



GLAD OF IT . . . Remember back yonder in school when the older boys tried to persuade a couple of fourth-graders to fight each other? There would be taunts, yells, and shoving.

But, all to no avail. The boys just wouldn't fight—and about that time noon recess was over—so that was that.

As the older fry filed into the building, they philosophized on the fight failure thusly: "One of them was afraid; and the other one was tickled to death he was afraid."

A fight could have developed when key elements of the State Democratic Executive Committee gathered here last Saturday to alter organization plans and to plan for the Convention on May 15.

The reason no battle developed: one side was afraid; and the other was glad of it. Then, too, all were together on one point: the Republican Party is about to ruin the country.

Various factions of the Democratic Party are still disgruntled. Consensus is that Saturday's meeting did little, to smooth out some of the objections—but at least no new ones developed and an all-out fight was averted. But what about the power of county committees??

FAIR TRADE . . . Until last week nobody seemed to care much whether the N. C. Citizens Association had chosen the president of General Electric as its chief speaker at the annual meeting to be held here on March 19.

But last week when GE announced it was dropping fair trade prices on most of its smaller appliances, the talk coming at the Sir Walter to the Citizens assumed much importance. A large crowd is expected.

PROTECTION. . . As we move more definitely toward a decline in revenue to the State, Raleigh sages are inquiring more and more: where are we going to get the money in 1959 to balance the budget. Good question.

Although sales tax collections for the calendar year 1957—released a few days ago by the N. C. Revenue Department—showed income from this source up a slight fraction over 1956, business is off sharply now in about half the counties of the State. See RETAILER out this week.

There is no need to whistle in the dark about it.

Meantime, our school population increases by leaps and bounds—and we have a solemn obligation—set up in 1933 when we adopted the sales tax—to support at State expense our schools: from first grade through twelve, for nine months, black, white, Indian, or Smiling, and wherever situated within the confines of North Carolina.

And what about the multi-million-dollar tax sacrifice we are making this fiscal year—and will make next fiscal year—to big industry in the hope of keeping the big ones here and getting more? Will it stick? You hear in Raleigh that the State Highway Fund may be in the greatest danger of 25 years. Fearful of that, highway users are girding their loins for a battle if necessary. They say that the main thing that prompted former Highway Commissioner Emmett Winslow of Perquimans Coun-

SALVO, PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Midgett and daughter Teresa of Norfolk visited Mr. Midgett's mother, Lucy Hooper.

Earl Whidbee of New Jersey spent the week end with his mother, Melvina Whidbee.

William Hooper of Norfolk spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hooper.

Betty Ann O'Neal attended the District Vacation Church School Institute Monday, March 3 at First Church, Elizabeth City.

Burtis Hooper, who is working with the State, spent the week end with his family.

Mrs. Salina Midgett of Manteo spent Saturday night with her mother and sister, Mrs. Josephine Gray and Melvina Whidbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Pharoah Payne of Oregon Inlet spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Austin.

Mrs. Geneva Midgett of Manteo visited her grandmother and aunt, Saturday, Josephine Gray and Melvina Whidbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hooper and daughter Kay of Norfolk visited relatives here.

Mrs. Elsie Hooper and children, Sharon, Gussie and Bertie Kay, of Manteo visited Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hooper.

Perry Farrow attended a meeting at the Health Center at Buxton.

Charlie P. Gray of Buxton gave an interesting talk at Clark's Bethel Church at 11 o'clock Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gray.

ty to announce for the Senate last week is his desire to protect the Highway Fund.

ON FOOD? . . . Will a sales tax be placed back on food. This would create a fine howdy-do: take millions off big industry and put millions on food. Raise the sales tax to four or five per cent so as to hit the consumer harder?

The big legislative news a year from now will be money news. That is why, every time you pick up your paper, you see about so-and-so deciding not to run.

DAVIS . . . The new public relations man for the Employment Security Commission is Ted Davis, son of the Rev. Theo. B. Davis, one of the oldest living Wake Forest alumni. His mother, who died several years ago, wrote one of the finest columns anywhere, in the Zebulon Record.

Ted had been newsman for Raleigh Radio Station WRAL. ESC is lucky to have him. He is a brother of Major Barrie Davis, who edits the popular and well gotten up Tar Heel Guardsman for the National Guard.

The Davis family are not only good Baptists but no mean politicians as well. The job Ted Davis now has was held most capably for a couple of decades by Mike Dunnagan, who we are glad to report seems to be holding his own health-wise after a difficult season.

NOTES . . . On the day he announced as a candidate to succeed himself in the House, Pat Taylor, Jr.—one of our finest young men in the State—lost his mother and wife of former Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor—heart attack . . . Avery Hightower, rambunctious senator forced out in 1959 by rotation may oppose him. Both reside in Wadesboro . . . Robert Lee Humber of Greenville, who did more than anybody else to bring North Carolina its million-dollar art museum, has announced for the State Senate. . .

PRESENTATION TO GOVERNOR LAUNCHES 4-H CLUB WEEK



To launch National 4-H Club Week, March 1 through 8, two North Carolina 4-H Club members presented in a brief ceremony a 4-H calendar depicting this year's North Carolina theme, "Keep North Carolina Beautiful," to Governor Luther H. Hodges. Left to right are L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader; Nancy Meadows, Garner; Alan Feimster, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; and Governor Hodges.

Alan Feimster, 4-H Club member, Route 3, Taylorsville, and Miss Nancy Meadows, 4-H Club member from Garner, presented the calendar to Governor Hodges in behalf of the more than 154,000 4-H Club members in North Carolina who are pledging their support in keeping North Carolina highways safe and clean.

The calendar, which pictures a typical 4-H family erecting a highway sign urging that citizens "Help Keep North Carolina Safe and Clean," is inscribed with these words: Working Together for Cleaner, More Beautiful Highways—Governor Luther H. Hodges and the 4-H Clubs of North Carolina.

As a part of their observance of National 4-H Club Week 4-H'ers throughout the state will be concentrating on things they can do to make and keep the state beautiful. In 4-H meetings and civic meetings they plan to tell others how they can participate in this program. Through demonstrations and window displays they will bring to the attention of the general public the importance of keeping the state clean and beautiful and at the same time demonstrate ways in which this can be accomplished.

In the Governor's remarks after the calendar was presented to him, he expressed his appreciation to the 4-H Clubs of the state for their active interest in the statewide program and indicated his pride in the achievements of 4-H Club members in past years.

POPLAR BRANCH PERSONALS

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jordan and children who have recently returned from overseas; Mr. and Mrs. "Dinky" Jordan and children; Mrs. Nettie Hayman, Miss Mary Hayman, Bill Gaylord, Mrs. Mary Johnson, all of Norfolk, and Miss Beeky Johnson of Northwest Va.

Wallace O'Neal, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brickhouse and little son visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baum in Galax, Va. for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Betts and daughter, recently of Yorktown, Va., have moved to the home formerly owned by the Grigsbys at Aydtlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cross of Norfolk were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Yon.

Very likely a serious fire was averted by quick action of the community people when the Sharon Methodist Church caught fire shortly after midnight on Saturday. It was discovered by people who had returned from the Basketball Tournament at Elizabeth City and the alarm given over the phones in the community. Soon a good crowd had gathered, the defective heater removed and the fire extinguished. Damage was confined to the heater, a hole in the floor, and smoke damage to the ceiling.

Mrs. Evelyn Secrist, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Secrist were guests of Mrs. Jennie Waterfield on Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Forbes is ill at her home in Poplar Branch. Mrs. Vernon Douglas is a patient at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

GRAIN MAY BE CHEAPER LIVESTOCK FEED THAN HAY

It may pay to feed milking cows ground whole corn and cob meal in place of most of the hay at present North Carolina feed prices. Recent cold weather has caught many dairymen short on both hay and silage and no pasture is in prospect for another month, according to W. E. Thomas of N. C. State College.

It is not normally recommended that ground whole corn be fed at high levels mostly because it is more economical to feed forages, explains Thomas. However, if ground whole corn and cob meal can be bought for \$45 per ton or \$1.60 per bushel it is unprofitable to pay more than \$34 per ton for fair hay beyond the minimum amount (4-6 pounds daily) you pound cow milking 25 or 30 pounds must normally feed.

Senator Scott reports from WASHINGTON



Washington.—Within the past week, the subject of Presidential disability once again has popped up in the news.

President Eisenhower has revealed that he has an agreement—a "clear understanding," as he put it—with Vice-President Nixon about what should be done in case the President becomes disabled. As a result of the President's heart attack, his intestinal surgery, and his stroke there has been considerable clamor for legislation to clarify the steps to be taken in the event a President becomes disabled during his term of office.

There is no shadow of doubt about the chain of command, so to speak, in the event of a President's death. But the matter of physical or mental disability is another question altogether.

The disability question involves a lot of things, but at the core is the ticklish matter of who is to say when a President is no longer able to carry on the duties of his office.

Is he disabled when he delegates to others half, or three-quarters of his duties? Is he disabled when he has to take a week's rest or vacation, each month, or every other month?

These may seem like frivolous questions, but all of them are involved.

Certainly, neither the cabinet nor Congress is qualified to say—as a matter of medical fact—when a President should be relieved of his duties because of disability. It would take a board of physicians and psychiatrists to do this.

I have thought about this matter a great deal; and in the final analysis, the President, himself, must make the decision as to when he is no longer able to do justice to his duties.

Should a cabinet or Congressional group—or for that matter, any group—ever be given the authority to make such a decision, very grave consequences could result if a question of Presidential disability ever arose.

Giving this authority to any group could in itself be construed as sub-ordinating the office of President. It could have had effects in many ways, psychological and

otherwise. I think these things ought to be considered in any steps that are taken in the way of setting up a board or commission or whatnot to keep check on a President's ability to do his job.

Aside from this, however, if the President has seen fit to make arrangements for the Vice-President to take over in the event of disability he ought to be willing to let the public know the score on it. It is true that these two men must make the final decision, should the time come; but the terms of that decision are no private affair.

KITTY HAWK PERSONALS

The regular monthly meetings were held at the Primitive Baptist Church, Elder George Trevathan presiding. His son, W. C. Trevathan accompanied him here. Visiting members were Elder and Mrs. I. S. Conner of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Katherine Cartwright, and Mr. Vass of Norfolk.

Choir practice at Methodist Church each night this week preceding revival services next week. Mrs. Gertie Baum entertained the W.S.C.S. at her home Tuesday evening.

Thomas M. Dowdy, U.S.C.G., is home after two months away on the Nantucket Light ship, out of Boston.

Miss Ruth Ballance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beacham is ill in Elizabeth City hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Beacham have just returned from Greenbelt, Md. visiting another daughter, Mrs. Vera Breashers, who is very ill.

Ensign Dalton J. Beasley was home with his family for a short visit.

Mrs. Pennel Tillet is in Marine Hospital, Norfolk, for treatment.

Leslie R. Henley, U. S. Coast Guard was home for the week end. With him was a fellow guardsman,

AVON PERSONALS

Mrs. B. E. Bingham, Mrs. Percy Williams and Mrs. Dallas Miller attended the Sunday School Workers Institute at First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Meekins have returned to Camden, N. J., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Moody Meekins.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sawyer and

Bill Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller, Portsmouth, Va., spent a few days at their beach cottage.

E. G. Pugh is getting busy at some of the beach cottages, which have busted pipes and motors, due to the unusual freezing weather we've just had.

Dempsey Perry has returned home after several weeks treatment at the Marine hospital.

Roy Beacham Jr., who serves with the Coast Guard, has been assigned duties on the Cutter Chinoteague, out of Norfolk. Roy Jr. has just returned from one year's isolation duty.

son Bobby left last week to live in Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Scarborough were visitors in Portsmouth, Va. Saturday.

Billy Gray has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and infant daughter, Annette, were in Elizabeth City Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Kuhl Jr. and children of Glen Allen, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meekins of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Meekins during the week end, a daughter, Merian Meekins of Norfolk is spending a week with them.

Mrs. Ebbie Hooper is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daily Hooper in Elizabeth City.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Price of Elizabeth City were here this week.

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