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A Lifeline For Mountain Folk

STAND on a mountain in Western North Carolina and look out across vast valleys carpeted with evergreens and see stretched across the horizon the fence of peaks stretching into layers of blue mist. It's a beautiful landscape, a western tourist center. Beautiful and profitable and steady.

They helped him to convert an abandoned brick school building into the Valley Clinic and Hospital, an institution which will be concerned largely with preventive medicine. Dr. Bond expects 200 obstetrical cases in his first year.

IN the early years of this decade a young intern in Charlotte's Memorial Hospital felt that way about it. He was pained by the mountain people, who live in the miles of mountain land west of the Piedmont and made up his mind to do something about it. His name was George F. Bond.

Dr. Bond's achievement in Bat Cave—without, by the way, Federal or State aid—proves that lives lost in isolated communities because doctors and hospital facilities are not immediately available are lives lost needlessly. But Dr. Bond's concern is not limited to Hickory Nut Valley; he sees the need of a network of perhaps 25 small clinics stretching as literally—a lifeline through Western North Carolina's mountains.

Truman And North Carolina

TRUMAN'S victory over Governor Dewey, from the North Carolina point of view, parallels with astounding evidence, the Republican's campaign against Charles M. Johnson last Spring.

And the lead taken by the incumbent Governor spread into the ranks of the Government Party leaders. Including Mr. Scott, became so open in their support of the whole Democratic ticket that the Dixiecrat wing registered confused protests.

North Carolina's support not only for Truman but for the Democratic Party in general had even wider implications. It has assured this state of perhaps the most important percentage vote in the Washington hierarchy.

North Carolina's firm allegiance to the Democratic Party also showed up as part of another conspicuous trend noted all over the South. In no section was the Democratic Party's support for Truman more enthusiastic than in the South.

Thank You, Mr. Wharton

A good deal of the credit for that staunch support showing, Raleigh observers were saying this week, belongs to the state's chief scribe, Mr. Gregg Wharton, who as early as last Spring balked when a group of Southern Governors planned a Truman bolt.

It is not in concert the writer—the failure of Charlotte to meet its Chast goal. But again it may be recalled, for I am a member of the same society as its citizens, even though my contribution to the cause is small.

It Isn't One Thing It's Another

THE political world breaks apart like an apple in a strong man's hands; Israelis and Egyptians kill each other in the hot sands of southern Palestine; Greek fighting Greek and Cypriotes decompose among the rocks of the Grammos Mountains; river towns flame like tinder in the interior of China.

And in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, a small black and white skunk gets his head caught in a salad dressing jar. State Policeman James Dick goes to the back door of the barracks where he hears a bumping and thumping and there before him is the skunk, his head and pleading, with his head in a salad dressing jar. For some time Dick should have been in the state room without being the least bit offensive toward Policeman Dick.

Draft Rejections

THE report of the Selective Service officials in the nation's ten largest cities, showing that an average of 72 per cent of the 24 and 35-year olds are unfit for military service, is not quite as bad as it sounds.

They said the rejection rate is just about what he expected. That brings some comfort in reflecting on the headline which stated flatly that 72 per cent of the draftees are being rejected. Our young men are in much better shape than that.

'He's Still A Little Incoherent'



People's Platform

Little Time To Save Ourselves

Chast is made in another city. I am sorry the quota was not reached. And I emphatically endorse the spirit of Mr. Taylor's remarks.

Joseph & Stewart Also

Why It Happened--I

WASHINGTON—There is only one question on which professional politicians, publicists and other wisecracks and prognosticators can any longer speak with much authority. They want their cry to be heard. These particular reporters prefer their cry to be heard.

Why It Happened--II

WASHINGTON—The farmers and workers evidently went home and thought about it and decided that a vote for Truman would be the best safeguard of their interests.

Public School Program

THE Department of Classroom Teachers of the N. C. E. A. wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to you for the loyalty and support that you have given us in the fight for the improvement of the public school system of North Carolina.

Marquis Childs

Why It Happened--II

WASHINGTON—We were wholly and entirely, the commentators, the political editors, the publicists, the writers, the speakers, the men, and no one else believed him.

Lonely Hearts In Alaska

A COUPLE of lonely souls in Adak, Alaska, who would like to receive letters from girls from the age of seventeen to twenty-one years of age. We are like to exchange snapshots and post cards.

Grotto Gayeties

THE Grotto Gayeties of 1948 wants you to know that they sincerely appreciate the part you played in helping us put over a fine show again.

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