

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1954

Planning For Tomorrow's Traffic

ALL METROPOLITAN planners warn with obvious reason that the number of automobiles competing for moving room in America's cities will increase appreciably in the years immediately ahead. The best way to solve the problem is with a system of expressways—augmented by other broad main routes—having a minimum of traffic interruntion.

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But these improvements are bound to stir-local controversies, especially when they are attempted long after affected areas have been developed. It is one of the prices cities like Charlotte must pay for not instituting a satisfactory system of, municipal planning long ago.
This is the case with Providence Road. A large group of property owners is vigorously protesting plans to make the road into an extra-wide, boulevard-type thoroughfare.

road into an estra-wide, boulevard-type theroughfare. As we have said before, no one can logically argue that Providence Road does not need widening Of course it does. Even attorney tarray Harkey, spokesman for the protesting group, is willing to admit that the 13 feed for pavement beginning near Briar Creek near the thinks is indequated. The thinks is madeequate. As the country of the course of the country of the country

Council, the State Highway Commission and the Pederal Bureau of Roads, he declares.

We are not expert road planners but we find ourselves sympathetic to the dissenters case.

They complain, for instance, that traffic generated by a wide boulevard would make conditions hazardous in the residential area. This is indeed a heavily populated residential zone. Widening the thoroughfare, to a 68- or 70-foot highway would be an open invitation to speeding. A wide, superhighway, without zoning restrictions, would soon invite commercial encroachment as well.

Many feeder streets into the city need widening. Rather than singling out Providence Road for a boulevard, wouldn't it be better to consider a more comprehensive program of improvement? This should include some widening of Providence. But along with this project, consideration should be given once more to the relocation and widening of Old Sardis Road.

It is possible that Old Sardis and other roads, when reworked, would bette serve the traffic needs of this same general area than a one-shot job on Providence. Providence Road is just part of the problem of getting in and out of Charlotte for people who live in a fast-developing section of the county. Piecemel solution of the city's troubles will always provide confrowers, What are needed are broader applications of long-range, over-all planning.

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It's A LONG, long time to paraphrase
I the song, from September to Novenber-in-election years. Leaders of the two
major parties, who agreed this month to
conduct high-fivel campaigns, may be
deep in the gutter by election eve. Control of Congress will probably be decided
by a narrow margin, and politicians will
be tempted to resort to desperate meastures. But so far at least the campaign
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and without resort to demaggie outbursts about home-grown. Communists.

As columnist Doris Fleeson points out
in her column today, Secretary of LaborMitchell had the courage to criticize the
marcian Federation of Labor convention
when he addressed it. That sort of speech
—Adial Stevenson spoke in like vein
before the American Legion in 1982—is
so rare that it always merits commendation.

It is apparent, from the speech of
former President Harry Truman and
those of Stevenson and Democratic con-

'Before The Horse Is Stolen'

"WE WISH to bolt the barn door be-fore the horse is stolen."

With this meaningful introduction, Dr. M. B. Bethel, city-county health officer, restated the case for fluoridation of Charlotte's water supply before the city council yesterday.

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In a dozen words, it neatly summed up the strategy of scientific and professional groups seeking the continuation of a program started in Charlotte just five years ago last month.

If the Queen City is indeed to be the target for the next big anti-fluoridation campaing, Dr. Bethel and his colleagues are acting wisely. By taking the offensive, they are strengthening their hand against the vicious kind of "know-

nothing" attack aimed at fluoridation in Greensboro.

Appearing with the health officer was an imposing army of experts. They included Dr. J. B. Freedland, chairman of the Charlotte Dental Society's fluoridation committee: Dr. Laura Venning, chairman of the health committee of N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers; Dr. Bernard N. Walker, president of N. C. Dental Society, Dr. Allen Cash, president-leet of Charlotte Dental Society, Dr. Howard Steiger, member of the City Board of Health, and Dr. H. C. Jamison, county dental health officer.

"That looks pretty good to us," said Mayor Phil Van Every significantly as the delegation finished its business. It looked pretty good to us too.

The Year's Gayest, Gaudiest Season

A UTUMN tiploed into Charlotte at 8:56

A am. today to begin her three-menth reign. Thus, without brassy fanfare or rolling of Nature's drums, began the gayest gaudiest season of the year.

Summer's lush, steamy splender is spent Ahead are crisp, clear days, cool air whispering the first hint of winter, rainbow-streaked sunsets against the darkening hills, green leaves turning red and gold.

darkening hills, green leaves turning red and gold. What is the season's secret? Autumn is simply the year grown to full-blown maturity. Then, if ever, come the perfect

maturity. Then, if ever, come the perfect days.

The frustrations of spring and the emptiness of summer are behind us, the cruelty and wantonness of winter yet to come.

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Fall is that happy mixture of joy, suspense, elegance and beauty. Poets and lovers prefer spring. Children divide

their devotion between the barefoot days of summer and winter when small hearts are all tied up in Christmas ribbons. We'll take all.

It is the season for things to begin to hum again. Schoel and colleges are opening their gates. Business is picking up. King Football is back. Crowds are surging along the streets with quickening steps. Hearts are beating faster.

No one will mourn this summer's passing. It was compounded of nothing but heat and wheewindity. Old Sol will probably get in a few more parting licks but he knows his grip is broken. Frost will be decorating Mecklenburg's rolling landscapes before you know it.

To William Cullen Bryant these were "the melancholy days.", the saddest of the year." He was wrong. Autumn is the season of hope and Joy and renewed vitality.

From The Sanford Herald

ON FAMILY MONEY

MOST married men, we suppose, shared our interest in a news item which appeared a few days ago and told how a judge had ruled that it is a crime for a wife to sneak ("steal") money out of her husband's pockets.

We're just curious. What little money there is around our house seems to be under the wife's control. The same appears to be true in most of the households we frequent. This must have been a strong man who haled his wife into court.

The unspoken (and unquestioned) agreement about money in our home was dramatized one Sunday morning recently when we noticed some currency scattered around on a dresser top, "Sugar," we inquired politely, "is this your money—or ours?"

Other arrangements seem to lead to litigation.

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One of the dangers of looking ahead s that we see things that never happen. -FORSYTH (GA.) COUNTY.



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Number, Cost, History

Congressional Investigations

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

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to 215 the number of inquiries
launched by the Sird Congress.
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By ROBERT C. RUARK

Never Give In To The Old

Woman-Except At Home

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Power Lobby Paid For FPC Junket

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