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New Role For Hoey

Senator Hoey has come on record many times as opposing profligacy and inefficiency in the federal government. Now that he has been named chairman of a senate subcommittee in charge of investigating the activities of the executive department, he will have an opportunity to do more than talk about it.

There is no disputing the senator's ability. Those who have seen him in action in private legal cases know he is a keen investigator and a diligent prosecutor. It remains to be seen how vigorously he will use his talent in this new assignment.

There is plenty to be done. The federal government has mushroomed into a mammoth mass of confusion in the past decade, and heavy spending seems to be its chief characteristic. The people back home can't keep an eye on their government. It's too big and too far away. They have to rely on congress to do so.

Senator Hoey and his colleagues apparently agree with the old adage about a new broom, for right off the bat they fire all 18 employees of the committee. It so happened that they were all Republicans and it will probably turn out that all the new employees will be Democrats.

But that's the way of politics, and the lopping off of a few petty partisans should not delay the senator too much in getting down to the business at hand. —Charlotte News.

Keep It Closed

The 1947 General Assembly properly closed the door in North Carolina to all forms of fireworks.

The legislation was needed to end a nuisance as well as for the protection of the citizens. It is now proposed to open the door far enough to permit the entry of cap pistols.

The law should not be amended for two reasons. If the fireworks industry can get the door ajar, it will not be long before it will be opened all the way. And cap pistols are highly undesirable in themselves in that they are dangerous for children and a nuisance for all others. —Raleigh News and Observer.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can "just talking" really help you?

Answer: Very much, but under two conditions: that your talk is not mere theorizing, but a true expression of your feelings, and that you talk to a person who can help you understand the feelings you "get off your chest" instead of getting you worse mixed up. The latter may happen if you talk to someone you love or someone who loves you, especially if he offers you advice, because in this case your real feelings may conflict with your desire to please him. "Letting go" to a psychiatrist is the way to ease nervous tension.



Can you tell when you have "an original idea"?

Answer: Never surely. For your ideas rise from your unconscious mind and represent at most a rearrangement or fresh combination of past memories and experiences, so you never can be certain whether any one of them is not

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Let The People Decide

The people of North Carolina will have the final say on the issue of whether Governor Scott's road program should be adopted. That is, they will decide the issue if the General Assembly does what it ought to do.

The Governor wants to build 12,000 miles of hard-surface roads in rural districts during the next four years and at the same time not neglect the maintenance and improvement of the primary road system.

To accomplish this goal, a bond issue of two hundred million dollars has been proposed along with an increase of one cent in the gasoline tax to help finance the debt. Governor Scott outlined the proposal Monday night when he appeared before a joint session of the House and Senate. He asked that the bond question be submitted to the people for decision in an election.

The people certainly are entitled to the right of approval or rejection of the road program.

And when they are granted that right, one suspects that they will go along with Governor Scott and repeal what he calls "the mud tax."

Anyone who has had occasion to leave the main highways of North Carolina knows that it is time great stress were being placed on improvement of rural roads. We have seen some progress in Johnston County, for instance, in the building of hard-surface roads, but the fact remains that too many farmers are handicapped in carrying on their operations when the "mud season" rolls around and undue educational hardships exist because there are too many school bus routes that aren't paved.

Governor Scott is right when he says that good rural roads are vital to a good educational system.

The report of the State Education Commission shows that North Carolina is headed for greater consolidation of schools. That will mean more long-distance hauling of school children to and from school. As the new program of consolidation takes place, it is going to be all the more important that rural roads are made safe and passable in all conditions of weather.

To keep pace with educational trends, to bring the rural people closer to doctors and hospitals, and to facilitate transportation and communication in the commercial world, North Carolina needs to catch Governor Scott's vision and move forward in the development of a fine rural road system.—The Smithfield Herald.

Fashions

Feminine life is hard. The ladies, bless 'em, spent years hemming up the skirts as fashion edicts called for more nylon and less cloth. Then the big letdown came, and all the hems had to be taken out. For those who had cut the skirts off, new wardrobes were in order. The prettiest legs we used to see vanished along with all the others.

Next the ladies spent hours stuffing pillows into their shoulders to give that square look. Now most of that stuffing has been taken out. To be fashionable you have to be droopy or at least rounded.

Far be it from us to suggest it, but some bolder soul might ask: Isn't somebody playing somebody for a sucker?—The Milwaukee Journal.

For more than 30 years tractors and motor vehicles have been replacing horses and mules as a source of farm power. One of the results has been the release of more than 55 million acres of cropland formerly required for producing feed for workstock.

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

the simple recollection of something you have heard or read. Again, two or several people may have the same "original idea" at the same time because their minds got the same or similar impressions and "put two and two together" in the same way. When you realize this, you'll go slow in saying someone else has "stolen your ideas."



Does self-knowledge help cure a delinquent?

Answer: Yes, say three investigators from Chicago in the Journal of Consulting Psychology. The records and later progress of 151 juvenile offenders were examined on the basis of eight factors: heredity, physical condition, intelligence, family environment, cultural background, social and educational experience, and "self-insight" and while all proved to have some importance, "self-insight" ranked first as a cause of improvement. Psychotherapy, which helps him see himself as he is, is thus what the young offender needs most.

They'll Do It Every Time

DIMBULB IS QUICK TO BRING A POORLY-DRESSED FEMME TO MRS. DIMBULB'S ATTENTION



BUT COMES A DAME DRIPPING WITH JEWELS AND ERMINES - OH, BOY! THAT'S SO DIFFERENT!



By Jimmy Hatlo

PSST! LOOK AT THE FRAYED CUFFS AND TACKY OUTFIT ON MRS. DIMBULB—AND YOU ALWAYS SAY YOU DON'T HAVE ANY NICE CLOTHES...



HUH? WHAT? WHERE? NO, I DON'T SEE ANYTHING...



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

Community begins to thaw out when thermometer begins to climb after falling to two degrees below zero.

W. T. Lee, who has been chairman of the Corporation Commission for the past 23 years, has returned to Haywood County to look after business interests.

Farmers Federation, Inc. begins operations in this county today. Largest crowd in the social history of the county celebrates President Roosevelt's birthday at an elaborate ball held in Canton.

10 YEARS AGO

Plans are being completed for

continuance of the Junior-Senior School. Dr. Paul N. G. is re-elected director.

Mr. Sterling C. C. is moved to a new location on the local creek.

Miss Mary A. Shorthair is for South America for the month's tour.

Deight Beale, seventh grade student, wins medal in the school contest sponsored by the U. D. C.

Mrs. Paul Walker is luncheon as a courtesy to Mrs. Felix E. Alley on the occasion of her birthday anniversary.

Workmen have started construction of a new home for the Hips in the Lake Forest.

5 YEARS AGO

made for War

at the American

War Fund drive

at the American

at the American

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Are you in favor of the proposed statewide referendum on the liquor question as recommended by Governor Scott?

Nelson Royal: "So far as the referendum is concerned, yes. But I am opposed to any attempt of an organized minority to overrule an unorganized majority."

Mrs. Alice Smith: "I am definitely in favor of voting the state one way or the other. Personally, I would like to see the state go dry."

Maurice Mauney: "I favor the statewide referendum because it would give equal improvements of roads and schools throughout the state. It would also eliminate bootlegging between the counties."

Hugh Rogers: "I am in favor of voting the entire state as dry as a bone."

Mrs. Jack Adams: "If the liquor question does come to a statewide vote, which I do not doubt, I think the people of North Carolina would vote out liquor by a large majority."

Miss Doris Phillips: "Although the taxes from the liquor are beneficial to all counties, this is outweighed by the harmful effects of liquor to society. In my opinion it should be voted out of the state and some means perfected to crack down on bootlegging."

Views Of Other Editors

AN URGENT PROBLEM

The intangible rewards of teaching school fail to make up for the miserable financial reward that is too generally the rule, or for the peculiar lonely isolation, the arms-length distance at which most communities watchfully keep their teachers.

It is unfortunately too true that the public is inclined to value lightly what it gets cheaply. The imperative need as Mr. Oakes points out, is for the raising of salary levels to a point that will permit a standard of living commensurate with the community's respect.

What is an adequate salary for a teacher? It is hard to fix absolutely. It is not high enough where those with a natural bent for teaching find too much sacrifice involved.

The problem of education is most urgently the problem of the teacher.—Montreal Daily Star.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

WAUKESHA, Wis. (U.P.)—The law of averages finally caught up with Melvin Jones. He was arrested after his car had crashed into another. He was fined for drunken driving. He told the court he had been driving for 15 years without a license.



WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—A. H. ... is better man was trying to ... with ...

The device, now in the hands of cultural scientists at ... is designed to ...

Experiment ... on at Manhattan ... Plains Wind Erosion ...

With a single portable ... unit—a fan driven by a ... engine—the investigation ...

Since the American Red ... was founded in 1921, the ... has served in 25 ...

In the past two fiscal ... alone, it served in 619 ... in U. S. ...

solving the expenditure of a ...

ROOBS IN THE WOODS



Rambling 'R

—Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up—
—Of The Mountaineer Staff—

We had the mistaken idea that we were the only person silly enough to go through all the agonies in the book wondering if we had turned off all the electric gadgets when we left the house. But in a recent conversation with half a dozen, we discovered that we were just one of many. And, outside of actual physical pain, we can think of nothing more sickening than to try and concentrate on something tangible that will convince us all is right in the "current" line at home.

A penny seems such a little amount of money ... but you realize its importance when you find you have just four cents in your purse and a five-cent purchase is necessary.

We watched them as they walked down the street ... hand in hand. Thoughts of a recent romance flicked through our mind and we smiled. Then they turned and came toward us ... and we recognized them. They still had romance, although they were celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary that day.

The longest ten minutes are those just preceding the arrival

Capital Letter

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD

IN AND OUT—You can put this down: Mr. Sue Ferguson of Alexander County will not be represented at the State Board of Education. There has been some faint political footwork here, but she's out. When Mrs. Ferguson became a Prohibitionist, she automatically vacated her position on the board. Scott will not do anything to replace her back on the board.

However, don't count Alexander out of the State political picture, for W. P. Henshaw tobacco marketing specialist with the N. C. Agriculture Department, is one of the wheels in the Scott organization.

He paid Scott's filing fee and was for him all out, who almost everybody else here in Raleigh, and elsewhere, was afraid to mention his name in a gubernatorial breath. Now, at a referendum is not forthcoming, this corner thinks it is as

FROM A ... in book sales ... Better ... and have the ... in North Carolina ... Hill and ...

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

'Liberal' GOP Chieftains Grooming Senator Lodge

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The so-called "liberal" Republicans are grooming Senator Henry Cabot Lodge as their presidential candidate for 1952.

First step was the recently defeated move of the to put Senator Robert A. Taft, Ohio, as GOP standard-bearer and replace him with Lodge.

By 1952 the GOP "progressives" feel that it is ready to nominate one of the

presidency. They say that if the Republicans can win the White they expected last November.

Lodge will be 50 years old in older than Thomas E. Dewey. Yorker made the race last year.

The Massachusetts "Blue Bird" Senate career to become a old World War II. At the Republican convention last June, he was a form committee.

One of Lodge's staunchest supporters is Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the 80th Congress.

ANTI-MONOPOLY CRUSADE—Look for a 1952 attempt to stem the growth of big business in the nation of Congress.

Tip-off to White House concern over the growth and the swelling up of their small company and annual report of the important Presidential Commission.

In language which stood out strongly in the past statements in the rest of the report, the commission declared:

You by your control of the market, passing into the hands of the large corporations, not only but by the absorption of smaller firms. The process of large corporations by swallowing the smaller and concentration of economic power becomes more and more apparent.

The advisers gave strong support to suggestions that would be sought in saying: "Competition among small business units must not be lost, but it must be studied and expanded."

They expressed concern over what they called the price policy, by which monopolies or near monopolies high prices by controlling the amount of production.

In a recession or depression, they said, such a danger to the public welfare.

KREMLIN STORY—Informed opinion at Washington President Truman had no definite overtures from any to support his recent statement that some Soviet might be anxious to come to an agreement with the United States.

There is also little evidence that the president is "needle the Politburo, as some administration sources suggested. The probability is that Mr. Truman is still under impression based on observation of certain Kremlin leaders. It is unlikely that Gen. Walter D. United States ambassador to Russia, would have such of a cleavage in the Politburo.

Smith, after a recent conference with the president, told White House newsmen that any such notion was pure "speculation." He added that it was "beyond the scope of my imagination" for such a thing to happen.

Some recent actions of the Russian government, contradictory and have indicated that Gerasimov may desire peace. This may have been the basis for the statement.

However, there seems little to support the idea advanced in State department quarters, that Stalin is more war-minded Soviet officials.