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A Ghastly Accident & A Grim Lesson

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The lesson is that highway accidents must be fought with the same determination and intensity directed against disease or any other scourge.

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City Streets: Plan First, Build Later

CITY COUNCIL should waste no time in approving Traffic Engineer Herman Hoose's proposal for a master traffic survey of Charlotte.

The "origins-and-destination" survey is a necessary first step toward making city streets serve their purpose—that is, the fast, efficient and safe movement of vehicles and people.

If Mr. Hoose had been around to propose such a survey when city streets were beginning their haphazard, unplanned growth, his and the motorists' headaches today would be greatly eased.

To have such an imposing name, the survey is remarkably simple. It consists largely of interviewing motorists on various streets to find out where they came

The lives of 19 persons had been snuffed out. Against this somber reality, the kid gloves approach to traffic offenses is revealed in all its deadly silliness.

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Waldo Cheek: The Loss Of A Leader

THE sudden and untimely death of Waldo Clayton Cheek has cost us a good neighbor (his office was only a few doors from ours) and Charlotte and North Carolina a valuable, public-spirited citizen.

It also cut short a remarkable career that seemed certain to develop into even greater accomplishments. At 44, Mr. Cheek had earned an enviable reputation for energetic and effective leadership both in private business and public service.

In private life he had risen from representative of one insurance firm to the presidency of another which was marked

from and where they are going. From this information, it is possible to locate streets to move traffic in direct, uncheckered lines.

Such a survey would be desirable if Charlotte was pursuing a street construction program on its own. But with funds for planning and construction being available from the giant federal roadbuilding program, it is imperative if Charlotte is to get its share of federal money.

Before making grants from federal funds, officials will require proof that the money is to be spent wisely and effectively.

Charlotte must be ready with the proof.

A Tailored Role For Grandpa Truman

THIS time there is no question about it. Harry S. Truman has come into a job for which he is demonstrably well suited.

Always before, there have been questions. As an artillery officer, Capt. Truman doubtless was the target of occasional charges from the ranks below that he couldn't aim a gun. Captains inevitably become the subject of gripes. As a haterdasher, he was one as well as a forger. He was a "failure." As a county official, U.S. senator and vice president of the U.S., Mr. Truman naturally had to take his lumps from political opponents. And when he became President, the roof fell in.

Though his own initial doubts about his qualifications for the presidency faded under a steady determination to do the job, the doubts of his opponents and some members of his own party in-

creased. In some quarters, his accidental ascension to the presidency is bitterly bemoaned to this day.

But there is room for no doubt whatsoever that Harry S. Truman is going to make a fine grandfather. Of the many strong drives in a firm-jawed personality, none is more prominent than his devotion to home and family life. It was a devoted father, sometimes provoked national uproars, memorably in the case of the letter he fired off to the music critic who didn't like Margaret's singing. But if they were shocked by his forgetfulness of presidential dignity, many Americans were pleased by his display of sturdy parental pride.

There will be no fireworks in his new role as grandfather Truman. But there will be a great deal of fondness, both between Mr. Truman and his grandchildren and between Mr. Truman and his fellow countrymen.

TEMPEST IN A GERITOL BOTTLE

SOMEHOW the conductors of these television quiz programs, which offer such tremendous rewards for scraps of irrelevant information, continue to make embarrassing trouble for their sponsors and networks by pronouncing answers that are technically right to be wrong, and vice versa.

The latest example of contrepertes occurred on the program called TWENTY ONE, which, as you probably know, is a centralized version of blackjack, that old and well-known Army game. Mr. Hank Bloomgarden, whose range of information, Midas touch and survival qualities have begun to rival those of his now famous predecessor, Mr. Charles Van Doren, was matching wits and memory against the best of a long string of competitors, a certain Mr. Jim Snodgrass. The question, prepared, it seems, by the editors of the ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, had snatched at random one of some kind of feeding machine, had to do with the fine anatomical divisions of the spinal column, or backbone. These divisions, as we hardly need remind you, are (a) the cervical vertebrae, (b) the thoracic vertebrae, (c) the lumbar vertebrae, (d) the sacral vertebrae and (e) the coccygeal vertebrae.

Well, then, Mr. Snodgrass to whom,

U.S. Listeners Must Unite Against The Peril Of Oratory

By BARRY BINGHAM
In The Louisville Courier-Journal

ONE LECTURE trends so quickly on the heels of another, that none is remembered, and the course of this month may be safely repeated the next, with its charm of novelty unbroken, and its interest unabated.

Thus Charles Dickens, who made a pretty penny out of lecturing in his time, diagnosed an American malady that was already rampant when he visited Boston in 1842. It is the strange passion for hearing people stand up and make speeches.

Since the mid-Nineteenth Century the weakness for public oratory has spread to every part of our fair but infatuated land. The North Carolina legislature, for example, refused again in this session to pass a simple motor vehicles inspection law designed to rid the highways of dangerously defective vehicles.

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A Statesman Fights For Survival In Canadian Election

By MARQUIS CHILDS

BLIND RIVER, Ontario THIS COUNTRY, with its great pine forests and its swirling white water, seems a long way from the cities of the world where the present-day struggle for power is centered. A principal in that struggle is Lester B. Pearson, minister of external affairs for Canada, who represents this country in the House of Commons in Ottawa.

Among the few who have earned some rights to the title of statesman in the years since World War II, Pearson is certainly one. In the Suez crisis last November he did as much as any single individual in the critical night and day sessions in the United Nations to save what could be saved from the ruins. His was the concept of the United Nations Emergency Force that is a daily brought order out of the Middle East chaos.

But today, in the windup of a national election, Pearson is challenged because he has spent so many weeks working on international problems. "Is Conservative opponent, Merton 'The Man' Milligan, accuses him of neglecting the people in his own sprawling constituency, with its booming uranium camps, to fiddle around with things foreign and entirely alien to Algoma East.

He has come back to Algoma East by a tiring route 14,000 miles long because his home district is high with prestige at home and abroad, he has been pressured to speak in 60 constituencies. His own side of the country to the other. It remains to be seen whether that prestige will win him through in his home district.

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'Leggo!—You're Interfering With Our Rites'

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WORKING HARD

But he wants to win more intensely this time than ever before, if only because the nature of the attack on him. And those in his party who see him as the next Prime Minister, such as the elderly Louis St. Laurent, are working hard to try to insure that he is re-elected in Monday's election with as large a majority as possible.

BACKFIRE SEEN

It is believed this attack will backfire, if only because of its intransigence. And Pearson is fighting hard, hitting out at his critics who say he has lost the common touch because he has associated so long with kings, prime ministers and ambassadors.

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HIT BOTH WAYS

Most observers believe it will. But there are many imperoderables. For the first time in Canada's political history, an undercover campaign aims at pinning a pink or pro-Communist tag on Pearson. This is one consequence of the suicide of Herbert Norman, Canadian ambassador to Egypt following the action of the U.S. Senate's Internal Security subcommittee in reviving an old charge of Communist association that Canada had previously repudiated.

A word document, attributed to "The Christian Laymen's League" and resembling the propaganda of Gerald L. K. Smith in its talk of treason and conspiracy, has been mailed to every voter in the district.

People's Platform

Happiness Results From Helping Others

Editors, The News: I AM thinking as I write this of several people, and one I have just met recently and was expecting to soon retire and enjoy life.

But God's call came and I know that our loss was heaven's gain for the loved one I lost had done lots for others that he would to the world. But God knew it, and today as we go on through life we should let our life be a shining light to others, and we can help bear someone's burden

it will lighten our own. And if we can say kind words to someone who is blue and troubled and help them along life's way, we will be happier and there are lots of people today who we can be a friend to.

I was told of a man who died and left thousands of dollars to his wife. She is getting old and she and I had a long time together when there are many things she could do to help others who are happy. But it will be too late when God calls and many could and would be happier if they spent more time spreading kindness and love and making a happier life for everyone.

—MRS. MAYME BARGER

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Trujillo Courted Congress With Junkets

WASHINGTON There is more of the inside story on how dictator Trujillo, sometimes called the Caesar of the Caribbean, got his quota for sugar imports into the U.S. increased at the expense of Louisiana, the Rocky Mountain states, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, and Peru.

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State's Proposal

But although the State Department recommended an increased sugar quota, it's up to Congress to authorize it. So the proposal was sent to the House Agriculture Committee for action.

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Other Visitors

Other members of the House Agriculture Committee who accepted Trujillo's invitation were: Rep. and Mrs. W. R. Page (D-Texas); Rep. and Mrs. Tom Abernethy (D-Miss); and their two children, Tommy and Gail; Rep. and Mrs. Pat Jennings (D-Va.); Rep. and Mrs. Henry Dixon (R-Utah); Rep. and Mrs. John Watts (D-Ky.); Rep. and

Mrs. Harlan Hagen (D-Cal.); Rep. Victor Anzino (D-N.Y.); Congresswoman Coya Krutson (D-Minn.); plus then-Congressman and Mrs. Harold Lovre (R-SD) and their daughter, Sandra.

Increase Voted

These congressmen came back from being royally entertained by Trujillo and loaded a big sugar increase for him. The Dominican Republic's sugar quota was almost doubled by Congress last year—which will mean millions in personal profit for the Dominican dictator. Other congressmen have taken free trips to the Caribbean as Trujillo's guests and come back with big sugar increases for themselves. The list includes Sen. Olin Johnston (D-S.C.), Congressman Katharine St. George (R-N.Y.), Congressman Don Jackson (R-Cal.), Congressman Bernard "Pat" Kearney (R-N.Y.). Some of these were recently given high decorations by the Dominican Government, which they accepted despite the protest of Rep. Charles Porter of Oregon.

What GOP congressmen know about their impromptu bus luncheon

with the President was that the Secret Service ran a security check on his golf game for the year program. They were handed specially marked boxes containing chicken, potato salad, etc., and each box was carefully examined for possible poison.

First Names

The budget battle wasn't mentioned specifically, but the President talked about practically everything else, from his golf game to the year program. And he made a point of calling me the Republican congressman by their first name.

"Why hi there, Pat," he said to Patrick Hillings. "You've put on some weight."

"Yes, I have put on a few pounds, Mr. President," replied the Californian. "I guess it's due to the Eisenhower prosperity."