

# Editorial And Opinion

## Congressional Pay Hike

The best comment we have yet seen on the recent proposal of a commission to raise senatorial and congressional salaries by some eighty-five per cent is the suggestion that those lawmakers who feel that they need more money resign from the Senate or House and go into business on their own. There is no compulsion keeping any man in the House or Senate, and if members of either body wish to resign their offices, they are free to do so at all times.

We do not attempt to treat this matter lightly, but we do believe that some of the lawmakers would find, if they resigned and went into business for themselves, that making something over \$15,000 a year is not as easy as they might assume.

The sad part of the situation is that, like other editors have pointed out, a majority of the Senators and Congressmen are usually more concerned with getting reelected than they are in doing a good job for their country. These public servants are not entitled to an eighty-five per cent pay increase at this time, and we suspect they will not vote themselves such a pay hike.

## Dogwood Planting Week

Orange County has many beautiful gardens with a large variety of flowering plants and trees but if local citizens would heed the call issued recently by Governor William B. Umstead the beauty of the county would be enhanced even more.

Governor Umstead designated a recent week as Dogwood Planting Week in North Carolina and called upon the State's citizens to give their full support to the project.

The governor paid tribute to members of the Garden Club of North Carolina for "their initiative and zeal in promoting plantings of the dogwood tree" and noted that the dogwood has a "senic value when in bloom." The dogwood was made the state's official flower by act of the 1941 General Assembly.

Orange County could be made a much more beautiful county in which to live if more citizens would take time to plant one or more dogwood trees.

## Education Local Responsibility

A worried parent recently wrote Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, expressing deep concern over community apathy toward local school problems, especially those of a budgetary nature. In an election involving desperately needed school taxes, the writer observed that, "There were 72 votes cast in our box—in contrast to the several thousand votes cast during the last presidential election. And ours is a neighborhood of young marrieds." Mrs. Hobby, a federal officer, was then asked to do something about the situation.

The answer to a plea of this kind should be painfully clear. Local initiative, local responsibility and local pride are things that cannot be established by fiat nor bought with federal money. Turning to the federal government to solve local problems is a deadly process for people who value freedom. It is suicidal in the case of education.

As Mrs. Hobby warns, "Our public schools began in our local communities, they must stay there. . . the Federal Government must not interfere in educational matters which rightly belong to the local and State authorities."

## Brotherhood—Let's Get Together

Getting together is an old American custom. It's natural for us to want to hear what the other fellow has on his mind.

Time was when the town meeting brought forth the folks to talk together and many a vital issue was solved around the country store cracker barrel and pot-bellied stove. And who can tell how many valuable contributions to public welfare came from a quilting bee?

Well, time passes and settings change. How can we today in our society get together to build brotherhood and good will? Let's start in the home.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews suggests good will home gatherings to start this week which is being observed over the nation as Brotherhood Week — with friends and neighbors coming together to share a social experience that will advance human understanding. Here are a few ways that people of different backgrounds can get together to share a social experience that will advance human understanding. Here are a few ways that people of different backgrounds can get together to make for happier living in the same apartment building, block or neighborhood.

1. Brotherhood through food — have a "Taste What's cooking in Your Neighbor's Kitchen" party where the food customs of nationalities other than your own can be introduced. Each guest can be asked to prepare a family dish that has its origin in a country other than America.

2. Brotherhood through books — invite friends to hear an interesting book review on a subject of concern to the group.

3. Brotherhood through music — present a program of recordings of distinctive music of various groups.

1. Brotherhood through talk — share common problems and planning projects in the community for the benefit of all groups.

The greatness of any community is in the rich variety of its people. Sometimes we forget that our very differences have developed the American genius.

During Brotherhood Week we take time to reassert our belief in the values of our common humanity, and our uncommon individuality.

One of the best ways we can each contribute to this renewal of faith in the American way is by getting together with our friends and neighbors, fellow workers and strangers, and enjoy a fellowship possible where people are free, a fellowship that transcends race, creed or national origin.



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another pea in the pod. He's a character, dares to be different, and likes to cut a shine.

SCOTT FIRST. . . Some other State officials and some aspirants to State positions could become more popular if they would be more individualistic. They are afraid to be different, are lazily content to be merely *e pluribus unum*. Scott never lets himself disappear in the crowd. He has never been taken into the inner councils of the Democratic Party in North Carolina. Why? Mainly because it was felt—either rightly or wrongly—that he put Scott first and the Democratic Party second. Well, if so, he is not the first man so built; nor will he be the last.

THE GAME. Once upon a time there was a football team that had no passing attack. It was on good authority their best passer threw like a washer-woman. In games, every time they tried to pass, the ball fell incomplete or was intercepted. That was bad enough, but the team had no defense against opposition passes. They were always whipped by passes—short passes, rainbows, wobblers, and bullets—they all clicked.

However, the coach of this team was smart. He knew his boys were good on the ground. Didn't the sportswriters refer to his outfit as the Juggernaut, so mercilessly did it roll over its foes? But still they couldn't win. Those passes, you know.

He thought and he thought. Finally, he came up with what seemed to him as the smartest idea of a lifetime. He was so excited he could hardly sleep. Five days before the next game he called upon the coach of the opposition team.

Know what the plan was? It was, friends that there would be no passes. Ground rules, sort of, would be set up, don't you know, with neither team throwing the ball any time. Well, friends, there was silence of the knife-cutting variety on the other end of the line. What do you think the other coach thought of the plan?

Frankly, we don't know either, but here is the baseball version of the story as presented on the editorial page of the Greensboro Daily News last Saturday:

"By adopting the . . . code of ethics for political campaigns' W. Kerr Scott says by inference he is playing field this year instead of batting as he was in 1948.

"While approving the 'high level' campaign approach adopted by the squire of Haw River, the Daily News hastens to point out that the move has great political astuteness. Whereas Charlie Johnson and his faction had the entrenched position in 1948, Kerr Scott's record is on the firing line this year. As a political unknown, Alton Lennon has a scanty record for his opponent to shoot at. What better strategy could the Scott forces adopt than to emphasize the high road. . ."

And so forth. Yes, the records, the issues, should be brought into the open. If the linen is dirty, then the people should know about it. There has been too much of this glossing-over business already. If the citizens had done a little more digging, a bit more probing, a little less painting-over, we would be free of some of the cattle we now have grazing in Washington.

Let the record speak. If it must speak filth, dirt, then so be it. Dipping a skunk in whitewash makes him smell none the better. A rotten plank is made no stronger by coating it with paint. Lennon has 25 years of public life behind, with Scott about 35. Each has a record. What is it? There are issues in the campaign. What are they?

## The 83rd Congressional Dance



## Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

The time is getting short for transplanting fruit trees and shrubs and rose bushes, especially in the eastern part of the state. All transplanting of bare rooted plants should be done before the buds on those plants begin to swell and become active. It doesn't matter so much about plants with a ball of earth attached to the roots—that is, balled and burlapped. Also, trees and shrubs set at this time of the year may require additional watering during the early growing season if rainfall is deficient or the weather is hot.

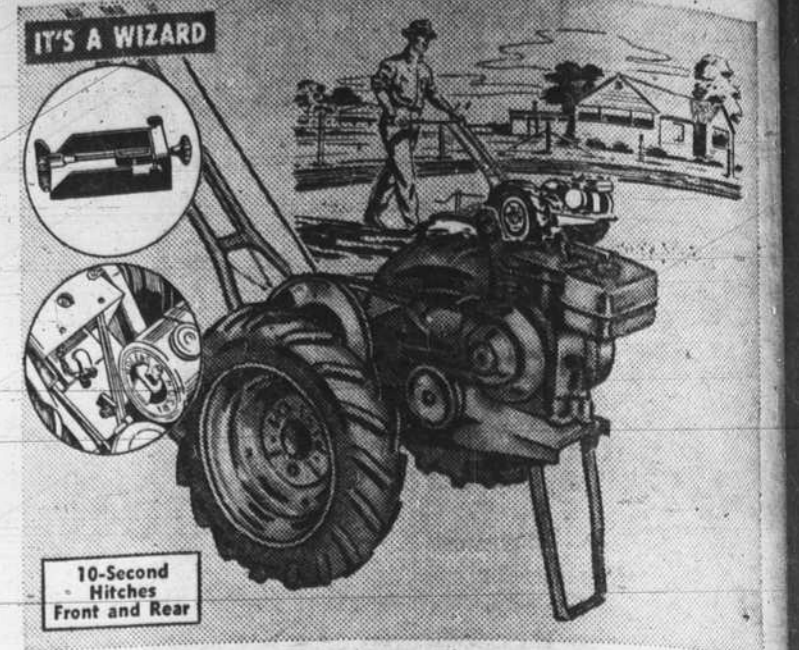
Dig a hole wide enough to accommodate the entire root system without crowding and deep enough so the plant may be set as deep or slightly deeper than it was in the nursery. (Azaleas and Camellias must not be set any deeper in transplanting than they were before. Deep planting will kill them.)

When digging the hole, separate the top soil from the subsoil and fill in around the roots

with topsoil, which is usually richer than subsoil. Pack the soil firmly around the roots and then fill the hole, leaving a slight depression for watering and to catch rainfall. Use no fertilizer or fresh manure in the hole which might damage the roots. Any fertilizer should be applied on top and stirred into the soil about the time that growth in the spring.

Pruning at transplanting time will depend on the amount of root surface that has been lost in the operation—that is, the greater the loss of roots, the more severely must the top be pruned in order to secure a "balance" between roots and top. Fruit trees and deciduous shrubs are generally pruned quite severely.

If you intend to order your trees and shrubs from out-of-town nursery, make your selections and send the order off at once—it takes time to get them. And, as I have suggested, time is getting short.



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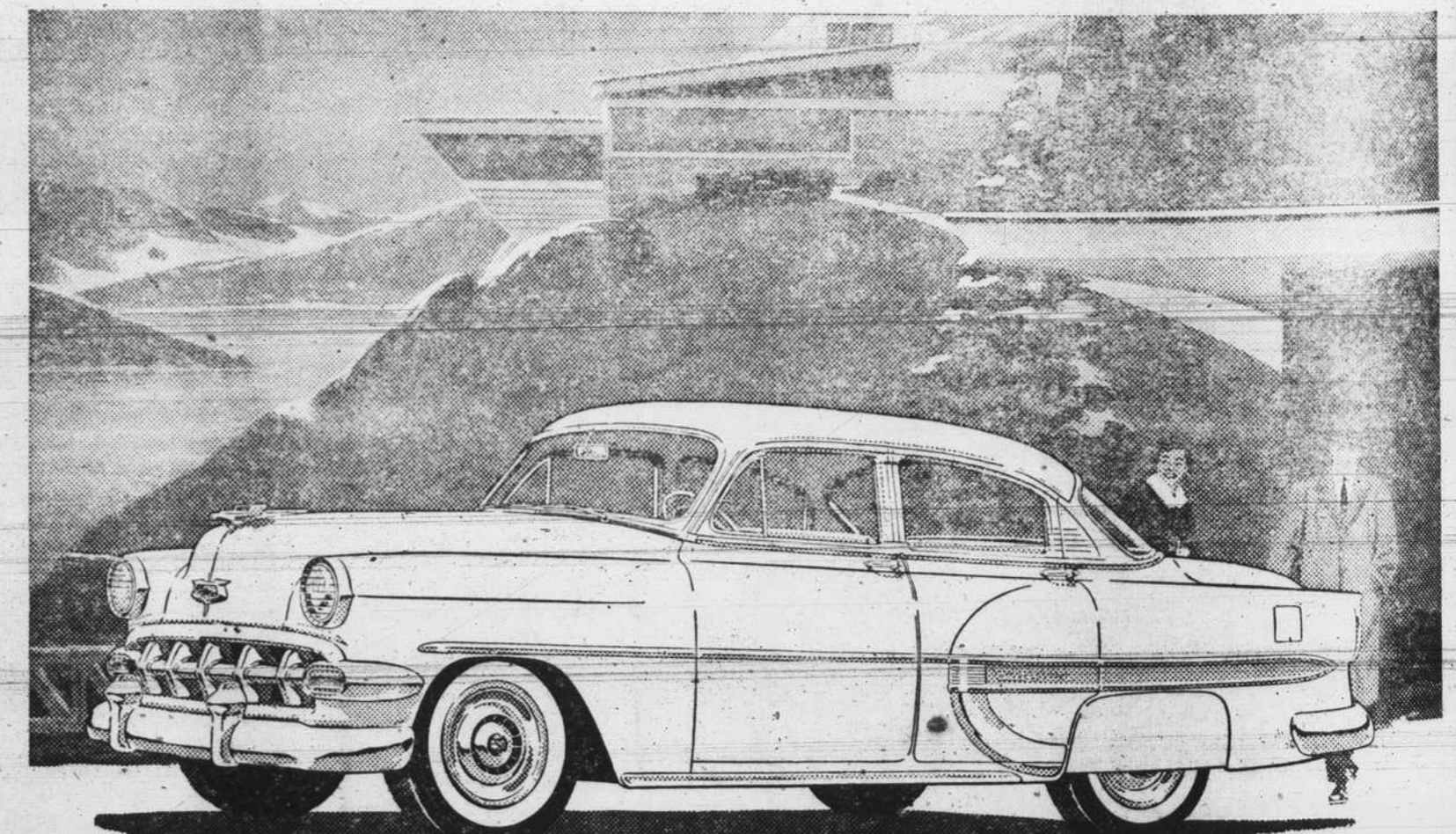
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