

Letter From 'Great Beyond' Reveals Senator Very Much Alive

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WASHINGTON — George P. Nye, one-time senator from North Dakota, arose from the grave in which a magazine article prematurely buried him and gave notice Wednesday that:

1. He is alive and kicking.
2. He knows where a certain body is buried, or rather where a truly-dead ex-senator's ashes were strewn in the long ago. In fact, Nye treed them himself, under a tree on the Capitol grounds.

What brought Nye back from "the Great Beyond," was an article in the September issue of Pageant magazine entitled: "The

Only Man Buried on Capitol Hill."

It's a heart-tugging tale about Henry Clay Hansbrough, a publisher-politician who helped "tame the West, a pen in one hand and a sixgun in the other." When North Dakota entered the Union, he became its first representative in Congress and from 1891 to 1909 was U.S. senator.

Although still tall and handsome and although his handlebar mustache still glistened, the aged Hansbrough felt a premonition of the end in 1923. Visiting the office of his friend, Sen. Nye, he said he loved Washington and wanted to remain on Capitol Hill forever.

Pointing out a window, he said: "When I die I want you to bury my ashes under that elm tree."

Now Nye knew it was against the rules to bury anybody on the Capitol grounds. But for old friendship's sake he consented. A short time later the old man died, and a box bearing his ashes arrived at Nye's office. According to the magazine article, Nye gathered a few friends and colleagues, proceeded to the tree and buried the box with a simple whispered prayer.

Versions of the incident leaked out, writes the author of the article, Edward Hymoff, but:

"Sen. Nye himself carried the

secret to the grave with him. Today, no one — barring possible survivors of the burial ceremony — even knows which elm tree the senator is buried under."

Nye, who is now 69 and a Federal Housing Administration specialist on housing for the elderly, got off a 1,500-word letter Tuesday to Howard Cohn, executive editor of Pageant. It wasn't as rough a letter as Nye might have written back in the days when he was a fire-eating isolationist whose Senate career (1925-1944) stirred many a controversy.

In fact it was a mellow epistle datelined "Over Here in the Great Beyond." Death must have

been painless, he said, for he never noticed it. It could have been caused by those three wasps that stung him a while back in his garden.

But he wanted to set the record straight; he did not bury the box with Sen. Hansbrough's ashes; with his own hand he strewn them out of the box — "a plain everyday shoebox."

For years thereafter, he wrote, "the ground covered by the scattering produced the greenest grass on Capitol Hill and, at the time of my last observation, before coming Over Here, the tree, feeding upon the ashes of Henry Clay Hansbrough, was the healthiest looking of all the neighboring trees."

In conclusion, Nye gave Pageant a description of life "Over Here." It is much like life on earth, he said — gardening, churchgoing, work. "I even draw pay for my services as though it were not known that I had departed life," he said.

Many things are much the same as on earth, he said — including bills to pay and "taxes, taxes, taxes."

Editor Cohn told a newsman he was deeply embarrassed. "I'm glad to hear Sen. Nye is alive," he said, "and if he's kicking it's with good reason."

Author Hymoff said he thought he had checked his article thoroughly but guessed he had checked some of it "in the wrong places."

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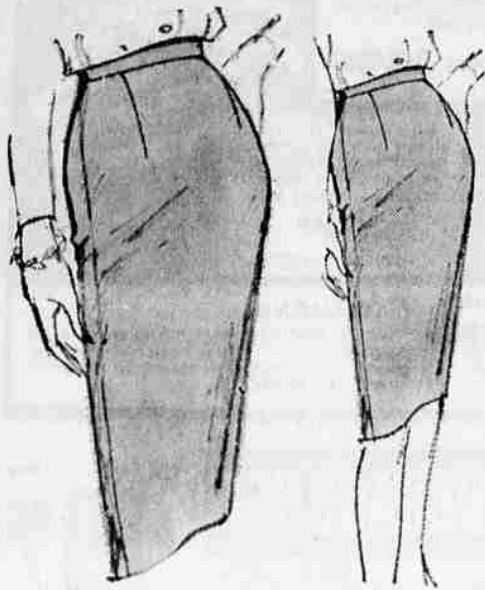
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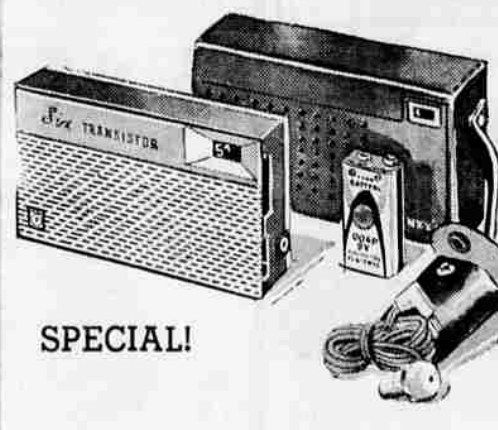
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