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CAROLINIANS IN CONGRESS

A RECENT Congressional Quarterly tabulation of votes in the first session of the 81st Congress shows that North Carolina Representatives displayed a considerably stronger brand of party loyalty than their colleagues from South Carolina.

In "party unity," (The figures are percentages.) North Carolina—Deane, 89; Cooley, 78; Kerr, 76; Jones, 73; Durham, 68; Chatham, 65; Carley, 63; Redden, 60; Bonner, 60; Doughton, 58; Harden, 54; Bulwinkle, 25. South Carolina—Mills, 98; Byson, 87; Richards, 54; McMillan, 51; Hare, 47; Rivers, 36.

DUAL STANDARD FOR CHILDREN

MAYOR BEN CONE of Greensboro has offered a new teaser for the State Municipal Roads Commission. It will be hard to answer. At Greensboro Council meeting the other night, Mr. Cone pointed out that the State of North Carolina has undertaken to provide a paved road to every rural school, but will not do the same thing in the cities.

are numerous streets in our slum areas which need paving. The property will not bear the high paving assessment. Yet these people are inconvenienced, and their health endangered, fully as much as the farmer and city dweller. Mr. Cone is trying to get out of the mud.

YOUNG DEMOCRAT WHITENER

THE SELECTION of Gaston County's up-and-coming young political figure, Basil Whitener, to head the recent national convention of Young Democrats was a high personal honor and a recognition of the active role North Carolina's Young Democrats have played in party affairs.

Democrats. But the Mecklenburg-Gaston district solicitor handled the gavel with aplomb. He also displayed considerable finesse in presenting the many dignitaries, who came to Chattanooga to talk to the Y.D.s.

WHAT ABOUT OLD FOLKS?

WHEN a national statistical service reports that an all-time low in mortality has been recorded for the first three months of 1949, the public accepts it as well.

psychiatry are now opening a campaign against the illa-physical and social-older people. The medical profession has little understanding of how to make comfortable the lives of old folks.

COMPLETE FIASCO

THE arrest last week of operators of a gambling lottery on football games was turned into a complete fiasco in City Court yesterday.

Old-timers can remember when whistle-stop referred to trains, not blondes—Dallas Tex. Morning News.

'I Don't Want You To Think I'm Complaining, But—'

Stewart And Joseph Also More Disarmament



They're Growing In Number

Our Discarded Old Folks

By BOB SAIN, Charlotte News Staff Writer

"Crabbed age and youth cannot be together. Youth is full of pleasure, age is full of care." Shakespeare's lines reflect the spirit of our time as well as his.

aged persons is now well over 11,000. Nationally, the percentage is much higher: there are now about 15,000,000 persons over 65 living in the United States—and society does not know what to do with them.

More and more, however, physicians, psychiatrists, social workers and economists are recognizing and studying the problem of our aging society. They have particularly within the past year written hundreds of books, articles, magazine articles, newspapers, books and professional journals. They have made reports before learned societies and before civic groups. They have aroused a large segment of the public to the necessity for thought and effort in solving the ever-increasing problem of old folks.

People's Platform Too Much Commercialism

WISH to write you my appreciation for the letter in the Mail column published on Nov. 17, in which you stated that you had seen the Christmas parade held in Charlotte last Wednesday night. It is very encouraging to know that at least one out of our million young people are still aware of the meaning of Christmas and has enough courage to do it.

Thanks From The Lions

THE Lions Club this year has brought more enthusiastic support than the city-wide boom sale. A considerable amount of money was raised for the blind and visually handicapped.

WASHINGTON THE American disarmament program entered a new stage last week when the Navy announced by 35 squadrons. The band announcement by the Defense Dept. emphasized the role of the Navy in the disarmament program. No mention was made of the Mediterranean. It is an important fact that wartime production of the Mediterranean probably now been cast away.

VALUE REDUCED The effect of these latest economic moves is easily demonstrated. Although most people assume that the strategic air arm is entirely composed of "strategic" B-36's, ten of the fourteen strategic carrier groups are equipped with planes of much lesser value.

DEAF EAR For this purpose, the late Secretary of Defense, James V. Forrestal, was not made with great effect in 1948 to persuade President Truman to give real defense.

It is tragic that Adam Arthur W. Radford did not present his case against Secretary Johnson's terms, instead of making a blunderbuss attack on the whole idea of strategic air arm, and on the entire defense concept of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. No doubt the Secretary Johnson's program cannot do this. It is a pity that the Secretary Johnson's program cannot do this. It is a pity that the Secretary Johnson's program cannot do this.

Unwanted Children

WATCH a bunch of boys playing playground choosing up to play ball. As the group of left-overs grows smaller, the expanding male crowd approaches. Finally, a teacher did not require that everybody be taken on one side or the other. He would have been at all. It is a bad feeling to be unwanted.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE nation will be months recovering from the effects of the coal and steel strikes, but the effects are already being felt. American industry and labor have been hit hard. The strikes were attended by almost no violence.

Strikes Show Better Labor Relations

Speaker of Alabama, returned with glowing accounts of Swedish hospital. The Republican subcommittee included Drew Pearson, Ralph Flinders of Vermont and John Bricker of Ohio.

Fatherly Sen. Bricker

THERE was only one thing white-haired Senator Bricker aged 65 wanted to forget about Sweden—a certain cigarette girl in Stockholm.

Mavy Flouts Johnson Again

THE last official document, signed by outgoing Admiral Duffield, is a final act by Secretary of Defense Johnson.