

# Poole's Medley

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Warm and changeable weather has been the rule since I can remember, which is quite a while. I have seen several warm Christmas days.

January in the 1870's, I recall, was this way — 30 cloudy days and one fair day. The fair day was on Wednesday, about the middle of the month.

I saw open peachbloms on the 5th of January in 1923. There was sleet the 23rd day of March — ice all over everything — and peaches about the size of bird eggs were coated with ice. The sun shone, the ice fell away and we ate those peaches later.

Newspaper columnists are writing that the State of Washington, in the northwest corner of the United States, is practically bankrupt caused by over indulgence in social security.

President Theodore Roosevelt declined a third term because all his predecessors had declined. There is no law against a third term, but precedent is equal to law, they said.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 31st President, accepted a third and fourth term. He died soon after the fourth election.

President Truman is thought to be a candidate to succeed himself.

All readers of the news remember a surplus of something like a hundred million dollars in the Treasury of North Carolina, but that was reduced to thirty millions. During the last legislature there were threats to use that thirty million surplus for some purpose of state and now that is supposed to have been used for some evident need.

Governor Scott is saying there will likely be a deficit before another legislature meets. He is warning a legislature before their election of the need of the present time.

There are too many persons on the payroll. Undoubtedly they have been increased since Scott came into the governorship.

Although Bob Doughton is 86 years old, and asking reelection, he is said to be one of the most diligent members of the United States House of Representatives.

In years past, there were more fruit trees on farms than there are now. Some farmers had apples almost the year around.

President Jackson, who was

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spent more money than the 32 preceding Presidents combined. That sounds like exaggeration on the part of somebody.

The surpluses of all food stuffs might be given away to the starving people in Europe and Asia.

A few years ago, The Hawaiian Islands were about to be accepted as a state, but it seems that they were not made into a state, and they are now making another attempt. It is not believed that will help the country much.

The nearer right anybody or everybody lives, the more happiness they enjoy in life.

### Taking Applications For Census Jobs

Applications for the position of crew leader in the 17th Decennial Census to be conducted in April are now being received by the Lexington District Office of the United States Bureau of the Census.

Final selections for the crew leader position will be made about the end of February after oral and written tests of candidates for the jobs, according to W. Lamont Brown, Census District Supervisor here. Approximately 25 crew leader positions will be filled. Each crew leader will have supervision over about 20 enumerators.

Qualifications required for selection as crew leader includes, as a minimum, a high school education and at least three years experience in supervising or assisting in the supervision of an office force or field crew, training of subordinates, making and reviewing reports of average difficulty, and handling related assignments. In general, an applicant's record of experience must

show satisfactory performance in increasingly responsible positions. College education may be counted in part in lieu of experience.

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A citizen of Raeford wrote President Hoover a half-dozen letters. The President answered every one of them. He was urged to inflate the currency but he declined to act without an act of Congress.

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It is noted that the government is buying hams and bacon. (I always thought the whole hog was bacon after it was cured.)

It is published in the Reader's Digest that President Truman has

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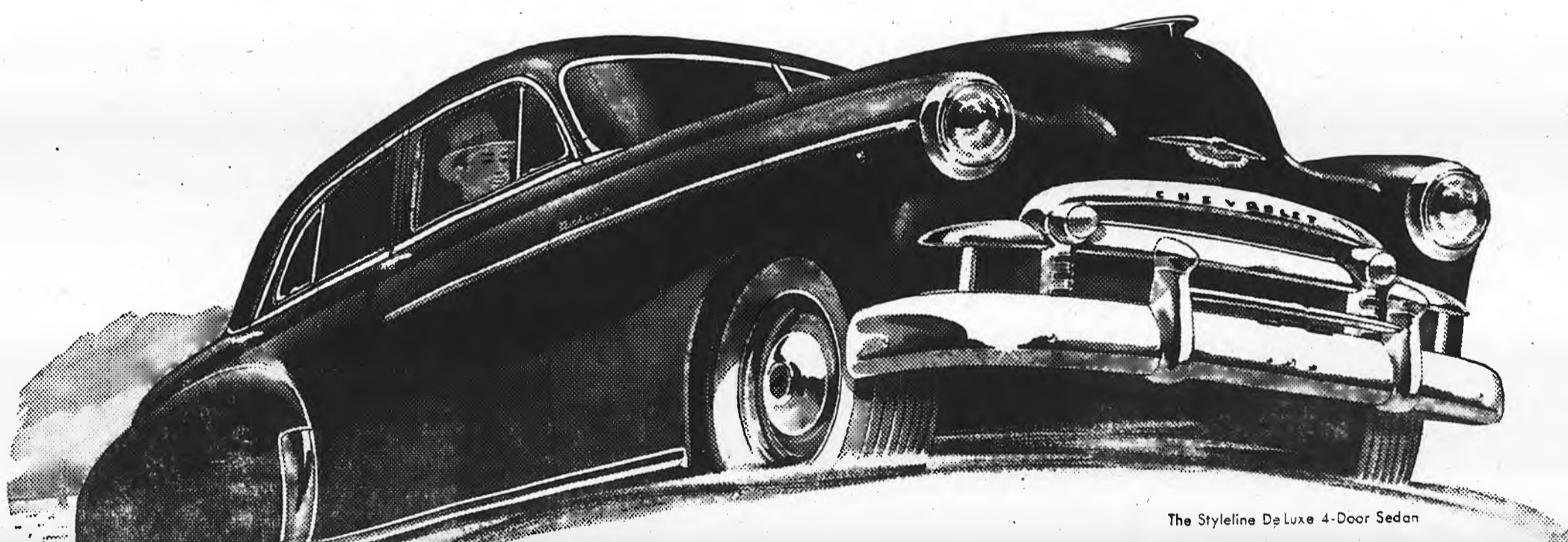
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