

The Tar Heel

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The Eye Of The Horse

Roger Will Coe

("The horse sees imperfectly, magnifying some things, minimizing others..." Hippopotis; circa 500 B. C.)



The Horse was reading a newspaper in the lee of Graham Memorial when I found him. I didn't speak for a moment because The Horse was alternately reading (he lip-reads, and with his lips that is something!) and chortling in high glee.

What was funny?

"Darned if the Russkies aren't going Capitalistic, for fair!" The Horse brayed, his piano-key teeth flashing delight. This program they have announced for Poland is quite a dish, and a dish stolen straight from an American Political Party!"

Would he elucidate further on his cerebrations?

"I will not move over," The Horse snapped. "There's lots of room without I should move. Hey, listen to this one: Wages of workers will be increased, and prices of commodities will go down; people will be encouraged in free-enterprise, and the government will ruthlessly punish all profiteers. Echoes of Chicago, if that ain't familiar!"

Did The Horse mean we did like that?

"Why, sure," The Horse chattered, balling the newspaper into a pillow and resting his head on it. "A political platform is sort of like a game of verbal tick-tack toe where everybody is happy but nobody ever wins. Anything the candidate says is immediately cancelled out by the next thing he says."

Wasn't that cynical?

"Nope, only comical," The Horse laughed. "Look—if you raise wages, the price of goods should go up, yes? So how can you both raise wages and lower prices? Another campaign favorite is, 'We will encourage trade with the world; but our tariffs will be raised against encroachment.' Ain't that a lulu? And how about this one: 'The natural resources of the pee-pul will be preserved for their benefit; and Bonneville Dam and Niagara Falls will be turned over to private power combines.'"

Well, it seemed to be the custom to go on like that.

"Sure," The Horse agreed equably, "and no harm in it at all until one or another candidate gets it into his noggin he is expected to keep all those high-flung campaign promises. Then it becomes a case of 'Who Threw The Overalls In Mrs.

Murphy's Chowder?' The last guy I know who tried to keep all his campaign promises was Hoover, and he ended up pleasing nobody."

Was The Horse suggesting some current parallel?

"Parallels give one a lot of Latitude, as Geography 38 ably demonstrates," The Horse pontificated, "so I'll help myself to one small such. I don't doubt Bob Taft has some hip trouble, and I'm sorry he has; but it strikes me that Mr. Republican took to those crutches awfully fast after a quick re-cap of what was going on on the Campaign Promise front. And Dewey has not only got himself exceedingly interested in the New York City Subway situation, from the looks of things he's living in one of those thunder-tubes. A whole lot of hard-boiled professional politicians are playing ostrich, and any time they quit looking, the political barometer must be tossing out storm-warnings like a candidate making with the promises."

What did The Horse think such doings portended?

"I see trouble," The Horse said soberly, his eight-ball eyes clicking. "In trying to keep one Campaign Promise, Big Steel is having its head fed into the

NO ONE CARES BUT—

1. It's muer too warm to tussle with books, projects, or quizzes. Student's point of view is that quizzes are unfair to the professors who have to grade them.

2. Beer drinking remains the favorite extra curricular activity—indications are that it is here to stay until something better comes along.

3. If you must study to pull up quality points, make the Dean's List or graduate, we advise you to do it in the afternoon and take advantage of the air conditioning in the North Carolina room of the Library.

4. The suspense as to who will be appointed new Dean of Journalism is getting us down—hope the committee keeps it in the journalism school family.

5. What has become of the "dog pack" which was so prominent during the spring quarter?

Power-Combine hopper out West. Clipping Big Steel's hair is like giving a wildcat a hot-foot."

So?

"So Big Business is realistic," The Horse shrugged. "It is no trick for it to play tick-tack-toe right back and throw the next Congressional elections to the Demon Democrats and cancel out the Power Lads. I see trouble, because Taft and Dewey and Kaiser and Reynolds and Mellon and Knowland see trouble."

I wondered what McCarthy saw?

"Holy Joe is color-blind, he sees nothing but Red," The Horse horsed. "Well, I'll be seein' ya next Fall.

I hope The Horse will be seeing better by that time. . .

Could it be that they are taking advantage of summer school to visit relatives at Duke, Woman's College, or State. If so, odds are that they will return to Carolina for obvious reasons.

6. The Senate Internal Security Committee didn't add any prestige to the University with its latest investigation but in the main it may have served a good purpose—perhaps it will open the eyes of those formerly unaware and likely to wander off the narrow path.

7. Victory Village residents should pick up their copies of the Daily Tar Heel from the DTH box located near the traffic light at the intersection of Pittsboro Road and Mason Farm Road.

8. J. P. Harland will be teaching several archaeology courses during the second session of summer school. It's ironic that

he should teach Archaeology of the Bible in Murphey room 111 which gets as hot as the pits of hell.

9. If you leave the University without taking a history course under the able Dr. Hugh Lefler, you have missed one of the better professors in the University. There is a touch of magic in his ability to make history interesting.

10. The Nursery being built in Victory Village is a much needed project. The \$64 question is "who knows what is going on regarding the planned program for next year?"

11. There is a much seen female around campus who would or perhaps it should be, could, give Marilyn Monroe a good race for figures or bust. We don't know her name but in such a contest names wouldn't be important to the judges.

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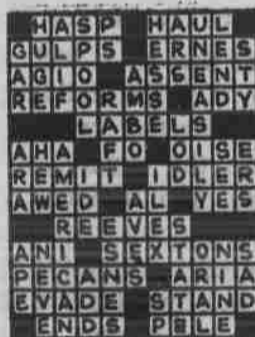
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Not working.
5. A plant cutting.
9. A drone.
10. Mimicks.
12. Greedy.
13. Small, natural hollow in the skin.
14. Bryophytic plant.
15. Linen vestment (Eccl.).
16. Musle note.
17. All correct.
18. Lixivium.
19. Bog.
20. Trojan hero (Class. Myth.).
23. Conceal.
24. Sash (Jap.).
25. Fuel.
26. The grave.
28. A spend-thrift.
31. Open (poet.).
32. Kind of meat.
33. Greek letter.
34. Tantalum (sym.).
35. Audience.
36. Rodent (So. Am.).
38. Matches.
40. Leave out.
41. Coarse, edible seaweed.
42. Girl's name.
43. Fresh-water tortoise.
44. Native of Media.

DOWN

1. To cite.
2. Raised platform.
3. Covers.
4. Elevated train.
5. A pleasant look.
6. Branch.
7. Mischievous spirit.
8. Threw, as missiles.
9. Islands (S. Pacific).
11. River (Fr.).
13. Periods of time.
18. Medieval type of short tale.
19. Clenched hand.
21. City (Alaska).
22. Subside.
23. Owns.
25. Herd of whales.
26. Carried.
27. Obscure bread.
28. Conflicts.
29. Stir up.
30. Lariat.
32. Compelled to go along.
35. Not difficult.



Yesterday's Answer

36. Cornmeal bread.
37. Among (S. Ger.).
39. City.
42. Part of "to be".

