

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Good Southerner

It is often said that an honest confession is good for the soul. On Sunday of last week my wife, Harry Gatto, and I were traveling from Washington to Morganton, North Carolina. As we neared North Carolina, Harry, who was driving the automobile in which we were riding, suddenly turned on the radio. When the radio became audible, I found myself listening to the unfamiliar voice of some speaker who was in the midst of a discussion of the tax bill recently before the Senate. I therefore made this remark to my wife and Harry: "I wonder who is speaking. I can tell by his voice that he is a good Southerner." Harry laughed and said, "That's you, Senator." I then realized for the first time that I was listening to my own radio program. I might add in this connection that one's own voice on a radio broadcast ordinarily sounds strange to himself. Since I did not recognize my own voice when I referred to myself as a "good Southerner", I do not fall in this particular instance under the condemnation of the adage that self-praise is half scandal.

Mistakes

I returned to Washington from Morganton on Tuesday of last week and found the remainder of the week an extremely busy one.

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Senate Committee on Government Operations spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday taking evidence in the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the promotion and honorable discharge of Major Peress, the Dental Officer, who took the Fifth Amendment when he was called upon to subscribe to his loyalty oath as an Army Officer and when he was subsequently interrogated by Senator McCarthy.

It has been asserted that the promotion and honorable discharge of Major Peress resulted from the presence of some master-mind in the Department of Defense working in the interest of Communism. While the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has not made any findings of fact up to this time in respect to this matter, I deem it not amiss to state that in my opinion the evidence by us shows

that there is no basis whatever for this charge.

According to the evidence, the promotion and honorable discharge of Major Peress resulted from a misinterpretation which the legal staff of the Department of Defense put upon an Act of Congress, the absence of any adequate regulation in the Department of Defense or the Department of the Army dealing with security risks and subversives, and an incredible amount of bungling and poor administrative work in the Department of the Army. In other words, the promotion and honorable discharge of Major Peress resulted from mistakes made by men whose loyalty to America cannot be questioned.

Important Bills

In addition to my work on the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, I attended all the sessions of the Senate, which witnessed some lively fights on the cotton acreage bill, the postal pay bill, and the Civil Service pay bill. The fight on the cotton acreage bill was between those Senators who believed that any increase in allotments should be utilized to give small cotton growers a minimum allotment of 4 acres each, and those Senators who believed that any increase in allotments should be apportioned among all cotton growers on a percentage basis regardless of the sizes of their present allotments. Under the plan advocated by the second group, North Carolina would have received an additional allotment of only 7,736 acres out of a total proposed additional allotment of 271,612 acres, whereas under the plan supported by the first group, North Carolina would have received 38,580.2 acres out of a total proposed additional allotment of 169,679.3 acres. As a result of the fight between these two groups, both plans were defeated. Senator Scott and I supported the plan advocated by the first group of Senators because the additional proposed allotment of 38,580.2 acres to North Carolina would have brought the allotment of each of our 47,470 small cotton growers up to a minimum allotment of 4 acres. In my judgment, each cotton grower should be granted a legal right to an allotment of at least 4 acres.

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school meetings on April 15. The Edenton Junior and Edenton Senior 4-H Clubs will meet on April 7th. Watch next week's column for Easter suggestions.

Why?

"Why is it that citizens who obey other laws often show great contempt for traffic laws?" The question is asked by Col. James R. Smith, commander of the State Highway Patrol, as he commented on the importance of knowing and obeying state traffic laws. Col. Smith said people who would

be critical of sharp practices in business, who are strictly honest in their personal relationships and who are highly respected in the community, will frequently brag about "getting away" with some infraction of traffic laws. "This attitude is difficult to understand when you consider the seriousness of our traffic problem," he said. "Department of Motor Vehicles records show there were 991 people killed in motor vehicle accidents in 1954. It is significant that department records show 87 per cent of the fatal traffic accidents involved violations of traffic laws by one or more drivers. The conclusion is obvious—violations of traffic laws lead to traffic accidents."

The colonel declared that, in the face of these facts, no person can consider himself a responsible citizen if he doesn't have the same respect for traffic laws as he has for laws prohibiting such crimes as robbery and murder. "The fatal traffic accident victim loses his life as surely as a murder victim loses his," Col. Smith said, "and the deliberate traffic violator who causes the accident is responsible for this death." Col. Smith urged all drivers to

accept their responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others and to make it a point to observe traffic laws at all times.

Sara Shane Will Be Azalea Queen

Sara Shane, lovely Hollywood actress seen in Universal-International's "Magnificent Obsession" and countless television productions, has been selected Azalea Queen for the eighth annual Wilmington Azalea

Festival. Plans have Queen Sara arriving at Wilmington's airport at 12:12 P. M., Thursday afternoon, March 31, after an overnight stay in Washington, enroute to Hollywood. She will remain in Wilmington for all of the elaborate Festival activities, and will end her reign late Sunday, April 3 when she awards the prizes in the \$12,500.00 PGA Azalea Open Golf Tournament.

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CHOWAN 4-H NEWS

I have been telling you about some of the interesting demonstrations which you can give. Now, I plan to have a meeting to teach you how you can give them.

There will be a demonstration class held at the Chowan Community Building on Saturday morning, April 2, from 9:30 A. M. until around 11:30 A. M.

You will be shown how to work up a demonstration, necessary materials, definite plans for the demonstration, and materials to help you perform a demonstration will be available for you to take home. You will see a Vegetable Demonstration given by the Assistant Home Agent and Ida Ann Blanchard will give a Dairy Foods Demonstration. There will be an interesting discussion led by Mary Sue Elliott on her previous experiences in giving demonstrations. We hope to answer all your questions.

If you are interested, we urge you to attend. Please make special efforts to come. Mothers and local leaders are also urged to attend, so bring them with you, girls! Following the demonstrations, light refreshments and a social hour will be enjoyed by all.

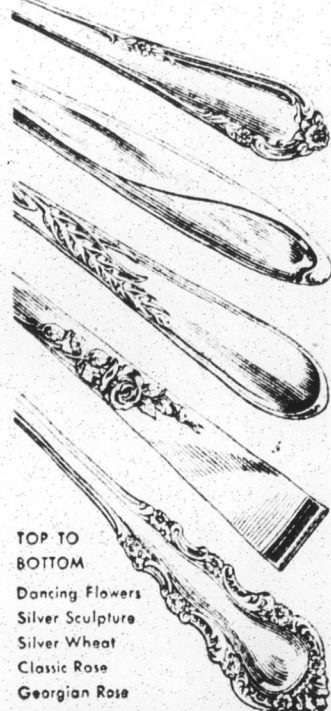
Cannon's Ferry Local 4-H Club will meet on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 P. M., at the home of Barbara Ann Jordan. The Rocky Hook Junior and Chowan 4-H Clubs will learn how to use more vegetable and dairy products at their regular monthly



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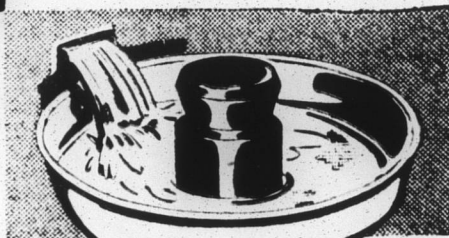
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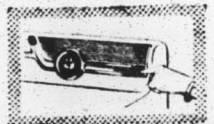
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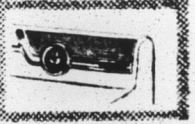
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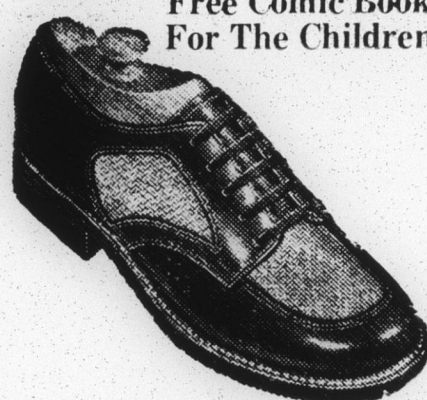
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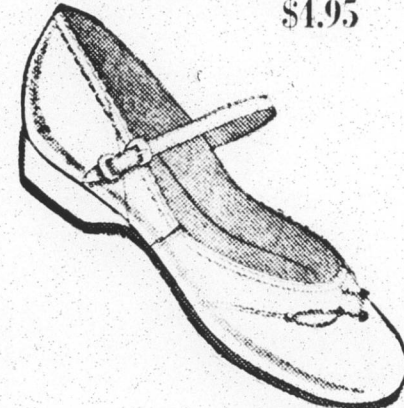


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