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Providence Rd. & Peaceful Coexistence

AFTER TESTING the waters of community sentiment with his top and bouncing on the springboard for months, Division Commissioner James A. Hardison finally made the plunge. He offered a resolution calling for the widening of Providence Rd. to 60 feet. The State Highway Commission approved it. Work will begin "as soon as possible."

road with a wide center parkway was the only safe and practical minimum. The experts were firm in their conviction. From the start, however, one thing was evident. The road had to be widened. Its present 18-foot simply are not adequate to handle 6,000 cars a day. For that reason, we were particularly concerned when Mr. Hardison indicated some time ago that, in view of all of the noisy opposition, the whole project would be junked.

We are confident, however, that residents will accept the decision with good grace and manage to live with it.

We had felt that some kind of compromise could have been reached with the satisfaction of both parties. Apparently, this was not possible.

Of course, the 60-foot width was a compromise of sorts (the state had first proposed 78 feet). But many Providence Rd. people were still not satisfied. For one thing, a number of trees that now line the thoroughfare would have to be chopped down.

Mr. Hardison, on the advice of highway engineers, was confident that a 60-foot

The question was not whether the road should be widened but how much. A. H. Graham, chairman of the State Highway Commission, observed yesterday that "those who travel over the road and who do not live on the road are now insisting the highway dept. proceed."

Neither one succeeds and we stand on the verge of another great catastrophe. No Mr. "Name Withheld," we are anything but dissatisfied with the road and we will be living in this old world far longer than you.

A Watchdog For Fiscal Finery

AS JOHN Q. TAXPAYER soon learns to his regret, government costs money and most governmental activities are expressed in terms of money. It is absolutely essential, then, that a government's financial affairs be conducted with the greatest amount of skill and efficiency.

Yesterdays action did not please everyone. Heavens, no. But at least the commission is not going to put in a corner—as we feared it would—and refuse to do anything at all about the matter. A 60-foot road which meets certain standards of safety and convenience for the whole community is better than an 18-foot road which does not measure up to any standards at all.

Transition: Potential Into Progress

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This Little Art Form Has Growth Up

THE name of the poem was "It May Be Life, But Ain't It Slow?" One stanza went: I wish I hadn't broke that dish. I wish I was a movie-star. I wish a lot of things, I wish that I was like the movie star.

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Emphatic Opposition To Candidate Cahill

EDITORS: I'VE NOTICED recently in the local news some zealous ratiocination emanating from one Edward A. Cahill, candidate for the City School Board. It seems that he's running on a ticket to integrate white and Negro schools. Now that may sound just dandy to the ivory tower ilk and a few editors who would be "creators of man"—but it's so much rat poison to most of us common folk, both white and Negro.

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Collectors' Items

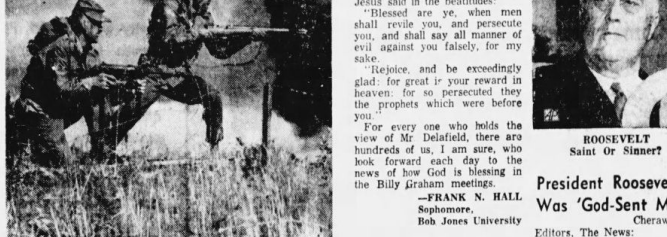
WHAT is so highly individualistic, so personal and painstaking, as the collecting of razor blades? Nothing, nothing whatever, we have the word for it of John FitzGibbon, professor of English at the British Institute in Madrid, and his friend, Pablo Serra, both of them razor-blade collectors. It is, therefore, perfectly suited to the Spanish character, says Senator FitzGibbon.

Spanish razor blades. He says Germany and Czechoslovakia probably manufacture more kinds of razor blades than any other countries in Europe, Russia—on account of nationalization of its industry—fewer kinds (Senator FitzGibbon has 20 kinds of Russian blades). His favorite razor blades are from Japan, one of them with three cutting edges and the other with four.

Christianity & The Recurring Tragedy Of War

Editors, The News: RE: Mr. "Puzzled" and letter "Defense of Liberty is Youth's Burden," March 25. As a member of the North Carolina Methodist Student Movement and present at the conference which passed the resolution against House Bill 287, commonly called UMT, I am moved to a defense of this organization and its purpose.

While not personally favoring this resolution I nevertheless strongly feel that the conference was motivated by the deepest concern, not only for the welfare of our nation but also for the proper Christian approach to the situation. Ours was no feeling of "naive disdain." Neither were we motivated to "sneer" at either the living or the dead.



U. S. INFANTRYMEN IN ACTION Can War Be Justified In The Light of Christian Beliefs?

Don't Stop News On Billy Graham

EDITORS: I HAVE just read my Charlotte News, as I have for 10 years. And I must say when I read Daniel Delafieu's letter suggesting that the News merely carry a "salvation box score" on Billy Graham revivals I was shocked, so I was afraid I had read it wrong until I read it again to be sure I had read it right.

For Open Hearts, 'God Bless You'

EDITORS: THE NEWS: I WANT to thank each and every one who answered the call and donated to a worthy cause—the cancer victim whose case was called to the attention of News readers in a letter recently.

They Hate FDR's Policies, Not FDR

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Tug Of War And Peace

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HERBLOCK (SPEECH BY THE WASHINGTON POST)

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Stassen Statement Irks Eisenhower

WASHINGTON: T'WO revealing events have taken place behind the scenes at the White House which throw some light on the President's present and future.

His former law firm has been unusually prosperous. Adams Arranged Exit Inside story, however, is that Stephens didn't want to quit at all. He was squeezed, Sherman Adams complained about all the "politicians" Stephens was letting into see the President, finally maneuvered him completely out of the White House.

News Of Graham Pleases Many

GREENVILLE, S. C. EDITORS: THE NEWS: IT WAS a surprise to many of us to read the letter in The Charlotte News by Daniel Delafieu, written "at the risk of offending some Billy Graham followers." I am sure that Billy does not mind letters such as that, for Jesus said in the beatitudes: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

"Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad; for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted were the prophets which were before you."

—FRANK N. HALL, Sophomore, Bob Jones University

Roosevelt Saint Or Sinner?

EDITORS: THE NEWS: AT THIS TIME I take pleasure in writing and speaking the minds of millions of people of our great nation and the minds of untold millions of others throughout the world as well as myself in the defense of a great American, a great leader of his people and others, who was born the year of 1882 and became president of our country for the period of four terms.

President Roosevelt Was 'God-Sent Man'

There are those of you who will not agree with me, but in my mind he was a God-sent man as Moses was a God-sent man to lead the children of Israel out of bondage.

Brink of Disaster

If it had not been for Franklin D. Roosevelt's leadership and his willingness to do something for the people and our country, I am quite sure we would have had trouble in our country, for the people were ready to try anything that they thought would improve their way of life.

Wrong Crowd

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Finding Fault

If half of those who find fault with our beloved deceased president would try to do half as much for our country, the people and the world, I feel we would still have a better world in which to live. If it saved that many lives to accept the Malta agreement, I say good. Because life is sweet to anyone.

—J. A. GRAHAM