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FACTS VERSUS OPINIONS

DAY by day, more evidence comes to us of the need for 16,000 additional beds in veterans hospitals.

The House of Representatives, you may recall, recently voted to force the Veterans Administration to provide 16,000 new beds over and above the current building program...

The problem of obtaining the services of adequately qualified medical personnel to staff these additional beds has caused the Veterans Administration considerable concern...

MIXED BLESSING

THE changing order in Charlotte's Negro precincts, described by our Mr. Feinbaum on Friday, will have thoughtful citizens with a mixed reaction.

The Negro vote is no longer a "bought" vote. The new organization, the Citizens Committee for Political Action, has taken over control of these precincts from the old ward-beaters who once delivered the Negro vote for money.

It is unwholesome because the Negro vote is still delivered. The voters go to the polls and mark their ballots as they are told. They do not exercise their independent judgment as free American citizens.

FEPC AND POLITICS

FOR various reasons 33 Senators took part in a legislative maneuver last week that virtually guarantees no Fair Employment Practices Commission bill will be passed this year.

ON CATS AND TRAFFIC

SOME folks can tolerate cats; other folks have a mild affection for them; and a fair-sized crew of people love cats so much that they spend most of their time combing their (the cat's) hair and trying to rid them of their cunning neck-tink or hiss, depending on their sex. There is, however, another group who hates cats with much passion and for this latter group we feel to be a little sympathetic.

It was against this background, then, that we recently read where Rep. Rankin bemoaned the fact that \$68,000 cars are destroyed by run-down by automobiles this year—and shrugged.

THE CASE IN MINIATURE

PANTIGO is a small community in Beaufort County which lies not far from the broad estuary of the Pungo River. Pantigo, like other small North Carolina communities East and West, has a school problem. It is a problem of consolidation.

This is a story which may be repeated time and again as North Carolina weighs school consolidation. Its lesson is simple enough. When the people—people with children of school age—realize that consolidated schooling makes for better schooling, they will put the interests of the children first. That is where the public interest belongs. Our school program will fulfill its splendid purpose when it is directed to the advantage of the children.

The Pantigo-Behaven controversy, now happily resolved, is a case in miniature of the whole problem of North Carolina's school consolidation.

When folks get a hold of a little money, they begin searching for investors and antique stores.

By Stewart Alsop



WASHINGTON (AP) — A CABINET of the United States, the cabinet of the United States, President Truman's cabinet, is being transformed into a "nightmare" situation, it is the feeling of the President.

This is why the session has been so dull — in it difficult to get very excited about pipe-dreams or pipe-nightmares, as some would have it. Truman blames the "obstructionists" whose heads he demands on a platter...

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People's Platform

'America Is In A Fix'

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Let us agree that there is need for more reasonableness and less prejudice in the general area of economic opportunity. But what that reasonableness is, is defined by Federal force? Could prejudices dating back hundreds of years be cleaned away by a Federal court?

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Who Wants A Return To The Flaming Youth Of The '20's?

By Robert C. Ruark

WHEN MAMMA rolled home on other day wearing clocks on her socks and sporting a pair of hose that were tight with her hair nibbled off at the roots.

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