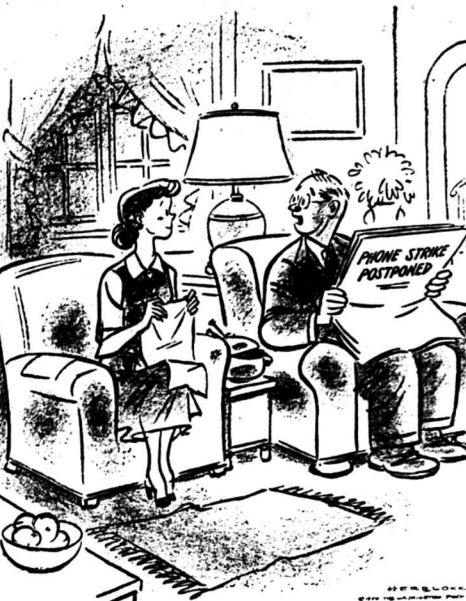


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'Well, We Can Still Call Up To Ask For Coal, Anyhow'



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**TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS**

### Non-Partisan

**In the primary election the girl from the mountains asked for it.**  
 "Do you have a ballot?"  
 "I don't want a ballot because the party I affiliate with ain't covered."

### Be Careful, Now

**In a Sanford News Item**—Sanford has a citizen who can afford to stop at \$100 a day. We didn't believe the report until we checked the slow windows at Dalrymple, but it's there in all-news glory—designated as a "Dobbs" log. **Ed Dalrymple** verified the report that his firm ordered the extensive program for a local citizen. He wouldn't disclose the name of this individual, but if he reads this column he would like to be the first to inform him and the firm of Dalrymple, that they are liable to write a good old American citizen as far as this country is concerned. For with \$100 a hundred, you're not likely to be there. If I'm not right, I'll buy you the best hat in town.

### The Best Part

**John Wesley** (at Winston-Salem Journal)—At the churching feast the night Dr. Roszell of the Anneton Methodist Church held a good one. He said that Evangelist Hunt preached to a large Negro meeting one evening after the meeting he talked to her firmly and that her mother and a few Negro women came up and shook hands with him and said "Well, you did it right." **Dr. Roszell** said the woman "You did preach a powerful sermon."

### Oh, No! No! No!

**Sanford News Item**—The examination Dr. Knight held for his little girl. "You are going to have a baby." The woman, Dr. Knight said, almost went into hysterics. He talked to her calmly and her hysteria was going to be all right and for her not to worry. "Oh, it isn't that," she exclaimed. "I would love to have another baby, but I don't think I can stand another ten years of it."

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### Balloons To Russia

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## Bergman Child Faces Life Full of Insult, Degradation

By ROBERT C. RUARK

**THE GIRLS** are **NEW YORK** equally lovely mother. Helen **HAYS**, was entangled in a professional legal squabble at the time of the birth and her husband's intention was whether Mary could be construed as an act of God.

Born in 1924, the child was the illegally wed and adulterous child. He can be cured with a leading clinic can you imagine the Bergman baby's predicament when he goes to school and goes to play, or goes to work?

I have a friend, an English being impractical for a white mother and her dark son because this was 30 years ago and in the worst of racial mixing under illegitimate circumstances. The doctor died until the mother died and the money stopped coming. The poor mother died with her child, a legal child, has been constantly cured since that time.

His life for the past 26 odd years, has been a steady fight of insults and humiliations. He has had his complexes. As he has aged he has acquired a desperate toleration of his parents and his life.

I take no moral stand on anybody, so long as his doing connotes care about his child or his life. I disclaim the right to judge a man's life on the basis of his conduct of his affairs. All I can say is that this child is an illegitimate child. It is not the fault of Bergman's folly, or something more euphonious and virtuous.

But the fact is that Signor Rosellini has both admitted the child was not his and that he was not a honeymoon. The last touch I like to believe is an awful source on their parents' honeymoon.

## Lewis' Star Appears To Be Descending At This Period

By MARQUIS CHILDS

**WASHINGTON**—**NEXT SUNDAY** which is **Lewis' Birthday** John L. Lewis has had a very interesting part of that long lifetime Lewis has exercised a power as nearly autocratic as any this country.

But it is sometimes forgotten that Lewis has had his ups and downs. At the bottom of the depression outside the United States by rebellion. With thousands of miners of union.

Lewis hitched a ride on the New Deal. He was a part of the Roosevelt Administration. He was the union boss who was hauled at the top of the pyramid in a deal with the oil and the check-off of union dues and the position appeared to be touchable.

In my opinion he is riding for a fall in the late phase of his fantastic career. The reasons why this opinion are that Lewis has worked with the United States in the number of jobs.

The United States workers are not the main cause of a monopoly position. Another that comes to mind is that the demand of so many nations and, therefore, a sharp decline in the number of jobs.

The United States workers are more and more often caught between the maneuvers of the managers of big business and the labor.

Robertson put in a bill recently that would give the union a monopoly in the field of oil and natural gas. Even in New England, where the oil and natural gas lines are being pushed. While that movement has been going on, it will in all probability soon be a monopoly.

It is true, of course, that in many industrial processes there can be

### Effective Point

**(Twin City Sentinel)**  
 Dr. E. Gordon, Spanish pastor of the Home Mexican Church delivered a quite moving sermon last Sunday morning. His subject was "It's Time to Wake Up."

At one point Dr. Gordon's voice had dropped to a soft, soothing tone. Under the spell of the quiet, grateful voice an elderly little man down comfortably his chin at times almost touching his eyes and at times, for the purpose of emphasis, the pastor's words flowed somewhat loosely.

**IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!**  
 And that's exactly what the elderly gentleman did last night.

### Neighborhood Sabotage

**(Hartford County News)**  
 Over around Bennett, near the Hartwood Highway, Constable Brad McLain got a tip on a hijack with a short distance from town and only 100 yards from a house. He got the tip from a neighbor.

Brad took alone Deputy Johnny Medin and they raked their way on the highway nearby. He said "I'm not sure, but I think you're right." They did it. The house-makers did. The constable and deputy at last reports were contacting about some jobs, being too neighborhood when they don't want any neighborhood at all.

### Not Her'

**(Goldthorn News-Argus)**  
 Charles Herland, Emil Rosenthal's sister-in-law, and his partner's arrangements. He was the brother-in-law of Mr. Herland. He asked Charles if he liked Emil Bech's.

"Yes," replied Charles. "I like Emil Bech."

Charles looked her in the eye. "It is not I, but Emil Bech," he stated. "This arrangement."

### First of All

**(Twin City Sentinel)**  
 He is an engineer and a politician were argue about the superior accomplishments of their respective professions. The subject was held up by the fact that the man who was born from Adam to create the world.

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### A TIME FOR REASON

Now that the news has been made public, we can express our growing apprehension over the inability of the Duke Power Co. and its bus drivers to come to terms over a new contract.

In a letter to the drivers, the company has set forth its position. The union has not yet done so. Hence, it is impossible for the people of Charlotte and the other affected cities to form any opinions about the merit of either side.

Negotiations have been going on for

some weeks, and apparently little progress is being made toward reaching agreement.

For the time being, there is little we can say about the controversy except to remind both sides that transportation is a vitally important part of the community life, and that any interruption would cause serious individual and collective damage.

It is time for reason, for calmness, for responsibility. The welfare of the general public is at stake.

### ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

NO AMOUNT of hoopla is going to make of the new Republican "platform" anything more than it is—a thinly disguised attempt to bring all men in from under a new contract.

In a letter to the liberals with this pledge: "We hold that Government can use its just powers to foster national health, promote real security for the aged, develop our natural resources, and to manage public policies and advance civil rights."

a trend to Socialism by advocating its own brand of Socialism. As such, it is not a very convincing document.

There is an explanation for this fence-straddling of course. Within the GOP are many Congressmen and Senators of quite liberal views, who would really be more at home in the Administration camp than in their own. It was doubtless necessary for the more conservative brethren to make certain concessions in order to get broad endorsement.

Furthermore, the GOP quite naturally wants to win elections. And the experience of recent years has been that the outfit with the most lavish promises is apt to win.

For those of us who had hoped for a forthright, unequivocal statement of Republican Party principles, the platform is a disappointment. If, as we anticipate, the GOP fails to make more than the normal gains an opposition party can expect in an off-election year, the boys may be prompted to get together at the next national convention and whip up something which will stand closer reality.

### UNIFIED HEALTH SERVICES

THE significance of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society's unanimous endorsement of a health care consolidation in this county will not, we are sure, be lost upon City Councilmen and County Commissioners.

If there was any inclination on their part to reserve judgment on the desirability of this particular phase of consolidation, the action of the doctors should be reassuring. Medical men speak with greater authority than anyone else on questions involving health services and facilities.

The evidence in favor of a unified health department is steadily piling up.

First, the Institute of Government's exhaustive report showed conclusively that one department could work better than two, and that all of the people in all parts of the County would receive better and

more uniform health services.

Dr. Howard Gilmore, recently re-elected chairman of the City Health Board, forcefully presented his own personal support of consolidation.

And now the Medical Society's resolution, which has been objected to the plan, they have not received public notice. In the absence of objections and in the face of such significant support, it would seem entirely proper for the Board and the County Commission to take this first step toward consolidation without further delay.

It is understood that no new laws will have to be passed. Ample authority to effectuate consolidation is already on the books. All that is needed is for the two boards to agree on consolidation of the health services and then get busy working out the details.

### ON BANNING STROMBOLI

IT WAS inevitable, we suppose, that scattered groups of well-intentioned Americans should start acting for legal censorship of Ingrid Bergman's latest and best publicized movie, *Stromboli*. Most everybody who reads a newspaper or listens to a radio knows why, and we won't repeat the story details.

This evidence of an aroused public morality is highly encouraging, especially since it marks a shift in American public opinion. You will recall that when Robert Mitchum, Mary Astor, and Errol Flynn, among others, found that their box office appeal soured after their court escapades were duly publicized, Robert C. Ruark's appointed column that subject the other day.

We should not, however, become confused about this thing.

In the movie industry, because of its peculiar position in American society, has a definite obligation to police its films and to discourage actions by its stars which offend good taste. If Hollywood, or if individual theater owners, consider it desirable to distribute or to show *Stromboli* because of the Bergman-Rosellini affair, that is their own business.

Various civic and religious groups interested in the morality of their members have every right to condemn the stars, and even the film if they so chose, and to urge their members not to patronize it.

Individual citizens, however, have the responsibility of censoring the film or of registering their disapproval of the illicit romance. If they stay away in droves because their sense of propriety is outraged, they should be more vigorous and effective.

But legal bans, or censorship if you prefer of the picture—by City Councils, State Legislatures, or what have you—is a different matter. If the picture itself is offensive, it should be banned. But legislative censorship of a movie, or a book, or a newspaper, or a painting, because of the behavior of people who had a part in its production, is inappropriate.

If it turns out the other way and the film is a financial success, then it will indicate that American people are insatiably curious, and that their cynicism in no way reflects their own standard of morals.

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