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REPORT to the PEOPLE
By Willis Smith, U.S. Senator

various departments of the national government. The process was not without its confusion. When the bill was first considered in the House, I understand that President Eisenhower had stated that he would be satisfied with a proposal permitting a simple majority in either the House or the Senate to veto any reorganization plan set down by the President. But then some of the President's appointees got busy. They suggested that Mr. Eisenhower ought to have the same authority that President Truman had had. This brought on a discussion—and then an argument. Reorganization plans, as you know, have been advanced by the Hoover Commission—some of them good and some of them not so good. The main question, as I see it, involves how far the legislative branch of our government should go in surrendering its functions and in turning them over to the President.

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and advisability of a reorganization of the state government in the interest of more efficient and economical administration. HB 36, which creates a three-man parole board, was ratified on Tuesday. Courts Governor Umstead, in his inaugural address, urged more superior court judges but no additional judicial districts, in order to reduce the work load of the judges. This week Rep. Whitmore introduced HB 163, proposed by the Judicial Council, which would add an additional resident judge in the 4th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 14th, and 19th districts and provide for their assignment and rotation. The new judges would be appointed by the Governor this year to serve until their successors are elected in the 1954 general elections. While it is hoped that the new resident judges will reduce the need for as many as eight special judges, HB 175 would give the Governor what has become standard authority to appoint as many as eight for two-year terms. Roads and Highway Safety Law enforcement officers seeking to curb speeders on the highways opposed "hotrod" enthusiasts at the public hearing on HB 90 held on Thursday before the House Judiciary 2 committee. Suggested by Governor Umstead in his inaugural message, the bill would prohibit operation on the highways of any motor vehicle which has been altered so as to increase its speed. The committee deferred action on the proposal following a lively debate. The Senate bill designed to impose a mandatory prison sentence on drunken drivers for second and subsequent offenses received committee approval in the form of a substitute bill this week. The committee substitute would change the penalty originally proposed for a second offense from imprisonment for from 60 days to 6 months to imprisonment in discretion of the court, and for third or subsequent offenses from imprisonment for from 6 months to 2 years to imprisonment for from 60 days to 2 years. The substitute bill is on the Senate calendar for Monday.

HONORED WITH SHOWER AT NORTON HOME FRIDAY Mrs. E. M. Norton gave a shower at her home last Friday night in honor of Mrs. D. B. Norton. Games were played and refreshments were served to Miss Betty Raines, Mrs. Frank Harris, Mrs. James Biddix, Mrs. Willie Ramsey, Mrs. Lizzie Raines, Miss Mary Ramsey, Miss Annie C. Wallace, Mrs. H. L. Nail, Mrs. Alvin Berry, Mrs. Jack Raines, Mrs. Dewey Oaks and Mrs. Carl Crisp. Those unable to attend but who sent gifts were: Mrs. W. H. Rice, Mrs. Will Fox, Mrs. Frank Raines, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Una Blackburn, Miss Lillian Raines, Mrs. Fleming Brissom, Mrs. Howard Guffey and Mrs. C. W. Norton.

The Battle Is For Men's Minds!

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 20, Christians in 114 nations will observe World Day of Prayer.

To understand what this means let us consider two lives, two forces—but each with a vastly different objective.

More than 2000 years ago one of these brought a message which said in part: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself... the individual is sacred... truth is all powerful... man is immortal." That was the message of Christ.

Now consider the other message, brought by Karl Marx: "Conquest through hate and violence... the individual is of no account... religion is for fools... man comes from nowhere and death is the end."

How different are those two philosophies? We must face it. The fight today is not so much of military forces but there is a world-wide struggle to capture the minds of men, a death struggle between Christianity and communism, between all religion and that evil force which would erase freedom

and worship of the Supreme Power from the face of the earth.

It is fitting then that Christians of the world should unite on this day to rededicate themselves to the principles of the One who was the greatest Teacher.

Tomorrow Christians, as individuals, will witness to their belief that prayer is a world power for good. As a group they are uniting to strengthen this power for good in the world. They will also make an offering for Christian missions.

Leaders believe that support of missionary work is crucial to the sustenance and growth of Christian principles in the world today.

With empires toppling, with races and peoples caught in the ferment of a revolutionary dynamism of unprecedented power, with slogans of dictators and demagogues filling the ether waves, Christians of the West should be ready and willing to invest to give spiritual direction to those forces that are shaping the destiny of this and future generations.

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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

BROAD POWERS—Two bills introduced in the General Assembly last week indicate Gov. Bill Umstead's popularity with the legislators.

One of them gives the new Governor free rein to revamp the Department of Conservation and Development board. This could lead to major changes in the operation of this particular department. Some say it will; others say it won't. But remember this: You will read and hear a great deal more about the controversy before the case is finally thrashed out sometime during the summer.

The other measure delegating to Gov. Umstead broad authority is related to the State Highway Department. Of the two bills, this latter probably carries more punch than the one concerning the C&D. If adopted as it now stands, the Governor cannot only set up 15 divisions but can make other changes which might ultimately prove more important. The highway bill permits the Governor to name a five-member commission to study reorganization, and this board acts with the approval and advice of the Governor.

THIS WEEK—And so, this week garnishment, a possible bonus-for-veterans bill, and an attempt to reduce your state income tax next year, will be the big news on the Raleigh legislative front.

Some of these bills may have rough sailing indeed. UNNECESSARY—I appreciate deeply the letters and telephone calls I have received from you readers since I began writing the column. Your encouragement has meant a great deal to me; and compensates for the repercussions caused by some of the things I have called to your attention.

The information you have furnished will be checked and employed toward better and more economical government. You will be interested to know that it now appears it may be possible to make the necessary investigation and changes needed in the highway department without the passage of any special legislation directed to that end.

END OF MUD-GRIPPERS?—Former Gov. W. Kerr Scott has been criticized by many people for many different things. One I heard last week takes the cake. He was blamed for something; and the criticism amounted to a back-handed compliment.

Ran into old Freddie Crawford, one time all-American football end at Duke and teammate of mine in the middle 30's.

Freddie, a native of Waynesville, now makes his home in Durham and is employed by one of the well known automobile tire manufacturers.

I inquired as to the condition of his business, and so on. "All right," said Freddie, "with the exception of the sale of our mud grip tires. The sale of this item has continued to drop off in North Carolina during the last few years until now there is just no demand."

When pushed as to reasons for the sales decline, Freddie Crawford turned where he stood and looked hard in the direction of Haw River. "That man—that man Kerr Scott is to blame," said Freddie, "for paving all those country roads."

State's first All-American. When his football was over at Duke, I asked him to come and coach with me at Appalachian. He said he would like to, but wanted to try his hand at the pro game. He reported to the Bears' summer camp.

My next view of Freddie was in a theatre. He was in a movie with Shirley Temple.

The most typical incident regarding Freddie happened during one of our hotly contested games. He picked up a tooth on the way back to the huddle. "Any of you fellows lose a tooth?" he asked. None of them had.

"Game must be getting rough," said Freddie as he threw the tooth back over his shoulder. Crawford wasn't in the huddle after the next play. He was down on his hands and knees staring in the grass. His teammates went over to join him.

He asked, "Did you see where I tossed that tooth?" "Why, have you found out whose it is?" someone asked. Freddie then looked up with a sheepish smile on his face. He had.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rep. Roy A. Taylor House of Representatives Raleigh, North Carolina. Dear Sir: A news item appearing in the Asheville Citizen on February 2, 1953, gave rather prominent heading to an account of "the inalterable opposition to the Veterans Bonus Plan," as presented by the "Citizens Committee"; otherwise known as the Citizens for Eisenhower. Previous to reading this item I entertained considerable doubt as to whether the veterans of North Carolina should be granted the bonus. They have already enjoyed the best housing, food and pay in military history and coupled with the "G. I. Bill" and readjustment pay it would logically seem that they should be content.

There is, however, another point of view. The conservative element, led by the political zombie, Mr. Taft of Ohio, and the "Citizens Committee" have a unity of purpose; to keep the masses of Americans as fully as possible, in a state of suppression. It follows, then, that the veterans bonus would benefit the people of North Carolina. In the support of that statement, I offer as evidence, the fact that this same un-democratic minority opposed the Social Security program, the wage and hour law, the Wagner Labor Law, and the complete mass of legislation dedicated to cementing our democratic aims. They also developed a mul-

ti-million dollar propaganda machine, Mr. Taft as "big brother," Mr. McCarthy making mud pies, and the little barker, Fulton Lewis, throwing them. Proof of their insincerity is that they stooped to character assassination in the attempt to regain class rule.

Often their propaganda is hiding behind an innocent, naive, and contrite phrase, such as, "all men were created free." Freedom is bought with blood and maintained with vigilance. They say free enterprise and mean economic anarchy. I hate with equal bitterness both the communist "dictatorship of the proletariat" and the Taftist, old guard, dictatorship of the class. With their "Citizens Committee" politicos all over the nation. This clique called President Eisenhower "pea-brain" until the Dewey victory at the Republican convention. After "Ike" was nominated they threw their support to him in the conceit that he was a natural front for Mr. Taft and after the election interpreted the outcome as a personal victory. The people actually honored a great leader, Fulton Lewis, is stated that Mr. Taft had told President Eisenhower—who to appoint—as Secretary of Labor and had been insulted by the Presidents making his own choice.

This issue is not one of party lines, nor is it simply a question of a veterans bonus. This is one of the common minority vs. majority conflicts and there are many moral concepts involved.

At the end of World War II many young men and women from the lower income brackets were given higher education through the "G. I." bill, our standard of living was improved, and our dream of social equality was maturing. After the first two years, certain sections of this state had local recessions and these young veterans suffered, for it is not easy to span the loss of years, even with Federal aid. These young men owe for homes, unfinished college courses, and scores of readjustment debts. This flow of money would also bolster the failing economy of some of our weak spots in the state.

If it means more state tax, let's proceed! How many schools could I build, how many roads could I pave, and how many teachers could I pay with the tax I have contributed? It is a good bargain. I've gotten my money's worth! Are we going to class ourselves with the two or three backward states which have not yet paid a state veterans bonus? This I do not know, there are two points of view, but these do not include minority rule. We have created a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." We must not be dictated to by conservative and reactionary pressure

groups like the Citizens Committee. The veterans are the people! They are the sons, daughters, mothers, sisters, brothers, and fathers of all the people.

The Democratic way is clear! Let the people decide, by ballot, whether they wish to pay themselves a bonus.

In Democratic faith, I am Very truly yours, Richard C. Capps, Box 964, Black Mountain, N. C.

Black Mountain, February 9, 1953. Black Mountain News, Black Mountain, N. C. Dear Mr. Editor:

We are newcomers to Black Mountain, who subscribed to the News more for Oden Walker's column than for any one other thing in the paper. When we saw the Swan Song caption we read with "fear and trembling" until we learned that the column might continue.

We are happy to see another production from the Oden Walker pen and hope to read many more, but please change the caption. Swan Song makes us jittery. Besides, the column merits a more promising name. We think Bittersweet much more pleasing and appropriate—befitting the content and tone.

Yours for the column, The Misses Walters.

Black Mountain, N. C. Feb. 11, 1953. Mr. Gordon Greenwood, Black Mountain News, Black Mountain, N. C. Dear Mr. Greenwood:

The day our home burned we felt awful sad and blue, because everything we owned had burned up, our clothes and just everything. Four of the children had gone to school and the other little one was at home.

Because of the kindness of friends here working through the Red Cross we were soon in a house with enough furniture, heat, fuel, food and clothing to be comfortable. Especially do we want to thank the people in Montreal. Our children did not miss a day in school, and I did not miss a day from work.

I have been sick in a hospital a lot lately, and this same kind of help was given us through Red Cross. We thank everybody, and God bless you. Lloyd Flynn and wife.

—Tobacco farmers can save as much as \$8 per acre by using 4-8-10 mineral fertilizer rather than 3-9-6 organic.

—As of mid-January, prices received by farmers were running 11 per cent under those of a year earlier.

—Chemicals can be used to control weeds at a cost of about \$1.50 per acre.

When you hear a man say that his mind can't be changed he is talking like a fool, 'cause a wise man will change his mind, but a fool never does.

POET'S CORNER

Conducted by Anne K. Sharpe, Chairman, Creative Writing Club
"LOVESONG"
I love you. Without pretense or sham
My heart is yours, and yours alone
I love you. Because I do, I must be proud
To be your own.
I love you, and my love is like a flag
I swear allegiance to; a standard high.
I love you, and my love must never touch the dust,
Nor hide in shame, nor live a lie.
I love you, and if you loved me less—
There could be no happiness.
Clara Lundie Crawford.
From "Candor Magazine" and reprinted from "Poetic Notes."

From "Sparks from the Anvil" and "Poetic Notes."
In answer to an S. O. S. sent to our local poets requesting Valentine poems, Mrs. Crawford kindly consented to release these. We are grateful to her for her immediate response to our urgent request. We had to wait until they were "released" today, as they have just been re-printed in "Poetic Notes."
Mrs. Crawford is "a painter with words." Her choice of words is delicate, yet vivid—full of color and life.
"Old Chimney" is reprinted in the February issue of the National Pen Woman's magazine. In December Mrs. Crawford took second place in two poetry contests sponsored by the Georgia Manuscript club, one was a serious lyric poem, "Maundy Thursday," the other a light verse called "Room For Doubt." Congratulations to our Black Mountain poet and pen woman.
Anne Kendrick Sharp.
Chr. Poet's Corner, Creative Writing Club.

MRS. WHITE ENTERTAINS NAOMI SCHELL CIRCLE Mrs. Al White entertained the Naomi Schell Circle of the First Baptist church at her home on Tuesday night, Feb. 10, with Mrs. Jesse Jolly as co-hostess. Following a business meeting Mrs. William Schoonover gave a most interesting review on the book "The West Is Big." During the social hour refreshments were enjoyed.

Those present were Mrs. W. A. Huneycutt, Mrs. Gary Carson, Mrs. Doug Hamby, Jr., Mrs. Jesse Jolly, Mrs. Cecil Nanney, Mrs. Lewis Phillips, Mrs. Brody Warren and the hostess, Mrs. Leroy Huffman who was welcomed into the circle as a new member.

MRS. J. A. GANNON SERVICES IN IOWA Mrs. J. A. Gannon, 70, died at 12:10 a. m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Cox, here.

A former resident of Victoria, Iowa, she had made her home in Black Mountain for the past 20 months. The body was taken Thursday afternoon to Victor for funeral services and burial. Survivors include the husband, two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Restrom of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Coxe; and a granddaughter, Miss Vera Renstrom of Omaha.

Arrangements were under the direction of Harrison Funeral home.

CAROLYN HARRIS FETED ON 13TH BIRTHDAY Mrs. George W. Dougherty entertained with a party last Saturday afternoon at her home in honor of Carolyn Harris, who was 13 years old. The Valentine motif was carried out in the birthday cake and decorations. Games and contests were enjoyed. A gum drop corsage was presented each guest. Carolyn's mother, Mrs. Ralph Harris, assisted the hostess in serving cake, ice cream and hot chocolate to Linda Lee and Cheryl Craig Lowery, Beverly Bryan and Jacqueline and Jan Surret, Gail Hall of Swannanoa and the honoree.

TROOP 52 HAS PROGRAM OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES Girl Scout Troop 52 met Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the Fellowship room of the Presbyterian church. The younger girls went to Mrs. Carl Trickett's where Mrs. Trickett and baby Tommy worked with them on several requirements of the child care badge.

Frances Kaplan, assistant patrol leader, presided in the absence of Marie Bengt. The older girls analyzed and criticized work from Sadie Fortune and Donna Dotson. Those present were Ann Ham, Sadie Fortune, Barbara Babby, Frances Kaplan, Lynn Morgan, Donna Dotson, Peggy Cooley, Melba Riddle and Mrs. Kaplan.

MR. AND MRS. PENCE ATTEND FUNERAL Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Pence attended the funeral services in Hickory last week of Mrs. F. C. Aderholdt, sister of Mr. Pence.

Mrs. Aderholdt died Monday night at her home of a heart attack. Funeral services were held at Holy Trinity Lutheran church. Burial was in Hickory.

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—Farm price declines in the past year have been greatest for meat animals and cotton.

—In the past year, costs of marketing food increased 7 per cent.

Meanwhile nibbles are being made at state funds by bills seeking \$35,000 for the employment of six school music supervisors, and \$10,000 for research on hay-rot.

Reorganization. Administration reorganization bills in various stages of legislative processing met little opposition during the week. One bill (SB 64), aimed at a reorganization of the Department of Conservation and Development by empowering the Governor to appoint an entirely new 15-member board on July 1, 1953, received rapid approval from the Senate C&D committee and passed the Senate on Friday without a dissenting vote. Displaying an impressive array of sponsors' signatures on their jackets but accompanied by rumors of some opposition, identical bills were introduced in the House and Senate on Thursday to permit a five-member committee appointed by the Governor to increase the number of highway divisions from 10 to 15 and change the boundaries of existing divisions if the Governor determines such changes to be in the public interest. Suggested by Governor Umstead's inaugural message, the last public bill introduced this week in the House (HR 205) provides for a nine-member commission to be appointed by the Governor to study and make recommendations to the Governor by Nov. 15, 1954, as to the necessity

Today, hearts are being saved because heart research is making vital, new discoveries—because people are beginning to know these 5 hopeful facts.

1 All heart cases can be cared for best if diagnosed early.

2 Almost every heart condition can be helped by proper treatment.

3 Most heart patients can keep on working—very often at the same job.

4 Your "symptoms" may or may not mean heart disease. Don't guess—don't worry. See your doctor and be sure.

5 ...and remember this fact, too... help your heart fund... help your heart