



Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE

... With LIB
by Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nanney last week was the home with Mrs. Seawright Rev. Albert Kissling, who was enroute from Iserlohn, Germany to visit his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Kissling of Jacksonville, Fla. The Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Kleindt of Sullivan Island, S. C. were also guests in the Nanney home. The Rev. Mr. Kleindt is pastor of St. Marks Lutheran Church at Sullivan Island.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dickens returned Sunday from Halifax, N. C., where they were called because of the serious illness of Mrs. Dickens' father, E. D. Dickens. Mrs. C. M. Dickens, mother of Mrs. M. C. Dickens and Austin Dickens, came home with them and is spending some time with her daughter and family.

Mrs. G. F. Bell returned Sunday night from a two-week visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bell and children of Charlotte and her daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Ben Flowe of Concord. Guests arriving sometime this week to visit Mrs. Bell will be Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller, Jr., and Mrs. Dale Miller, Sr., of Miami, Fla.

Mrs. E. J. Anthony of Huntsville, Ala., a former resident of Black Mountain, is visiting Mrs. R. E. Mumpower, Mrs. Richard Seawright is at home now after spending a few days in Rockingham with her sisters, Mrs. Cora Black and Mrs. Emma Poplin. Wood Forest, Tahoe Lake and later she and Mrs. Black went to Windy Hill for a few days

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lowrie left Tuesday for their home in St. Petersburg, Fla., after spending the summer and fall at the Monte Vista Hotel. This was the Lowrie's eighteenth season in Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trompeter have arrived from Cincinnati, Ohio, for their annual vacation in Black Mountain. They are at the Frank Wade cottage on Taylor St.

It was nice hearing from the Jack Beavers at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School at Rabun Gap, Ga., "We continue to enjoy your paper" Jack wrote. Mrs. Beaver is the former Miss Nancy Dupuy of Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kerlee spent last week at Myrtle Beach and Winston-Salem, where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Headley and children. Newcomers in our community are Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes and sons, Jamie 10, and Terry, 7, formerly of Wayne, N. J., and now living at 113 Church Street, Black Mountain. Mr. Hughes is an inventory analyst at Kearfott. They attended the Methodist Church and are interested in youth activities.

Mrs. Ruth Thomas and Mrs. Russell Benedict of Jackson, Mich., spent several days last week with the John Benedict family on Second Street. Mrs. Thomas is a sister of Mr. Benedict and Mrs. Benedict is a sister-in-law.

Misses Dede Styles and Mary Benedict attended the first training session for Girl Scouts expecting to attend the national Roundup in Buttonhole, Utah, next summer. They were among those evacuated from the camp early Sunday morning by the Brevard Rescue Squad when flood waters covered all exit roads.

Mrs. W. M. Stevenson is recuperating at the home of her daughter at 244 Mary Dale Lane, Rock Hill. Mrs. Stevenson fell and broke her hip while spending some time in Montreat last summer. She was in Asheville before going to her daughter's home.

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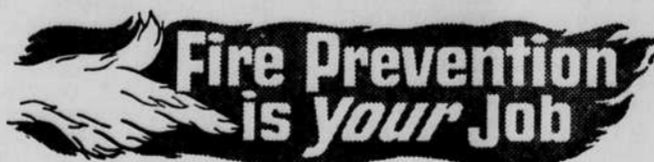
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Sen. ERVIN "SAYS"

WASHINGTON—The Warren Commission Report on the Dallas assassination has focused attention once again on the constitutional imperfection relating to Presidential succession and disability. Last week the Senate moved quickly in this field by passing a resolution calling for the adoption of a Constitutional amendment to deal with these long unresolved questions. Action came after months of study by a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee in which I participated.

There were many views on how these fundamental questions of government should be dealt with, but I think that although all of my views on the subject were not adopted the Senate has reached a reasonable consensus. Certainly the magnitude that the problems present would evoke different views. At the same time, the fact that the country is currently without a Vice President, and that many times it has experienced the dilemma posed by Presidents who are disabled, makes clarification of the Constitution on this subject essential.

The five-part Constitutional amendment passed by the Senate deals chiefly with three Presidential questions. First, when the Vice President succeeds to the office of President, how shall a new Vice President be chosen? Until now, although there is a statutory line of Presidential succession, there is no procedure for choosing a new Vice President. Second, how shall the President be declared unable to conduct the office of the Presidency? Third, if an acting President

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takes over the Presidential duties, how can a recovered President resume his duties? The Senate proposal says, first, that when the Vice President succeeds to the office of President because of death, removal, or resignation, he is the President. However, in the event the Vice President takes over the office on account of the disability of the President, then he becomes only the Acting President. This lays to rest an old constitutional ghost that has plagued scholars since the death of William Henry Harrison. John Tyler always contended that he became, on that occasion, the President.

Second, the resolution says that when the office of Vice President becomes vacant, then the President shall nominate a successor to that office and the nominee shall become Vice President upon the approval by a majority of both houses of Congress.

Third, in cases of Presidential disability the amendment states that the President may declare himself disabled and permit the Vice President to become Acting President. When a disabled President fails to do this, the Vice President with the written concurrence of the majority of the Cabinet or of such other body as Congress may designate may determine that the Vice President shall assume the duties of the Acting President. A collary provision permits the President to terminate the Acting Presidency unless the majority of the Cabinet and 2/3 of the Congress agree within 48 hours that he cannot do so.

This Constitutional amendment which the Senate has passed unanimously adheres to the system of checks and balances which makes it certain that neither partisanship nor tyranny can take charge of the American Government. It is my hope that the House will act favorably upon it and that the people of the States will ratify it.

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