



By ALAN BROWNING, Jr.

**WE AIM TO BE HELPFUL TO ALL**

It is the purpose of this column to be helpful to everyone. For that purpose we have on our staff Prof. J. Bottlenose Funny-puss who is in charge of our laboratory for scientific research and political prognostication.

After reading in a recent issue of a Greensboro daily that "Our Bob" Lovelace has predicted that President Roosevelt will get only about 50 electoral votes in the 1936 election; that he will not carry North Carolina, and that the forces of the G. O. P. (Gone Outer Power), will gain control of the political machinery of this state, we thought it only fair that we have Prof. Funny-puss write a special delivery letter to President Roosevelt advising him not to run for president in the next campaign. Running in the face of Mr. Lovelace's prediction will be the purest folly.

Of course if President Roosevelt wishes to make the race that will be his business, but it is our purpose to save him—and the Democratic party—many thousands of dollars which would be spent on an absolutely useless campaign if he does run.

A man of Mr. Lovelace's political standing is absolutely sure to know what he is talking about, especially when he does not confine himself to the state alone, but rises to view with alarm all possible menaces to the constitution and all assorted "isms" from Soviet Russia. A man who can grasp everything from the Old North State to Russia in one interview is a man to be reckoned with.

Personally, we believe Mr. Lovelace will be wasting his time if he runs for Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina. He should aspire to nothing less than the governorship, or even to the presidency. A man with such keen political insight that he can predict what is to come over a year hence could probably predict himself into the White House with just as much accuracy.

**TSK, TSK, TSK!**

We were just looking at some back copies of The Tribune and while so doing happened across the column we wrote while in the hospital here for appendicitis.

Tsk, tsk, tsk! And as much as we had written beforehand about people who talk about their operation.

Oh, well, we guess an operation is interesting only to those who have had one—and so interested are they that they get the misguided notion that other folks will also be interested. However, although this is a late date, we apologize for pestering you so much a year ago about our operation. We won't do it again until we have that pesky mole on the back of our neck removed.

**FROM OUR MAIL BAG**

Dear Sir:  
Will you be so kind as to inform me just why you have been allowed to run at large for 10, these many years? Don't you know you are what we might term a "harmless menace" to the entire literary profession? Personally, I would consider it a great favor if you would take a permanent vacation from your "weakly" column each week.

L. G. G.

Oh, thank you, thank you.

Dear Gab:  
Kindly inform me how long is a piece of string? Thanks.  
G. B.

Twice as long as a half a piece. For further information on this subject, see Bonnie Brown or Charles Dunnagan at Turner Drug Co.

Sir:  
If a hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half, how long would it take one hen to lay one egg?  
A. K.

A. Yes.

**THIS AND THAT**

Not much need of legalizing liquor in this state now, what with the new legal wines. One or two glasses and whooie-e-e-e!

Or so we've been told. (Ahem.)

The following letter was received recently by a concern which manufactures corn syrup: "Dear Sirs: Though I have taken six cans of

**WILL KEEP CONGRESS LONGER**

Washington, July 21.—A promise that five billion dollars of inflationary legislation would be laid in front of the administration program in the senate came today from Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, with a prediction that Congress would be here until November 1.

The veteran Idaho independent said friends of the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage refinancing bill and the vetoed Patman bonus measure "have concluded" to tack these on to one of the administration's "must" bills, probably the tax measure, in the senate.

"Two must programs seem to be colliding," Borah observed.

Persons accused of crime in Maryland may be tried by a jury or by a single judge, as they prefer. It is said that a majority prefer to trust their fate to one judge than to a jury of 12.

Mark Geldon of Sheffield, Eng., molded himself a very satisfactory set of false teeth from scraps of aluminum which he melted.



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