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Plan To Reform Highway Commission Offers New Tools For Big Job Ahead

PHILOSOPHY and in substance, new proposals to reform the administrative machinery of North Carolina's 70,000-mile highway system are admirably sound.

Gov. Hodges has disclosed the broad outlines of a plan which can place highway management on a thoroughly sensible basis for the first time in years.

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Finally, the prison department would be severed at last from the highway commission's apron strings.

All of these ideas are necessarily tentative. They are part of a preliminary report of a highway study commission authorized by the 1955 General Assembly.

But the firm silhouette of the proposed program has the governor's enthusiastic endorsement.

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New Rules For 'Split Ticket' Aimed At Jonas

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Defying Law Calls For 'Direct Action'

THE people will have to use some direct action to get a law on their feet which defies the law, constitution and the word of God to carry on their taxation and a certain amount of the people's tax money for such defiance of the law.

Our constitution, law and Bible must be protected.

Ask The Man Who's Married To One

CHARLOTTE'S League of Women Voters is ever having up for a testimonial it can always turn to its "husband's auxiliary" with complete and unshakable confidence.

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WALWORTH COUNTY, Wis. This RICH, Republican farm county, which voted better than any other in the state in the 1952 election, is now a hotbed of anger against the Democrats.

It is an important question. If Adlai Stevenson can better his 1952 vote by a substantial margin in Republican strongholds like Walworth County, he will be in shooting distance of the presidency.

After many long hours spent interviewing farmers here, in company with John Kraft, a professional public opinion expert, the answer to the question would appear to depend on two factors.

It will depend, first, on whether the unhappiness of the farmers here will actually be translated into an important number of Democratic votes, against the deeply Republican instincts of the great majority. It will depend, second, on whether Estes Kefauver, who is mysteriously well-liked among the farmers in the big and corn country of Iowa, where this reporter on a previous pulse-taking expedition found a surprising turn of sentiment against the Eisenhower administration.

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This is how harsh John Foster Dulles has been toward career diplomats who guessed wrong—even though such non-career Republican diplomats as Patrick H. Hurley, also ambassador to China, concurred with them at the time.

Dulles has made both fortune and reputation as a shrewd Wall Street investor. One was when he urged American investors to buy German bonds in the pre-Hitler era; another when he told American audiences in 1938 that the dictators of Germany, Italy and Japan needed more room for their restless peoples.

This was after one such dictator had already seized Austria, the Ruhr, the Rhineland and the Sudetenland, and was plunging the world into war.

Dulles, listening to Nasser, made another disastrous decision. He decided to bet American policy in the Near East on backing Nasser and rebuffing Egypt.

At this end, he pulled wires with the British, all but demanded that they get out of Suez. He appointed Henry Byrd, a West Point colonel, who spoke the same language as Col. Nasser, as U. S. ambassador to Cairo. And he immediately poured \$30 million of U. S. economic aid into Egypt—aid which Nasser only one year later was berating to the Egyptian people as the importation of diseased American chickens.

Two-Faced Diplomacy "Egypt today stands in every respect with the West. Col. Nasser told Byrd shortly after he took office that he was bringing dollars to his defense. Simultaneously the same Nasser was sending Arab leaders 'We go in a position to meet to work'—a message that was the disastrous error made by the secretary of state who, fired two career diplomats, had their errors of judgment in regard to China.

The Inscrutable Historical Markers

WHISTLER's mother was born in a house which stood one block east of a point on U. S. Highway 42 in Wilmington, New Hanover County.

And furthermore, Babe Ruth hit his first home run in professional baseball in March, 1914, on a field 135 yards northwest of a point on U. S. Highway 301 in Fayetteville, Cumberland County.

These and some 800 other capsules of history North Carolina proudly displays on highway markers that have been going up since 1935.

It is a mistake that the highway information, if historically accurate, and a lot of hard work lies behind the effort to mark historical spots.

We are impressed by the fact that the Advisory Committee on Historical Markers makes earnest effort to see that new markers are fairly distributed throughout the state, and that the markers refer to all phases and periods of the state's history.

Documentary evidence must be produced before any statement is put on a marker. In other words, Babe Ruth really did hit his first home run where the marker said he did. And no doubt about it. The committee is doing a good, conscientious job.

Now wouldn't it be wonderful if Tar Heels and tourists could read these markers that have been going up for 21 years?

The reason we know about Whistler's mother and Babe Ruth is that we were looking in the Guide To North Carolina Historical Markers. Maxwells for the inscription on one we'd seen on another route. We have never had the good fortune to spot a marker, brake the car to a crawl and read the inscription before passing it.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editors' Note: Drew Pearson, with this column, continues his dispatches from the Near East. Others will follow.

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14th Amendment Itself Is 'Illegal'

THE 14th Amendment to the Constitution was written by Congress, which had a hostile and revengeful feeling toward the southern states. At that time there were 37 states in the Union. President Johnson having formally proclaimed and recognized the "Confederate States" to be a part of the federal union.

The 14th Amendment was passed by Congress only after southern members had been disciplined from voting on it. Although there had been no question about their being qualified to vote for the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery forever.

Without southern members voting on the 14th Amendment, two-thirds of the full Congress could not vote and legally pass the Amendment. And so this part of the Constitution is illegal!

President Johnson vetoed the 14th Amendment bill and challenged the constitutionality of the amendment in a message to Congress.

However, Congress again passed the bill over the President's veto and it was then sent to the legislatures of the various states for the ratification of the 14th Amendment. And so southern states out of the 37 refused to make the 14th Amendment the "law of the land."

This failure to act on the part of the South so angered Congress that in 1868 Reconstruction bill was passed putting the South under military rule. That would only be lifted when the South ratified the 14th Amendment. When the South refused to yield to this kind of federal pressure "rump" legislatures were set up over the southern states at the point of the bayonet.

And it was only then, when former Negro slaves, turned politicians and northern radicals posing as lawmakers of the southern states that the 14th Amendment was finally ratified and written into the federal constitution with utter disregard of "due process of law."

Many times the Supreme Court has been asked to rule on the constitutionality of the 14th Amendment but has consistently refused to do so.

We are constantly urged to obey the court's ruling on integration of the races in public places. While we may do so we must not forget the Supreme Court's historical decision of 1896 when that court would not base its "separate but equal" ruling on the 14th Amendment.

No doubt the judges of 1896 had all lived through the Civil War and the Reconstruction period that followed and they

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Mayor Urged To Help 'Keep Sabbath Holy'

THE following is an open letter to Mayor Phil Van Eery.

Dear Mayor Van Eery: May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you and the City Council for the opportunity that you had this evening to present our case to you.

It is good to know that you, our mayor, believe not only in the separation of church and state but that you also recognize the right of all the people to be heard according to the democratic principle which our constitution was founded.

May I assure you that I believe with Paul the apostle, "The powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1b). We have prayed for you in our churches and will continue to pray that God will guide you and the City Council to know and to do His will.

Every minister in Charlotte recognizes the fact that the job of a mayor is a most difficult one because you must faithfully attempt to represent all the people in our city.

May I respectfully urge these things to your attention: In this world there are two forces, war, the kingdom of God and evil, the kingdom of Satan. Both kingdoms have wars, but the war of the kingdom of God is a spiritual war, a war of the spirit. It is logical and possible for any man to serve God and the devil. Thus, the citizen who is a servant of God and evil, I believe, to expect our delinquent government officials to stand for the law of God and to be as opposed to a wrong an evil which always destroys a man. Truly, as mayor, you must pressure the city to serve the law of God and to choose to go to Hell just you must also represent the Christians. But surely good judgment, a redeemed conscience and love for Christ compels every lover of His to stand unreservedly, unflinchingly, publicly, unambiguously, and with a clear conscience out fear on the side of moral and spiritual righteousness.

Because of the above reasons, the Christian people of our great city, I feel sure, are hoping and praying that you and the City Council will do all you can to help Charlotte a place where we "remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:1).

Won't you help us send the warning of God recorded in Psalm 137: "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God. To disregard His law is to forget God."

The Lord bless you as you do His will. W. F. Mitchell

Releaser Of Energy The Abused Scientist

SCIENTISTS have come in a plenty of abuse in this atom-frightened age. Yet what is a scientist? He is the man who releases energy. He is always releasing for our use the powers resident in Nature, whether it is a blast of fire, of steam, of air, or of water and steam. If we over-use the destructive powers it is strange that we should

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