie Clark of 810 Caswell Street being ordered to make good a worthless check and pay the \$15 court costs.

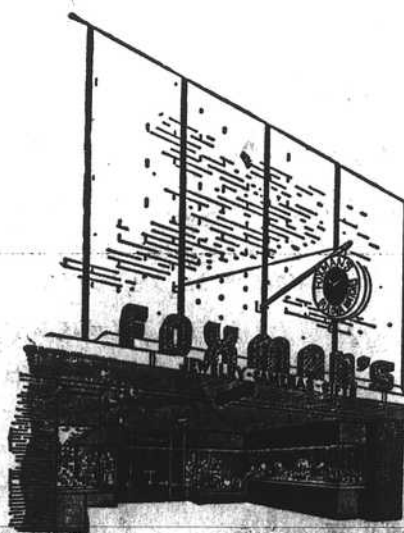
Raymond Lee of Kinston paid costs after having a 30-day jail term suspended for stealing.

Elbert Byrd of Kinston was fined \$25 for carrying a concealed weapon, assault with a deadly weapon and trespassing.

Eddie Outlaw of Kinston was fined \$25 for public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and trespassing.

Ronnie Phillips of Camp Lejeune was fined \$25 for stealing.

A peace bond against Stanley Heath of 313 East Lenoir Street was dismissed.



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