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Highways: Put Statewide Needs First

THE heart of the matter," said State Highway Commissioner A. H. Graham last week, "is that we don't have the money to build all the roads at once."
It was the understatement of the year. Pressures for a bushel basketful of highway proposals are already powerful. They are continuing to build up in direct proportion to the rise of section centers and political temperatures around the state.

knuckles down to its responsibility to provide broad, forward-looking expansion of its primary highway system on a statewide basis. Many of the "smaller" projects can wait. The state was duly grateful for improvements in secondary roads—particularly during the administration of Gov. Scott. But the great need today is to correct routes between centers of population and rapid access to the heart of North Carolina's larger urban areas.
The state's primary highway system now contains approximately 12,000 miles of roads and streets. This system must carry, economically and safely, nearly two thirds of all the traffic in the state.

A Commissar Of Culture? No Thanks

MUSIC hath charms to soothe the savage breast but can it sew subversion?
The Soviet Union long ago (1948) required political orthodoxy in music and musicians, warning party liners against the "confused neuro-pathological combinations" of "bourgeois" rhythms and harmonies. Nazi Germany's captains of Kultur had similar notions.

sustaining funds, the foundation has made the Library of Congress preeminent in chamber music.
Apparently because the FBI report on Mr. Coolidge produced derogatory information to the effect that he once belonged to "front" organizations.
Mr. Coolidge, an amateur oboist and viola player and lecturer on chemistry at Harvard, said the group to which he belonged was the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.
Editorialized the Post & Times-HERALD.

Had Enough? Vote For The Moon

JUST when we thought that we were losing a few "days," "weeks" and "months" (and good riddance, too!) we find our utter dulleth in the mere being replaced by "seasons" and "times." The sum of the situation is six of one and a half dozen of the other.
Our temporal globe has nothing to do with calendar reform, either. It is hitched first to the instance of Madison Avenue's advertising moguls that they must stake off the year into special periods when Americans must think about special things.

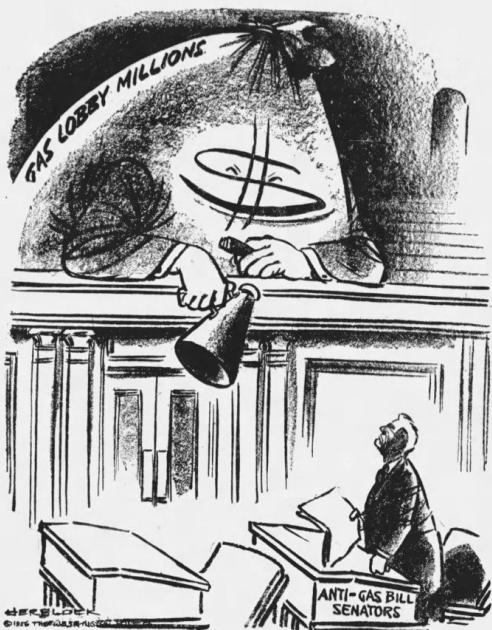
end that the modernizers haven't reached. We have already sniffed through "National Break A Cold Month" and "National Sew and Save Week" to contend with, as well as "National Thrift Week," "Idaho Potato and Onion Week," "Printing Week," "Printing and Education Week," "Jaycee Week," "Church and Economic Life Week" and "Golden Rule Month."
We are standing on the very brink of "National Tomato Week" (Feb. 13-19) and some time in February (we're not quite sure when) we must put up with "National Sew and Save Week."
March holds such dubious delights as "Return The Borrowed Books Week" and "National Television Servicemen's Week."
Later, there are "National Motel Week" and "National Garden Week" in April, "Son's Day" and "Father-Son Day" in June, "Inventors' Week" in July, "National Relaxation Week" in August, "National Soft Water Week" in September, "National Mirror Month" in October, "National Cage Bird Week" in November and "National Prosperity Week" in December. Naturally, these are just a few of the many.

OF MEN AND MONEY

IT is generally conceded that the American woman spends most of the nation's personal income. Statistical proof is perhaps unnecessary, but advertisers figure that women make the decisions on how more than 80 per cent of the national paycheck is to be spent.
Now a survey of the United States Savings and Loan League reveals that American wives also do the saving. They make more than half of all savings decisions and 60 per cent of the decisions on savings and loan accounts.

there are compensations. His wife and children can't love him for his money, because he never sees the stuff.
Most annoying surplus in the U. S. in this era of superabundance is the surplus of wives open in debating the surplus of agricultural commodities.—NEW ORLEANS STATES.
It does look as if the time had come when someone ought to explain that to the secretary of state of the United States, Brownell has regarding Negro voting rights in the South and what he plans to do about them.
Roosevelt doesn't mention the Emmett Till murder in Mississippi nor even the

'Now We'll See Which Of Us Talked Louder'



The Strange, Dusty Life Of A Tired Political Refugee

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON
IN THE Eisenhower-Eden "joint declaration" there is a single reference to the "hundred million people in what were once ten independent nations" who are "compelled to work for the identification of the Soviet Communist state." But the reference is purely formal. No one can any more get any serious attempt will be made to loosen the Soviet grip on the satellite states.
MEMORABLE TALK
Even so, it may be worth describing a recent talk with Dr. Dr. Arnost Heidrich, former secretary of the Czech Foreign Office (one of the reporters interviewed Dr. Heidrich in the gilded Ozerin Palace, in Prague, in the spring of 1948, a few weeks after the Communist seizure of Czechoslovakia. The interview was a memorable one.

WASHINGTON
STALIN
The same end.
Geneva—a catastrophe, a disaster," he says, with a sharp chopping gesture of both arms. "Every year they gain something, but now it's much worse. Before you had something they feared your bombs. But now—nothing. They know since Geneva you will not use your arms. They have nothing to fear."
He pauses a moment, placing his fingers together in a judicial gesture.
PESSIMISM
"Always before, I am wondering, how can the West win this cold war? So many advantages on the Soviet side. Flexible. They decide—they act. No public opinion. If the people must sacrifice, the people sacrifice. But at least they were afraid of you, and now no longer. Now I do not see at all how the cold war can be won. How about the "liberation" policy, for winning the cold war, about which so much was heard in the past. He often reverts to the time when he went to Moscow with the Czech delegation which was brusquely rebuffed by Stalin against joining the Marshall Plan. As secretary of the delegation, Dr. Heidrich had to attend the conversation in the Kremlin. He recalls how, in a moment of exasperation after delivering his ultimatum, he told the cowed Czechs a good deal about his plans for the world.

People's Platform

Ft. Johnston Must Be Saved

Raleigh
Editors, The News:
THERE is grave danger that very soon, in order to make room for a housing development, the officers' quarters at historic Fort Johnston in the town of Southport will be demolished. It is undoubtedly one of the most important historic structures in the State of North Carolina, and by all means ought to be preserved.
There is abundant land in the vicinity of Southport in fact that is just about the most plentiful commodity to be had in that area. Cannot the Army find another location for its housing project?
Throughout the state there is rapidly growing interest in preservation of our historic shrines. Once they have been destroyed, they can never be replaced as they were when first constructed.
In order properly to preserve this significant historic structure, the open areas around it, with their view of and access to the river, should be preserved.
This open square in the heart of Southport is one of the town's greatest assets. To fill it chock full with a crowded housing development would certainly seem to be shortsighted and lacking in vision for the town's future.
Immediate action is needed. It will be appreciated if interested persons will take this matter up with the secretary of Army and take any other action that may seem appropriate. The area is under the Army Transportation Corps and the commanding officer is Col. William A. McAleer, Sunny Point Army Terminal, S. Southport, N. C.
—CHRISTOPHER CRITTENDEN
Archives and History

giant and self-centered to really be interesting, intelligent, and effective public speakers. A woman on the other hand, can say more in a brief ten-minute talk than any long-winded male can say in a whole two-hour harangue. There are some exceptions to this rule, too, but the fact still remains that the women, less vain and less addicted to self-worship, are smarter and more astute than the men can ever hope to be.
The day of the male politician is passing. Teaching was once a male prerogative, but it isn't any longer. In fact, male teachers below the college level are becoming rarer every year. Stenography was originally a masculine occupation, but the women have a virtual monopoly on it now. The first telephone operators were men, but the women took that occupation over completely. Medicine is a field which was once considered a strictly male preserve, but women doctors have proven themselves worthy of the highest professional honors and esteem. Women lawyers not only equal and rival the men, they excel them. Whether the male politicians like it or not, sooner or later, they are going to have to step aside and let the women take over.
Why can't North Carolina have a woman governor? This state of ours has produced hundreds of very outstanding women who are leaders in education, in business, and in industry. Name any business with a female executive and you name a thriving successful business. When it comes to business acumen, the women are absolutely tops. So I say let's put one of our mature, level-headed, successful business or professional

women in the top job. Let's put a "Little Mother" up there in the governor's mansion to guide us and tell us what to do.
—RALPH ROYAL GORE
A 'Booby' Caption On Mencken Piece
Morgran
Editors, The News:
YOUR editorial about H. L. Mencken wasn't too bad, but O, the heading!
'Disturber Of The Peace'
What peace? Whose peace? You had the answers in your write-up, why louse it up with a 'booby' caption?
Cleanse yourself, Bub. The next homely girl you see, give her a wink. H. L. would have liked that.
—S. R. CHESLOCK
No Peonies Today: Will Jonquils Do?
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
RE: Jan. 16th offer of a "peony with a fringe on top" for a reply to lamb's quarter question. Not knowing what a "pea-a-to" looks like, I've been watching to see who gave the first answer and got the pea-ot.
—MRS. W. R. HARRISON.
Editors' Note: Mrs. Harrison finds below that we were joking about the peony. The best we could do was a jonquil with the lamb's quarter reference, we wanted to know the difference between lamb's quarter and lamb's lettuce. She told us.

Put 'Little Mother' In Governor's Chair

Whiteville
Editors, The News:
I THINK that politics would be a lot cleaner if we had more women running for public office. I hope I can live to see the day when this great nation of ours will have a woman president. Surely the women could not possibly make half as big a mess of things as the bulldozed men have. I think that the women could do a much better job than the men and I believe that we will have an ideal society only when the women start running things.
Women are far better public speakers than the men are. A man, when he gets up before a crowd, has to bluff and bluster and boast. There are, I know, a few exceptions, but the vast majority of the men are just too downright conceited, egotistical, arro-



A Jonquil For Mrs. Harrison

Adlai On His Own Crusade?

OAKLAND, Calif.
ADLAI STEVENSON got off to a good start in northern California, that pleasant region in which all superior California in saucy degradation of the more repressed south.
The candidate is in top form and the sun is shining. His local managers know where the best steaks are and, in other respects, are well informed. The crowds cheer and the papers are full of it.
GREENEPA CIRCUIT
These ingredients well calculated to mitigate the fatigue attached to primary campaigning, consequently called the mashed potato and green pea circuit. The description is often accurate for sharp contrast, all for the better, to 1952 and some likeness, one had to the 1952 version.
He speaks as well as ever, his speeches small and good singing with his own live with.
"You cannot conduct foreign policy from a newstand. I do not say I am qualified to be president. Anyone who says he is qualified lacks the first qualification, humility. But I am available."
Such remarks at an Oakland box supper led to Californians being assured by the San Francisco Chronicle that Stevenson was still "interesting, witty and intellectual."
The one resemblance to the 1952 candidate that drives the reporters and his own press secretary to ulcers is that he still polishes these gems by hand up to the moment of delivery. With a three-hour time lag on the West Coast,

added to other publishing problems, reporters find it sometimes impossible to get it all to their papers so that others can enjoy it too.
Stevenson's stubborn answer is that his first obligation is to give his best to the audience which has come to hear him. He is sorry about the difficulties, he says rather stiffly.
In this one catches sight of the personal conviction and, of course, the writer who values words. But it stems too, from his deeply felt indignation at what he thinks of as the "huckstering" of the Eisenhower administration, commonly called the mashed potato and green pea circuit. The description is often accurate for sharp contrast, all for the better, to 1952 and some likeness, one had to the 1952 version.
The demand he is making for "much more imaginative thinking about problems of growing at home." It is incidentally one of the closest men to Eisenhower, picked most of the Cabinet for him, including Charles McNamara, Secretary of Defense, Arthur Summerfield as postmaster general, and George Humphrey as secretary of the treasury. Eisenhower, who once said his brother definitely would not run again, now guardedly might run again. . . . Vice President Nixon, on the other hand, picks quite definitely though privately that he has now decided not to run . . . take your pick.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
CONGRESSMAN Jimmy Roosevelt of California has handed Attorney General Brownell a hot potato that he can't either drop, throw back or hold in his hand.
Voting Rights
The chief of the late President, now in Congress, has written Brownell a letter, couched in the most polite and respectful language, asking what position Brownell has regarding Negro voting rights in the South and what he plans to do about them.
Roosevelt doesn't mention the Emmett Till murder in Mississippi nor even the

Brownell Gets Touchy Race Question

large number of Negroes reported to have been barred from registering in Mississippi since that murder. What he does is remind the attorney general of denial of "the right to vote because of the color of skin, accident of birth, and the threat of violence."
Blunt Questions
Then Roosevelt proceeds to ask Brownell three blunt questions.
1. "Is there existing Federal law to take care of the situation?"
2. "If legislation is needed do you plan to recommend such legislation?"
3. "If such recommendations are planned do you plan to make your views known in the near future so that action may be taken at this session of Congress?"
If Brownell replies that no new laws are needed, then he puts himself in the position of being negligent about enforcing current laws. If he replies that more laws are needed, then he gives support to northern Democrats who already have drafted an anti-lynching bill.
It will be interesting to see what Brownell does with his hot potato.
Ike's Question
Most positive promoter of the idea that Eisenhower will run again is Gen. Lucius Clay, former commander of the American forces in Germany. When Eisenhower returned to the U. S. in the postwar days,

Clay, now head of Continental Can, had a session with Eisenhower at Gettysburg, following which he told friends that the was certain the President would run again. . . . Gen. Clay incidentally is one of the closest men to Eisenhower, picked most of the Cabinet for him, including Charles McNamara, Secretary of Defense, Arthur Summerfield as postmaster general, and George Humphrey as secretary of the treasury. Eisenhower, who once said his brother definitely would not run again, now guardedly might run again. . . . Vice President Nixon, on the other hand, picks quite definitely though privately that he has now decided not to run . . . take your pick.