

By EULA GREENWOOD

THE PLAN — One of the approaches used in 1961 to do away with exemptions to the sales tax—the project labeled as best in his administration by Governor Sanford a few days ago—may be followed to gain a rigid inspection law for automobiles in the 1965 session of the General Assembly.

That old saying, "It's an ill wind that doesn't benefit somebody," etc., etc., is true

of bringing more money into the state treasury. His predecessor, Luther Hodges, had dodged it one way and another; had finally avoided it in his last legislature by passing the withholding plan for income taxes. This delayed the inevitable by producing two years' taxes in one year.

As a matter of hard fact, Luther Hodges actually was able to effect tax reductions—for large corporations mainly—while he was governor. Sanford had campaigned for Quality Education—and at the same time for No New Taxes. In his search for new money, he looked at whiskey taxes, soft drinks, candy bars, an increase in the sales tax from three to four per cent, a doing away with the old saw, no tax-on-food.

This latter finally won out. The night it did, reported Gov. Sanford in a special interview with Charlotte Observer reports last month, he saw his broad-ranged program for Education coming into fruition.

He was not responsible for it, but one of the things that helped put the tax on food was the legislative whisper that Negroes were paying little or no taxes to send their children to school. A food tax, it was pointed out, would bring them around to paying for a large share of the education the state was providing colored boys and girls. The argument had a lot of sense to it, most Negro families paying no income taxes and buying at the store little other than food.

With victuals now under a three per cent sales tax, the colored family sending a household of children to school is certainly paying its full load of the money it takes to educate them.

Now we have worked for a decade to put autos under some plan of inspection. In this, we have failed miserably—because of the headaches of our last inspection program. However, we have more and more old, worn-out, unfit-for-highways cars than ever before.

The poverty-stricken Negro with \$50 for a down payment can buy one—but he is not able to keep it road-worthy. The brakes go first, the lights don't burn, the horn won't blow, and the tires are no good.

These wrecks cause wrecks. They should be inspected, put in proper condition, or kept off the highway. A lot of them are driven by our colored friends. And, this fact alone — when coupled with our record-breaking highway death rate — may be sufficient to bring some legislators opposed heretofore to inspection around to giving it their approval when the item



Leading the beauty parade of 1965 cars is the elegant Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe (above) with new bowing lines, new roominess and a distinctive profile. Stylish roof lines and curved side windows blend with the gracefully contoured rear quarter panels. The new Impala Convertible features an inward folding top with tempered glass rear window. The regular-size Chevrolet is available in 15 models in four series. The public announcement date for all Chevrolet-built passenger cars is September 24.

per gifts and the box filled with cards. They declared it a day long to be remembered after friendly hand shakes and cheerful adieus were said and the crowd dispersed and quietness reigned once more.

Obituaries:

John Gilkey, Jr., 44, a native of McDowell County, died last Sunday in his home at North Palm Beach, Fla., following a brief illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Old Fort Baptist Church, the Rev. Frank Hawkins, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Old Fort Cemetery. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Katherine B. Gilkey of the home; a son, Donald Ray of Waterboro, S. C.; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Katherine Harrison of North Palm Beach, Fla.; a brother, Robert Gilkey of Cincinnati, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary Goodson, Mrs. Mary Robinson Goodson, 82, died early Wednesday morning following a long illness. Surviving are her brothers, Luther Robinson, son of Asheville and a number of nieces and nephews. Services were held at the Fort Free Will Baptist Church, Friday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Bill Vaughan, officiating and burial was in the Black Mountain cemetery at Black Mountain.

Telephone Talk

by D. TIP JOHNSON
Your Telephone Manager

Dear Fellow Citizens:

My name is George.

I'm an all-round handyman, and I'd like for you to feel free to use my services for any and all chores, errands, and duties which you may be too busy to perform.

Anytime there's something that needs doing and you'd rather not get involved, you just let old George do it.

I'll write to your Congressman for you. I'll also write your newspaper editor or serve on the school board for you. In fact, I'll do anything you're too tired, too preoccupied or too afraid to do. With me around you can be as lazy and as self-satisfied as you like. Or you can just have fun and let the future be hanged.

My services are available to you for all the tedious, time-consuming things which you'd rather duck.

You haven't time to vote, so let George do it. And certainly you don't want to bother with all those messy precinct meetings that pick people and get out the vote. George will be glad to take over for you. And you certainly don't want to take a stand on anything controversial.

Now, you ask, why should you leave important jobs to somebody you've never met? Well that's a reasonable question, so let me put your mind at ease. I'm no beginner. Maybe I'm not a famous as Khrushchev, but it hadn't been for me you'd never have heard of him.

And that goes for Mussolini and Stalin and Hitler, too. I made those guys. While the others were saying it couldn't happen, I was busy making it happen.

Why do I want to run errands for you when I'm the guy who is really behind all these big wheels? Don't you see, I just get a kick out of picking Presidents, school boards, running establishment, and countries.

Don't feel like you're imposing. I'm glad to be of service.

How do you think I was able to take over and run a third of the world already? Because nobody else wanted to bother. Oh, a few did of course, but it was easy to name call 'em back into oblivion and get the leaders' to listen to me instead. After all who picked the leaders? Since you didn't want to bother and said, "Let George do it," . . . I did.

Now I'm taking over in a lot more cities and counties in the United States, and I figure it's just a matter of time until I have the whole country in my pocket.

I want to thank you for making this possible. Remember now, if there is ever any way in which I can be of help, I'm at your service. You just have fun and don't worry about a thing, I'll even do your worrying, too.

Sincerely,
George

comes up for a vote in the 1965 Legislature.

PLATO — This Raleigh family recently enrolled their four-year-old daughter in kindergarten. At the table the other evening her father was amazed when she whispered "merez", explaining to him that she was thanking him in French for passing her the food.

"Well, that's Quality Education for you", he mused.

A few days later he was really knocked for a loop when the daughter blithely announced that her class had spent the day working with Plato. He hit the ceiling. This was too, too much — what did his child at the tender age of four know or care about some ancient Greek philosopher?

The next morning it was his turn to take the child to school. Glancing at his watch, he saw that he had enough time before getting to the office to have just-a-word with the teacher.

"What in heaven's name, if you please —", he began, and went all into the Plato matter — in a few well-chosen words. The teacher let him finish. Then she calmly explained that the children had not been "working with Plato" — but with play-dough. Oh, my!

—And they are still laughing at Father around the school.

NOTES — New car sales this past August totaled 13,426, compared with 14,497 for July and 12,275 for August a year ago and 10,533 for August five years ago.

Chrysler led Ford in August by 3,470 to 3,427, and in third place was Pontiac at 1,109.

Truck sales in August were 2,664 as against 3,060 for July and 2,425 for August a year ago . . . and 2,507 for August of 1959.

The following is a quote from Time magazine's interesting article on Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson, wife of our President: ". . . Never one to neglect business, Cap (Ed. note: Mrs. Johnson's father) took the little girl to his store every day for a while, sometimes let her sleep at night on a cot in his second-floor storeroom near what she recalls as 'a row of peculiar long boxes'. Her father told her they were 'dry goods', but Lady Bird later learned they were coffins . . ."

Plans for a new industry in N. C.—now abuilding—will create about as much gossip here in old Asheville as has that Lottery project recently enacted by the State of New Hampshire — but it may be developed here and mean more to this state than the betting thing in New England. It will mean using one of our chief products, good employment, a home-produced commodity much in demand.

The trophy to be awarded about Thanksgiving — and annually thereafter to the food retailer in the state who does the best job of promoting N. C.-processed foods — will be called the "Governor Terry Sanford Retail Food Industry Award". A lot of them are driven by our colored friends. And, this fact alone — when coupled with our record-breaking highway death rate — may be sufficient to bring some legislators opposed heretofore to inspection around to giving it their approval when the item

OLD FORT NEWS

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Personals:

Mrs. Alvin Rader of Marion, Mrs. Benny Rumpf and three children, Debra, Jeffery and Elizabeth, of Asheville visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Stepp last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Rumpf is Mrs. Rader's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. David McReithan and daughter, Nell Berneine, and Mrs. J. O. Long of Whiteville, spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stepp. They also attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allison.

Mrs. Meloy Allison and children, Douglas, Carroll Lee, and Katie Lynn, spent last Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Allison's daughter, Anita, who is attending Montreat-Anderson College.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Petree, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Allison and daughter, Jamie, of Coraopolis, Penn., attended the Golden Anniversary of Edward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fannie Allison.

Mrs. Robert C. Lytle was admitted to Morion General Hospital last Saturday night.

Mrs. John Jordan returned home last Monday after spending two weeks with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jordan of Ashland, Ky. Lester had surgery and has been seriously ill but is now improving.

Mrs. Essie Powell and two sons, Dewey and Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Vick Powell of Rosman attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Silver of Canton spent last Sunday with Earl's mother, Mrs. W. A. Silver on Curtis Creek.

Miss Polly Silver and Carroll Silver of Marion attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allison.

Mrs. Joe Stepp and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Roy Stepp and son Mike of Marion, spent last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stepp.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Glover and two sons, Billy and Joey spent last weekend in Raleigh with Douglas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glover.

Miss Ethel Bursleson and her great-niece of Asheville spent last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Stepp.

Mrs. T. R. Kanipe spent last weekend with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carr at Summerville, N. C.

Club Meeting:

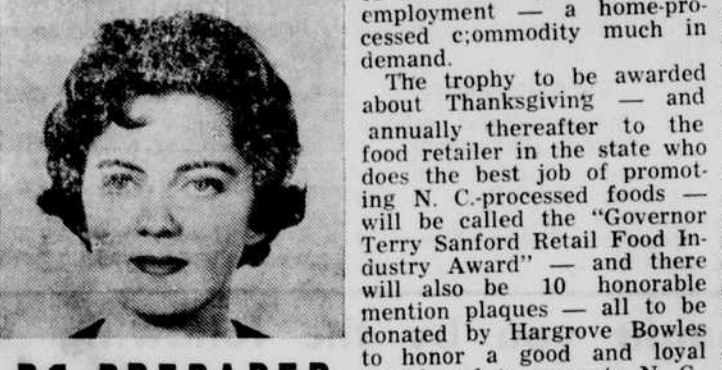
The October meeting of the Bethlehem Community Development Club was held at the home of Mrs. Mont Glover, Brooks Lytle home. President Paul Simmons presiding. Progress on the Community building was discussed and decisions were made concerning windows and other material that will be used on the building. Paul Simmons gave a report on community development council which he and others attended Sept. 29 in directors were elected for another year. They are: Duane Jones, Brooks Lytle, Howard Thomason, Mrs. John Lewis and Hugh Guffey. The board announced the officers they had chosen for the new year: President, Paul Simmons; secretary, Mrs. Faye Faw; vice president, Bill Faw; treasurer, Mrs. Rose Richardson. The social hour followed with Mrs. Lytle serving delicious refreshments to the large group. The November meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faw.

Golden Wedding:

A year ago James Edward Allison of Coraopolis, Penn., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allison, and planned to have a Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration and a reception for them on

than Chapman of Rosman made an interesting talk to those assembled for this great occasion. Five of Mr. Allison's sisters attended, only one was absent. Mrs. Allison's only sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wick Powell of Rosman came up for the celebration.

Chips, cake, candy and punch were served. Last on the program was the opening of the many beautifully wrapped



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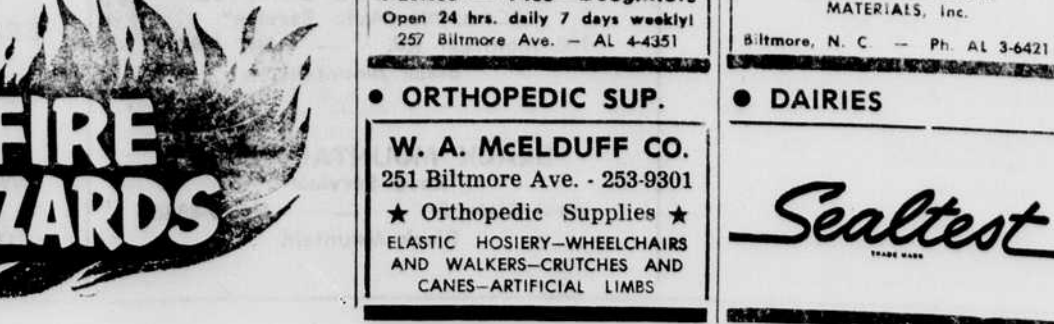
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