



**NOT OUT YET . . .** Not since the death of O. Max Gardner several years ago on the eve of his embarkation to England as U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James has this State been as devoid of a political leader as it has been since the sudden coronary attack of U. S. Senator W. Kerr Scott last week.

There are hundreds of smart political minds in the State who would deny vigorously that Kerr Scott was in the political forefront. Well, he is the only man living in North Carolina who has been both Governor and Senator. He is the only ex-Governor of the State living. He is the only man living who has served a full term and retired from the office as Commissioner of Agriculture.

He is one of the few North Carolinians living who has never been defeated for political office. But, despite all these things—these really outstanding accomplishments—Kerr Scott would tell you himself he is not a political leader. Within hours after his attack, they were saying that his political career was done, finished. It may be—and so he can at the relatively tender age of 62 sit down on his vast Alamance County acreage and become an elder statesman, an advisor, and a sort of father confessor.

They were saying you could count Kerr Scott out in the race for the U. S. Senate two years hence. This, it was reported, would leave the road wide open for Gov. Luther Hodges, who is said still to have aspirations in that direction. Could he. But Kerr Scott, as he lies there in that Alamance County hospital with nothing else to do, is doing a lot of thinking, planning, and figuring. He is well fixed financially, or is so regarded, and he likes to roam the fields of home.

But he also likes a fight. And nobody should make the mistake of supposing that Kerr Scott is out just because he is down. We will believe he is not a candidate to succeed himself only when he says so himself—and not before.

**SECOND VOLUME . . .** Volume II of "A New Geography of North Carolina" is now ready for distribution.

Written by Bill Sharpe of State Magazine, this volume covers 25 counties. You thus now have available two volumes of unusually readable North Carolina material.

The Chapel Hill News-Leader says: "It proves what we have always suspected, that beneath its humdrum exterior, North Carolina is a strange and romantic state." Write Bill Sharpe at POB 2169, Raleigh, for further information.

**THE VETO . . .** Speaking of Bill Sharpe, he has an interesting little editorial in the April 5—the latest—issue of his magazine, which is this year celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

He points out that "North Carolina's governor is the only one in the nation lacking the power to veto legislation."

In other words, the President, and the governors of the other 47 states can by failing to sign, pigeonholing, or otherwise giving it a kick, block legislation not to their liking.

We are reminded that a "constitutional amendment is proposed to give him (our Governor) this power."

In Sharpe's way of thinking, this is a good thing. He says: "We have heard some objections to it. But in thinking back over the governors of modern times—the last 30 years or so—most North Carolinians will agree they were able and conscientious executives. We don't think any of them would have used the veto power unwisely or selfishly. And in some instances, the threat of veto undoubtedly would have curbed or improved legislation."

**SIGN OF TIMES . . .** For the first 30 years of this century, North Carolina had two U. S. Senators. During the second 30 years it has already had 12 U. S. Senators.

The most active man in the U. S. Senate is Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson. About two years ago he nearly died with a heart attack.

**THREE BIG TUNA LANDED OFF HATTERAS SATURDAY**

Three more large tuna in the "hundred pound class" were boated off Hatteras Saturday by anglers aboard Capt. Edgar Styron's cruiser "Twins." Previously, on St. Patrick's Day, three tuna, the first large bluefins ever taken with rod and reel off Hatteras had been landed by Jim O'Donnell and Jack Snyder of Washington, D. C., while fishing with Capt. Styron.

Those taken last Saturday weighed 91, 105 and 115 pounds each and the anglers sharing in the catch were John Posik, Dumfries, Va., John Gray, Norfolk, Va., and Fillmore Dryden, Baltimore.

**AVON PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Manson Meekins and children of Norfolk visited their parents on the week end. Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Price of Elizabeth City spent Monday here. Mr. and Mrs. James Sawyer and son Bobby of Portsmouth, Va. were here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins Gray and son, Collins Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gray, Mrs. George Price and daughter, Glenda were in Manteo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Scarborough attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Bailey, in Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brothers, Jr. and children of Portsmouth were here Sunday.

Wesley Gray, U.S.C.G. Wilmington, is visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gray and children of Norfolk spent the week end here.

Mrs. Sabra Williams is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Watson Gray in Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Dewey Scarborough Jr. and daughter Cathy visited in Norfolk last week.

Mrs. Catherine Scarborough is visiting in Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Preston Quidley and children of Buxton visited Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Price.

Herscal Williams of Oceana, Va. was here during the week end.

Bembra Miller is home from the Public Health Hospital, Norfolk.

Mrs. Lizzie Gray has returned here after a visit in Manteo with relatives.

Mrs. Avner Midgett of Waves visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gray.

**W.S.C.S. Meets**

The Avon W.S.C.S. held its regular meeting Tuesday. Mrs. Retta Quidley presented a program on "The March of Youth in Missions" with Mrs. Buell Bingham, Mrs. Harold Barnette, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Percy Williams and Mrs. George Meekins taking part.

Officers for 1958-59 were elected. The installation service will be conducted the first Sunday night in May.

The hostess served refreshments to: Mrs. Oley Hooper, Mrs. James Scarborough, Mrs. Saunders Gray, Mrs. Percy Williams, Mrs. William O'Neal, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Retta Quidley, Mrs. Harold Barnette, Mrs. Buell Bingham, Mrs. Nick Gray and Mrs. George Meekins.

**Bridal Shower**

Mrs. Billy Gray was honored with a bridal shower Monday evening at the home of Mrs. C. C. Gray with Mrs. Seymour Gray and Mrs. Oley Hooper co-sponsoring. Mrs. Gray is the former Marceline Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gray. The bride received many gifts.

**CHANNEL BASS REPORTED FROM CAPE HATTERAS SURF**

J. F. Whitney of Fayetteville landed a channel bass with rod and reel in the surf at Cape Hatteras Tuesday afternoon according to report from Rany Jennette at Buxton. The fish, first channel bass of the season for the Dare Coast, was reeled in on 20 pound test line loaded on a Mitchell spinning reel.

Witnesses of the catch stated that the fish measured 44 1/2 inches. Its weight was not obtained as Mr. Whitney released the fish after it had been measured.

Earlier this week a commercial fishing crew hauling in the surf at the Cape landed three channel bass according to Alfred Gray who was surfcasting without results at the time of the catch.

Channel bass and other varieties of fish normally caught with rod and reel during early April have been reluctant to take bait or lures so far, due to unusually cold waters.

**THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING**

**GLIMPSES OF THE PAST**

By CAROLYN LLOYD

"Buy," said the President. "Buy what?" asked the reporters.

"Buy anything," said the President. That, he said, is the remedy for recession.

Now that is downright comforting. Here most people have been worrying because they were not taking the advice to save given by banks, insurance companies and others; and all the time they were just being patriotic and helping the country out of a recession.

It is a little confusing, though. If the average wage earner keeps buying until he has exhausted his cash, who is going to help him out of his personal recession? He has nothing to sell, so the system of reciprocity doesn't work for him.

This recession has some queer aspects, anyhow, to a generation which experiences a real depression. At present several labor groups are striking for higher wages, when what they are already earning seems like good salaries to most people. Twenty-five years ago people were looking for jobs at any wage; and, according, to news reports, many are doing the same thing today. While some are on relief, others strike for higher pay. It may make sense to the economic professors, but not to me.

There was one thing to be said for that old-fashioned depression: when money was scarce, prices went down accordingly. With what little money one had, one could get his money's worth. It is a strange thing that with people out of work, prices of the necessities of life continue to rise.

Somebody has some money, though. If you don't believe it, just turn on T.V. With a little bit of luck, as the song goes, you can win an oil well, all kinds of merchandise, or fabulous sums of money. If you can't write jingles or answer questions, you can try one of those so sister programs, where, in return for telling your troubles to a credulous world, you might be showered with gifts and sent on a trip to far-away places.

Somehow, I hate to count on that method for myself, having never won anything bigger than a box of candy. At least, come the depression, I shall have the satisfaction of knowing that I did my patriotic duty and "bought." All I will have to worry about is paying the bills.

**HOTEL GROUP PLANS MEET AT HIGH POINT MAY 8**

Nags Head Woman President of N. C. Hotel Association; Governor Hodges One of Speakers

Governor Hodges will be one of the speakers at the 13th annual convention of the North Carolina Hotel Association which will meet at the Sheraton Hotel in High Point, N. C., May 8-10. The Governor will address the annual banquet Friday evening, May 9.

Mrs. Lucille S. Winslow of Nags Head, president of the Association, said another principal speaker would be Seymour Weiss, managing director of the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, a nationally-recognized leader in the hotel industry. Weiss is on the Friday morning program.

After a buffet luncheon on the final day of the convention, the hotel people will go on an outing to High Rock Lake, with a charcoal steak cookout scheduled to wind up the party.

In addition to Mrs. Winslow, officers are Maurice Puckett of Asheville, vice president, and Kenneth Cross of Charlotte, secretary-treasurer. The general counsel is J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr., of Raleigh, who will be one of the speakers.

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