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OF MEN, AND THE INSTITUTION

SIXTY YEARS, in the life of man is not, when you come to think of it, an extraordinarily long time. At 80, many an individual is still going strong, slowing up only
to the extent that his inclinations, his
prockebook and his arteries suggest.

The charlotte News of 1988 is directly and
But the span of life is not, and telestime to look back on it, visitfully, after he's
been there. In his cradle he is a miniature.
In his adolescence he is more of a mortufication, to himself and others, than a pleasure. Of his allotted three score and ten,
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full one score man spends in in attaining manhood. The last ten finds himself reminiscent and to hastening ills a prey. With an institution, a different order prevails. Consider, for example. The Chartotte Nens, which today celebrates the 80th anniversary of its founding.

In the life of an institution, 80 years are 80 full years, covering whole periods. In 888, when Thes News was born, Grover Cleveland was in the first of his two non-successive terms as President of the United States. A. M. Scales of Rockingham County was Governor of North Carolina. The population of Charlotte was pushing 1,000. And the name of Wade Hampion Harris, who founded Twa News, was itself symbolic of the period. For 'The War' was the Civil War, and the harrh terms of Seconstruction had just then been smellorated at the insistence of such men as Wade Hampton & South Carolina.

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After Mr. Harris, who went on in a few years to a career as editor of The Charlotte Observer and The Evenjing Chronicle, came W. C. Dowd Sr. as publisher of Tax Nawa from 1894 until his death in 1927, and W. C.

tinued existence that he himself is denied. So that The Charlotte New is 60 because of human sapiration, and has, remarkably, become more vigorous with the years, enjoying a perennial prime, constantly renewing itself, looking backward upon the distance of its founding not in trepfdation over time remaining but in confidence of strength accumulated.

Man-built and man-sustained the institution is, but demonstrably transcendent to man and the natural laws which delimit his existence. Yet it is man who enjoys, in a sense, the immortality of the thing he has created.

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What we should celebrate today is, then, not only the anniversary of the founding of The Charlotte News, nor yet only the vigor and the integrity and the contributions of those men who established and enhanced it. They interwore themselves and their personalities into its character. They are part of what today is the extension of what they themselves have been They are a central themse in the birthday story of a 60-year-old institution which looks to the past with pride and to the future with anticipation. Long live The Charlotte News, and with it live honce for those who have made it.

END POSTAL SUBSIDIÉS

THE principle of Federal subsidies for I siling domestic enterprises, agricul-tural or industrial, is, at best, a temporary expedience which should not, by any stretch of imagination, become a perma-nent burden for the American taxpayers.

serven of imagination, decome a permanent burden for the American taxpayers. Subsidies take many forms, some of them discover, but they all require the control of the cont

much more on next year's budget which is already out of hand.

It may well be that the Post Office De-partment is not operating as efficiently as it might, and that sizeable economies could be made. Certainly the Congress should put some quantities accountants to work on that angle. But having put the Department's books in order, the Congress should then authorize such increases in postage rates as may be necessary for the Department to pay its way.

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President Truman began asking for higher postal rakes as long ago as January, 1947, but the Congress refused to act. Further refusal will mean a continued drain on the Treasury. The newspapers of the nation, alert to the dangers inherent in a huge national debt and deficit financing, are certainly not asking that they be subsidized.

MR. BINFORD SINGS THE BLUES

WE have always had our doubts about Memphis, Tennessee's "Board of Censors". Somehow we've found it hard to understand a person who 'fars back and bellows if a black man or yellow man ever rises above a reclining position in a motion picture. But the final blow came last Thursday when Lloyd Binford, bossman for the gentiemen who tell Memphis what motion pictures they can see, isahed out at a new morie called "A Song Is Born". Emery Water, movie editor for The News, happened, coincidentally, to have been written.

Emery Wister, movie editor for The News, happened, coincidentally, to have been writing a review of "A Song Is Born" when he was approached for his opinion concerning Binford's remarks that the film is "inimical to the public welfare ... the picture has a gambling scene. It shows a rough, rowly bunch of musicians of both colors, rowly bunch of musicians of both colors music in New Orieans. There is no segregation. Jaxx and the blues were actually born in Memphis anyway, down on Beals Street."

Mr. Wister simply anorted, "Hah! It's ri-

diculous. The picture isn't too good. But that stuff's ridiculous." He would not elab-

themost. In gleture art too good. But that stuff's ridiculous." He would not elabWe haven't seen "A Song Is Born" and
cannot say whether or not any of the
musicians Mr. Binford refers to got above their
raisin. But we'll mit at it dily by and allow Mr. Binford to get away with that defrantation of good ole N'awleens. Jazz wann't
born in New Orleans but it wann't born in
Memphis either. The path of jazz began
way back in Africa, moved over into the
Caribbean where it picked up a but of inCaribbean where it picked up a but of inCaribbean, where it picked up a but of inCorleans, the most convenient port of entry.
When Navy authorities in World War I
closed up New Orleans' night life area the
musicians, who for some reason had to
make a living, headed up the Mississippi.
Among the first stops, Mr. Binford, was
Memphis.

From there to St. Louis to Chicago ad in-

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from there to St. Louis to Chicago an in-finitum, ad nauseum.

As for Memphis' Beale Street, few of us would know; they don't practice segrega-tion down there.

From The New York Times

FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER

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IFITEEN years ago this week many miltions of American discovered that they
could get a drink without identifying themselves to a man named '100" to buying imitation Scotch from a shady character who
said he had got it off a man off a boat.

Speaker their own became legitimate restaurants. In tear comes adventurous lady shoppers ordered sherry with no fear that the
innocent-appearing waitres who brought
this beverage would be dragged off to jail.

Gangsters who had found prohibition a
fertile field for enrichment—at least if they
chanced to survive the occupational risks
incurred in internecine wars—either reformed or iturned to other varieties of
crime. Social customs changed. On the
whole, the nation breathed easier. whole, the nation breathed easier

whole, the nation breathed easter. It is hard to determine whether the nation dringle more or less since prohibition ended. This difficulty is not so bunch in the official figures as in determining what the actual intake was under prohibition. The best estimates we have, however, indicate that more of us are drinking alcoholic beverages than was the case before prohibition went into effect, but with little if any increase in the actual consumption per drinker, measured in terms of absolute alcohol. In a study published by Dr. E. M. Jellinsk

of Yaie University last year the number of consumers was estimated at \$3,250,000 in 1945, as compared with 42,900,000 in 1940. It is supposed that perhaps six_million Americans drink more than they ought to and that 750,000 have become alcoholics. This is unfortunate, but it does not seem that national prohibition, if it could be retained to the control of the con stored, would prove a cure. The outstand-ing achievement of national prohibition was to promote crime and to encourage the drinking of bad liquor.

drinking of bad liquor. The fifteen years have seen us through a great depression and a great war. Neither in war nor in peace do we behave like a nation of alcoholes. Meanwhile, the doctors, the psychiatrists and some lay groups are doing what should have been done long before—attempting to remove the causes of alcoholism rather than punish the happy or unhappy soul who feels that he need a drink or two or a great many drinks.



People's Platform

Ample Cab Service At Fair Cost

Editors. The News:

We wish to sincerely thank your paper for the ditorial into Dec. I News. It is very gratifying the editorial in the Dec. I News. It is very gratifying the paper of the

everyone.

The Council also lowered the rate we are to charge in the perimeter area until such time as the meters can be installed. This would make any operameter and the such as the council of the council of 20 per cent of 20 per cent of our gross. It also means that every of 20 per cent of our gross. It also means that every driver we have sould earn 8 to 510 a week less. In these days of higher prices they could not earn a living so would have to seek other employment.

B. E. CRUST, Providence Tellow Cab Ca. Inc.

Cleaning Septic Tanks

Editors. The News:

Will would like to call to the attention of the public that they should have a definite understanding with the person who cleans out their spite tank as the state of the state out of reason. The state of the state out the state of the sta

E. H. HAND, M.D., Mecklenburg County Health Officer.

Gubernatorial Dignity

EMION. The News:

"IHE very high calibr of men who have been gorI errors of this state since 1800 has been one of the
contributing factors in raising the prestige of North
Carolina to one of the highest in the country. The
Scott are not a good onem for the future. Let us hope
that we will at least be spared the "gettar" and red
suspenders. All that stuff is Ok. For Georgia. Louisclass and dignity. The new Governor should remember that:

CHARLOTTE

Man's Frailty & Cussedness

ittors, THE NEWS:

LIKED your editorial on the drink problem in the

December 6 News.

solved by passing laws against it. Our illustrious ancestor Nosh, liked to take a little nip in his day. The old fellow evidently knew how to make some potent stuff, too. Those 'there ought to be a law fellows', don't take into consideration the frail's, and cussedness of human nature. A government, sutocratte enough to clamp down absolute prohibition on this country, would make Joe Stallin's 'Commiss' sahamed of themselves.

The People's Platform is available to an reader who cares to mount it. Communication should be less than 300 words, Typerritten (possible, and on only one side of the paper Libel and obscentify will be deleted-otherois anything goes. Each letter must be signed.—Editors, TNS News.

Quote, Unquote

'Dread Scott' Decisions

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Opportunity Lost

Marquis Childs

Job Nobody Wants

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Dentists Now Favor Tooth Fluorination

'No War'--Clay

ng war, and the House alter grant to the House alting privately to visiting Congressmen from the House Services Committee. Clay predicted that the Russians haunt Europe with the spectre of war, but would not their cause on the open battlefield. Their game is to

ethr up chaoe and fear, as breeding ground for Communism.

The General admitted however, that a mintre in this delicate battle of nerves could easily precipitate a war.

Ornester factor holding Russia back is American transported for the communism. The Russian have more respect for our all prover than some of us at home have, he declared.

The ounstand rooming of the Berlin shriffit in Russian earn time, impressed the rest of Burope. It is Clay's belief that Russia wants to test whether the shriffit can survive the Winter before backing down from the Berlin blockade, or strength of the Winter before backing down from the Berlin blockade, so the Winter before backing down from the Berlin blockade, so the Winter before the communist campa, At hight the tirriests are backed up the Communist campa. At hight their threats are backed up the Communist campa. At high the tirriests are backed up that the Communist campa, At hight their threats are backed up that the Communist campa. At high the tirriest are backed up that the Communist campa, At hight their threats are backed up that the Communist campa. At high the tirriest are backed up that the Communist campa, At high the tirriest are backed up that the Communist campa. At high the tirriest are backed up that the Communist campa. At high the tirriest are backed up that the Communist campa, At high the tirriest are backed up that the Communist campa. At high the tirriest are backed up that the communist campa, At high the tirriest are backed up that the communist campa. The community of the community

Bouncing Bob Butler

Rebuilding Ruhr