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PLAYGROUNDS AND POLITICS-II

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VESTERDAY we tried to identify the
principals in the Latta Park community center dispute and to define their
interests. Today we want to talk a little
about the philosophy of soning.
Counclinan Billy Coddington wants to
block the erection of the Letta Park recreation building. All other means including a court test having failed, Mr. Coddington now proposes to use the city's soning
law to bring the Park & Recreation Commission to heel. He would bring the Conmission to heel. He would bring the Conmission to heel. He would bring the Conmission to heel. He would begin the checked
are to great the erection of any public
building in a park, Residence I, or Residence II are without the appelic approval
of the City Council.

This amendment violates good zoning
practices in several respects:

1. It employs the zoning law for a political purpose with punitive intent. Mr.
Coddington does not like the semi-autoncommission. He thinks it should be more
responsive to the will of the Council (a)though, significantly, there has been noindication so far that a majority of the
Council opposes the Latta Park project.

To make it more responsive, he would
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Council opposes the Latta Park projects. To make it more responsive, he would have the Council approve each and every public building erected by the Commission. That would include not only community centers, but also bath houses, shelters, barbecue pits and any other structure which could be conceivably be called a "building."

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The Hawthorne Lage center has been completed. The centers in 3rd Ward and the control of the con

NEW JERSEY EXPERIMENT

A RECENT report on a three-year New Jersey experiment in penology may prove of benefit to North Carolina in its efforts to employ women prisoners usefully and staff mental institutions adequately.

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New Jersey's Clinton Farms women's
prison was desperately overcrowded. The
Mercer Field unit of the Trenton State
Hospital for mental patients was sadly
short of female attendants. The deputy
commissioner of correction and parole, F.
Lovell Bixby, saw a way to work out both

pronounce. 28 of them at a time, were lodged in a big residence at Mercer Field, a former Navy air station, and used as ward attendants and waircease. Over the three-year period. 300 grisoners were so employed.

Commenting on the results, The New York Times says editorially:

There seems to be a bond of sympathy between the prisoners and the patients. Not-one case of mistreatment has occurred and the prisoners, when interviewed, spoke of the sand symmathy. Mr. Bitby amounced that the project was a success, and that many of the women, after their prison term ex-pired, remained with the patients, preferring both. The patients of the patients of the patients.

jobs."

Currently the North Carolina State Hospitals Board of Control is reasonably well astisfied with the number and quality of persons applying for positions as attendants at state hospitals. The board, in an effort to slow the traditional rapid turnover of attendants, has tried to pick its applicants carefully in an effort to get kindly, intelligent persons of good habits

ernadoes, we read, strike the United es mose furiously and frequently than where else in the world. Especially in election year.

A desert mouse out in Berkeley Califor-ia lived to the ripe old age of six years-quivalent to 420 years in man-without ver drinking water. To keep the WCTU appy, we add, reluctantly, that it never frank any other liquid, either.

EDITORIALETTES

We have it from the National Geo-graphic Society that the boa constrictor tries to avoid humans. Most humans are happy to repay the courtesy.

A Raleigh schoolgiri, appearing on one of those radio quiz shows, was asked to name her favorite class. Her choice was the luncheon period. With her, riothing succeeds like recess.

resolution we aren't waiting for rar's to make: to turn off our radio time it gives out with "Goodnight when we take the kiddies out riding Sunday, aga,

2. The language of the amendment is entirely too broad. It is difficult indeed to define a "public building". Certainly it would include school buildings. The City School Board now has powers of con-demnation under State statute. Acting independently, it can buy up choice sites without public notice. The School Board would be sorely handicapped if it had to run to the Council for permission to erect school buildings before it bought each piece of property.

piece of property.

The broad language raises another legal question. How would churches fare under the ordinance change? Are churches public buildings in the sense that they attract large crowds and are open to the general public for worship? Would each church project have to be approved by the Council? These are pertinent questions, and there has been no effort by the sponsors of the legislation to answer them. Certainly the religiods organizations of the community would be justified in asking for a clarification of this point.

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3. So far as The Naws has been able to learn, no one consulted either the Zoning Commission or the Board of Adjustment about this change in the zoning law. The Zoning Commission is the agency for recommending fundamental changes in the zoning law. The Board of Adjustment is a "referrer" for hearing requests for spot changes in the zoning law. Yet neither of these agencies in a position to analyze the Coddington smendment and evaluate its effect on the whole zoning ordinance was notified or asked for an opinion. They have not been consulted to this day.

Members of the Zoning Commission and Members of the Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment, like members of the Park & Recreation Commission, are appointed by the City Council. They serve without pay and without glory. They have to make many difficult decisions. Cer-tainly they must reel let-down when the Council, exercising its own authority, by-passes them entirely in making decisions of vital importance in their own special-ized fields.

ized fields.

For these three reasons—(i) it is "puni-tive" legislation, (2) the language is too broad and general, and (3) the agencies concerned haven't been consulted—we believe the Coddington amendment win-lates good soning practices. We hope that Mr. Coddington will see that his strong realing about the Latta Park building prompted him to take a hasty and im-petuous step without full reflection on its far-reaching implications.

who could become trained personnel, why equivalent to practical nurses. The attendant-rolls have been more stable: In the past ten months than at any prior time in his administration, Dr. David Young, state hospital director, reports. Nevertheless there may come a time in the near future, especially if the nation goes on an all-out war preparendens basis, when it will again-become difficult for our institutions to compete with other occupations in employing an adequate number of suitable attendants. That happened in World War II. In that event, the New Jersey experiment may offer a partial

solution.

Work among mental patients, we believe, would be of definite benefit in rehaoilitating women prisoners. If it would do
nothing else, it would make them realize that, no matter what fale prompted
them to violate their laws, it is a much
kinder fate than that which shattered the
mental systems of the unfortunate patients. And it would open the door to gainful employment at the end of their terms.

Furthermore, it would furnish profitable employment for the prisoners while saving the State attendants' balaries. This, in turn, would mean more money for oth hospital services.

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We would not of course, suggest that prisoners as a rule would make the best attendants. But there are many of them who, carefully selected, could render a great service to the State to humanity, and to themselves by helping out in the important task of caring for our mental patients.

Headline in The Durham Herald: "Gran-ville Woman Held On Charge Of Slaying Spouce." Held in the prison-house or the workhouse?



'How's That For A Smart Move?'

Vatican Envoy Idea Stirs Congress

WASHINGTON
By TOM SCHLESINGER
Charlotte New Special Writer
PRESIDENT TRUMAN's hombabell proposal to
establish a formal diplosific mission to the
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an congress which would have to pass on such an appointment. Neither North Carolina Senator thought it was a good idea. Senator Hoey said "It is not a wise a good idea. Senator Hoey said "It is not a wise sovernment," and we might as well "send diplomate to all religuous organisations if we start with it." Senator Graham had "a serious question about the policy," but would like to judge it on "as a done basis" as to what purpose the President had in mind. The President mentioned in his news contre-ence that he was considering sending a "formal" diplomat to the Vatican. He said he would not name a personal envoy as had been the custom in the pass.

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Inal decision has yet to be made, the Representative and.

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The House's labor record of N. C. lawmakers is, definitely on the conservative side with only turne of the Representatives with a record of 500 or better.

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where as good now as it was on opening night two wavests ago. The bring professionals in to play in the Wanner To bring professionals in to play in the Wanner To bring professionals in the professional would cost around 1500000°, be said. He was not seen to be seen to said the sees no reason why his play couldn't be staged here for "60 or 50 years," of the said here for "60 or 50 years, produced in perhaps 50 cities across the nation. The Tar Heel author also gained additional quality this west by lashing out against the noising left the said of the sa

From the other end of the list, Alfred Bulwinkie had a perfect 2 "wrong" out of 2, followed by Graham Barden 6 W out of 10; Frank Carlyle 6 W out of 10; Bob Doughton 6 W out of 10; Thurmond Chatham 7 W out of 90; Carl Durham 71 W out of 91; Herbert Bonner 7 W out of 10; Monroe Redden (1 W out of 11) and Bob ger 7 W out of 12).

Business Continues As Usual While Undermanned GI's Die

Former Resident Of Korea Avers Food Is Not So Good

By ROBERT RUARK

M.R. C. S. ANDERSON of Denwer, a kind corresponding who seems to know corresponding who seems to know corresponding who seems to know people of Korea, switches today to its food, a subject which is generally pretty interesting to a visiting process of the pro

warrior. It sounds grim. Mr. Anderson:

"In your column for August "More Jones wonder out loud about "More Intimate Aspects of War". Perhaps I can help you a bit, though not posing as an expens on tactice of "foraging" as practiced today.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Senators Grill D. A. In Wire Tap Case

(ED. NOTE—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vaca-tion, his column will be written by members of his staff, Tom McNamara and Jack Anderson.)

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NeT/P uncomfortable D. A. admitted writing a letter of commendation on Oct. 7, 1947, praising Shimon for services of "mestimable value" to the District of Columbia. At that time, Shimon was stateded to Pays office and they that the post of the Shimon was stateded to Pays office and they are presented to the state of the state of

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advised the grand jury they "could not see where there had been divulgence." Under the law, the grand jury they could not see where there had been divulged.

"Do you think Lieut, Shimon would have apped these wires, employed all these men to assat him and use this equipment without disclosing what he had overheard?" and the seems of the seew

Ups-And-Downs

CUCH was the confusion in a recent closed-door meeting of the Senset Banking & Currency Committee on the question of controlling cotton prices that members literally didn't know up from down.

Here's how the transcript of the hush-hush session reads in part with Raiph S. Trigg, the Agriculture Department's Production & Sakreving Chief, testifying):

Triggs—Perhaps is would help if I refer to it the pion

of cotion) as a minimum ceiling and not a floor. It is a price we cannot up below."

Senator Bricker of Ohio—"But it is not a floor on the prices at all."

Senator Flanders of Vermont—"It is the floor of a ceiling."

Trigs—"Yes. sir."

Senator Flanders—"And not the floor?"

Trigs—"That is correct."

Flanders—"That is all I need to know."

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John Carolina, the Committee Chairmans—"Well I to not know what he said a moment ago, but that is what it is."

No Solution

In A last-minute appeal to avert a railroad strike, Fresidential Assistant John R. Steelman warned union and management appokesmen that Government estime of the railroads was not a "solution" of the 17-month-old wage dispute.

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"A strike is unthinkable in this terribly serious emergency and the Government will not permit one," Steelman the control of the strike strike to remain or the control of the strike strike to remain added grimly;

"It is my business to help you settle your difficulties, by the strike st