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Mr. Hoey's Record

It is to be admitted that a governor of North Carolina can do little, that his power is limited but his influence great. And it is a bit difficult for a governor to make a record. However, Governor Hoey, retiring from the Raleigh mansion next week, has established two records that will go down in history: He has made more speeches than any other governor or group of governors combined. Multiply his number of speeches by about 100 and the resulting calculation will give the number of times he has had his picture taken. Mr. Hoey has played the role of a dignified governor, impressing the boys in far-removed states.

Let's examine the likable old gentleman's record. There's really little to brag about, for he has paraded as a great Democrat and played so close to the Republican fence and in opposition to the national administration that at one time it was difficult to determine his colors. In that role he has not played fair with the people of North Carolina except those who were associated with the Republican party or bolted and became Willkiecrats.

He enacted permanent revenue measures, but the common people have felt no difference in their tax load since their enactment.

He advertised the State or the high spots in the State, leaving the backwoodsman mired in the mud.

There have been no major labor disturbances, Mr. Hoey says, but whatever advantages labor has gained these past four years were not gained at the hand of the retiring governor.

An enlarged road system is pointed out as one of his major achievements. Yes, a two-million dollar bridge across Albemarle Sound was handed him by one Mr. Ehringhaus. There's a pleasure road on top of the mountains in western North Carolina, but Mr. Hoey saw to it that little tax money from North Carolina gasoline was diverted from the hubs formed by his appointed commissioners. An extensive road project across a useless lake will stand as a monument to his road expansion program. If the real facts were known, it would likely show up on his record that the secondary roads of this State have been cheated that numerous spokes could be added to the eleven hubs.

The governor says that taxes have not been increased. And that's encouraging.

He has seen a modern probation system established, and made doubly sure about the personal appointments which in some instances literally stink.

The department of justice has been enlarged. This is a worthy step, but at the same time it is an admission that law enforcement in the political subdivisions has broken down.

An increase in the number of highway patrolmen was effected, but possibly the governor anticipated labor trouble when additions were made.

Social security legislation was literally rammed down his throat, but he smacked his lips when it came to appointments, and right now this State is spending about one-fourth of its welfare money for administering the program. And that's disgusting.

Mr. Hoey refers to a great building program during his administration. But the money was furnished by a government in Washington and it is no secret that he attacked or turned a cold shoulder to that administration in numerous instances. Possibly his attacks and sneers were justified, but why boast of a building program advanced by that administration to relieve a class of people Mr. Hoey never really met during his four years in Raleigh?

The State has had a balanced budget every day of his four years in office. Give any state the right to tax the food, the clothes, coffins and baby carriages and it will show a balanced budget. And if that State adheres to certain principles, it will show a larger surplus than Mr. Hoey and his administration are now boasting about.

There has been a \$26,000,000 debt reduction under Mr. Hoey. That's fine, but shouldn't that reduction have been even greater?

There's his advanced and enlightened prison system. While Mr. Hoey may have had fine ideals in mind, he was watching for a way to

build up a surplus cash fund.

There have been gains in public health, but those gains are traceable to the counties and the federal government mostly, the State manipulating the funds.

The highway safety program must not be overlooked and neither the appointments there.

Mention is made in his record of election law amendments. Those amendments were a bit late, too be sure. Time and pressure brought reform, not Mr. Hoey.

Graduate courses were established for Negroes in Negro colleges. But it is to be remembered that the United States Supreme court instigated that.

There's the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. If there ever was a joke in this State, it is the liquor board. Designed to prevent abuses arising in connection with the operation of the states, the commission is wringing wet with political appointments and top-high salaries.

Agriculturally speaking the farmer has been all but overlooked by the administration, but he is grateful for the work done in eradicating the Japanese Beetle and other insects, including ticks.

In short, Mr. Hoey was given a high-powered machine four years ago. He has steered it down the road, swerving neither to the left nor to the right, stopping just long enough to make a speech and have his picture taken. He is turning the machine over to his successor, possibly in no worse condition than he found it, but certainly without any great improvement.

Even then, the State has admired Mr. Hoey. He is still a Christian gentleman in their eyes. And we concur. But he is not to go down in history as the State's greatest governor.

Another Legislature

Another session of the legislature gets underway in Raleigh this week. It is generally believed that the 1941 meeting will be comparatively short, and that it holds hope for improving the condition of the State. Past sessions have created such a big mess that conditions can get no worse, and if the session now about to open does anything at all it will have to be for the better.

There are certain encouraging features about the administration entering office Thursday. It is generally admitted that the people have chosen an able man for governor, a man who the people believe will not accept the status quo theory but one who will take a definite stand on questions other than those of a moral nature. Mr. J. M. Broughton enters the office of Governor a friend of the people, and the people have high hopes that he will remain their friend. While there are those who will attempt to guide the affairs of State after their own patterns, it is admitted that some good men are going in to support Mr. Broughton, and there is good reason to expect a progressive administration.

Martin County, expecting no more than its fair share, is longingly looking for relief from its bad secondary road system. Martin County has been kicked around long enough, and it is disappointing to review the treatment accorded it by the Hoey administration. Robbed of a huge investment made in the State's highway system twenty years ago, the people have been ignored by succeeding administrations while politics bridged the wide waters with two-million dollar bridges, leveled off the mountain tops, and formed hubs of concrete ribbons around many of the commissioners' homes. The people are hoping and praying that politics will be ousted from the highway set-up and that future programs will be based on fairness and needs.

While Martin County citizens are interested in a few local matters and state-wide legislation, they have their attention centered on a New Deal in North Carolina's highway system.

Congratulations For Holt

Senator Rush Holt, of West Virginia, must have been highly pleased a few days ago when official Nazidom recognized his work in this country. The Senator, after attacking the administration at every turn, fell in line with the aims and practices of Hitler, and he was congratulated by the Nazis a few days ago.

If Mr. Holt is as smart as he thinks he is why doesn't he recognize his defeat at the polls last primary and act accordingly? With Holt's term drawing to a close as an official in the government, the future for the government and the people, too, looks brighter.

"A Way To A Happy New Year"

By Dr. Robert Brewster Beattie

To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old,
and
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy Year."

Doc Anklam used to say: Some bachelors have a tough time tryin' to decide whether they should stay single and disappoint a few women for a while, or to get married and disappoint one woman for the rest of her life.

1940 VERSION



ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Buck Roberson, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 27th day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 27th day of Dec., 1940.
ASA J. HARDISON,
Administrator of the estate of
d31-6t Buck Roberson, deceased.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.
Robert Louis Stevenson vs. Spicy Mae Stevenson.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation, and

notice that she is required to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, within thirty days after the completion of this service of summons by publication and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 31st day of Dec., 1940.
L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court.
d31-4t

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by D. A. Roebuck and wife, Ila Mae Roebuck, to the undersigned Trustee, bearing date October 22, 1937, and recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book T-3, at page 247, default have been made in the payment of the notes and indebtedness for which the same was given as security, and the terms and the conditions thereof not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of the said notes, the under-

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AT HAMILTON ----- 11:30 a. m. to 12 m.
AT GOLD POINT ----- 1 to 2 p. m.

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signed Trustee will on Saturday, the 1st day of February, 1941, at twelve (12) o'clock Noon, at the Courthouse door of Martin County, at Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land adjoining the lands of W. M. Hardison and others on the Williamston-Hamilton Highway in Poplar Point Township, Martin County, North Carolina, being the same lands devised and bequeathed to the late Mrs. Pattie Biggs Crawford under the last Will and Testament of John D. Biggs, deceased, which is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County in Will Book No. 4, at page 462, and the same lands described in a Deed recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book O-3, at page 604, containing 77 acres, more or less.

This the 23rd day of December, 1940.
HUGH G. HORTON,
Trustee.
d31-4t

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Personal Property LISTING

List-takers will be at the following places on the specified dates to list all personal property and polls for general taxation in the County of Martin for the tax year of 1941:

Jamesville

R. L. Stallings, List-taker. Each Friday and Saturday at Town House.

Williams

C. L. Daniel, List-taker. January 16 at Fairview Church, 8:30 to 12:30; and at Richlieu Filling Station from 1 to 4 p.m.; January 17 at Township House from 8:30 to 4 p.m.; January 21 at Joshua L. Coltrain's from 8:30 to 2 p.m.; January 24 at home.

Griffins

Geo. C. Griffin, List-taker. January 16, John A. Griffin's Filling Station; January 17 at J. Eason Lilley's Store; January 23, at Manning and Gurnin's Filling Station; January 24 and 31, at S. E. Manning's Filling Station. Hours 8:30 to 4 p.m.

Bear Grass

A. B. Ayers, List-taker. Each Thursday and Friday at A. B. Ayers' home.

Williamston

H. M. Burras, List-taker. Each week day at courthouse. Hours 9 to 5 p.m.

Cross Roads

Gordon G. Bailey, List-taker. January 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30 at Everetts; January 24 at Gurganus Schoolhouse; January 31 at Cross Roads Church.

Robersonville

H. S. Everett, List-taker. Each week day at Central Warehouse through January.

Poplar Point

LeRoy Taylor, List-taker. January 29, 30 and 31.

Hamilton

L. H. Everett, List-taker. January 10, 17, 27, 29 and 30 at Hamilton; January 24 and 31 at Hassell; January 28 at Beddard's Filling Station.

Goose Nest

J. A. Rawls, List-taker. January 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 31 and February 1 at Oak City; January 9 at Luke Burnette's from 10 to 3; January 16 at Smith Bros. Store from 10 to 3; January 22 at Hopkins Farm from 11 to 3; January 23 at J. A. Everett's from 11 to 3; and January 30 at Dan Howell's Filling Station from 11 to 3 o'clock.

Every personal property owner and every male between the ages of 21 and 50, inclusive, must list their holdings for general taxation. Failure to do so will invite indictment and prosecution in the courts. Listings must be completed by the last day of January. List Early.

This the 2nd day of January, 1941.

S. H. Grimes
County Tax Supervisor