

uphold our traditions. If we can instill these qualities in teen-agers and Teen-Dems I am sure we will have dynamic YDC and Women's groups and senior party. Most of all, do have fun with your teen-agers.

LUNCHEON

Mrs. Harper introduced:

Mary Odum
Mrs. Pat Taylor
Edith Williams
Jeff and Jean Allen
Voit Gilmores

Mrs. Harper introduced Robert Morgan, and said he was Clerk of Court at age 25. He has had a useful career in North Carolina. In 1965 he was President Pro Tem of the Senate. He is Chairman of the East Carolina Board of Trustees. He is particularly interested as Attorney General in consumer relations and problems of drug abuse.

ROBERT MORGAN: The strength of government is in proportion to the knowledge of the people. We as Democrats need to learn as much as we possibly can what our government is doing. What has been done in North Carolina has been done under the leadership of the Democratic Party.

When I was growing up it was sufficient to win election for the Democratic Party to talk about our grand and glorious party and criticize and damn the Republican Party. This is no longer true. People in this state are voting differently in many ways from the past. If you had told me 20 years ago, we would have had a Republican representative or representatives from the eastern part of North Carolina I would never have believed it. Your Congressman was down East and seems to have developed an interest in eastern North Carolina. We have got to go to work and try to organize early and learn as much about our party as we can and as much about what we are doing. I will not take time to talk about party organization as you will be hearing more about it during the day.

I want to tell you some of the current activities of your state government which are taking place because of the Democratic leadership in the Governor's office and in the legislative halls of North Carolina. As I was thinking about our party and how to describe the philosophy of our party, I was reminded of the story of King Solomon and David. For more than 30 years under the leadership of King David Israel had grown prosperous and strong and united. But as he grew older, he turned the kingdom over to his son Solomon. Remember, Solomon went to Gibin? and in a dream one night the Lord appeared and asked what he desired most of his God and Solomon said in that dream that God had placed his fate with a prosperous land and united people, and He had entrusted him with the kingdom and he wanted to rule over this land. He didn't ask riches or prosperity, but he asked for an understanding heart that he might be able to govern his people with wisdom. The Democratic Party has now, and has always had, an understanding heart. An understanding and compassion for the people and our records prove that and all we need to do is to look at the accomplishments in North Carolina for the last 70 years.

... a keen interest in what we have done under the leadership of our ... and especially under the leadership of Pat Taylor when he was ... of the State Board of Mental Health. Many fine things we ... one in our mental hospitals and for the mentally retarded, but

some of this you have heard me talk about too often to talk about this today. Won't you take off one afternoon and visit these institutions and see just what we are doing with these unfortunate human beings who cannot do for themselves. No matter how well you might be financially if you or members of your family suffer from mental illnesses or like diseases you cannot provide and care for yourself. This is one of the responsibilities of an understanding government.

Thomas Jefferson, one of the founders of our party, said one of the real purposes for government to exist was to improve the quality of human life. Tell others about it between now and election. Maybe more important, see what we are not doing so that you may be able to give to legislators necessary support so that they might accomplish more.

On Wednesday we had one of the most heart-rending days I have ever seen. We have made in North Carolina tremendous strides in the area of rehabilitation for the handicapped, and yet too few of our people--let alone members of the General Assembly--really know what we are doing in this area. We decided maybe in order to enlighten members of the legislature we would ask handicapped people from all across North Carolina who had benefited from the Rehabilitation Programs that had been instituted and brought about under the leadership of our party to come to Raleigh and tell their own story. I wish you could have been there. There were more than 100 when I left at noon. One man came in a chartered plane all the way from Asheville, paralyzed from his neck down. And yet because of the rehabilitation services provided by the State of North Carolina this man had learned to become a radio announcer and is earning a livelihood and not only that but pays taxes with which to support the State of North Carolina in many other programs.

As I was driving over this morning, I stopped at Siler City to say hello to two people in a restaurant. The lady who operates the restaurant is blind. Since the last time I saw them in 1969 her husband had lost both arms. He was there to tell his story of what a compassionate government had done for him. He drove his own automobile with no hands from Siler City with his blind wife because of services and efforts that had been provided by rehabilitation services. I don't understand how he did it, but there were pedals on the automobile. He handed to me a card which he had written himself with artificial limbs that had been provided for him by the rehabilitation services of our state government.

I could tell you about the blind and deaf who were there attesting to the fact that our government is concerned with people, and these are some of the things that you as citizens and Democrats need to learn more about and to talk more about to the end that we may involve other people and win elections for our Democratic Party.

None of these things are really in the field of the Department of Justice as my duties as Attorney General, but I reckon I have never been particularly known for minding my own business and meddling in other affairs.

But I want to tell you what we are doing in North Carolina with regard to the problem of lawlessness and crime plaguing our nation. I think you ought to know about this, so that you can tell your fellow North Carolinians about it, and all these were brought about because Democratic Governor Scott had the courage to go to our legislature controlled by Democratic leaders throughout both houses and make the necessary requests for appropriations to do these things.

First of all, in the last 2½ years the State Bureau of Investigation has been more than doubled. This is a law enforcement agency which is designed and intended to give investigative assistance to local law enforcement officers who have the primary responsibility for carrying out our laws. We are also charged with providing laboratory assistance and technical know-how to towns and cities that cannot afford such know-how and facilities.

Tremendously expensive item to North Carolina, but since the Party had the courage to do what was necessary we are making this progress. So to those who are condemning our Party, say, "Would you have us deprive the State Bureau of Investigation of this badly needed assistance? Would you have us deprive the people of this state of the police information network which will become operative in the next month or two months at the most, which costs the people of this state more than \$2,000,000?" Let me tell you about it.

I think you ought to tell others, also. For instance, today someone in Montgomery County, in Troy, committed murder. You and I know the chances that before it could be detected and the identify of the murderer made that the chances are that person would have already left Montgomery County Surely that would be true before you could get to your sheriff or police and before he could be apprehended. Of course, they are restricted by county and city lines. What could be done to alert people of this state and nation that a dangerous murderer was at large? Put it on the Highway Patrol radio, but unless the officer happened to be in his automobile he would have no knowledge of it.

It would be impracticable for the sheriff to pick up the telephone and call 100 counties and say, "John Jones is wanted in Troy for murder." It would take practically all day to make 100 phone calls, let alone to every police department. It is almost a miracle we ever apprehend anyone who is wanted for violating the law.

What will happen when we get the new police network in? There is being installed in the Department of Justice several giant computers. I can't tell you how it is operated. I don't understand the technical end of it. These computers will be connected with every sheriff's office in North Carolina by a wire-in terminal. The terminal will work much like a typewriter. The very minute the Sheriff learns about John Jones he will immediately type on to that typewriter in his office a description of the man, the fact he is wanted for murder in Montgomery County and any other identifying characteristics. Momentarily, in just a flash, that information will be transmitted to the computers in our office and will be stored there without any human hands being involved.

Let us say, for instance, 2 hours later over in Winston-Salem or Asheville a Highway Patrolman pulled John Jones over on the side of the road for speeding or careless or reckless driving. Expert officers have a way of detecting when something unusual about a man driving a car. Patrolman pulls him over to the side of the road, looking at his driver's license and as soon as he sees it, he radios and tells base office that John Jones, male, 45 years old, etc. His base office will immediately go to their terminal and type on that this information that will be transmitted to the computers in our office and the wheels will immediately begin to turn and kick out the fact the man is wanted for murder in Troy. It will switch automatically without any human hands being involved to National Crime Information in Washington, D. C. where computers are doing the same thing - to see if he is wanted anywhere else in America. Relay this back to Raleigh and back to Highway Patrol station and radio to Highway Patrolman on the side of the road in not more than 4 minutes.

This will be a great step in trying to do something about crime and lawlessness. Can you remember that some of the officers have been killed in North Carolina to protect our right to drive, and be secure in our homes. Not far from here 2 patrolmen were killed when they stopped a motorist. 7 officers have been killed in North Carolina in the line of duty since I have been Attorney General. Officers traveling along the road late at night and sees suspicious character and before he stops the car, he will radio the license number and inquiry made to police network and in a matter of moments might very well come back it was stolen somewhere in New York or Washington and believed to be driven by a dangerous criminal. Immediately alert this Highway Patrolman to be careful. When this is completed, I think this will be the best and first complete system in America. Tremendously expensive, but it was brought about by the leadership of our party. It costs money, and I think we ought to say to the people--those who oppose--"Would you deprive the people of this state of this great system to help to do something about lawlessness and crime?"

You and I know drugs are perhaps the greatest threat in our society today. I can't begin to tell you how serious the problem is. As many of you know, one area of our state, Cumberland County, has been rated by a national syndicated columnist as the second only to New York as to the problem of drugs in this nation. I cannot argue with that. Problem has reached almost every area in North Carolina. Involved in the schools and elsewhere. We are trying to establish drug task force to do something about it. Mental health involved in rather substantial program to try to rehabilitate those who become addicted.

Lot of people who have no sympathy. I have no sympathy for the things that caused him to become addict, but once he becomes addict, he becomes sick man and needs our help. Even if I did not have compassion and understanding for the individual, we must become concerned for the rest of North Carolinians. Average heroin addict requires about \$80 of heroin a day. You and I know that by the time a person becomes such an addict he is no longer able to be gainfully employed and that his only recourse is to rob, steal, and kill in order to supply his habit. 5 men in the state prison in Raleigh who are there for robbery, and we can trace 29 armed robberies directly to these 5 men, and heaven only knows how many more that were committed by these 5 men. We will never know about that. We do have problems, and this is contributing substantially to it, but we are doing something in North Carolina about it. Beginning to take positive steps forward, but it is expensive.

Another area is that of consumer protection. Hearing a lot about this in America today. I am pleased in North Carolina we have been concerned about this. We are exercising our responsibilities as a state. I have always believed very strongly in states rights and have been known generally for my beliefs in that area. I think states rights are for responsible states, and if we as a state fail to do what we should for people, we cannot complain when the Federal Government takes over and does these things for us.

3 Divisions in Our Office

- (1) Anti-Trust Division. This is division which I think is most important not only to maintain and to keep competition in the market place so that you as a consumer can get best price for the products that you have to buy. It is also necessary for the purpose of protecting honest and legitimate businessmen, and the right of you and I to enter into business.

Between the period 1957-63 only 5 drug manufacturers in America who

held the secret formula for life-saving anti-biotic drugs. Instead of these 5 companies placing the drugs on the market in the spirit of free enterprise system, they got together and said, "We have got it and we are going to make the consuming public pay through the nose." Exactly what they did. Instead of competing with each other for the consumer's dollar, they fixed the prices and you and members of your family paid mark-up of somewhere between 3,500% and 5,000% above the cost of those drugs. Not your local doctor or hospital or drug store which did this, because he had to pay the same inflated prices. We brought a lawsuit against the 5 companies. They made offer to settle in North Carolina for 2½ million. We declined that offer because we felt there were conditions attached to it we couldn't live with. We think we are going to settle it for substantially more. Set in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Even if we never get the first penny from this lawsuit, it has already served a useful purpose to the people of North Carolina. It served notice to the giants in this industry we expect you to compete in the open market place for consumer business.

Many cities get competitive bids for chemicals that go in water supplies. Up until 1957 they had been getting together.

Highway construction doing the same thing. Some of the companies would allocate the markets to the detriment of the people.

Filed lawsuit against 4 of the milk distributors and processors in this state because they were selling milk too cheap. What has happened? We thought you were trying to get milk down. What these 4 companies had done, they had moved into Cabarrus County where there is one independent dairy processor and were selling their milk at far less than they were selling it back home in their own areas. These 4 companies controlled 40% of all milk supplies in North Carolina, yet one dairy processor not processing .4 of 1%.

You see what would happen as soon as they were able to drive the independent dairy man out of business, the people in that community would no longer get the good price they are now paying.

We are not only involved for the purpose of protecting the consumer but the legitimate businessman as well.

- (2) Another area is rate regulations. If you get notice in the mail tomorrow that your telephone service will be increased or the bill for your power services is going to be increased, what can you do about it? You can't change companies because the State of North Carolina has seen to it that you can't do that, because we have granted to your own company an absolute monopoly, and we have said we are not going to let anybody else compete with you. We had to do that because we know it wouldn't be practical to have two power companies running lines down the same street. Neither one able to grow and develop the area.

Being a monopoly we expect you to submit to reasonable regulations to the Utilities Commission to the end that we can guarantee good services. Whenever companies feel like they want to increase rates, they file petition and come before Utilities Commission Judges or quasi-judges.

But can you as an individual afford to be there on the other side of the case and want to question figures or statistics of that company? It would cost you so much you couldn't afford it. Somebody there for you. That is what we are doing in the Attorney General's office

with the personnel appearing as advocate for 5 million North Carolinians, but not as enemy of utilities companies. They are entitled to make fair return on their money, but solely for the purpose of questioning evidence on the other side so that when the Utilities Commission renders a verdict, it will be verdict based on all evidence available and not one side of the case.

Typical example. One public utility asked for rate increase which would have cost users in one area \$5,000,000 a year. We intervened on the other side and when their witnesses went on the stand we asked why they wanted a rate increase.

"We want to improve the services offered in this particular area."

"Reasonable." What kind of services are you going to improve and how much?"

"We don't know yet; we haven't made detailed study."

"If you haven't made detailed study, how do you know how much to increase rates?"

"This is estimate."

"When will the services be available to the public?"

"We don't; that depends on the study and when we get equipment."

"When do you want the rates to go into effect?"

"Immediately."

You can see how unfair this was. Because both sides brought out, the Utilities Commission denied until such ~~as~~ time as increased services are available.

We intervened in the Duke Power case. We brought in additional auditor from Washington because Duke Power said they must have increase in rates because of increased cost of fuel and labor. However, they said they are not entitled to all they are seeking. About 2-3 weeks hearing Utilities Commission allowed them about \$20,000,000 rate increase and denied them \$18,000,000 of what they were asking for, so that we are not anti-utility, but simply trying to present both sides of the picture to the Commission. If we don't do it, the Federal Government will do it for us.

Senator Metcalf from Montana has a bill pending in Congress which will provide 2,000 attorneys from the Federal Government to do exactly what we are doing in North Carolina - to appear before what are regulatory agencies on the part of the consuming public.

My counterpart in South Carolina doesn't do this. In South Carolina CPL and Duke got what they asked for. One of these days corps will descend on South Carolina and I'm afraid my counterpart in South Carolina will cry "Federal Intervention."

- (3) Third is the Deceptive Trade Practice Act. The thing that really brought about the creation of consumer protection was my experience as a country lawyer with the fly-by-night who often came in and and through high-pressure sales techniques or unfair and deceptive practices misled the public and was gone from the community before anything could be done about it.

EXAMPLE: 3 young men in Lillington were going to build apartments in Buie's Creek. They needed \$200,000. They saw advertisement placed by Tar Heel Mortgage-Brokerage Company representing they had plenty of money to lend for motels, apartments, and nursing homes. My friends went to see this man, and he said he had plenty of money and placed in escrow and when I get your binding agreement from some finance company the money is yours.

These 3 put up \$14,000 of hard-earned money. About 3-4 weeks what we in the legal field call commitment or agreement from financial institution in St. Louis: "We will loan \$200,000 when buildings completed according to the plans." They released their \$14,000 to that man. They took commitment to the ~~local~~ local bank and were told it was absolutely worthless and only a paper company created for the purpose of defrauding the public.

What could the 3 young men do about it? We could go into court and get judgment and cost about \$2,000 or \$3,000 in legal fees and court costs and you couldn't collect judgment when you get it, because of secreted assets, if he has any.

Criminal process moves so slowly. Best thing to do is take loss and forget it.

With that in mind, we created unfair and deceptive practice act. We got onto this man's trail in September 1969, went into court and able to show that 20 some cases where the man had defrauded people out of more than \$140,000. We were able to get court order forbidding this man from doing business in North Carolina. Since that time people had paid more than \$400,000. To be sure, we are not going to get their money back for them, but we hope we have prevented other North Carolinians from being defrauded, and we think we have offered protection to local savings and loan, banks, and legitimate loan companies.

This is a real area. I thought fly-by-night were the only one we had to be really concerned about. Some of the most prominent and highly respected companies in our state engage in practices which are just as deceptive.

EXAMPLE: I had a friend in Wake Forest who thought of buying automobile tires from local service station who needed his business. One morning he saw in the News & Observer a full-page ad by a company you would be shocked if I called its name advertising certain products. He read the article about automobile tires at a very attractive price. He decided he would pass by the local merchant and go over and buy some. He got there about 10:30 and LO AND BEHOLD they were sold out. They wanted to switch him to tires which were more expensive than the tires he could have bought in Wake. He didn't bite, but most people would bite.

He went back home and bought the tires. Two weeks later he saw the same ad. He was standing at the door when the doors opened and LO AND BEHOLD he was told again they were sold out. The manager said they only had 7 tires. The ad cost as much as \$1,000 that was expected to be read by 1/4 million people, if not 1/2 million. When they only had 7 tires. Practice not only deceptive but fraudulent. It was done for the purpose of baiting the consumer to come there so that they could switch him to something more expensive.

I have a sister in Fayetteville. She went down to buy \$57 sewing machine and she can't even sew. She thought it was worth having around the house to patch with. She came back with \$155 sewing machine; they

were sold out of \$57 model. We are trying to do something about this in our department. These are some of the things we are working on, and we will need your help and support if we are going to be successful.

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JEFF ALLEN: We are losing some counties in the 8th District and picking up some new ones. We will have a rally in the early summer and invite in our new neighbors.

WORKSHOP

Mrs. John T. Kerns
Margaret Harper
Edith Williams
Miss Marcelle Milloway
Mary Odum.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. State Fall Convention - October 1-2 in Greensboro.
2. Objectives: to support principles
work for candidates
carry out projects
work for the state Democratic Party
assist in organizing Democrats at home
3. Any woman in County is member of state organization.
4. 10¢ dues.
5. Member-at-large if County not organized.
6. Elect District Director and Deputy Director in uneven number years.
7. Elect in even numbered years: State officers.
8. Ex. Committee made up of officers and President or VP of YDC,
any officers of State Democratic Executive who are women (Secretary)
Chairman of all committees,
9. BY-LAWS
District Director and all officers serve 2 years.
May be re-elected only one time.
Chairman appointed by President except one committee (Nom. Com)
Document full of safeguards.
10. REPORTS
Each president of county organization shall send by January 1,
to District Director and Secretary
Name, Address, Telephone.
Each District Director to report to Mrs. Harper of workshop in 30 days
11. Quorum is 1/3 of registered delegates at Convention.
12. Elections by ballots
13. How Vote when Get to Convention: each local vote 1 for 25 for
each state dues-member.

More members in local, more voice.

- 14. Each county should be discussing Constitution; if not heard before June 1, assume it is all right.
- 15. If not all right, amend in fall.

EDITH WILLIAMS

- 16. Filling in for Mrs. John Winfield, National Committeewoman.
- 17. Help in national party; is in debt.
- 18. Asking each District Director to contact club President and set goal and work.
- 19. Have National Committee Day.
 - Fund raising
 - Fashion show, luncheon, dinner, reception
- 20. Clubs can joint together.
- 21. If large affairs, Mary Lou Berge will come as guest or speaker.
- 22. At smaller meeting, tape to play
 - Mary Lou Berge
 - 2600 Virginia Avenue, N. W.
 - Washington, D. C. 20037
- 23. If not, each club assess specific amount. 50¢ or \$1 adds up.
- 24. Fall Conference - report from each District Director.
 - Special recognition and to individual who turns in most money.
- 25. Help National Party. \$6 million in hole. Demo Party in N. C.

MARY ODUM - WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

- 26. More women in politics, more women elected to office.
- 27. Democrats done well by N. C.
- 28. Can't sit back and make no further effort.
- 29. I ran, not as woman, but as a human being.

QUESTION: How get past the barrier or women to run headquarters and serve coffee, instead of run for office?

ANSWER: DON't listen and run.

QUESTION: How get Democratic endorsement on county level?

ANSWER: You don't have to have endorsement; jut run. I stayed in kitchen for 30 years. I took initiative. After primary, everyone pitched in. Time to get out of the kitchen. Announce you are going to do it.

More women of voting age than men.

Don't think everything lost when lose election.

You make great contribution: to offer people a choice.

Busy at local level, municipal elections, state level.

Over 100 years since women fighting for right and 50 years last August since obtained right to vote.

2 Women in General Assembly.

Not others' fault.

Not willing to assume responsibility.

Southern heritage - can't go up and speak to strangers.

Speak to everyone for vote.

Experience of campaigning is rich.

QUESTION: How much stamina and footwork?

ANSWER: I was off every Thursday. Maps and plotted courses. Stores, crossroads.

Bottling plant at 7:00 in the morning

QUESTION: Finances?

ANSWER: \$25 filing fee. \$1 here, \$10 there. No large contribution. No posters. women don't mind.

QUESTION: Did you have organization to help you move from place to place?

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I spent money in campaign cards.

You need perseverance
courage
sacrifice

--women have to have encouragement of family.

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