



BIDDING . . . The word we get from friends in Washington is that both of the major political parties are now laying plans to request a sharp increase in the financial plum for their respective conventions in 1960.

Definite specifications will be set up within the next two weeks. Cities which have been offering about \$250,000 to encourage the political convention site-seekers have already pushed the price to \$300,000. However, both parties—ever in need of more money—are now looking at a \$325,000 figure. The site will not be set until early next year.

TWO DOLLARS . . . Did you see about the lady in Chapel Hill who did her Christmas mailing early.

She knew that on August 1 letters would go up to four cents. She bought her Christmas cards, sent them for three cents—first class, too—and mailed them with this note on the outside: "Please do not open until Christmas". Saved \$2.00!

GOERCH . . . Jesse Helms says in the current issue of the excellent "Tarheel Banker" that Carl Goerch has been overlooked by newspapers and organizations which "select citizens for little tributes as Tar Heel of the week or month or year".

Helms says he has an "intense admiration" for Carl Goerch, because "his success has been geared to his imagination—and determined by it." Yes, and a lot of hard work to go with it. He's no lazybones!

Helms is right: We never have given Carl Goerch proper recognition in North Carolina. But otherwise he hasn't done too badly here. Other things Banker Helms says about Goerch: few North Carolinians are "more widely known"; he's best known as a humorist; he's a native of New York; is now on a semi-retired basis; he likes to "buzz around in his airplane"; he is a "walking encyclopedia" on North Carolina; and he is not interested in running for public office.

THE VISITOR . . . Dr. Ralph McDonald, whom North Carolina Democrats kicked in the teeth with the absentee ballot in 1936, visited Winston-Salem last week.

His mother and sister still live in the Twin City. When he ran for office, Dr. McDonald came out against the sales tax which had been put on as an "emergency measure" in 1933.

Now what I can't understand is how Dr. Ralph McDonald, one of the best friends the teachers and education ever had in North Carolina, could be for education and against the sales tax? Now they say—and a lot of them—are the same people who licked Dr. McDonald in 1936 and again in 1944—that education in this State will suffer if we don't continue the sales tax and now include food in its take.

Dr. McDonald is now president of Bowling Green State University of Bowling Green, Ohio—largely a teacher's college.

ABBY-DU-PAUSE . . . We have a copy of the Jeff Wilson record, "Abby-Du-Pause", and it is rale good. But it ain't as funny as Jeff

is in person. Although he is the table and efficient public relations man for the N. C. Motor Carriers Association, Wilson has real talent in this little sideline field. Wilson is a very talented fellow in every way, and you ought to buy the record for rale entertainment.

WITH THE BAPTISTS . . . Heard all this talk about a recession? Not with the Baptists. They are building handsome churches and parsonages all over the South. We learn via M. A. Huggins what that dark period from January-to-June this year meant to the Baptists:

Tithes and offerings were running one-and-one-half per cent over the same period in 1957.

NOTES . . . A lot of people were surprised when Wilbert Forbes decided to give up his Burial Commissioner post to go with the railroads . . . but he is leaving a good job with uncertain future to go with a good job and . . . certain future . . . as a smooth lobbyist . . . and friend-maker.

You won't be able to get any public statements on it, but trouble seems to be brewing in the N. C. Wildlife Commission and . . . still . . . in the Alcoholic Beverage Control setup . . .

Those lobbyists preparing for the 1959 Legislature are skipping over the House in advance plans as "entirely too certain to mess with" . . . but are concentrating on the State Senate . . . and may live to regret this decision . . . as it is still a two-house legislative body we have here . . .

A small group of legislators coming here in 1959 are contacting each other in efforts to come up with a tobacco tax, etc. . . and aren't we right in saying that North Carolina is the only state of the 49 that does not have a tax on cigarettes, snuff, etc.???

. . . Very little was said about it in the papers, but the State Board of Education last week approved an exhaustive study of a merit-rating system for teachers . . . and teachers hate bitterly even the thought . . . and we doubt it can ever be worked out in N. C. . . or elsewhere.

CLEARANCE CONTRACTS AWARDED BY ENGINEERS

Wilmington. — Three contracts for stream clearance work were awarded Friday (August 8) by the Corps of Engineers District Office here.

Lt. Col. W. K. Shaffer, Deputy District Engineer, said the awards were made to

J. P. Moore of Burgaw, \$26,490 for 34 miles of stream clearance work;

M & W Construction Company of Shallotte, \$27,605 for 46 miles of stream clearance work;

D. W. Winkelman Carolina Company of Greensboro, \$10,785 for 16 miles of stream clearance work.

The stream clearance work, to be performed for the Federal Civil Defense Administration, is in the counties of Camden, Currituck, Hertford, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington. It stems from damages imposed by hurricanes of recent years.

OCRACOKE PERSONALS

Mrs. Sarah Jane Jackson was taken to Sea Level Hospital by Coast Guard Picket boat on Wednesday. Thomas G. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Washie Spencer and Kermit Robinson accompanied her.

Mrs. Uriah Garrish, Jr. and Mrs. C. D. Scarborough are also in Sea Level hospital.

Cantwell Howard was at Sea Level for medical attention.

Miss Pat Williams of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Elenora Ballance.

Mrs. David F. O'Neal and children, and Mrs. James N. Garrish were recent visitors at Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Neal and daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Clair and Mrs. Clair's two daughters have returned to Delanco, N. J. after visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Ruby Garrish and Mrs. Wilma Williams left to visit their brother, Walter Austin of Wilmington, Delaware who spent a few days visiting friends at Ocracoke recently. They will attend their sister's fiftieth wedding anniversary at Nags Head before they continue their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Garrish have returned from Washington, where Mrs. Garrish has been receiving medical attention.

D. Edgar Thompson visited in Tarboro recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Nafie Scarborough are back home after visiting relatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The George Hewitts of Philadelphia returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hayward Marshall Jr. and daughters of Washington, D. C. were guest at the Howard Tourist Home. Mrs. Marshall is the daughter of Rev. R. N. Fitts a former minister of the Ocracoke Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Alligood and Jake Alligood Jr. have returned after a brief visit in Washington.

The Lawton Howards have returned to Prospect Park, N. J., after spending two weeks in their cottage here.

Charles Runyon has returned to North Haven, Conn. after a month's vacation at his cottage. Mrs. Cornelia Runyon has returned to her home at Malibu, Calif., after visiting her son, Charles and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robinson of Ocean City, Md. are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Thomas Howard is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Randall O'Neal, at Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard have returned to Ocracoke after spending the week end at Arapahoe. Their daughter, Betty Helen returned with them after spending a week at Camp Don Lee.

Mrs. Wallace Spencer and Mrs. Elisha Esham visited their mother, Mrs. Lena Williams, at Sea Level Community Hospital.

David Styron, Horace Gaskins, Mace Garrish, and Charlie O'Neal have returned to New Jersey after spending a few days with their families.

The Cliff Vaughn family of Winston-Salem are occupying the Rondthaler cottage for their vacation week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Jolliff of Buxton spent the week end with Mrs. Jolliff's family.

E. S. Tolson visited his son, David S. Tolson, who was hospitalized at the U. S. Public Health Hospital in Norfolk, Va. David S. Tolson is now back on duty with U. S. Coast Guard at Ocracoke.

Mrs. Irvin Garrish, Mrs. Charlie M. O'Neal, and Maurice Ballance made a recent visit to Swan Quarter.

Miss Mary Lourise Spencer has returned after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Graham Buskirk at Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rosemurgy and children are visiting Mrs. Rosemurgy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Neal.

Dallas K. Williams, U.S.N., came to move his family to Charleston, S. C., where he is stationed for a short period of time.

Miss Lorraine Howard has returned from a visit with Patsy Osman at Chester, Pa. She returned with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osman and daughter Patsy and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simpson and his family.

The Saturday night dance at the School Recreation Hall had as a special musical attraction the "Off Keys" band of Hatteras. Belinda Styron and Alda Vann O'Neal were guest vocalists and a trumpet solo "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" was rendered by Sherwood Thompson of Virginia Beach, Va.

Mrs. Ansley O'Neal and Alda Vann O'Neal visited Hatteras and Buxton recently.

A son, Alton Craig, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Danny W. Garrish in Norfolk, Va. on August 5th.

SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULES
June 1 through Sept. 30

OREGON INLET FERRY
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