

# Editorial And Opinion

## Two-Way Highways

Statistics now point up that the two-way highway is directly accountable for more fatalities than any other cause. In every 225 accidents there is one fatality. Forty-five per cent of all fatalities are caused by head-on collisions. Practically all head-on collisions occur on two-way highways.

When my grandchildren tell their children that automobiles in the year 1956 traveled in opposite directions, at high speed, on 30-foot, two-lane, two-way highways with only a white line between them, they will never believe it.

Neither the human element, the power and speed built into modern automobiles, nor the condition of the individual car can be disregarded. But when we find that we must assess almost half of the fatal accidents to the kind of roads on which these automobiles travel, then we had better start counting in lives what every delay in our highway building program means.

## Legislative Helpers?

Senator Andrew F. Schoepfel, of Kansas, in a Senate speech that has somehow been widely overlooked by the daily press, has offered some comment on lobbying that the voters may be interested to hear.

Speaking of the "investigative project" of the Special Senate Committee, set up as a result of the "Case case" and the resulting Presidential veto of the natural gas bill, the Senator warned against the possibility of "very substantial damage to the dignity and stature of his legislative body."

Those Americans, he said, "who, in their lack of information condemn the practice of business lobbying... would be astonished to discover that... the power lobby, the oil and gas lobby, the steel and chemical lobbies, and so forth are relatively unimportant compared to other groups such as the farmers, the veterans, the labor unions and others whose activities are usually considered to be exclusively in the public interest, instead of in the private interest." Even more amazing, the Senator thinks, would be the discovery that the Army, Navy, Air Force, Post Office, State and Treasury Departments and foreign aid operations maintain "the biggest of all lobbies."

Further, Senator Schoepfel declared that he did not know of a single Senator or Representative who does not regard these lobbies as helpful in providing "the boiled-down viewpoint of the protagonists on both sides". The sensation-seeking public can not know, he says "That one single, well-written, time-saving analysis is more influential over Congressional action than a dozen offers of special favors, free dinners or elaborate cocktail parties."

Could be, could be, say we. But, it that good?

## Comment Unnecessary

The following appears on the back of tickets sold to persons attending races at the so-called Jolopy Speedway near Hillsboro:

**WARNING TO ALL SPECTATORS AND PATRONS.** Stock car races are thrilling, dangerous and spectacular. We have taken all available precautions for your safety. The management assumes no liability for injuries to body or property arising from any accident occurring during these races. You attend these racing events at your own risk.

## ABC's Of Ambition

It is cheering news to hear that a million grade-school youngsters in 17,000 schools across the nation will be deliberately exposed to the ambition virus next Fall via a brand new, made-to-order medium.

During the years of creeping paternalism in Washington, the idea that people should be required to do less and less for more and more, that they must be protected against their own mistakes and inertia, has taken its toll of individual initiative. This softening of the urge of achievement and the spirit of competition has seeped down into the schoolroom and affected our children to the dismay of teachers, youth training organizations of all sorts, and later of employers who are shocked at the extent to which lassitude has replaced the old up-and-go spirit.

People haven't changed. Only their attitudes are changing. And certainly the youngsters, who represent our best hope of survival as a nation, are born with the same potential fire as their great, great grandparent who forged the mould of America's greatness. The problem that faces all concerned is how to rekindle the traditional spark.

The newest effort is a highly informative and inspirational text on the American free enterprise system, its origin and accomplishments, and stressing the rewards that can flow only from individual initiative and applied effort. The book will be known as the "ABC's of American Industry" and is planned and written to rouse and nourish nine-year-old grade school intellects—and above.

One million youngsters out of the nation's 22 million grade-schoolers is but a sampling, to be sure. But, if the first million are enthusiastic, a new road back to sanity and an understanding of the facts-of-life will be broken through the jungle which is to be continuously brought up-to-date and issued annually—can rapidly become a nationwide text for the stimulation and broadening of eager young minds, and what it will take from the reader to keep America ticking.

This, if we were a schoolmaster, is the kind of help we would certainly want.

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## KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

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**DEVELOPMENTS**... Thelicking Stevenson gave Kefauver in California wasn't the only political development of great national importance last week.

President Eisenhower's second serious illness within a year could have an important bearing on the Democrats' political future. If he were younger, you wouldn't observe the stock market taking a short breath every time he does. But Eisenhower this coming October 14 will be only four years from his three-score-and-ten.

During the next two weeks while he lies flat of his back recovering from another illness which might have taken his life had emergency surgery not been available, he will think a thousand times of the decision he made only a few weeks ago to run for a second term.

There was another political development last week, too. Averell Harriman, who became a multi-millionaire when he became 21 (his father died in 1909 leaving an estate estimated at about 600 million dollars), made it official: he's a candidate for the Presidency.

That's what Stevenson has been saying Harriman was all along.

Well, Harriman was born on November 15, 1891, and will be 65 this fall.

**NOTES**... Glad to have Oscar (Skipper) Coffin back as a citizen of Raleigh once again... Did you see the four pages—one in color—of the old and new Wake Forests in the current (June 11) issue of Life?

**Tar Heel of the Week** in last Sunday's News and Observer was the new Eighth District Congressman, Paul Kitchin... With politics out of the way for a few weeks... and the special session more than a month in the distance... everything should be relatively calm in Raleigh for the next few days... The Governor will be on vacation for several days... and so will at least three department heads...

**Safety note:** Did you know it's against the law to pass a car on the highway without first blowing your horn? It is... Check and see!

An interesting puzzle has developed here on air conditioning. The Federal Gov't is conditioning... but the State isn't. So, in the big Caswell Building which houses Employment Security Commission, etc., the first, second, third, and fifth floors will soon be cool as a cucumber—but not the fourth. Air conditioning will pass it by—it has State functions only—and zoom up to the fifth where Federal workers labor. Similar situations will exist all over Raleigh.

East-of-Raleigh people have had three Governors from their territory this century: Ehringhaus, Angus W. McLean from Lumberton in 1924-28, and Charles B. Aycock from Goldsboro in 1900-1901—unless you include Thomas W. Bickett from Franklin County, 1916-20... and... Luther Barnhardt's winning out over Alonzo Edwards of Hookerton, down in Greene County, reminds me that Luther Hodges won out over Roy Row of Burgaw, down in Pender County, four years ago... and we have thus not had a Lieutenant Governor from east of Raleigh since Richard T. Fountain of Edgecombe was elected to this office in 1928.

**CASH ON DEMAND**  
Rosa Pacock around at the bus station here in Smithfield swears she overheard this bit of conversation between a driver and a lady getting on a Raleigh-bound bus the other morning:  
Driver—"Lady, I'm sorry, but I'll have to have full fare for that child. He's over five years old."  
Lady—"But he can't be, driver. I've only been married four years."  
Driver—"Never mind the confession, lady. Let's have the money." —Smithfield Herald.

**WHO'S WINNING?**  
You'll never witness a more exciting and unpredictable race than the humus—Decorah (Iowa) Public-Opinion.



Washington Post

## WASHINGTON REPORT

**TRADE** Some encouraging news for tobacco growers has just come out of the State Department.

Last week the State Department made public a long list of trade agreements that were made several months ago with some 35 friendly foreign nations. Many of the agreements should have long-range, favorable effects on tobacco growers.

Among other things, the United States agreed to reduce tariffs on Oriental leaf tobacco by 15 per cent.

This along with other tariff concessions should, in the opinion of Sen. W. Kerr Scott, help gain more markets for U. S. grown tobacco in the Middle East and certain parts of Europe.

The items on which tariffs were reduced, he said, are not competitive with American-made tobacco products. In many cases, foreign countries have felt that quite a few U. S. duties were unfair.

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**PIGEON** Here's one for Sherlock Holmes, and if he can solve it, Sen. Scott will be grateful. Monday morning the Tar Heel Senator walked into his office in the Senate Office Building and found a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed pigeon perched on his desk.

Apparently, the pigeon had taken the freedom of making himself (or herself) completely at home during the weekend.

There were very strong indications that the pigeon had used the chandelier as a roost. It was obvious that the visitor had come through an open window. But what the Senator wants to find out about is the motive behind the visit. Until Sherlock or somebody comes up with a better answer, the Senator is convinced that it must have been a Republican bird.

**PEOPLE** Now that Winter is over and Summer is here—with Spring lost-somewhere along the way—more and more North Carolinians are seen in Washington. They come up for visits, to sight see, or on business.

Last week, there was an outstanding state man from the East—a preacher from the West and a converted Republican from the Piedmont.

Among those calling at Sen. Scott's office were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Early of Ahoskie, Herman Clark of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hester and family of Bladenboro, the Reverend W. Q. Higgins of Sparta and P. C. Burkholder of Charlotte.

**Auto Dealers** I am hopeful that the Senate will soon take up the O'Mahoney Bill. It seeks to give the automobile dealers of our country their day in court to protect them from the failure of automobile manufacturers to act in good faith in complying with the terms of franchises or in terminating or not renewing franchises with their dealers.

This bill was reported favorably from the Judiciary Committee on June 4. It is now on the Senate calendar. I feel that legislation of this type is long overdue. The hearings held before the Senate committees have indicated that automobile dealers

## Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

June is the month for roses as well as for brides, especially in the central and western portions of the state. They are beautiful right now in spite of the dry weather. There are many new varieties of hybrid tea roses being introduced each year, more than the average rose fan can afford to keep up with.

Different rose varieties succeed under different environmental conditions and the best advice is to try them under your own garden conditions. If they grow well, everything is fine. If they have some weakness and do not grow well be prepared to discard them without hesitation. There are too many good ones to waste time on the weak ones. The ones that have won many ribbons at the shows are Peace, Crimson Glory, Rubaiyat and Charlotte Armstrong. There are many other good one but these have been outstanding.

Roses like other plants have many serious pests. Black spot and mildew are very common diseases attacking the leaves of roses. The plant pathologists recommend a spray of ferimate or Captan for black spot, and sulphur for mildew. Sprays for the control of diseases are for the most part preventives not cures and therefore must be applied to the plant before the disease gains a foothold.

There are two insect pests which cause a great deal of trouble to rose growers: aphids and thrips. Aphids (plant lice) are very easily controlled by nicotine sulphate, Malathion or rotenone sprays. Thrips are difficult to control because it is not easy to put the spray on them. DDT and Lindane are probably the best sprays for thrip control.

For more detailed information on rose culture, varieties and pest control write to the N. C. Agricultural Extension Division for Extension Circular No. 200 on Successful Rose Culture.

Everybody knows that in recent years primitive African art has strongly, pungently marked contemporary western painting and sculpture. Wooden figures, bronzes, gold ornaments, fetiches, and extraordinary ceremonial masks have won an important place in museums and the houses of private collectors everywhere. Bold and violent distortion of limb and features is characteristic of African sculpture, but there are also a calculated balance of forms and intricacy of carving. One must not underestimate the subtlety and sophistication of these works of art. The motivation of African art is largely religious, like European art before and during the Renaissance. But African art is difficult to measure in European aesthetic terms. It cannot be separated from the atavistic life of Africans, and its symbolic association with superstition. Masks are often terrifying because they are created to ward off evil spirits. Figures express ancestor worship, fertility, and so on. Many spectacular, beautiful objects were made originally to be used in tribal dancing, and they give pictorial expression to what the dance was supposed to call forth.

Nobody can travel much in Africa without running into manifestations of the deep, innate aesthetic sensibility of Negroes. We visited the market of Moshi, Tanganyika and saw fruit and vegetables on trays—every pepper, every bit of chili, so arranged as to make a harmonious pat-

tern for the whole life. The same thing in villages in Mexico. Even Indians are set in design—triangles, pentagons—so that the semple games that children play with marbles. On a night in da-Urundi we passed a workmen, breaking rocks, picking. They hammered in keeping time as they sang. From "Inside Africa" by Gunther.

**MOTHER EXCUSUS**  
A mother, her arms full of groceries, got on a bus with her daughter, about 5. The fare and dropped the fare box, then seemed to find a word of explanation. "I'm paying the money," she told the driver in a voice audible at the back of the bus. "My mother is loaded." Education.

**INTERFERENCE**  
The old Scots guide from taking the new man a group, shooting trip to moors, sank wearily into a chair before the fire. "Here's a cup of hot tea, you Angus," said his wife. The old fellow puffed a bit, then answered slowly, "It's a fine shot, but 'tis marvelous indeed, Lord protects the birds and shooting!" —N. C. Education.

## Tar Heel PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

**STEVENSON**... Adlai Stevenson's big victory over Estes Kefauver in the California primary puts the 1952 standard bearer way out in front for the nomination, and our thinking is that the former Illinois governor will win the nomination on an early ballot.

Stevenson's California victory was just what he needed to start a band-wagon parade toward his candidacy. The California victory for Stevenson could well be to him what Tom Dewey's victory in Oregon, over Harold Stassen, was in 1948. The Oregon primary was pretty decisive in 1948. Dewey won and from that time on his stock continued on the rise until he was nominated for a second try at the presidency, and Stassen's support began to dwindle.

**KEFAUVER**... Kefauver's victory in Minnesota will likely prove to be his high watermark in the 1956 race for the presidential nomination. And that victory may turn out to be of more benefit to Stevenson than Kefauver. The Stevenson debacle in Minnesota caused the former Illinois governor to stop, look back and reappraise his campaign methods. We think it caused an awakening and brought him much closer to the people, which has helped him greatly as a campaigner for the nomination, and could prove of immeasurable value to him in the fall campaign if nominated at Chicago.

**NORTH CAROLINA**... After the Minnesota primary when Stevenson was considered almost out by many, he received a strong shot in the arm and boost by Tar Heel party leaders headed by Governor Hodges who stood by Stevenson for nearly a couple of hours at the "open house" meeting in Aberdeen and introduced one and all to Adlai. A few weeks ago at the State convention and before the Florida and California primaries, the Hodges supported resolution of endorsement was adopted.

**HEADQUARTERS**... In Chicago the Conrad Hilton and the Palmer House are the two big and most desirable hotels. State delegations like to be headquartered at one of these hotels and particularly the Conrad Hilton. However, the North Carolina delegation has been assigned the Morrison Hotel for its headquarters, although some members of the Tar Heel delegation may be able to secure rooms at the Conrad Hilton.

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