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THE GROUNDHOG KNEW HIS BUSINESS

There's no doubt in Minneapolis about the groundhog knowing weather. Just a few days ago the famous, furry prophet said that there'd

be six more weeks of winter, and yesterday six inches of snow fell in the city bogging down this motorist and others like him in Minneapolis.

Senate Redistricting Democrats Bill Offered House Reorganizing Top Committee

RALEIGH (AP)—One of Gov. Umstead's reorganization proposals advanced rapidly toward final passage today and another was debated while the House received a long-awaited bill to redistrict membership in the State Senate.

The Umstead-backed measure to allow a reorganization of the State Highway Commission was being debated by the Senate while his proposal for power to reorganize the State Board of Conservation and Development got a quick stamp of approval from the House C&D Committee.

Rep. Thomas Turner of Guilford and three other House members joined in the measure to redistrict the Senate's membership. It would give Mecklenburg, Guilford and Forsyth counties two senators each instead of one. Cumberland County, which now shares two senators with Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus, would get one senator as would Rowan which now shares two senators with Cabarrus.

The Constitution requires the Legislature to re-evaluate its membership after every federal census. The 1931 Legislature ignored this provision.

Meanwhile, Rep. H. M. Moore of Clay delayed for at least another day his bill calling for a state-wide referendum. He said he wanted to get other legislators to sponsor his measure and predicted he would have "quite a

bunch" when it is introduced. The liquor issue did come up in the form of a bill by Rep. William L. Winder, Watauga Republican, to boost sharply taxes on beer, wine and liquor sales.

The C&D reorganization bill would terminate the terms of the 15-members of the present conservation board next June 30, enabling the governor to replace the members he wants to replace and to reappoint those he wishes to retain.

The governor said in his inaugural address that he wants a tremendous expansion of activity by the C&D Department with special emphasis on the program of afforestation, new industry, expansion of commercial fisheries and development of the state's inland water ways and ports.

Under the present law terms of five board members will expire on May 1, five more two years later and five more four years later. Under the new bill, terms of five members would expire in two years, five others in four years and five others in six years. Their successors would serve for six years.

Rep. Odell Williamson of Brunswick told the House committee he likely will offer an amendment when the measure reaches the floor, probably tomorrow. He said his amendment would have the board members serve terms of four years so that the next governor also would have the power to replace the entire board.

The House Rules Committee, however, agreed to defer action temporarily and to refer to a subcommittee another of Gov. Umstead's proposals — to reorganize the State Highway Commission. A factor in the decision to delay action was the fact that an identical measure has been approved by the Senate Rules Committee and was before the full Senate for action.

SAFETY MEASURE
 The House Rules group amended the bill to give a favorable recommendation to a measure to require hogheads of tobacco hauled on flaked trucks to be inspected by the State Highway Commission. The amended measure would prohibit the use of tarpaulins alone to protect the cargo.

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Comic Dictionary

SECOND SIGHT

The cure for love at first sight.

Remaining Price Curbs Expected To Go Gradually

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration was reported today to have decided against a proposal to wipe out all remaining price controls with a single sweeping order, and instead on a step-by-step decontrol.

Closely connected with the control plans was a report that James F. Brownlee, New York investment banker and former deputy director of the wartime Office of Price Administration (OPA), likely to accept a post-war government consultant to direct the abolition of price ceilings.

Source: Joseph B. Brownlee, an assistant professor of physical education at Brooklyn College, and Hyman Gold and Richard H. Austin, both employed in the registrar's office of the City College of New York.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy weather with showers today, tonight and tomorrow. High temperature yesterday 45 degrees.

High temperature expected today 50 degrees. Low temperature expected today 45 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 40 degrees. Source: T-12 A. M.; Sunset 6:42 P. M.

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Largest Afternoon Newspaper in The Carolinas

Charlotte, North Carolina, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1953

Administration Resigned To Tax Cut Action

Not Enthusiastic For Early Reduction

By CHARLES BARRETT

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration evidently has accepted politically a decision by Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee to vote for early action to reduce income taxes.

Informed sources said today that Treasury officials made it clear to committee members, at a private dinner meeting last night, that they will neither support nor oppose right now a tax-cutting drive by Rep. Reed (R-N.Y.).

Earlier yesterday, at a caucus, GOP members of a tax-writing committee were reliably reported to have decided to vote next Monday in favor of Chairman Reed's bill to reduce individual income tax rates 10 per cent starting June 1.

Persons who attended last night's dinner, asking not to be named, said Treasury officials suggested they would have liked the committee to take action until Treasury specialists have more time to survey prospects for federal revenue and spending.

"FACT OF LIFE"
 Administration spokesmen were said to have accepted the committee members' decision as "one of the facts of life." The measure is said to have been "pleasant and harmonious."

Expenditures, and the Treasury has called for spending cuts and a near-balanced budget before taxes are cut.

Administration spokesmen, however, were said to have told the GOP committee members last night that they are just as anxious as congressmen to cut taxes. The only conflict, these sources said, was timing of action on the Reed bill.

HOPE FOR DELAY

The administration was said to be hoping the House Rules Committee will stall the proposal for about two months. Whether Reed and some other committee members will agree to delay is still a matter of debate.

Such a delay would give some 50 million taxpayers an average 10 per cent reduction by six months from the start of June 1. Payroll withholding taxes would drop from the present 20 per cent to 18 per cent.

Such a cut is scheduled Dec. 31 under present laws. Congressional tax specialists estimate that reduction by six months would cost \$1,800,000,000 in revenue for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The Eisenhower administration is said to feel this loss in revenue would be very difficult, but impossible, for the new President to balance his first full fiscal budget.

Reed has insisted the budget can be balanced under his bill. The committee approval of the Reed bill on Monday could make it eligible for House floor action immediately.

House rules permit the bill and means committee to bypass the rules committee, with some conditions.

Man And Dog Take Wild Auto Ride

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Wallace Watkins, 75, and his dog had the ride of their lives yesterday.

Watkins' brakes failed and his automobile started coasting down Lake Avenue. Three miles he cruised through a plate glass window into a drugstore, knocking over bottles and onto the head of pharmacist Larry Gordon, 30.

Gordon was treated for shock and his dog was sent to a veterinarian.

EVENING PRAYER

Eternal God, our Father, we bring to Thee the needs of our nation, beseeching Thee to give wisdom and courage to those who lead us in the affairs of government, and conviction to all our citizens.

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SPACE PIONEER ALREADY BORN, SAYS SCIENTIST

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Christopher Columbus of space travel already has been born.

That's the word from Astronomer John S. Gault of Northwestern University's Dearborn Observatory. He says the person destined to make the first trip to another planet or the moon is about two years old, still in rumper, but perhaps right now casting speculative eyes at his brother's television-type space helmet.

Surely, he said, to address an educational group, made his predictions in an interview last night.

He said educators should start immediately to prepare children for an age of interplanetary travel.

He said the new unknown pioneer will make the first space voyage around 1967.

But unlike Columbus, who simply sailed across an ocean to a new world that wasn't new, the space Columbus of 1967 will sail across space oceans to real new worlds that have never felt the touch of a human foot, he said.

Well-Chosen Words

Pat's Lawyer Assails Leaks

NEW YORK (AP)—Margaret Pat Ward's attorney sounded off in the corridors outside the closed old city of playboy Mick (Mickie) Jagger today.

With press and public barred from hearing Mick Ward's testimony, Jagger's attorney, Samuel Seigal, went vent to his considerable "better shot giving out quotes," he cried. Then he made his remark about doing likewise himself and ruining some unnamed person's reputation.

When reporters started asking Mick Ward questions, Sam brandished his cane and bellowed, "no comment."

He did not comment. ATTACKS EDITORIALS
 Then Sam launched an attack on editorials in New York newspapers criticizing the banning of the press.

Even who chooses his words from the unbridled version of a dictionary, Sam cried:

"The sophistry, amphibology, paradox and for rank hypocrisy and chicanery, I have never heard anything like it!"

(Amphibology means ambiguity and paradox means illogical reasoning, says the dictionary.)

"Not only," continued Sam, "but there's a shocking and unjustifiable assault."

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Ike May Ask Allies To Boycott China

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower Administration may ask U. S. allies to join in an embargo on all shipments to Red China as an alternative to proposals for a risky naval blockade.

This move was among those highly placed administration officials thought might come before the strategy-making National Security Council for discussion at a White House meeting today.

Secretary of State Dulles, who told senators yesterday that so far as he knows Eisenhower has made no far Eastern commitments beyond his Seventh Fleet order, planned to attend. And Mutual Security Administrator Harold G. Stassen was invited.

BLOCKADE UNPOPULAR
 One Republican official said in an interview that a survey has indicated it probably would be necessary for the U. S. to join in any attempt to blockade the coast and shut out shipments of goods to the Communists.

On the other hand, there was some belief in administration circles that the largest and Communist nations might be willing to expand the "strategic embargo" recommended against Communist China by a United Nations committee in May, 1951.

The U. S. has embargoed all shipments to the Reds, other nations have put only selected articles on the list. Britain, for instance, still gives medical supplies to China.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley was quoted as having told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that so far as international law goes, a blockade legally could be laid against Chinese ports and also against Russian-controlled ports.

HONG KONG IMMUNE
 Bradley said this was true because of the fact that the Reds, other nations have put only selected articles on the list. Britain, for instance, still gives medical supplies to China.

Adm. William F. Friedman, chief of naval operations, told a Detroit news conference it would be feasible for the U. S. to blockade Red China but he added: "Whether we do it is not a matter of our business."

DECISION FOR IKE
 The decision was made as emphasizing, in the Senate committee, that the Joint Chiefs of Staff don't make a decision for President Eisenhower to make. Dulles said it was his decision whether or not to blockade Red China.

Some lawmakers, Bradley's spokesman said, are of the opinion (1) whether a blockade would be effective without covering Russia, and (2) whether the Russians might create a war-stirring incident by continuing to send ships.

Senators in Congress appeared to be swinging toward efforts to get other free nations to join in a blockade. The idea of a blockade would be to cut down the Chinese Reds' ability to wage war in Korea.

There is a feeling that the U. S. doesn't believe it would do any good to take the problem to the United Nations. France and others sought to be asked individually to join the move. Red countries have opposed any such plan.

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PURSUER OBJECT
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SEUL (AP)—Fighting dwindled to patrol activity along the dreary 155-mile Korean battle front today as Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor took command of the U. S. Fifth Army.

Despite a paratrooper general of World War II became the fourth United Nations field commander in Korea today, Gen. James A. Van Fleet who started home for retirement.

Seoul pilots encountered no

GOP Contenders Deny Ike-Taft Feud Flavor

SALISBURY, N. C. (AP)—The two top contenders for the chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party denied today that the race between them is less pre-convention Taft and Eisenhower than a battle for the party.

Similar statements were issued last week by Bailey and National Committeeman Z. E. Brophy of the party's executive committee.

Both Clyde R. Greene of Boone and A. L. Ferree of Asheville are being nominated for the party's presidential ticket.

Both were in camps during the bitter fight for the Republican presidential nomination last summer.

The Salisbury Post following the news of Lincoln Day party attended by 300 Republicans last night, the two seek to succeed James M. Bailey Jr. of Marshall as chairman should be resign the party post to become Western federal district attorney.

Both Greene and Ferree cited the need of a strong Republican Party for an effective two-party system in the state and said they seek the office, should Bailey step down, as Republicans and not as Taft or Eisenhower men.

HORRY STIRRED BY MYSTERIOUS DOINGS
 Was It That A Flying Saucer Lloyed Booth Shot That Weird Night In The Woods?

CONWAY, S. C.—Almost two weeks have gone by since Lloyd Booth shot at that half-gig in the night sky, but the people of this region are still wondering if it is a flying saucer or a complete story.

It's hard for a fellow to go out at night without craning his neck and staring upward, fearful of seeing that strange form with the lighted windows.

They're not talking about Lloyd Booth's shot.

Many of them, especially in Conway, are convinced that the flying saucer is a real thing. He's 29, a good Methodist and an ex-serviceman, and he's been in the military for 12 years.

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