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VOTE MY WAY OR ELSE

The latest issue of the North Carolina Education Association's new bulletin contains an interesting article by an anonymous editorialist advising N. C. voters to "choose" the "Those Who Will Serve the People Best."

The bulletin reminds its readers that pamphlets are available showing how 80 Senators and 149 Representatives voted on education legislation in the 76th General Assembly. Noting that candidates for the 1951 Assembly are beginning to announce, the editorialist says:

"On the list in front of me are names of lawmakers who have been named their names to the expenditure of tax money for the increasing benefit of the people who paid those tax moneys. On the list, too, are names of those who have, by their votes, made possible the increased services now being enjoyed by the people of this State."

"The one group would give out of debt to Wall Street, would hoard such surplus as would make it impossible to give into the citizens that which belongs to the citizens. It is a matter of record, and it is a matter that should be kept in mind by all. The other group has a way at the market places for goods which weren't bought by the Government."

"In this day of pressure-group government bumper egg production is the worst of all."

"This year the bumper production of eggs is not only the worst but also the most expensive. The Department of Agriculture officials, Uncle Sam has already bought 72 million pounds of dried eggs in this fiscal year. It takes three dozen eggs to make one pound of dried eggs, and more than \$18 million eggs bought so far."

"The Department of Agriculture now estimates that it will spend more than \$18 million from selling them, a net loss of some \$70 million. This loss, of course, will be borne by the same consumer-taxpayers who pay the higher supported prices in the future."

OUTER BANKS NATIONAL PARK

WE CAN think of no single tourist attraction that would add more to the State's tourist appeal than the Old North State Bank National Park on the Outer Banks.

Such a project has been under consideration for a long time. This week it came to life again when new members of the North Carolina National Seashore Commission met with National Park Service officials in Raleigh to discuss modified plans.

The park would include Ocracoke Island and Hatteras Island (excluding villages) and Bodie Island. The approach to the Kill Devil Hills area, and Fort Raleigh. It would cover an estimated 33,000 acres, half the size of the original plan.

Already the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is under construction. This at the State has become the most

From The Asheville Citizen

BACK OF GIVING, THE NEED

THE CITIZEN hears frequent complaints about the increase in charity and relief cases despite the fact that money is more plentiful and more people have jobs. The current issue of North Carolina Public Welfare Statistics sheds light on the condition without, of course, suggesting the remedy pointing to the cause.

Here are the facts:

In November old-age assistance cases in North Carolina were 18.4 per cent higher than in November, 1949.

In November aid to dependent children increased 31.7 per cent over the case load for November, 1949.

In November general assistance cases rose 20.4 per cent over the same month of 1949 though the grants were only 2.8 per cent higher.

Thus at both ends of the relief and assistance scale there is increased need for children at one end; for old people at the other.

Even so, there is a limit to Government relief. General assistance cases reflect local conditions and also local resources, for payments are made exclusively from local funds. There were more cases in the more affluent areas, but not proportionately. And Buncombe County, which incidentally had 2,855 general assistance cases in November—the largest number for any county.

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ment, we see no valid reason why the State's education funds should not get in on the act. Certainly their objectives are more meritorious than those of many other pressure outfits.

What we don't like about this business is the tendency to judge a legislator's merit on the basis of his votes on any one question, to stamp him as an unskillful public servant or a miserable miser, and to reward him with re-election or a swift boot in the pants accordingly.

A legislator's worth can not be judged so easily. He is called upon to vote many times during a session on many different issues, and it is the sum total of his votes which should be considered.

Nor can an earnest concern for a sound State fiscal policy be fairly condemned as a desire to "hoard" services from the people. There was ample reason for sincere men to disagree over the wisdom of using temporary surpluses for continuing current appropriations which would entail tax boosts in future years when the surpluses are gone.

One would think that the North Carolina Education Association, of all groups, would be inclined to "educate" candidates rather than blackmail them. And it makes sense that a tax increase should be in the vanguard of the forces for better education and, hence, a party to such tactics.

Even this calculation might not stand. U. S. hens are laying merrily, cackling right along as they pile up the greatest egg production record in history. By the end of the fiscal year Uncle Sam's bill may be even higher than anticipated now.

No one, so far as we know, has ever figured the total cost of the present farm program support plan. We know how much the Government is paying out, but there is no way to total the extra billions of dollars consumers are forced to pay.

Nor can one calculate how much better our national diet and health would be if farm prices were low enough to enable consumers to buy much larger quantities than they can now afford.

Obviously the present price support system is imperfect—so imperfect, in fact, that it is almost certain that some of the defects could be eliminated, but there is little chance that they will be as long as the potency of the organized farm vote is greater than that of the unorganized consumer vote.

popular park in the United States, outstanding each year the better known reservations in the Rocky Mountain area.

The Great Smokies park takes the vast flood of tourists who seek recreation and relaxation in the mountains and the scenic beauty of the area. The park stretches up and down the populous eastern shore on which an Outer Banks park could capitalize.

Furthermore, it would add greatly to the pleasure of resident Tar Heels, many of whom have never visited the Outer Banks, observed the quiet language, and relaxed in the slow, easy tempo of living characteristic of that unspoiled region.

We hope the Commission will keep up its new momentum, and soon tell us more precisely what it has in mind. On the basis of what we know, it seems like a wonderful idea.

WASHINGTON

Back Trueman On Formosa

MOST of the closed-door meeting was spent in a technical discussion of pending legislation and floor strategy into which the Republicans got up. They rejected the question of Formosa. He suggested that the State Dept. keep the Democrats better informed.

When or if our national government succeeds in pacifying the world at large, it should lose no time in trying to apply the same formula in the Washington arena where the increased and embattled Army and Navy now hold forth and make hopelessly and night right hideous Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.

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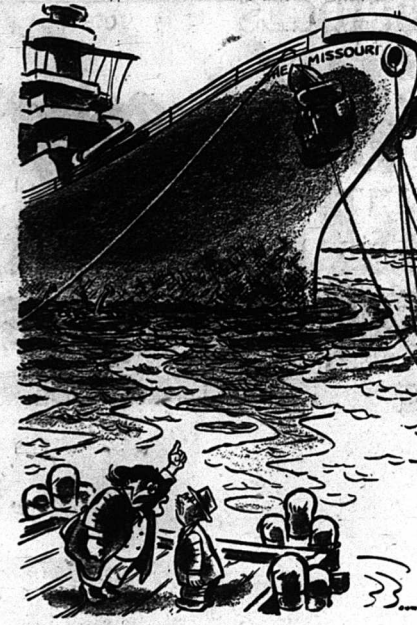
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'Why Ain't It Stuck In Formosa?'



People's Platform

WHEN the polo epidemic hit Charlotte and Mecklenburg County in Summer of 1948, the Mecklenburg Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis had less than \$1,000—the amount was exhausted within the first month.

As every citizen of Charlotte knows well, the National Foundation came to our rescue and through their help we were able to break the epidemic, and the people of Charlotte again felt free to go about their business and send their children to school without fear.

During the year of 1949 Charlotte and Mecklenburg County were very fortunate that we had only nineteen cases of polo, yet it was necessary for the National Foundation to spend \$120,000 for care of children alone in Mecklenburg County. This was for both old and new cases, some going back to the epidemic of 1944.

While we were fortunate, other parts of the United States were not. The year 1949 proved to be the blackest period in history with 42,375 new cases of polo. The National Foundation was called on to spend a lot of money to take care of these cases. These many patients will need care during 1950 and some will need help for years to come.

The March of Dimes is the one source that will never let these unfortunate down, and now the time has come when every one who is fortunate in being able to walk to remember that polo makes no choice in age, creed or color, and you may be the next victim. While you wait there are many who would love to be able to even crawl.

Therefore it becomes the duty of every citizen to make his money talk, that some child can get in step with the March of Dimes and let it be said that Mecklenburg County failed to raise the small quota of \$50,000 which happens to be only about 23 per cent of the actual amount spent by the National Foundation in Mecklenburg County in 1949. We again have debt of gratitude. What are we going to do about it? Your dollars will be the best answer.

—GEORGE E. GOODWIN.

Our Purpose in Life

I WOULD like to thank Mrs. Moffatt West and all friends who have been so generous in their praises to the contributors to the Spastics Hospital. It is such a noble ideal, and the Spastics Hospital is a fine institution. The fact that so many people have given of time, money, and material aid is a great thing. It is a great thing that so many people have given of time, money, and material aid is a great thing. It is a great thing that so many people have given of time, money, and material aid is a great thing.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Brannon Pulls A Fast One

CHARLES BRANNON, the big, blabby Secretary of Agriculture in a question looking allow, but he pulled a fast one on the Senate of the big plan.

Secretary Brannon solemnly announced that surplus potatoes, which the Government has been buying hand over fist at \$1.08 a bushel, would be sold at 50 cents a bushel. This was called as the answer to the surplus problem.

Actually, Brannon was stly pointing out the absurdity

Scientists Might Rebel On Constructing Hydrogen Bomb

BY MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

Whether the cost is \$2,000,000,000 or a tenth of that, \$200,000,000, in the development of the hydrogen bomb, the scientists are not so much interested in the money as they are in the possibility of a machine that could be used as its only weapon. The construction of millions of human beings in a mass slaughter through the use of the hydrogen bomb is a possibility that is not so much a possibility as it is a certainty.

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My Platform: Capital Gains For Everybody Or Nobody

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK

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A Plea For Polio Funds

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Thank You, Mr. Stone

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AS PUBLICITY chairman for the N. C. Association of Finance Companies, which has just closed their third annual convention this past week in Charlotte, I just want to take this time to express to you my appreciation for the fine way your paper handled the publicity and news pertaining to our convention.

More About Women

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IN THE News of Jan. 23, Mrs. Joyce Turner gave voice to the thoughts of many women voters and billayers. We have had to squeeze the pennies and would never have showed the money in the eyes and face-making of the Southern States with its houses perched in the air on either side.

Note of Appreciation

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WE take this opportunity of thanking you for the opportunity of the Margaret Webster Shakespeare play in Charlotte. Your fine co-operation and the outstanding work of Mr. Bolger were contributing factors in making this the record breaking occasion it was. We are indebted to you and thank you very much.

Civil Rights Compromise Talk Grows

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Capital News Capsules

PHILIPPINE CORRUPTION—A big scandal is brewing in the Philippines. The American Embassy reports that the Philippine government is making a study of the U. S. Bureau is finding its way into the pockets of Filipino politicians rather than into the pockets of the poor. Ambassador Cowan has been asked to investigate the matter and to report on it to the President. This is the nub of the Brannan plan.

THE NEW American military police have solved one of the big mysteries of the month—why so many thousands of American soldiers are returning to the Western zones and returning with a small package. On investigation, they found nearly every one of the visitors was carrying a jar in Eastern Germany is so bad it blackens teeth for millions of dollars of benefits would be returned to the U. S. Government.

LONDON'S WEIRD POLICY—The British are up to strange tricks in the Middle East. The British Foreign Office is making a study of the U. S. Bureau is finding its way into the pockets of Filipino politicians rather than into the pockets of the poor. Ambassador Cowan has been asked to investigate the matter and to report on it to the President. This is the nub of the Brannan plan.