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Aside from being one of the friendliest persons we've ever had the privilege of knowing, Senator (and Governor) Clyde R. Hoey could think faster on his feet than any speaker produced on the North Carolina scene in the past half century.

Unlike the average public figure, who reads his speech and not too well, the white-maned Shelby orator could do a magnificent job without notes or preparation. Another former Governor, Cameron Morrison, was famed as a speaker too, but he wasn't even close to being Hoey's equal.

Senator Sam Ervin, who shares our admiration for the late Tar Heel statesman, was recalling the other day the words of Hoey when Edward R. Murrow asked him to put his faith and creed in language for Murrow's "This I Believe" radio program. Here are Hoey's words, just as he dictated them to his secretary, Ruth Meacham.

"This I believe. I believe in faith--I have always had faith. As an adolescent I pondered the full-orbed canopy of the far-extended skyline, and believed there was a great first cause--God. To me there was no other explanation of the universe and no other assurance of protection and guidance.

"When 12 years of age I was privileged to work in a printing office for long hours daily and many times far into the night. After concluding the labors of the day and night, I would walk along a dark and lonely road, through woods and uninhabited section for a long mile to my home.

"Scared of the dark, yes; afraid, to be sure; but armed with a heavy hickory walking stick, I looked up into a starlit sky and thought of my free heritage and believed in a Father God and would not admit my fears to even my collaborators. From the standpoint of the world I was unafraid. I am still unafraid.

"Growing into manhood, with manifold responsibilities and perplexing problems, requiring all the resources of which I was capable, there was the constant and increasing need for some reservoir of power that could be tapped in periods of emergencies and hours of crisis. In my faith I discovered that reservoir.

"I found matrimony a happy estate. Blessed with a radiant and lovely life companion, the establishment and maintenance of a home was a high adventure, and the coming of children into that home brought the full realization of the joy and happiness possible only in this most honored and ancient of earth's institutions.

"Ten years ago, after 42 years of happy married life, my wife and the mother of my children passed to her reward. My faith in her faith in God linger as a blessed heritage in the sanctuary of holy memories.

"Faith has been indispensable amid the sorrows and sadnesses of life, and has been exhilarating

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New Bern Girl Is Reigning As Tangerine Bowl Queen

Sylvia Piner, one of the nicest youngsters ever to graduate from New Bern High school, knows exactly how Cinderella felt and is enjoying the experience immensely.

Currently a Cypress Gardens model and water skier in sunny Florida, she has been crowned 1962 Elks Tangerine Bowl queen by Orlando's Mayor, Robert S. Carr, and will be very much in the limelight when the University of Houston and Miami of Ohio stage their post season gridiron battle at Orlando on Dec. 22.

Proceeds from the 17th annual classic will be used by the Elks for charitable causes. Thousands of dollars pour into the treasury of the fund each year, and Sylvia is particularly thrilled to be associated with a venture that does so much good for the less fortunate.

The 20 year old New Bernian made her first royal appearance in Orlando's Christmas parade on Nov. 27. Her reign over the Tangerine Bowl festivities will cover five exciting days, starting Dec. 19. A special tangerine gown has been designed for her, and will be worn in her Tangerine presentation.

She was selected for the high honor from a dazzling group of 13 lovely girls who hailed from Missouri, Georgia, Illinois, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, and Minnesota. She succeeds Miss Pinky Clough,

the 1961 queen.

Princesses for her court were chosen from six Florida High

schools. They are Kathy Jackson of Oakridge High; Beverly Arnold of Edgewater High;

Patricia Jackson of Colonial High; Bobbie Sias of Winter Park High; Cheryl Johnson of Boone High; and Sandra Stone of Apopka High.

Although quiet and modest during her own school days at New Bern High, she took part in many activities. She was a member of the Brunettes drill team, the Student Council and the Bear Cub staff. One of her fine traits is her sincerity.

As an Aqua Maid at famed Cypress Gardens, she is not only kept busy with her water ski chores, but is in considerable demand as a photographer's model. Her likeness appears on the cover of a recent tourist book published in Florida. Another photo will appear soon on the cover of a trade magazine, and other photos are being used by boat manufacturers in their ads.

Incidentally, it makes this newspaper feel rather pleased to remember that Sylvia's first newspaper photo appeared in our publication, when she was selected as a Mirror Maid. She has posed before the camera hundreds of times since then.

Of one thing there can be no doubt. The great publicity that is being showered on the New Bern girl won't make her vain. She has the happy combination of beauty and brains, and won't be overly impressed by her own

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