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A Dare That Tar Heels Ought To Take

A GOLDEN GLOVER vs. Rocky Mariani and the State of North Carolina vs. highway accidents belong on the same card.

For all the periodic holiday hoopla, the state simply is not in shape to fight highway killers. It is, in fact, in worse shape than it was eight years ago. Since that time, two potent safety measures have been revoked.

Now comes Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt with a direct challenge to Tar Heel legislators and citizens to even up the odds. Mr. Scheidt, of course, is only proposing legislation, knowing that citizens through the General Assembly do the disposing. But through his proper tone of deference the dare clearly shines. It is to pass the laws needed to save lives being lost on the highways, and to shuck the soft gloves now being applied to traffic law violators.

Scheidt wants a "common sense" motor vehicle inspection law, nothing so cumbersome and inconvenient to motorists as the law passed in '47 and repealed in '49, but one that would keep dangerously defective machines off the roads. He wants authority to return unmarked patrol cars to the highways in a fair fight with sneak-and-speed drag racers, and he wants to make highway racing a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

The commissioner's program includes these other plans: Authorize use of intoxication tests for accused drivers who want to take them; provide 100 additional highway patrolmen, and plug a loophole in the financial responsibility law that permits convicted traffic offenders to keep licenses that should be suspended.

There is clear and present need for all of Scheidt's proposals to be approved by the General Assembly.

The most careful driver at the wheel of a car with bad brakes is as dangerous as a fool driving a perfect machine. All drivers are examined. Why not automobiles and trucks?

Use of unmarked patrol cars was said to be unfair to motorists. The General Assembly stopped it. But it is not unfair to motorists obeying the law. And fairness is stupidity when it permits drag racers, having posted lookouts against marked cars, to race two abreast at 90 m.p.h. on public roads.

This is happening, and misdemeanor penalties haven't stopped it. Stronger medicine in the form of felony penalties is the logical next step. An unarmed burglar who puts a foot into a home has committed a felony. Is that a more serious threat than a man hurtling tons of steel down a highway at 90 or more miles an hour? Hardly.

Statistics clearly show the need for more patrolmen. Since 1947, paved highway mileage has increased 176 per cent, motor travel 235 per cent, and motor vehicle registration 91 per cent. During the same time, the patrol's strength has increased only 37 per cent, to 581 men.

The loophole in the financial responsibility law lets persons evade penalty for failure to obey the law by filing legal petitions which stay suspension of their licenses. Many of these petitions gather dust because of a shortage of personnel to push the cases to a conclusion. The loophole seriously weakens the responsibility law and should be closed.

In all of Scheidt's proposals, there is nothing extreme or harsh. Enacted, they would encourage and protect reasonably careful drivers. They could scare the wilfully reckless into good manners, or force them off the highways.

The goal and the methods are realistic. For the sake of their own skins and pocketbooks, Tar Heels ought to take Mr. Scheidt's dare, and provide the tools necessary for safety and sanity on the highways.

It's time to stop trying to lick the heavy-weight killer with flyweight laws and "fair," meaning puny and ineffective, police methods.

Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Champion

THE BABE didn't diet. You can't kill a myth. She'll be chipping them in from the apron of some grassy Olympus as long as the folklore of sports needs a class heroine.

The Babe was class, all right. In more than 20 years of competition, she accomplished feats which for sheer diversity have seldom been equaled by any athlete, male or female. She broke two world records in the 1932 Olympics, was twice selected an All-American basketball forward, pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals (in an exhibition game) and toured the nation giving billiard exhibitions. In addition, she excelled at tennis, swimming, diving, bowling, shot-putting, lacrosse, fencing and, in fact, anything that required muscular coordination.

Finally, she settled down to golf. Before cancer floored her, she was the finest player and biggest draw on the women's tournament circuit.

She was a champion to the end—full of pluck and heart and sauciness.

There was a time when she armed herself with a kind of feminine intelligence and boastfulness. When a woman opponent used a six iron for a shot she would as likely as not use an eight out of sheer vanity. Once when a male golfer chivalrously offered her the honor of teeing off, she riveted him

with, "Now, you better hit first cause it'll be the last time you get the honor—and you'd better bust a good one if you don't want to be outdrow 20 yards by a girl." Her best smack—315 yards.

The Babe softened after she married George Zaharias, a 300-pound ex-wrestler. But she was heard to boast: "Yep, I threw him last night with a flying kick." At any rate, she removed the chip from her shoulder. Instead of greeting rivals with, "Yep, I'm gonna beat you," she began helping the game's younger players and established a close, working friendship with the older ones. "They said she was washed up as an athlete after a serious operation for a renal malignancy in April 1953. She was back in action in less than four months in Chicago's Tam O'Shanter tournament.

In no time at all she was winning again, competing as gamely as ever.

But cancer won, finally.

In Galveston this week, they said, the Babe conceded. The end came early yesterday.

Maybe so. But Babe Didrikson Zaharias, the greatest woman athlete the world has ever known, will card the final triumph. Her name will still be whispered in the galleries when the disease that felled her is forgotten.

In Autumn, The Heart Hurries Home

THE heart is more at home in the fall. For it, like a tree, has a time of budding and burgeoning, and a time of drawing in, and seeking seclusion.

Fall for trees is an interruption of extraversion.

They are great mixers in spring and summer. The oak leaf curls before the hickory leaf; they touch, intertwine and dance to gentle airs; branches extend soft green fingers for dainty jousts, tree to tree; and, withal, the woodlands are gregarious and full of the sounds of partying.

The family circle is shattered. For a pine sapling's head a giant poplar makes a wreath, and the sweet-gum plays paty-cake with the dogwood.

But trees do not socialize in fall.

They take off the gaily colored party things. They stand alone, indwelling, trimmed and lean against the threat

in the cooling edge of autumn air. And their sounds are sighing. The pine's wraith becomes the poplar's foot-warmer.

And so man ceases his summer swarms and out of kinship with the trees imitates them. The threat of the cool air is unreal to him, if his fuel bill's paid, but he is willing to believe it real. He wants to retreat.

The heart hurries home and closes the door. The family circle constricts, and attention is paid to the reliability of the roof and the availability of firewood. The furnace, tested, functions and is praised.

The heart rests, trimmed and lean against the threat that is real only to the trees.

The heart is happy to be frightened because it wants to feel safe, and at home again.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WHEN SUEZ WAS YOUNG

A CAPSULE lesson in the history of monarchy may be had just by looking at the list of signers of the Constantinople Convention of 1838, now much in the news as the controlling agreement on the Suez Canal. The convention was signed in the names of:

- Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India;
His Majesty the Emperor of Germany, King of Prussia;
His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia, etc., and Apostolic King of Hungary;
His Majesty the King of Spain, and in

his name the King Regent of the Kingdom;

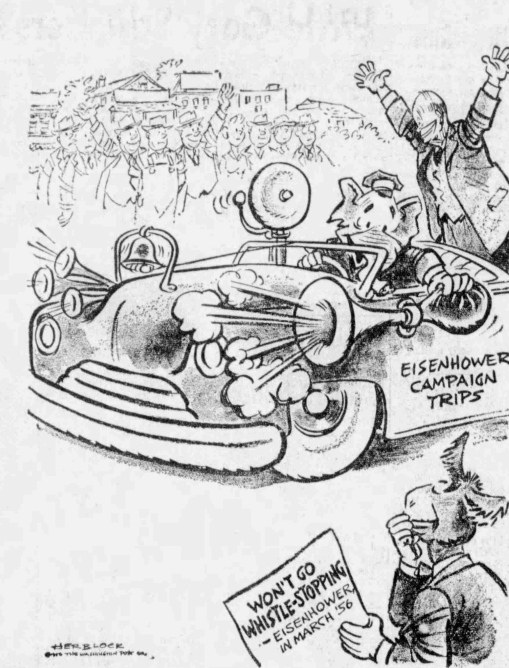
The President of the French Republic; His Majesty the King of Italy;

His Majesty the King of the Netherlands; His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russians;

His Majesty the Emperor of the Ottomans.

These signers, the President of the French Republic is still in business, but only two of the others are—but one is no longer Empress of India, and the other is no longer Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, etc. Sic transit, etc.

'Who's Whistle-Stopping?'



People's Platform

Nixon's Promises Are Empty

Great Falls, S. C.

Editors, The News: IN MONDAY'S edition of The Charlotte News, the reporter of the Associated Press wrote that Mr. Nixon, in his speech at Colorado Springs, stated that he can promise the people in the not too far distant future a prosperity such as never known before. He promised that there will only be a four-day work week, that the people will have two automobiles in each garage that they will also have three televisions, better houses and dozens of other comforts.

We heard a similar statement like this made by a Republican presidential candidate some 28 years ago. But at that time the promises were not as extreme as they were by Mr. Nixon this time.

It was the Republican candidate Herbert Hoover who promised, if elected, the people will have two cars in each garage and a chicken in each pot.

Our Mr. Nixon does not think much about how his insults and boasts the people's intelligence. He is still under the impression that the people don't think. He must imagine that the period has not moved since 1932. At that time no matter what he said or whatever promises he made were taken for granted, as long as they were not refuted by Gen. Eisenhower, the people's hero and idol.

Mr. Nixon does not seem to believe that people do learn by experience and do think most of the time. Although at times they err, they know most of the time when they are being bulldozed.

I thought I heard Mr. Nixon state at the San Francisco Convention that the Republicans can win their election on the administration's record and that he is going to conduct his campaign on the Eisenhower record. What made him change his mind so soon? It is because at the convention he talked to Republicans only and no matter what he said they would believe.

But realizing that with Republicans alone they cannot win an election, he had to repeat the tactics of 1932, hoping that the people are still in a daze and don't learn anything since. He will throw the ball as far as he can and continue to make unbelievable promises as he did in 1932. But worse yet, he has outdone Mr. Hoover by far with his promises.

He hopes not too many people remember the Hoover period, the misery, starvation, no work, suicides because of despair, the sale of apples on each corner of every block to get some food, no amusement for the little ones.

What was Mr. Nixon's object in

red indictment when they declined free access to private sewer facilities offered them this summer.

They have shown disregard for community welfare so now let them pay the price and install their own disposal systems.

I would plead for one exception in behalf of the one company official who stated that he would drink from the "clear, unadulterated city water which 'essences' from his plant—provided, of course, he takes a big slug of it as a public spectacle. Before he attempts this, however, I would advise him to check with his life insurance underwriter to ascertain the soundness of his insurance program.

The other official had better not bathe in the clear, "almost odorless" stream off-casting from his company lest he fall into an early autumn moult and shed his skin. If he scales of justice be balanced.

GRAHAM C. REICH

Preachers 'Right' In Speaking Out

Charlotte Editors, The News: I HAVE read numerous articles written on the pro and con of the Blue law action taken by the City Council. I believe that each of them has some merit in their belief.

Let's take a preacher's and layman's view. They are servants of God and, as servants, they are required not only to teach the Gospel but to rebuke sin. They were doing their duty when they disagreed with the City Council because we all know that God's law requires us to honor the Sabbath or Lord's Day. It is every reborn Christian's duty to express his views or protest any public issue that conflicts with God's law.

The unregenerate man is not subject to the laws of God, Romans 7:5, and God's law is foolish to them, ist. Cor. 1:18. He feels that after working all the week he should have the right to relax and enjoy himself in the sports and worldly amusements, cocktail parties, dances and any other relation that does not disturb his neighbor.

I think the Christian is sinning in the sight of God when he participates in the things of the world. Paul says that "they that are of the flesh, but they who are of the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

WARREN W. WOODS

Let Industrialists Pay Their Way

Charlotte Editors, The News: YOUR Sept. 25 edition carried an item headlined, "Little Hope Dwellers For Injunction." The industrialists literally solic-

me at an intersection the other day. Recognizing Nixon in the back seat, the cabbie yelled: "Hi, Mr. Vice President."

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Two Kentuckians Represent Ike's 'New Republicanism'

By MARQUIS CHILDS

BARDSTOWN, Ky. IN THE tightly-packed courtroom in the square the audience listened intently to the speaking. The listeners have come from all the counties in the district to hear the two Republican candidates for the Senate in a contest which is, in many ways, unique.

In the first place, Kentucky is the only state in which two Senate seats are to be filled. This makes it possible that control of the Senate will be decided here.

But more important, the two Republican candidates, John Sherman Cooper and Thurston Morton, are closer to the design of the new Republicanism than are the GOP candidates in any other state. Both have proven their loyalty to the Eisenhower doctrine of cooperation with other nations and moderate reform at home.

For the farmers and small town businessmen, their wives and children in the crowded courtroom, the role played by Cooper and Morton for the Republicans on the world stage must seem remote, indeed. Cooper, who previously served twice in the Senate, was ambassador to India and in 17 months in that assignment did a genuine deal to bring the United States and India closer together.

Morton's RECORD Morton, who has served three terms in the House as an assistant secretary of state in charge of Asian with Congress. This is a useful assignment calling for diplomatic skill and tact of a high order.

At first hand, Morton got to know how difficult — if not downright impossible — it is to implement an internationalist foreign policy when most of the members of the Senate's own party are either hostile or indifferent to that policy.

FRIENDLY INTEREST It is not only in the dedication to the Eisenhower policies but in their appearance that both men seem to represent something new in the Republican Party. Cooper is friendly, easy, quite unaffected as he moves through the crowds at picnics, barbecues, and water-skiing parties in the six-year Kentucky's 120 counties in which he has already campaigned.

He is unassuming and his interest in people come through even in the professional business of handshaking day after day. Morton is more aggressive, somewhat more aggressive. Neither could ever be mistaken for the old Guard of the pompous, complacent party.

Yet, perhaps because they sense that the gap between their experience and that of their listeners is so great, perhaps because they are in a presidential campaign bringing to light a new inward-turning — isolation is not the word — both men seem slightly on the defensive.

Cooper's Democratic opponent,

Cooper's Democratic opponent, first in the state legislature, then as a county and later circuit judge, has a record of moderate conservatism for the Senate, twice elected to short terms to fill an unexpired vacancy and twice defeated for the regular six-year Senate term.

This is a spot where Kentucky tradition is strong, and before the speeches both candidates did a stint for television on the doorstep of the mansion in which Stephen Foster is said to have been inspired to compose "My Old Kentucky Home." The roots of the past go deep, the problems of tobacco and corn and hogs are close and urgent.

India is a long way off, remote and legendary. So is Suez, and for that matter, so is Paris, or London, or the United States. The framework of the Republican Party there are men who can bring home the perils of proximity of Bardstown and New Delhi, it is here.

Grass Roots Rebellion Issues Work Against Ike

By DORIS FLEESON

CHICAGO THE FARM revolt against the Eisenhower administration rattle on even in the Midwest. Republican heartland is all of a sudden widely acknowledged. But it is not the only aspect of political change at the grass roots.

There is the "tight money" policy of the administration which makes money scarce and interest rates high. It is a major complaint of the farmer, but it operates down the line. When a Democrat says "Eisenhower has lost small business," he cites tight money. But the hungry for funds in expanding American applies also to public bodies, to home builders, even to big business. They find it hard to satisfy their wants and their expansion-creating plans are cut back.

RETRENCHMENT It is the first taste for young people of the kind of retrenchment that was commonplace to the depression generation, and it is a greater number than they are Republicans.

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Added up, they still aren't dramatic. They are not even accompanied by any great wave of Stevenson emotion.

People who are voting this fall, it appears, according to some polls, are feeling of their own accord, but they are protesting more than ever, but triggered by a reason that is still their secret.

Backstage Deal He has consistently told Col. Nasser and other Arab leaders that the United States would not sell arms to Israel. But last spring he arranged with Gen. Alfred Guenther of NATO to get the French to sell 24 Mystere jets to Israel. An American okay had to be given for such a sale, since the jets were part of the NATO forces built up with American aid. The jets had more than twice the life span of the jets that were given its okay, however; it actually aroused for the sale.

The Arabs were not fooled. They protested the sale, but they did not protest to Paris. They laid their protest right at the door of John Foster Dulles.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON AS it looks today, Adlai Stevenson and the Democrats will lose the most populous state in the union—New York.

Reports trickling in to Democratic headquarters from the farm belt in the South, and from the Northwest all look good for the Democrats. But from New York, with its huge block of electoral votes, the reports are bad; also from New Jersey and Connecticut.

Dead As A Dodo

Chief trouble is Carmine De Sapio, head of Tammany and mastermind of Gov. Harriman's abortive attempt at the New York election. He isn't working. The organization men around Carmine also aren't working. New York is as dead as a dodo as far as Democratic political activity is concerned.

Chief reason: They don't want to lose their man—Bob Wagner—as mayor of

DeSapio Tosses New York To GOP

New York. If Wagner goes to Washington as senator, he can't do them any favors. If he stays in Manhattan as mayor he can do plenty.

Democratic politicians also have no great love for Abe Stark, the Brooklyn clothing-store man and president of the City Council, who would automatically replace Wagner.

Jewish Vote

Meanwhile, ex-Congressman Jack Javits, despite lukewarm Republican support at first, is expected to win a heavy Jewish vote in a city where the population is predominantly Jewish. It was Javits who administered the surprise defeat to Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., for New York attorney general two years ago.

Nixon's Limousine

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