

Salute to the Senator

One of the last personalities of a past romantic era left us when Sen. Clyde Hoey died last week. Known as "the Duke" to his admiring colleagues in the Senate, he had that rare combination of charm and political acumen that makes an outstanding statesman.

A former editor and publisher, Senator Hoey has brought honor to his state and to the nation through his service in the United States Senate for the past nine years.

He entered political life at the age of 20 while still publishing The Cleveland Star at Shelby. He served two terms in the general assembly and in 1902 was elected to the State Senate. In 1919 he was elected to Congress and following his term there he decided to go back to law practice.

In 1936 he returned to public life when he entered the gubernatorial primaries. He defeated his opponent, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, and following his term of governor stayed out of the political limelight until he went to the United States Senate in 1944.

The tributes paid him by high gov-

ernment officials ring with sincerity. Of the distinguished North Carolinian with the frock coat and wing collar, Governor Umstead said: "His career in public service has been an inspiration to all who admire and understand the value of leadership, integrity, ability and morality in government."

Sen. Harry Byrd, Democratic Senator from Virginia: "I regard Senator Hoey as one of the ablest men with whom I have served."

Vice-President Richard Nixon: "Senator Hoey followed procedures which were a model of fairness and which all committees and chairmen might well follow. It is particularly significant to note that under his leadership the McCarthy subcommittee over which Hoey presided as chairman prior to the 1952 Republican victory went after facts rather than headlines."

Senator Hoey reached heights in his political career that few North Carolinians can hope to equal. The finest tribute that we can pay him is to make his native state worthy of the wisdom and hard work that he devotedly expended in its behalf.

How Should We View It?

The American press, radio and TV have made reports on the Vietnamh (Communist) general's allowing the French to evacuate their seriously wounded from the ill-fated fortress, Dienbienphu. We have yet to see any editorial comment on the situation, favorable or otherwise.

In our estimation, allowing the defeated army to remove its wounded from a fallen bastion is somewhat unique. Not being an authority on military history, we're not prepared to say whether such has ever been done before, but in recent wars we cannot recall the Allies allowing the Nazis to remove their wounded or the Japs allowing us to remove our wounded.

The usual procedure has been to take steps to prevent the wounded from recovering and re-joining their outfits. The Allies in recent wars have taken the wounded as prisoners. Our enemies, we have been told, usually kill our wounded on the spot, trundle the able-bodied prisoners off to POW camps or ship them into the interior of Russia, never to be heard from again.

Prisoners are a nuisance to a conquering army. The main advantage lies in their use as pawns in bargaining. Occasionally they can be used as laborers

if they can be transported back to the conquering army's homeland, but on the field they're a problem.

Perhaps, Vietnamh General Vo Nguyen Giap figured it was an easy out to let the French take care of their own wounded. Perhaps he was directed by his superiors to release the French prisoners because so doing might create a more favorable attitude toward the Reds at the Geneva conference. Perhaps he figured that if the French were so stupid as to try to defend Dienbienphu, they wouldn't know how to use the rehabilitated men if they ever recovered enough to be put back in the fight again.

It's very difficult to believe that the French wounded were allowed to be evacuated on purely humanitarian principles. Yet sometimes we have to give the devil his due. Maybe this is one of the times. Maybe not.

Latest developments show that the arrangement for evacuation of wounded was a screen to allow the Reds to move troops up to Hanoi without being observed by the French. The evacuation of wounded from Dienbienphu has stopped. Again the Red mailed fist has been found beneath a velvet glove.

Monitor Wreck Tackled

The weather has been no help recently in efforts to raise the famed iron-clad, the Monitor, from the waters off Cape Hatteras. A retired mail carrier from Michigan and a couple retired Army men have come to our windy coast to see if they can't raise the ship that tangled in 1862 with the Confederacy's Merrimac.

The Monitor is believed to be in about 30 feet of water a thousand yards offshore from the Cape Hatteras light house. While she and the Merrimac proved in their historic battle that the era of wooden ships had passed, the Monitor which was built for the Union, succumbed to storms off Hatteras in December 1862.

Many times there has been talk of raising the hulk and restoring it. Several years ago it was estimated that it would cost \$135,000 to raise the ship. If that is just the cost of raising it, the cost of restoring it would make the total expenditure staggering.

Some Elizabeth City folks believe that the State ought to appropriate funds for restoring the ship and putting it on the Cape as a tourist attraction. Others fear that Virginia or some other

state may try to get the Monitor from us.

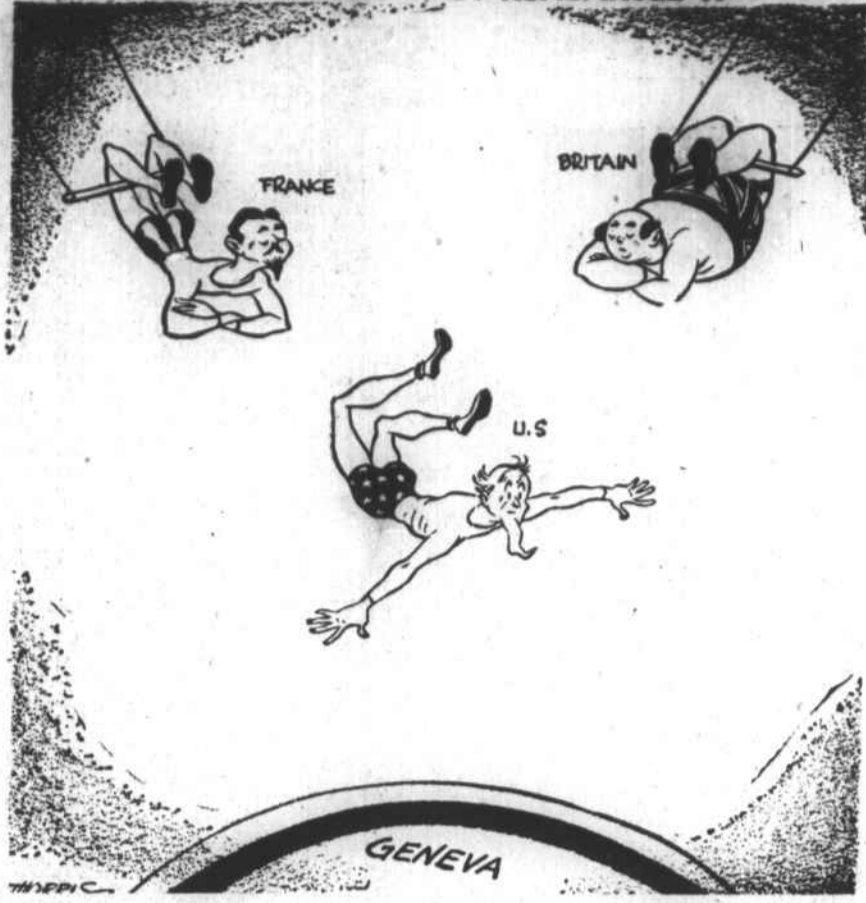
We have little sympathy for folks who want to spend state money, hundreds of thousands of dollars of it, to restore historical relics. While the Monitor is here and we're not in favor of its going elsewhere if Tar Heels want to keep a Federal warship, that's all right.

But another thing comes to mind too. Are we sure the wreck that is claimed to be the Monitor really IS the Monitor? Not long ago on one of the Great Lakes citizens of a town spent a lot of time and money raising a wooden hulk thought to be a famed Revolutionary war ship. They finally got it up and discovered it wasn't, after all, the ship they were after.

Ninety-two years have passed since the Monitor sank. Much sand can shift and many a wind can blow in 92 years. And many a tale handed down from father to son can be distorted, unintentionally, in the telling.

Maybe the ship is the Monitor and maybe it isn't. Maybe it will be raised and maybe it won't. Whatever might be done about the Monitor, we hope no tax money goes into the deal.

NOT THE WAY THEY REHEARSED IT



In the Good Old Days

THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO

The Norfolk Southern Railroad was advertising round trip weekend fares to Beaufort and Morehead City. Tickets were good from Friday to Tuesday of each week.

Miss Aletha Felton, who was graduating from Meredith College, was chosen class poet.

The Elizabeth, menhaden boat belonging to C. P. Dey, sank shortly after coming into Beaufort harbor.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Beaufort's new board, C. T. Chadwick, mayor, John Chaplain, C. S. Maxwell, Holloway Hill, Bayard Taylor and Wilbur Willis, commissioners, held their first meeting.

Atlantic Beach opened for the season.

Harkers Island students were unable to attend the county Educational Day exercises because the weather was so bad and the sound so rough it was deemed unwise to attempt to make the trip.

TEN YEARS AGO

Robert Lee Humber would deliver the commencement address at the Beaufort High School graduation exercises.

The Civil Air Patrol, which had been stationed in Beaufort from August of 1942 to the fall of 1943, had been disbanded.

Miss Florence Douglas Smith was married to Jack Marquand Larrick, Lt., USMC, in the First Baptist Church, Beaufort.

FIVE YEARS AGO

A 62-acre tract of land on Bogue Banks was sold to the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina by Mrs. Alice Hoffman.

Quick action by the Beaufort fire department saved a house owned by Earl Taylor and occupied by Earl Jarman on route 101.

Morehead City commissioners announced that police were to warn anyone seen in bathing suits on Arendell street, between 7th and 10th streets, who were not properly attired.

From the Bookshelf

The Reason Why. By Cecil Woodham-Smith. McGraw-Hill.

In working on her last book, the admirable "Florence Nightingale," Mrs. Woodham-Smith got a start on this one, for she unearthed some phenomenal personalities who were principals in the charge of the Light Brigade. Tennyson's words serve as her title.

In that historic charge, less than 200 horsemen out of 700 survived, and 500 horses were slaughtered. The action was ordered by Lord Raglan; the order was delivered by his aide, Capt. Nolan to Lord Lucan; Lucan communicated it to his brother-in-law, Lord Cardigan, who with matchless courage led his ill-fated men into Tennyson's "valley of death."

Lucan and Cardigan are the heroes, or villains, or pawns, of this extraordinary tale. Lucan had had some wartime experience, but Cardigan was a barracks-room martinet. Both men had supreme and unshakable confidence in their own judgment, sovereign scorn for the common man, and bitter contempt for the one for the other. If they had just been on ordinary speaking terms, this author suggests, they would have discussed Raglan's unclear order and must have realized that the charge was aimed, feebly, at isolated redoubts and not, fatally, at the main Russian force standing safely behind its batteries.

Beginning with family backgrounds, the story shows the growth of the imperious natures of this precious pair of nobles and tells of the courage without intelligence, the promotions without merit, the blatant favoritism. There are absorbing pages on the Crimean venture—the bloody screaming horses, the corpses bobbing in the water around the convoy, the hardship due to stupidity, the mad charge itself when British soldiery was at its bravest. It's all fascinating.

A Feast for the Forgiveness. By Vurrell Yentzen, Appleton-Century-Crofts.

"In Louisiana — on Bayou du Sang one morning within the memory of the living, Odon Landry lay in his coffin, a rosary in his fingers, a bullet in his heart . . ."

So begins this novel, symbolically laid on the shore of Bloody Bayou, about the child Clotilla. She has a mother cat, Eva Lily, who has kittens; a horse, Slowpoke; Tante Cecile and Tante Annette, who between them never whip her but oblige her to say enough rosaries for a world full of sin; a playmate Andre; a nurse, cook, servant and loving friend Pearl; and neighbors like Elphege and Therese.

She had an uncle, Odon, now murdered; a mother, her neck broken when a horse threw her; a father whom the aunts and Pearl try never to mention.

No child could be sweeter or more innocent. Clotilla can be bribed with cookies; she befriends a baby polecat; she steals a bite of crawfish before Communion.

Then she turns. This tense and dramatic novel tells how she is wrenched and forced out of innocence into knowledge. The steps of her progress are awful and sometimes violent: the shooting of the hawk and the horse; the savage charge of bastardy; the vengeance exacted by Elphege in his fury; the foaling, with block and tackle; the stubby male hands and the horrible hairy chest; and the searing flashes of recognition and understanding.

All life gangs up and beats on the child at once in this brilliant and often touching story. Searching revelations of the nature of a child alternate with gripping incidents in a fast-paced plot. This is an absolutely fresh and original talent; don't you dare miss it.

Jane Eads Washington

Washington — While leading ladies of the Republican administration were basking in the limelight at a spectacular luncheon showing of California fashions, leading Democratic ladies were staging an All-States Bazaar to raise funds for their party.

Headed by Mrs. Richard Nixon, wife of the vice-president, wives of Cabinet members viewed glamorous sequined bathing suits, colorful sports costumes and fabulous evening gowns at a luncheon attended by some 700 fashion-conscious women.

Meanwhile, there was brisk business going on at the Women's National Democratic Club. Some 4,000 loyal party members trooped into the clubhouse to pluck clean the various booths during the day-long sale, highlighted with an auction conducted by Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas.

This event brought the club \$525. Among other interesting items sold was a still life by Mrs. Dean Acheson, wife of the former secretary of state, which was purchased for \$100 by Mrs. Russell Long, wife of the Louisiana senator, and a modern chest of drawers, contributed by the late Mrs. Cordell Hull, the wife of another former secretary of state. The chest was sold to Mrs. Estes Kefauver, wife of the Tennessee senator.

Mrs. Oscar Chapman, attractive and energetic wife of the former interior secretary and president of the club, presided over the sale of items from her own state, Colorado—copper ware, pottery, tooled leather, alabaster and a plant food invented by her sister, Mrs. Mary K. Heller of Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Aime J. Forand, wife of the congressman from Rhode Island, and Mrs. Clifford Davis, wife of the Tennessee congressman were co-chairmen of the bazaar, which featured articles from every state in the union and Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico.

Captain Henry

Sou'easter

Went to Cherry Point Saturday and took in the magnificent air show put on by the Marines.

While the most spectacular exhibition was the low passes over the grandstand by a sleek F9F-6 at probably more than 500 miles per hour, I was particularly interested in the antics of the helicopters.

About the only thing those flying machines won't do, is talk. I was told it takes a good deal of experience to be an expert pilot of one of them.

Another thing I was told is that a huge flying box car costs about \$220,000 while a relatively tiny F9F-6 swept back wing jet costs around a million dollars. It would take more than a million dollars to get me into one of them even though I don't have much longer to go.

At the Methodist Men's Club dinner recently everyone was asked to stand up and tell the name by which he is most commonly known.

Mr. William Muse revealed that he is best known as "Amy's brother."

Smile a While

A couple of Scotsmen were walking along a road and one was jingling something in his pocket.

His pal asked, "Jock, you must have plenty of money in there."

"Oh, no," said Jock, "that's my wife's false teeth. There's too much eating between meals in our house."

This is the Law

By CHARLES W. DANIEL For the N. C. Bar Association



Divorce and Alimony

Did you know that if a husband or wife goes to another state from North Carolina for the purpose of getting a quick divorce, and does not establish permanent residence or "domicile" in the other state, the divorce is not valid in North Carolina? Such is our law. And if the person obtaining such divorce under the circumstances described, remarries and returns to live in this state, he or she, is subject to prosecution for bigamous cohabitation.

North Carolina has two kinds of divorce. One, "from bed and board," or partial divorce. Two, absolute divorce, after which the marriage status is completely dissolved as to the husband and wife and neither can later inherit property from the other except by will.

The first type of divorce is simply a "legal separation" entered upon the records of our Superior Court. Under it the husband is still charged with the responsibility of supporting his wife, as well as the other obligations imposed by the law upon a married man.

Grounds for Divorce

The North Carolina law lists several grounds for allowing each type of divorce, upon petition to the Superior Court by the offended party. They are:

1. For legal separation — 1. If either party abandons the other; 2. "Maliciously turns the other out of doors;" 3. By cruel treatment endangers the life of the other; 4. Offers "such indignities to the person" of the other as to "make life burdensome;" 5. Becomes an habitual drunkard.

For absolute divorce — 1. Adultery; 2. Natural impotency, which must have existed at the time of marriage; 3. If at the time of marriage the wife is pregnant, but not by the husband, and such is unknown to him; 4. Two-year separation; 5. Crime against nature; 6. By special process after five years separation because of the insanity of the other party. Formerly the waiting period for divorce from an insane spouse was 10 years. The 1953 legislature reduced it to five years.

Void Without Divorce

North Carolina treats only two kinds of unions as absolutely void: "marriages" between white and Ne-

gro and certain Indians, and, bigamous unions. In the eyes of the law these "marriages" never took place and have no binding effect upon either participant. Thus, court action for divorce would not be necessary to "dissolve" such alliances. They were void from the start.

Our state will NOT permit alimony in a petition for absolute divorce. Alimony may be granted for proper cause, however, in an action for divorce from "bed and board." And, if a person receives a grant of alimony in a partial divorce suit, such alimony payments would not be automatically cut off upon a later petition for absolute divorce.

Of course, any private arrangements made between separated or divorced couples and which are not made parts of the divorce court record, would not be affected by our laws relating to alimony.

What Price Alimony?

The court in allowing alimony may grant up to — but no more than — one-third of the annual income from the estate, occupation or labor of the person from whom the divorce is allowed. If the conditions of the parties, or either of them, later change, the court may order a change in the amount of alimony allotted, according to the circumstances then existing.

From the language of our statutes it seems that a man, as well as a woman, could ask for alimony. The writer knows of no case of record in North Carolina, however, in which the husband sought alimony from his wife. The practice is fairly common in some western states.

A married woman, upon affidavit and a finding by the judge of Superior Court that her contentions are true, may be granted alimony pending her suit for EITHER TYPE of divorce. The legislature passed this law originally in 1871, apparently on the theory that a wife frequently might be unable financially to prosecute her suit and that, if she had a recognized cause for divorce, she ought not to be deprived of it for lack of necessary funds.

If there are children in a home being broken by divorce, the court must decide the custody question in handling the case.

No divorce case in our state can be tried without a jury.

Ruth Peeling

Editorial Writers Talk Politics at Chapel Hill

I attended the Editorial Writers Conference at Chapel Hill over the weekend. But I didn't know much sooner than you did about the shooting in a fraternity house there. First thing I saw about it were the headlines in Saturday night papers in the lobby of the Carolina Inn.

While one of the bell hops was helping me to the car with luggage Sunday morning, we were talking about the incident and he said that the boy who did the shooting "must have gone berserk."

"I said, 'What?' He repeated it. And I said, 'Oh.'"

Berkshire or berserk, he was right.

Aside from tearing each other's editorials apart (not even the best editorial writers in the state escaped the critical eye of fellow editors) talk was mostly about (1) who will replace Senator Hoey and (2) the danger of McCarthyism.

Nobody was willing to venture a guess as to who Senator Hoey's successor will be. The Sunday Charlotte Observer spelled out the qualifications for the ideal senator when it said editorially:

"North Carolina and the United States desperately need a senator with international vision and domestic soundness. It needs a man who has championed the cause of the man of business, and of the man with the shovel. It needs a man who knows that politics shouldn't be controlled by any clique but by the pure wishes of the electorate. This man should be one who has proved by deeds in both public and private life that his mission is not one of selfishness but one of assistance. He cannot have shown any opposition to progress or improvement in the social or educational order."

The Observer further reminds

Today's Birthday

FERRY COMO, born May 18, 1913 at Pierino Como, in Canonsburg, Pa. One of the nation's most popular vocalists, he has gained

wide fame not only by his recordings, but on radio and TV. At 15 he was a barber but gave it up to sing with dance bands. He was acclaimed first popular singer to reach two million-record releases at same time. Now stars on CBS network's "Ferry Como Show." Especially noted for his easy-going style and relaxed delivery.

the Democratic factions of the state, that there are men in the western part of North Carolina who meet those qualifications!

Much to the surprise of Herbert Brucker, editor of the Hartford Daily Courant (oldest daily of continuous publication in the country), the majority of editorial writers attending the Saturday night banquet said their papers have spoken out against McCarthy. (Mr. Brucker delivered the banquet address.)

He said their attitude is "encouraging" for up his way it seems as though the majority are ready to brand as Communist anyone who speaks or writes a word against McCarthy.

Talked to Jonathan Daniels at the Saturday luncheon. He said he hasn't been to Carteret County for seven years. I warned him that he should pay us a visit soon or he'd need a map to get around 'cause we've changed so much since '47.

Author of the Week



Mary Noel, who works in a library, found the material for her first book practically under her nose—on library shelves. The book is "Villains Galore: The Heyday of the Popular Story Weekly," about some 40 weeklies which from 1840 to 1890 printed what looked then like sensational fiction for what looked then like a mass audience.

Born in Upper Montclair, N. J., graduated from Radcliffe and with M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia, she has been employed at the New York Public Library, generally part-time, for the last decade. Before then she was connected with the New York City Housing Authority.

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