

Confederation Rears Its Head

THE political climate in North Carolina, we have always fondly believed, is not conducive to the growth and prosperity of the various fraternal organizations...

International organization such as Rotary, Kiwanis, labor, Red Cross or any groups. Clearly the Confederation is not an exclusive organization, and there are already hopeful signs that it may be so exclusive as to remain a figment of Sergeant Manley Blevins' imagination.

Our faith in the reason and tolerance of the Tar Heel is now about to be put to the test once again. On Wednesday the State issued a charter to an organization called "The Confederation of United Veterans."

Teach not thy parent's mother to extract The embryo jukes of the blind by suction. The good old lady can that feat enact Quite irrespective of thy kind instruction.

In The Role Of Supplicant

LYNN NIBBET reports a growing concern in Raleigh over the possibility that Federal support of the Good Health Plan for North Carolina may be discontinued.

The appearance of the Confederation reminds The Asheville Citizen of the reply the late Huey Long made when asked if "Bureaucracy" would ever come to America: "Sure," said Huey, "but we'll call it anti-Fascism."

These sudden fears stem from the fact that the Congress passed a Federal hospital bill at the end of the year, but did not appropriate funds to underwrite it.

We hope all these fears will prove groundless, but the Republicans will rise above partisan politics, recognize the great need for medical care in the South, and act accordingly.

Now, however, the Republicans have taken over both houses of Congress and there is reason to wonder if the G.O.P. will look with favor upon an appropriation for Federal support of the Good Health Plan.

It would be particularly cruel if so worthy a project as the Medical Care Plan has to be abandoned and written off as another payment on the maintenance of North Carolina's one-party system.

Inflation Hits The Juke Boxes

INFLATION, as it must to every industry, has come to the juke box business. Record costs, say the canned music specialists, are up to the very top of the juke box field.

This is not a good thing, as the juke box people themselves recognize. We suggest, therefore, a way out of their dilemma. They might add a simple attachment to the jukes which would enable a man to drop a nickel and purchase three minutes of silence.

Reluctantly, realizing that computation in fractions may very well be beyond some of their more ardent customers, the juke box impresarios have about made up their minds that the price will have to go up to the top of the juke box.

A reasonable increase, certainly, but we see in it drastic complications. The casual coin-dropper will pass from the scene, since there is no way we can think of to insert eight or one-third cents in a slot.

Another Voice
Utopia Comes To Eureka

ROOBER W. BABSON plans to build a camouflaged college near the site of his bomb-proof filing cabinet in the earth of Kansas. The college will be near Eureka, and its name will be Utopia.

It may be that the colleagues of the filibustering generation will not relish Utopia in this form, preferring to habituate the Utopia to the very first of the war. But war III brings the storm, something about our heads, it is not inconceivable that such a refuge might stand the world in good stead.

During the so-called Dark Ages, which some scholars now say were not so dark, the lamp of knowledge was kept lit by the resilient embers in the monsteries of some of them built on cliffs and hillside, or even in caves.

It was a single labor leader in Pittsburgh who stopped that city cold. Maybe he was clipping the wrong "have big muscles" ads.

It is fitting that the result will contain business records, the textbooks of the dismal science, as economics has been called.

How dear to our hearts are proposals to take into account the national debt, but if we ignore it, perhaps it will go away.

Writing in the New Republic, Vincent Sheean says of Molotov that even his speech was not connected by the editor. Hank Wallace, takes over this week, and we shall see.

'Well, Now - Let's Have A Look At You'



Where The Money Goes

NOTE: When the General Assembly of North Carolina convenes in January it will face three pressing demands for increased appropriations—for public schools, for medical care, and for roads.

Table with 12 columns: Fiscal Year, Actual 1938-39, Actual 1939-40, Actual 1940-41, Actual 1941-42, Actual 1942-43, Actual 1943-44, Actual 1944-45, Actual 1945-46, Actual 1946-47, Estimated 1947-48, Proposed 1947-48. Rows include Legislative, Judicial, Executive and Administrative, Education, Charitable, Public Utilities, State Aid and Obligations, Penalties, Contingency and Emergency, Total Obligations from Prior Years, Total Expenditures, Total General Fund, Total for Biennium.

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Marquis Childs Lewis & High Court

WASHINGTON
WHEN the CIO in convention at Atlantic City announced its support of Justice Black's dissent in the case of the man who gave the CIO its start...

Some CIO leaders have expressed this with remarkably frank cynicism. It is not surprising, therefore, that they will win the final round in the Supreme Court.

The case will eventually go to the highest court and may get there much quicker than is normally possible. If the court should give a decision in favor of the national importance, a special session could be given precedence.

Unhappily, the case is likely to reopen the bitter court feud that was exposed to public view last June in his last public appearance. Where he was prosecuting the Gertrude and Paul Rosenberg case...

It was against that background that the Justice Black dissent in the case of the man who gave the CIO its start...

Samuel Grafton The Last Week-End

NEW YORK
THE signs are that we Americans plan a whole of a holiday week for ourselves at the end of this year...

The public seems to be saving its money for the big blow-off from Christmas to New Year's, and thus there are considerable spending reports. At a cocktail lounge operation in New York...

Perhaps, underneath, we do remember how, during all those hysterical years of the war, there was home, nobody was really alone; and perhaps that is one reason why the courts are so busy...

One hopes, however, that as the great party develops, other members of the boom will be able to get a sensational party on Saturday night...

It was in Italy after World War I before Mussolini came into power, and for these, depression, broken contracts and broken promises...

Once Your Friend, DREW PEARSON.

Drew Pearson's: Lewis Forces U. S. To Break Contracts

JOHN L. LEWIS, President of the United Mine Workers of America, Washington, D. C.
Dear John:
I was in Poland before I was old enough to vote so I don't think I started it. However, I had to take four years out of my life to help 'em hit. And when I came home my wife and I had grown so far apart that our marriage flopped.

right. He is a fine boy, and deserved all the education he got. But there are thousands of other boys who are not so lucky as your boy. And they are asking the very same question as my friend—where does the money go from here? And why do certain leaders keep on doing you live?