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Welcome To Traffic Engineer

ONE MAN who is going to earn what the City Government pays him (5,500 bucks 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 sturdy Hoosier stock, happily married, father of three children, a traffic expert who loves his work and is fond of problems. He has come to the right place to make a He has come to the right place to make a support he can get.

big aboving and the will need all the moral, amily, one on the will need and unofficial aupport he can get. Perhaps this lant the right way to welcome a Middle Westerner into our midst. Doubless it would be more hospitable to wait until he has found a house for his family, unpacked the dishes and surveyed the situation a bit before giving him the full Charlotte treatment. However, we see that Mr. Hoose quickly met the full test in Fort Wayne, Ind., a city of almost the same population and in much the same situation as Charlotte, so he must be prepared for what's coming. Well, partly prepared, any-way.

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This is just a friendly greeting to break the news gently that Fort Wayne was only a warm-up for the jim dandy of traffic problems.

when we will skip over our great parking riddle, since a report on a Charlotte parking survey is due from the State Highway Commission in March, and proceed to several other mysteries we are counting on Mr. Hoose to solve.

We hope he will soon settle the question whether the Charlotte car driver is the world's worst or at least North Carolina's

worst, a distinction based on statistics showing 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 1946 period. We are counting on Mr. Hoose to prove that it wann't our drivers, but correction than the man behind the wheel, that boosted the death trend.

sometiming that item to the more account to correction than the man behind the wheel, and correction than the man behind the wheel. Another large puzzle inviting his attention is why Charlotte, the State's largest city, does so much less than many smaller cities to advance North Carolina's new five-year comprehensive traffic safety program. Perhaps Mr. Hoose can discover what is holding up action to establish student driving instruction in the schools here. It's a very involved affair.

Perhaps Mr. Hoose will be able to diagnose Charlotte's peculiar and old fascination for narrow street condition manufactured to the control of t

'Just Around The Corner' Again

ONE OF the oddest spectacles in the current hearings in Congress on so-called anti-inflation measures. Everyone understanding and the state of political appearances in an election year, and that what coming is all cut-and-dried. Everyone admits that there is no chance for approval of any hold-the-line measures except possibly rent control extension at this session of Congress. My don't the legislators abandon the farce of listening to the public and turn to other listening to the public and turn to other business?

The answer is, of course, that the boys are building up a case for the Fall campaign, when the Republicans and Democrats will vie in attempts to pass the inflation back

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The Gallup Foll shows that a majority of 31 per cent thinks Government price of 31 per cent thinks Government price as against 41 per cent voting against the OPA solution, and 8 per cent with no opinion. In the light of this evidence of the control programs appeal to the larger body of voters in all classes except the farmers, it seems safe to say that the Truman Administration is making the most political hay in the current Congressional debate with its anti-inflation program.

It is true that the Administration shares with the GOP the responsibility for abandoning wartime controls but Mr. Truman now is making it crystal clear, with his 10-point program for wage-price curbs and rationing, where the responsibility lies for

relative 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 wrath of the very numerous body of renters by refusing to extend rent ceilings. If it votes for more rent control, it compromises its own argument that the Government control device is unbody, unconstitutional, uneconomic and the method of a police state. The GOP already finds itself deeply involved in that contradiction.

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The oddest part of this whole business is the impression we get that the country will have price control and rationing after the election regardless of which party wins. We being dragged into rent control, the way it went for "voluntary" controls and the way it sheaking into meat rationing, among other things.

The surest sign that controls will come after November is found in the continuing upward trend of the price spiral. One thing the Congressional hearings have done is to demonstrate again that nothing oractical demonstrate again that nothing oractical will come a safety measure in this emergency. Another thing they have done is to remind us that no end of the emergency is in sight. Best indication of the length of its duration comes from an industrial executive who opposed price cellings because, he says, "a period of keen competition is just around the corner." If you remember Her-bert Hoover's promise on the proximity of propertyly after the 1528 reash, you know just how far is just around the corner.

Where The State Is Losing Money

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

Under HB 24, passed by the 1947 General Assembly, the Governor and his Commis-sion are vested with the responsibility of deciding on the best time to spend the \$25.51.750 appropriated for enlargement of Caswell Training School or for construc-tion of another facility for these tragic children.

The question is, when is the best time in order to get the greatest benefits for the State?

If that rule is construed to mean the most for our money in building materials and labor, then North Carolina must wait an indefinite period before anything is done for its 2,000 or more young imbeciles whose number grows ateadily while we wait.

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If the greatest benefits for the State means, as we think it does, the greatest good in humanitarian service, accida progress and economic awings for the community as whole, then there is no better time than now to start the program. The exorbitant costs of delay, in terms of individual suffering, shattered homes and general demonstration, are gararingly illustrated in the case of Charlott's Frances Ross, who has waited for years for space in Caswell and still is waiting.

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Obviously the Governor and his Advisory Budget Commission are endeavoring to consider all factors in this program, and there are many factors. 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, but the plight of North Carolina's mentally defective children is deserved.

Andrew J. Paris, self-styled bubble gum king, now plans to give away \$5,000 in scholarships yearly to the kids who in-flate his products. That is fine but Mr. Paris can't discharge the debt he still owes to long. suffering parents and school teachers quite that easily.—Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.

President Truman now has a radio set on which he can speak to any members of his staff tuned in within 200 feet or less, but they can't answer back. Inventor calls it walkie-talkie-no-back-talkie. which nakes it different from the GOP machine Harry has to use in Congress. —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Mr. Pauley's speculation in grain was bad enough, but there are worse things in the world than that. Mr. Truman's specula-tion, for instance, on Mr. Pauley.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Why has no community erected a statue to the taxpayer and to the payer of monthly household bills? Who has done more to promote civilization?—Columbus (Miss.) Commercial Dispatch.



People's Platform

It's Time For South To Bolt

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Tenth District's Problem

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

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As a clima he states (Chariotte Observer: Il-1647) that he intends to run for Congress regardless of whether or not he is selected by the Republicans, titus leaving the clear inference that he will run he is not nominated by the Republicans. Mr. Butz-holder's previous campaign did not show that he is not nominated by the Republicans. Mr. Butz-holder's previous campaign did not show that he is not nominated by the Republicans with the presence of the control of the republicans with the control of the republicans with the republicans with the republicans of the republicans with do not seriously regarded.

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The Budget Bureau provided for the argument for just such a dodgt, by noting that difficulties of contract-placement, voucher-clearance, and the like, would hold ERP expenditures to \$4.5 billions up to July 1, 1989. This is, of course, far below the \$6.5 billion authorization asked by the Administration for this period.

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BLOW TO OPPOSITION

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Drew Pearson's: Sen. Thomas Thumbs Nose At Colleagues Merry-Go-Round:

THE FIERY ultimatum of Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma that the would not testify reparding his cotton and grain speculations presents the U. S. Senate with a unique problem. It will be interesting to see whether the Democratic senator's Republican colleagues take his ultimatum lying down. It so, some interest to the control of the control will be upped.

In recent years four Republican senators have been denied their seat or eise so severely censured that they resigned. Another Republican was so frastically censured that he was defeated at the following election. None of the above was given much consideration by their collesgues—not half as much as Benator Thomas has received

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is quietly booting for the chalrmanship of Civil Aeronautica,
another is Burton N. Rehling; whine Pauley has been trying
This latter appointment is especially interesting because
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di. In suchring to get Behling appointed to the Power Com-nission, Pauley has considerable assistance. Some of it comes from ex-Senator Prentiss Brown of Michigan, now attorney or Michigan utilities; also from certain oil- and gas-area Espublicans.

before Congress called the Ritley bill. Senator Ed Moore of Okiahoma, himself a big ollman, is holding hearings on the bill this week, and if it passes it will increase profits to the big gas distributing companies by between 20 and 30 per cent—just at a time when millions of people are especially in need of gas to heat their homes.

One company which will profit most from the Rining is Cities Service. And it so happens that Congressman ley's law firm back in Oktahoma is listed as represen. Cities Service. In fact his law firm is also listed as represen greening several gas companies which will profit from this bill, cluding Republic Natural Gas and the Panhandle East Pipeline Co.

It is even suspected on Capitol Hill that it was not Co gressman Rilley himself but his firm's gas-company citle of the Company of the Company of the Company of the The Bill. If passed, would permit the gas companies charge their customers a rate based on their "field pric which in turn is pyrumified up by sailer form one company which in turn is pyrumified up by sailer form one company which in turn is pyrumified up to sailer form of the aimset of the company of the company of the company add a total of \$25,200,000 to the gas bill of the American co sumer—just at a time when he can afford it learn afford it learn and the contract of the contract

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Foreign Relations Committee didn't cross-examine him about
his eleven-point program for world reconstruction. (It was
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