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In A Wrecking Mood

North Carolina's 1953 General Assembly has developed a wrecking mood, placing convenience ahead of reason.

It is possible that the lawmakers are bending their acts to the will of the people in some cases, but in others they are apparently trying to break into the headlines.

Mechanical inspection, it is true, did not have all the kinks ironed out of its operations when in effect several years ago. But instead of trying to iron out those kinks in the hope of preventing accidents and saving lives, it was expedient for the lawmakers to act in the name of convenience.

Now, it develops, that drivers' examinations are not convenient, and the lawmakers are suggesting the mail order plan. The action, instead of enhancing convenience, could mean that someone would open the way for any and all to get behind the wheel with the blessings of the Legislature.

Against convenience in such cases are life, limb and property, and in their name all of us could well forego a bit of convenience every so often.

Part of the record entered in the books so far, indicates that some legislators are ready to attack all laws and balk against new ones designed in the name of safety. In fact, it seems at times, that questionable elements have the run of the Assembly while others who stand for all that's good and noble find the doors closed to them.

Lost In The Clubs

The livestock advisory committee, made up principally by those who spend much of their time in the club rooms and around tables of various boards, has drafted a resolution, advising Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson that cattle raisers do not want support prices.

In a few letter boxes, buried far back in several papers, have appeared different versions from the one offered by those who "farm the farmer". The little two-by-four stock raisers in the sorghum country merely asked what were they going to do if prices fell below production costs? The cries of those little fellows are being drowned out by manipulated talk in the social and bifalutin clubs.

It would seem that those who are able to weather a stormy price season, see a possibility to buy in those who have been crushed by one.

One disturbed little fellow, writing from Iowa, explained that he had just established his economy, but that he was not in a position to weather an economic storm, that he is afraid the wolf is patiently waiting to hop on him in his adversity.

We have been told that farmers don't want an even break and government consideration. But every time there has been a referendum in this county, the farmers vote overwhelmingly for it.

Changed By Magic

When Harry S. Truman proposed a Department of Health, Education and Security, the plan was branded as just another socialistic move.

President Eisenhower is making an identical proposal and as if by magic, the picture changes. Those who howled socialism not long ago are supporting Eisenhower in the plan today.

It is apparent that the people were fed a lot of baloney about socialism back yonder. In addition to explaining the facts behind the proposal, those who have switched their positions should advance their reasons for doing so.

The people are finding it indeed difficult to understand why the new administration is now adopting so many of the principles so vigorously attacked last fall.

Truth About Yalta Emerges

Louisville Courier-Journal Republican orators have been telling us for years about "the crime of Yalta." President Eisenhower picked up the theme in his state of the Union message. Then came the mermen when his administration had to draft a resolution for Congress on the subject, and a striking change occurred. The crime of Yalta is no longer laid to Roosevelt, but to Stalin.

This is not the result of a sudden tenderness for Democratic sensibilities. There was just no other way to do it. When the heat of campaign oratory had been subjected to the cooling process of reason, it was discovered that Yalta was not the document it had been made to seem by the haters of F. D. R.

Mr. Eisenhower had spoken on February 2 of "secret understandings of the past with foreign governments which permit enslavement." Then somebody in his State Department evidently had a look at the Yalta pact.

It became clear that the portions of the pact that were at first kept secret dealt only with Soviet interests in the Far East. Russia got back south Sakhalin, which Japan had taken from her in 1904.

The Soviets also got the Kuriles, long disputed with Japan, plus treaty rights in Manchuria and a joint control with the Chinese of Manchurian railways. Those were the terms by which Russia was committed to the war against Japan, long before Roosevelt or any other human being knew whether the atom bomb would explode or end in a giant fizzle.

Yalta has been blamed for the fate that has befallen the nations of Western Europe, from Poland down to Bulgaria. Yet there was nothing secret about the Yalta terms concerning those states, and nothing that could possibly be called discreditable.

Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin pledged that when those nations were rescued from Hitler, they would get the earliest possible establishment, through free elections, of governments responsible to the will of the people. The pact contained a ringing indorsement of the Atlantic Charter principles.

Stalin, soon broke his word so earnestly pledged at Yalta. In his book, it turned out, "free and democratic elections" are those in which all parties but the Communists are suppressed. Perhaps Roosevelt and Churchill should have foreseen this lack of faith. Perhaps they should have shown only suspicion and hostility to the wartime ally who was still, at Yalta time, holding the bulk of the German Army locked in combat.

Perhaps Roosevelt should have provided for American troops to occupy all of central Europe as soon as it was liberated from Hitler, in order to prevent the area from falling under Red control.

It would only have taken something like a million American soldiers, garrisoned in Europe for an indefinite period. Maybe the American people would have been willing to leave those troops there after the military victory, when the one cry was to get the boys home.

At any rate, Yalta was an open statement of democratic principles. Eisenhower's proposed resolution now speaks of "the clear intent" of wartime agreements among the big three. The blame is firmly fixed on Stalin for violating those agreements.

Here is an odd irony. It took a Republican victory to bring about the denunciation of Yalta the GOP has been urging for years. Now the denunciation comes. It establishes Stalin, not Roosevelt, as the Yalta villain.

60 Second Sermons

BY FRED DODGE

TEXT: Let the measure of time be spiritual, not mechanical.

—Emerson

Vacationing in a small fishing village hotel, we were up early one morning just to smell the salt air and to watch the sun wrench itself free from the ocean. We sat in the tiny hotel lobby when two fishermen ambled over to speak to the weather-beaten desk clerk.

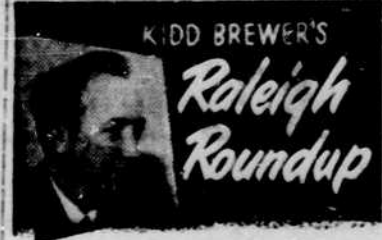
"Sam," one asked, "Which was is the wind?"

On being told, they expressed satisfaction and left.

To the fisherman, the hour of the day or night has no meaning. When the wind is right, he fishes; when it isn't right, he doesn't fish. Living by the clock is wasteful. The minutes we spent yesterday are robbing today's minutes. The problems of the next hour confuse us in this hour.

Ideas, ideals and purposes are not clock-bound. They are timeless. They are not measured by hours, but by the ages. Those who time their lives by these standards never worry about the clock. When the wind is right, they will enrich us and our world.

You never get much forward movement by patting yourself on the shoulder.



SCOTT STRENGTH

Of the 50 men in the State Senate, not more than perhaps a dozen, including Brother Raleigh and the Republican Committee, regarded as Kerr Scott disciples of deviators.

In the House, it's a different story. It has a strong sprinkling of Scott strength, according to our information. Opinion here is that it might be a toss-up today between Sen. Willis Smith and former Gov. Kerr Scott, if the two were being voted upon for the U. S. Senate by the 120 members of the House.

You can watch the Scott following in the Legislature by following closely the pieces of legislation which might be regarded as slaps at the former Governor. The measure restoring to Assistant Budget Director Dave Coltrane a little better than \$3,000 in back pay is a direct paddling for Scott.

Gov. Umstead's reorganization of the State Highway Commission and his moving in boldly on the Board of Conservation and Development brought whines and whimpers and whispers of "unfair" from Scott supporters. Now some few have opposed the moves on solid grounds; others thought they felt Scott-loving constituents looking over their shoulders; and a handful dreamed of Kerr Scott in the U. S. Senate and wanted to be remembered among the faithful if and when.

Another legislative item which brought out Scott support and mingled feelings kicked in ungentlemanly fashion the State Elections Board. Democrats in the western counties—where being a Democrat isn't as easy as eastward—have for a long time now despised the election group. In fact, it did frequently appear that the Board of Elections leaned to the Republicans—certainly away from the county Democratic organizations to which the party looked every election for strength in the mountains. Gov. Scott refused to take any action. This burned the old liners up, and last week they pushed along the bill which would kick the present board members out of office in midsummer instead of the usual December exit.

90 DAYS... Members of the Legislature are now paid for only 90 days' work. They receive some \$1,350 for the three months, and any additional time spent in Raleigh is at their own expense.

The 90-day period will be up in about two weeks now. With board and room running in the neighborhood of \$10 a day—and considerably more than that when home folks come to Raleigh and are slow picking up the check—don't expect the Legislature to run far into the red. A week beyond April 8 ought to do it, that's what Lt. Gov. Luther Hodges surmises.

When the Legislature has operated for long seasons—as for instance in 1931 and 1933—it was usually because the House and Senate could not agree on some highly controversial matter. In 1949, for example, the big arguments delaying adjournment had to do with the \$225 million bond issues, the \$25 million outright appropriation for schoolhouses, and the dipping into the huge reserve fund accumulated meticulously by Governors Broughton and Cherry for hard times.

A group of men from each committee is "the old-time name"—was appointed in 1949 to work out differences of opinion. This is always a time-consuming development.

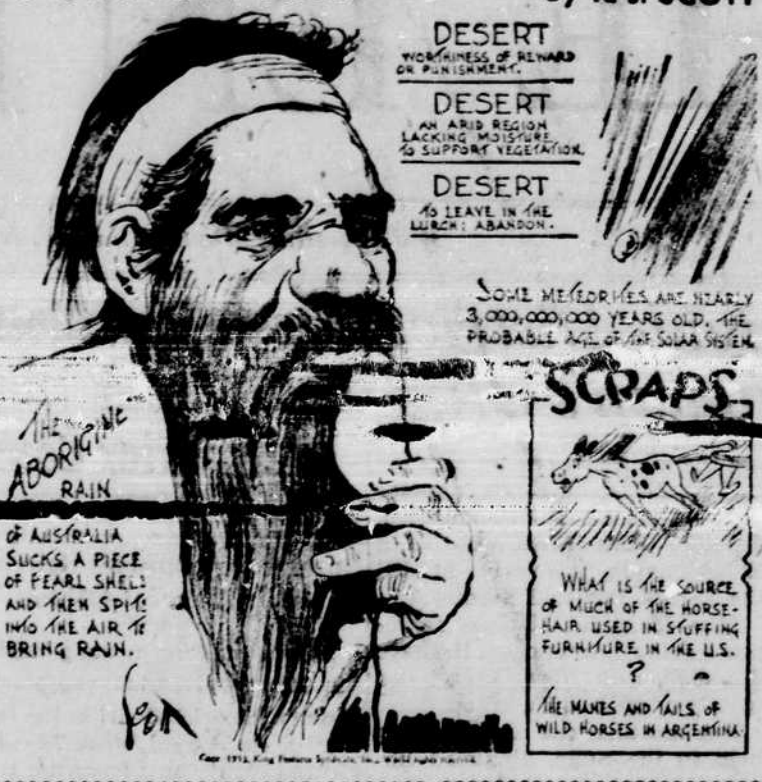
That old geometric theorem to the effect that things equal to the same thing are equal to each other applies in that the one strong bond of harmony between House and Senate is the name, influence of, and respect for, Gov. William B. Umstead. Love for him is apparently much stronger in the Senate than in the House. But there is always more oneness of opinion in the upper than in the lower body.

SPRING-STRUCK... Members of the Legislature were described by United Press Correspondent Edward Cornish last Saturday as being "frisky." He referred to them further as being "spring-struck." Could be, for it's been a long, hard, wet winter. They say that back there in the Hurricane section of Wake County—usually referred to as the "Hurricane" in the days when water-clear whiskey was preferred over the colored variety—they have been "closed in" by the wet weather. The Scott roads didn't reach out to the Hurricane. Reports are that a lot of those farmers haven't been able to get to town since Fair week.

But the way bills—parking meter, milk commission, nurses, gar-

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



DESERT WORKMANS OF RAINBOW... DESERT AN AND REGION LACKING MOISTURE TO SUPPORT VEGETATION... DESERT TO LEAVE IN THE WINDY ABANDON.

ABORIGINE OF AUSTRALIA SUCKS A PIECE OF PEARL SHELL AND THEN SPITS INTO THE AIR TO BRING RAIN.

WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF MUCH OF THE HORSE-HAIR USED IN STUFFING FURNITURE IN THE U.S.? THE MANES AND TAILS OF WILD HORSES IN ARGENTINA.

\$222 per student for the next biennium as against East Carolina's \$295; West Carolina, at Cullowhee, \$459; Woman's College of UNC, \$579; Pembroke, \$665; Elizabethtown (colored) \$305; Fayetteville (colored) \$316, etc. Somebody has slipped a cog on Appalachian which for a generation now has been like a beacon sending beams of light into the dark coves and green valleys of Western North Carolina. Another thing: Appalachian has more graduates teaching in our public schools of the State than any other college in North Carolina.

Dr. Dougherty's case is serious. He is fearful of the accrediting agencies may give the school a hard time if something isn't done. But scores of other men and women representing other State schools and agencies are also working, prodding, pulling, pushing in an effort to persuade the Appropriations Committees to see their needs. We have chosen the case of Appalachian because it seems as sincerely severe as any.

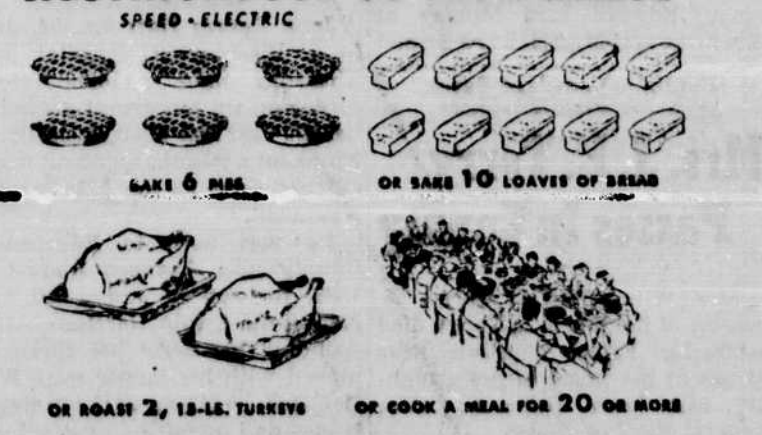
It's dog-eat-dog and devil take the hindmost from here on out.

Man Reasons It Is Never Too Late for Education

Pasadena, Calif.—Proving that one never gets "too old to learn," John B. Ely, 83, recently received his diploma from John Muir College. Ely began his education at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, Tex., 45 years ago, but after one semester he set out to see the world.

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RECENT BRIDE HONORED AT A FLOATING SHOWER

Mrs. Ruel Turner of Oak City honored Mrs. Minton Beach, Jr., recent bride, at a floating shower at her home on Saturday, March 7.

Mrs. Minton Beach, Jr., and Mrs. Minton Beach, Sr., greeted the guests upon arrival and Miss Shirley Turner then invited them into the dining room for refreshments.

The dining room and home was beautifully decorated with mixed arrangements of colorful spring flowers, greenery and burning tapers. A yellow and white motif was carried out.

Mrs. Turner presented the honoree with a shoulder corsage of red carnations and a gift of sterling in her chosen pattern. Mesdames Paul Woodworth, Lester Keel, Norman Turner, Lance Johnson and Ray Turner assisted the hostess in serving Bridal squares, molded ice cream in green and white, mints and nuts.

Miss Shirley Turner registered approximately 75 guests during the evening. Mrs. Beach received many lovely and useful wedding gifts.

Arlington oats average eight to ten bushels per acre more than old varieties.

U. S. Exports Hold To About Same Figure

The Department of Commerce says that U. S. exports in 1952 were about the same as those of 1951. The total of finished exports in 1952 are \$15,167,000,000, compared to 1951 figures of \$15,032,000,000.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment signed by the Clerk of Superior Court of Martin County in an action entitled "J. W. Rhodes and wife v. State of N. C. et al." the undersigned Commissioners will, on April 1, 1953, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, in Williamston, N. C., offer for resale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land:

Lying and being in Jamesville Township, Martin County and State of North Carolina, containing 22 acres, more or less, bounded on the North by the lands of Mrs. Lizzie Smithwick and Cooper Swamp, bounded on the East by the land of Robert Mobley, bounded on the South by the land of Robert Mobley, bounded on the West by the land of Church Mobley, and commonly known and designated as the W. E. Rhodes land.

The last and highest bidder will be required to make a deposit at the sale of 10 percent of the bid. This 19th day of March, 1953. B. A. CRITCHER, E. S. PEELE, Commissioners.

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ALPHA CLEANERS Williamston, N. C.

Advertisement for Darden's Dept. Store featuring a man in a suit and a large floral arrangement. Text includes: 'When you and your lady join in the Easter Parade... you'll want to look your very best... and we have the answer. We now have the best selection of Curlee Suits ever and they are just waiting for your approval. The new Spring styles and fabrics are also finer and more resistant to wear. Remember to stop by our store today and let us fit you in a fine CURLEE SUIT. Darden's Dept. Store'.