

Welcome To Traffic Engineer

ONE MAN who is going to earn what the city's government pays him (\$300 a year) is Herman J. Hoose, our new Traffic Engineer. It is good to read that Mr. Hoose is only 37 years old, robust, a product of the University of North Carolina...

worst, a distinction based on statistics showing that this city and Mecklenburg County led the state last year by a wide margin in number of traffic fatalities and in the greatest increase in traffic deaths over the last year...



'Just Around The Corner' Again

ONE OF the oddest spectacles in the American scene is presented in the current hearings in Congress on so-called anti-inflation measures. Everyone understands that this is just a waste of time for the very reason that the country is not in a position to do anything about it...

failure to re-impose some of the controls. The Republican position is weakened further by the horrible situation in which the GOP finds itself on extension of rent control. It will hardly risk the votes of the very large number of renters refusing to extend rent ceilings. If it wishes for more rent control, it compromises its own argument that the Government control device is being dragged into rent control, the way it went for "voluntary" controls and the way it is backing into meat rationing, among other things.

People's Platform It's Time For South To Bolt

THE SOUTH has been the backbone of the Democratic Party since its founding. As a matter of fact, and a fact Mr. Truman seems to have forgotten one of the South's great sons, Thomas Jefferson, fathered the party.

President Truman holds the "whip" over them (Charlotte News, 2-2-47). He calls the only living Republican ex-President an "ass" (Charlotte News, 9-27-47), and considers that an insult to every citizen who voted for Truman, even Hoover, including the Republicans of the Tenth District.

Where The State Is Losing Money

THERE IS, of course, an explanation for the length of time which the Governor and his Advisory Board have taken and are still taking to start the building expansion program which would provide urgently needed hospital space for North Carolina's mentally defective children. Whether that is the most adequate answer remains to be determined.

lina, even at 1948 inflated building costs, than in 1937. Obviously the Governor and his Advisory Board are endeavoring to consider all factors in this program, and to make a sound business decision. However, it is necessary to ask if they have given adequate attention to the whole problem. A showing to that effect is decidedly in order. Prices and wages are high, building materials are in short supply, the flight of North Carolina's mentally defective children is desperate.

Tenth District's Problem

THE citizens and plain people observe that this is the season for politics—the practical kind, and each party will presently make selections of candidates for various offices. It is of the first importance that each party run a man for Congress from the Tenth District who is qualified to represent the people of the Tenth District.

His answer was that this columnist was a chronic liar. Now, however, Agriculture Department reports show that not only Mr. Moore, but his wife, his secretary, and his two close cronies, John Moore and Dyle Cullum, have been speculating for years.

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Smith of Illinois and Vane of Pennsylvania all suffered somewhat similar indignities, both losing their Senate seats. Elyan Bishop of Connecticut also faced senatorial wrath when he let a Connecticut manufacturers' lobbyist sit in on closed-door sessions while his committee drafted a new tariff bill.

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Behind the headlines of the so-called "Marquis Childs" article is a story that is unspoken, so much that it is whispered. Above all, that is true of the fostered Communist infiltration, where mankind's hope of peace seems to be the only hope left. The fear that is motivating British policy is a fear that Palestine will come to be a Communist state. It is a fear that the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, has expressed in the past. Palestine will be completely Communist.

Joseph & Stewart Also ERP Compromise

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted to authorize the State Department to spend \$2.5 billion for the ERP program, yet provide the funds needed for rebuilding war-torn Europe.

How these two figures are reconciled by elaborate and quite convincing technical arguments, is beside the point. The fact is that the budget was the real source of the \$2.5 billion. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee would cut the \$2.5 billion authorization for the ERP program by \$1.5 billion, probably leaving off about \$1 billion. Under this plan, the committee would not have made up on a practical estimate of the program's cost.

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