



**Q—Can you give me any indication of what effect purchased by the Department of Agriculture of \$85 million worth of pork and lard, as outlined by Secretary of Agriculture Benson will have on the price farmers receive for hogs?**

**A—**Since annual hog sales run into billions of dollars, since the \$85 million specified by Secretary Benson would be spent with the packers for pork products, without any suggestion that packers pay higher prices for the hogs, many economists say the effect on hog prices will be very little. One or two venture a prediction of about one-third cent a pound based on annual sales.

**Q—Will the fact that 1956 is a presidential year have any effect on business generally?**

**A—**Most economists are in agreement that it will not have much effect. They agree the general public is more concerned with current economic trends rather than political uncertainties. Both parties favor a continued increase in living standards, full employment and long-term growth. Methods may differ but objectives are the same.

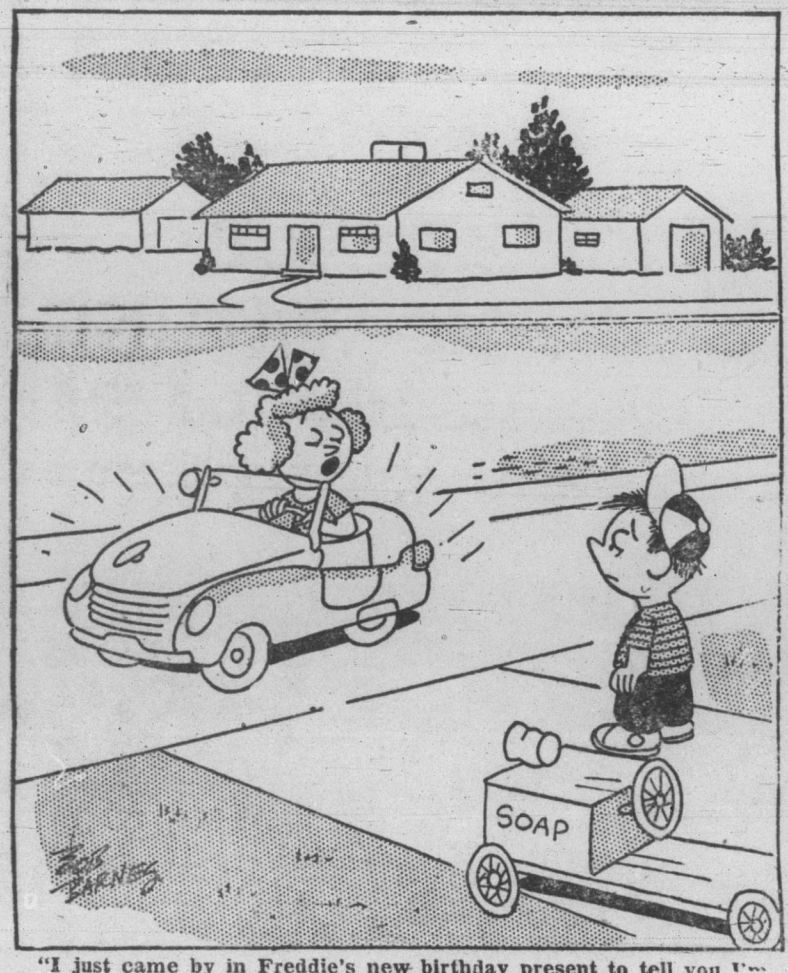
**Q—Has the Federal debt been cut during the past three or four years?**

**A—**No. There has been some talk about utilizing surplus receipts, if there are any, to reduce the federal debt instead of reducing taxes. This was originated from the Democratic side and concurred in by some top Republicans. However since 1956 is a presidential year, and President Eisenhower is almost sure to be out of the picture, very likely a tax reduction will be used as a vote getter, instead of a means to stimulate the economy, and the federal debt will not be cut.

**Q—Does the House of Representatives ever meet in secret session?**

**A—**Seldom ever. However the House may hold such a session if the President transmits a secret message; the chamber may be cleared of all persons except members and designated officers. Or the Speaker may clear the house for a discussion of a secret nature.

**LAFF OF THE WEEK**



"I just came by in Freddie's new birthday present to tell you I'm not your girl-friend any more."

**BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD MONDAY**

The monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor and District Committee meeting for the Mayland District were held Monday evening, November 14, in the new Ledger Baptist Church. Dr. C. F. McRae of Burnsville, district commissioner, presided at both meetings in the absence of the district advancement chairman and the acting district chairman.

Stephen Royals, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Worth B. Royals, of Burnsville, received the award of Tenderfoot rank from Robert M. Garner, Field Scout Executive with the Daniel Boone Council.

Randy Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Riddle of Burnsville, received the award of Star rank from the Rev. Melvin C. Swicegood of Bakersville, Scoutmaster of Troop 11. He was also awarded the following Merit Badges by Ernest Davenport, Scoutmaster of Troop 19, Ingalls: Camping, First Aid, Home Repairs, Cooking, Citizenship in the Home, Reading, Public Speaking, Firemanship, Bird Study, and Citizenship in the Community.

Herman Bostian, Scoutmaster of Troop 1, Burnsville, also attended the Court of Honor with several of his other Scouts. L. G. Deyton of Burnsville, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following nominations for officers for 1956:

District Chairman, Harry Lantz, Spruce Pine; Vice Chairman, E. L. Lafferty, dean of Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk; Commissioner, Dr. C. F. McRae, Burnsville; These were elected by the District Committee.

The next Court of Honor and District Committee meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, December 12, in the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, Burnsville.

Each year the United States Army Corps of Engineers removes from New York Harbor about 2,500,000 cubic yards of sand and silt carried down the Hudson, mostly by the natural current.

Men are the paint brush buyers in most American families and a recent survey shows do-it-yourself painters are quick to accept technical improvements such as nylon bristles.

**STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION:** Should I have my hurricane-damaged cotton classified?

**ANSWER:** Yes. The wise farmer has every bale classified by official government classers. Many North Carolina farmers are under the impression that their cotton which was lowered in grade by the hurricanes, is ineligible for government price supports. Less than one-half per cent of the Tar Heel crop currently being classed at the government classing laboratory in Raleigh is being classified as "below grade" and not ineligible for a loan.

**QUESTION:** How can I keep my pullets from going into an autumn pause in production?

**ANSWER:** Keep a close watch on them. If you notice them losing body weight or shedding, not eating normally, or if production is not on the gradual increase at this time of the year, you may need to "stimulate" them. The object of this is to get the chickens to eat more mash. This may be done by placing them on a 14-hour day with lights, feeding wet mash or pellets.

**THREE SECTIONS OF BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSED**

Three sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Western North Carolina are closed for the winter, announces the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. They are: Mount Mitchell to Bull Gap; Wagon Road to Beech Gap, in Pisgah National Forest; and the Soco section of the Parkway (not the Soco Highway) from Soco Gap to Black Camp Gap. The road to Heintooga will be closed also though not a part of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Other sections of the Parkway in Western North Carolina will remain open for the winter but are subject to temporary closure due to weather conditions.

Based on reports from growers as of October 1, a pecan crop of 725,000 pounds is estimated for North Carolina this year.

The peanut output in North Carolina for 1955 is forecast at 1,689,000 pounds, up 65 per cent from last year's short crop.

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

In The Superior Court  
NORTH CAROLINA  
YANCEY COUNTY  
MRS. KATE HUSKINS,  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
GARRETT D. HUSKINS,

**Defendant TO GARRETT D. HUSKINS:**

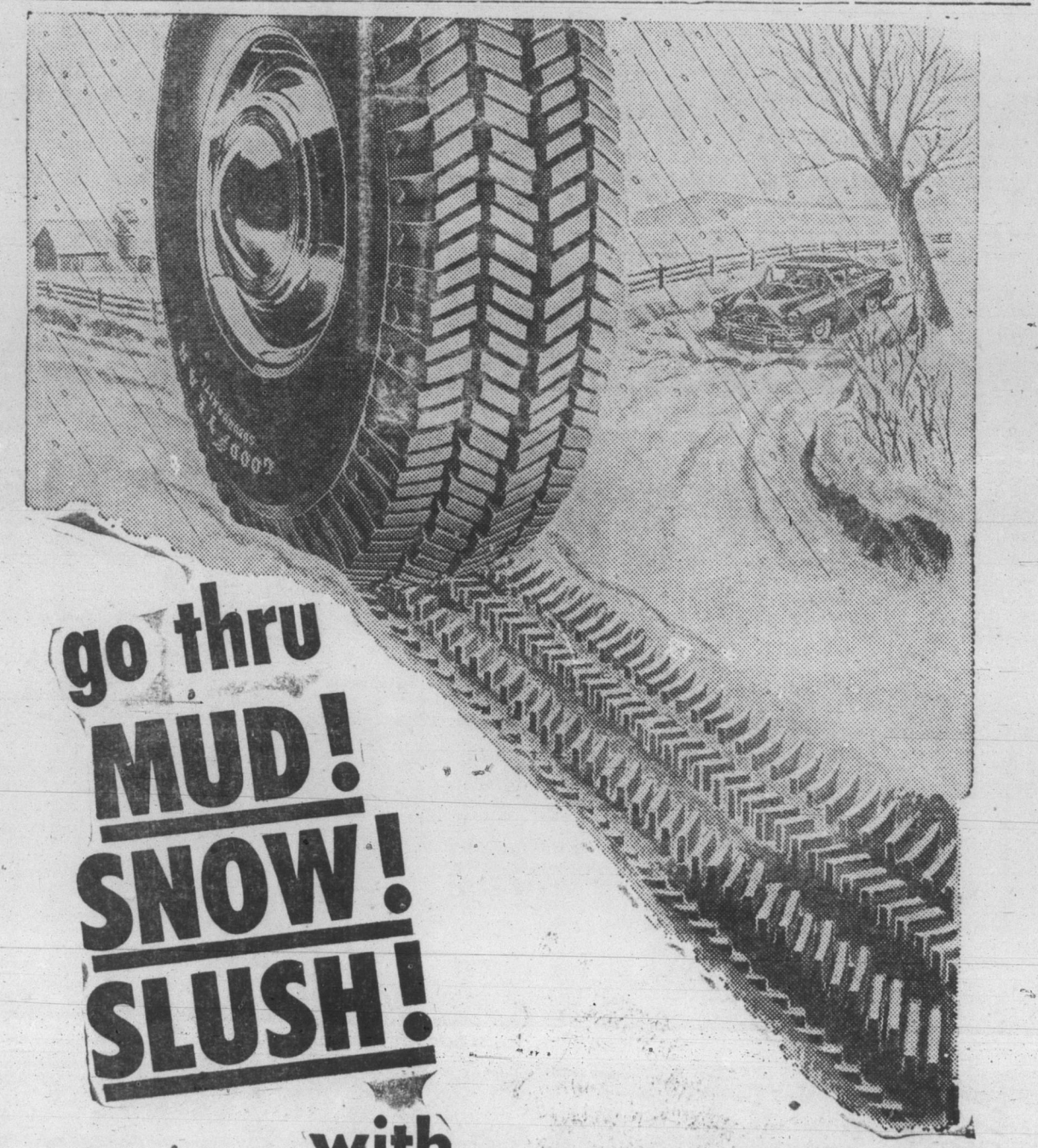
Take NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action.  
The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Absolute divorce on the ground of two years separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than January 14, 1956, and upon failure to do so the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 17th day of Nov. 1955.  
Lowe Thomas, Clerk of Superior Court, Yancey County.  
Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15



**PLAN HIGHWAY . . .** Group of U. S. governors of Highway Committee Conference meet in Washington. (seated) Sec. of Commerce Sinclair Weeks and Gov. Kohler, Wis. Standing: Gov. Leader, Pa.; Gov. Langlie, Wash.; Gov. Patterson, Oregon; Gov. Gary, Okla.; Gov. Stratton, Ill., and Gov. Lausche, Ohio.



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