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FURTHER DELAY INEXCUSABLE

SINCE it has become apparent that the City Council in last January, meanwhile, the situation it proposes to correct—the unlimited movement of heavy trucks throughout the business district—has been growing more intolerable. The truckers approve the plan, the Parking Commission approves it, the Planning Board approves it, the Chamber of Commerce approves it. Everybody is in favor of it; no one has yet brought up any objections to it.

Further delay is inexcusable. The elimination of such parking on Graham St. would improve the overall movement of traffic in the City, but it is by no means the heart of the truck regulation plan. Mr. House figures that the total volume of traffic on Graham

St. will be increased by less than 3 per cent with the adoption of the truck routes. We are confident that the merchants of Graham St., in time, will see that they have erred in trying to hold customers curb parking. Congestion on Graham is already insufferable. It is going to get worse as the years go by. Customers who find it difficult to enter and leave curb spaces on Graham will soon find it impossible to do so. Unless offstreet facilities are provided—by the merchants themselves, by private parking lot operators, or by the City—business on Graham will eventually be choked off by the traffic congestion, and inevitably for the very simple reason that Graham is the only usable street connecting the Dalton-Statesville-Hutchinson Avenue section with W. Trade and W. Morehead Sts.

So far as least attention to us with its traffic congestion and let us have some decisive action to bring about an orderly plan for the movement of merchandise through, into and out of the City's main business district.

RULE BY LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

THE town of Hall in Morgan County, Indiana, is a long distance from North Carolina. But the related principles of rule-by-law and individual religious freedom, currently being tested in Hall, are fundamental in every American community.

William Lewis, 38, a native of Morgan County with twelve years' teaching experience, has been forcibly kept from his school for two days by a mob of irate parents, most of them women. The complaint: Lewis, who joined the Jehovah's Witnesses sect a year ago, refuses to salute the U. S. flag for religious reasons.

So far as press accounts show, there is no other complaint. Lewis has not tried to teach children they should not salute the flag. He has advised them to salute it if they wish. He simply declines to salute it himself. Eighty-seven parents have petitioned demanding that Lewis be ousted as principal and as teacher of 40 pupils in the fourth and fifth grades. Lewis cites Indiana law which forbids discrimination on religious grounds in hiring teachers, and he is supported by one member of the Hall school board.

If the facts are as given in news dispatches, one basic test of Americanism has been clearly violated, and another seriously infringed.

Nowhere in the American system is there room for mob violence. If the parents of Lewis' pupils deem him undesirable as a teacher, there are legal channels for his replacement. It is not their prerogative.

THE END OF A CENTURY

THE circulation of *The New York Times* is modest, when compared to that of its scandalous tabloid competitor, the *New York Daily News*. And its annual advertising volume was outstripped by three other American newspapers last year. But in reputation, influence, and ethical standards, *The Times* has never been anywhere.

Thus it is that the ending of *The Times'* first century, and the starting of a new century, has been an event of major proportions in this week's chapter of the world's history. Congratulations have poured in from all over the globe—from newspaper, from high off-

IT ALL COMES CLEAR

A WEEK-END news story out of Waynesville set us to musing.

I told how Western North Carolina Democratic Party leaders welcomed National Committee Chairman Jonathan Daniels with open arms, cheered his stirring defense of the National Democratic Party, and then unanimously endorsed President Truman for reelection.

Now it is in Western North Carolina, you will recall, that those damned Republicans keep bobbing up to challenge Democratic Party rule. And in our musing, we bumbled through a worn copy of O. Key's brilliant study of North Carolina in his *South Carolina* which we came across this passage:

"The Republican contribution to Democratic discipline is plain. In those counties in which Democrats are in a minority, or must fight desperately to win a local office,

leaders look to the state for aid and succor. They are afraid to threaten any action, and the necessity for concerted action under strong state leadership, and the result is a relatively cohesive state organization.

Frequently denied local patronage, they seek other ways to support and reward the faithful and the state government is the logical source. In competition with local Republicans they desire a sympathetic central authority to whom recourse can be had. They rely on the big guns of the party to come out from Raleigh to help in their campaigns, and the state committee sends men to their aid, and the state committee for general election campaigns.

That seems to explain the Western North Carolina Democrats' hearty welcome for Mr. Daniels, the cheers for the National Democratic Party, the endorsement of Mr. Truman for another term. In fact, it seems to explain the whole show.

From The Lexington (Ky.) Leader

MUNICIPAL OFF-STREET PARKING

THE LEADER, in urging the City Administration to develop and maintain reserved, off-street parking facilities in Lexington, considers its stand amply justified.

Other municipalities have operated off-street parking facilities for years. Information gathered in 1947 by the International City Managers Association showed that a total of 345 cities out of 475 reported had one or more parking lots or garages in operation. This total represented a 63 per cent increase over 1942, when only 211 cities had such a parking program.

A parking survey by the traffic committee of the American Public Works Association in 1947 disclosed that 144 of 389 cities surveyed maintained off-street parking lots or garages.

A number of Michigan cities use revenues

from on-street parking meters to finance city parking lots and ramp garages. This financing received the sanction of the Michigan Supreme Court, which upheld in 1949 the validity of a parking ordinance adopted by the Village of Wayne.

California took a big step toward city ownership of adequate parking garages when its citizens last year endorsed by a two-to-one vote an enabling act which gave city governing bodies to pledge future parking-meter revenues to retire bonds used to finance off-street parking projects.

Five other states—Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, New Hampshire and Wisconsin—and the District of Columbia specifically authorize or require, by law, the application of parking-meter revenues to the provision of off-street parking space.

'I Haven't Agreed Not To Run Out On Anybody'

If Like Gets GOP Nod, It Must Be By Genuine Draft

By MARQUIS CHILDS



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Model Plane Flying Site

CHARLOTTE
THE Junior Chamber of Commerce is very pleased to read of Dr. J. S. Dorton's offer to Mayor Shaw to allow the use of the Southern States Fairground for model plane flying. We are deeply interested in this project and we feel that not only one, but a number of sites should be made available to the youth of Charlotte for this purpose. Model flying not only promotes a friendly sense of competition, but we feel that it will be a major contribution to the curbing of juvenile delinquency. A committee has been appointed by the Park and Recreation Commission to investigate all possible sites. We hope that this will be done within the next two weeks.

Dr. Dorton is the only individual, to our knowledge, who has offered any site to be used for model flying. We sincerely appreciate his thoughtfulness and interest.

—JOHN W. PEARSON,
Chairman, Aviation Committee,
Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Hits Graham Parking Ban

CHARLOTTE
Editors, The News:
YOUR editorial of Sept. 14 (Parking on Graham St.) was downright amusing. There never was and perhaps will never be, a subject of any great importance which does not have two sides. Yet you refuse to even mention, much less apply a single one of the many reasons why parking should be permitted on Graham St. It is Mr. House's own permit of Graham St. is now carrying 47 per cent of Charlotte's truck traffic and that his plan of routing the trucks which are now going to Graham St. is Mr. House's own plan. It is fair to take the 3 per cent of traffic which has parking meters in every block and twice the width of Graham and not only add the 3 per cent to Graham's already 47 per cent but to even further and stop all parking on Graham!

If tonight a fire, storm or earthquake should destroy most of the homes and businesses along Graham St. from Morehead to Lidell, I dare say you, through your press, would be among the very first (perhaps with some sincerity) to start a movement to raise funds with which to relieve the suffering. Yet you condemn and even insist that our City Council adopt a plan which would cause little less loss and suffering.

Perhaps it had not occurred to you that the families living and owning homes and businesses along Graham St. are not foreigners. Instead, they are the people who have gladly and proudly been a part in the making of Charlotte the fine progressive city which it is today. Nor perhaps has it occurred to you that traffic can not move one bit faster, regardless of parking, than the bottlenecks will permit, and that means every traffic light and in this case particularly Trade and Graham and Morehead.

You will please note that even Mr. House himself does not claim that his plan is the solution

to the problem, and agrees that the banning of all parking on Graham and making it a truck route is nothing more than a stopgap and temporary relief. Everyone knows and agrees that the only real solution is to do as other cities are doing (build a by-pass) to take care of this heavy North-South traffic. It is true that it is not the local truck traffic that is causing the congestion, instead it is the through trailer trucks which stop in Charlotte for nothing other than traffic lights and not all of them. No sensible person would think of condemning the trucking business. Everyone knows that they are necessary and doing a great work and that we could not get along without them. We all must also agree that in almost every single case, the operators of these heavy trucks are of the highest type, careful, courteous and efficient. They do not follow Graham St. because of choice. They have none other.

I do not believe that Charlotte has ever had a more worthy, honorable and efficient City Council than this has today, and instead of condemning them for wanting more time to consider all the facts, the matter before making their decision, they should be highly commended.

—R. F. THORNE SR.

Byrd For President

GLEN RIDGE, N. J.
Editors, The News:
MY choice for President is Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, for Vice-President, Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts.

These men have ability, integrity and experience; they can be entrusted with the future of our Federal Government.

They come from Virginia, the "Mother of Presidents," and Massachusetts, the land of Lexington and Bunker Hill.

—JAMES EMERY BROWN

Turpentine Drippings

(Morgan Pocketbook)
Greta was a little refugee. Rather bedraggled when she came to America, her foster parents put her on a strict bath routine, regular meals, and a whipper. Then one night she looked up at the face full of rods:

"You folks don't want a refugee," she said calmly. "What you want is a damn duck."

That's All

(Mrs. C. C. Moore, Moore County News)
I am pleased with my figure, working on my face. I am pleased with my figure, working on my face. I am pleased with my figure, working on my face.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
JOVIAL Mike Disalle, the Price Administrator, went down to the White House the other day and broke it up to President Truman. He wanted to retire from his prickly, unpopular price job on Dec. 1.

Truman vigorously demurred. He protested that Mike must stay on, finally agreed only that he would discuss the matter again with Disalle in November.

During the course of the conversation, the President asked Disalle what he wanted to do when he went back to private life, and the Price Administrator replied that he wanted to wait and see what Frank Lausche, the present Democratic Governor of Ohio, did. Lausche, who refused to oppose Taft last year, is popular with Republicans and is running against GOP Senator Bricker. But if he doesn't, Disalle told Truman, he would like to run himself.

When we have a Democratic Senator from Ohio," said back the President, "let's have a real Democrat. Not a counterfeiter like that fellow Lausche."

Huge Loan Stopped

WASHINGTON
FORTY-SIX million dollars may not seem like a lot of money in these days of huge billion-dollar defense budgets, but several hundred thousand little taxpayers have been spared the worry of a huge loan to the Government. Furthermore, the proposed \$46 million to the Navy Machine Co. of Los Angeles by the RFC to make aluminum is one of the largest loans considered in the present cold-war period.

Lausche 'Counterfeit' Democrat—Truman

Despite this, this bonanza to Harvey was officially recommended on Aug. 28, and has only now been held back by new information furnished by this column.

Afforded information shows not only that the Harvey Company was recommended by the Navy for prosecution for sabotage during the war, but also in constant hot water with the Air Force. The sabotage charge was based on Harvey's making of oversized gauges allegedly for the purpose of passing faulty naval shells. And when the case was not prosecuted, Naval authorities expressed the opinion in writing to Washington that the faulty projectiles produced by the Harvey Company were likely to cause a travel error, or explode prematurely.

The full story of how the Harvey family came within a hair's breadth of getting this huge Government loan is the most amazing series of this amazing episode.

Investing In The Democrats

It began shortly after World War II, when by systematic contributions to the Democratic Party, the Harveys' "bought in" on the Party, first in California, later on the National Committee. They also played up local demand for war factories, thus got Congressmen from California, Washington and Montana all throwing their weight around for the Harvey loan.

California Congressmen were for the Harveys because their plant was located near Los Angeles. Montana Congressmen were for the Harveys because the new aluminum plant was to be near the Hungry Horse Dam in Montana. And Washington Congressmen were for the Harveys be-

cause they were all and sundry. And the men and women who were getting the offers are the delegates who will select the nominee at Chicago.

As others have done before, Scott stressed the risk taken by those who were working for the Eisenhower candidacy. He has never been impressed by that argument. His reply has always been that he would look at great risks in accepting the assignment as Commander of the North Atlantic Defense and that those who believe in him must be willing to take risks if they are sufficiently dedicated to the cause of welding the free world into one.

As the clearest statement of his position, Eisenhower cited an article in the Washington Post of Aug. 19 written by managing editor J. R. Wiggins. While that article was in the Post, it stated flatly that Eisenhower would make no statement and take no action of any kind to get the nomination. That is, he will make no statement unless and until it became certain that so many delegates are pledged to him that the nomination is almost certainly his.

The draft-Eisenhower movement will be intensified as a result of Scott's report. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey told Duff that he meant to do everything he could to bring it about. And Dewey has demonstrated, in spite of his two defeats in 1948, that he has a great political skill.

There remains even among Republicans who have not fully for Eisenhower's nomination a gnawing doubt as to whether this effort at second thoughts will be sufficient. Eisenhower is a long way from the political urgencies that will determine the outcome of next year's election. He is entirely preoccupied with a task of monumental proportions in which success is far from guaranteed.

The Hughes draft is not too close a parallel to the Eisenhower draft. The Hughes draft is not, serving as Governor of New York prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, he had friends in the inner circle of the Republican party.

major sports events because of "unreasonable restraint." I never heard such foolishness in my life. The growth of the free-loading industry that afflicts us.

Until some advertisers come along themselves to bring the audience back to the vaudeville and curtailed drama to the eye with one on the home TV screen, the audience will be in the practice of paying for what we watched in the way of amusement.

Not to my knowledge has the public domain. I will guarantee the movies still charge admission to the public, and the dogs they unleash on TV audiences not only don't charge, but have been bought and paid for by the advertisers. Nor has anyone ever seen a TV screen performance of a Broadway show in the right and privilege of everybody, free.

Why The Cry From TV, Radio Audience On Fight Rights?

BY ROBERT C. RUARK
SOME FUTURE indication of the necessary compromise among television, radio, and motion picture materials came out of the late fight between Sugar Ray Robinson and Randy Turpin. I've seen it.

There was quite a rumour. Radio television rights were being denied. Motion-picture exhibitors outbid radio and television for the right to show the scrap. That with large crowds they were able to flash the fight as it progressed. Those without were able to bill it as an extra feature the following day. And the fight drew big, well over a half-million bucks.

It seems that the answer is right in there. For instance, I got on my horse and went out to watch the thing. I was disappointed. I had expected I might have remained snugly at home and seen it twice over clearly and close-up. But I have been multiplied by many.

The theaters did good business, but they were not getting any on any evening when a big sports event is being held. And the subject of the attraction of these sports events is being held as well as the fighters themselves, who made a pack of jack. Nobody would want to see the eye-witness customers, the TV set owners, and indirectly, the TV set sellers, who were being sold. They didn't get a dime for free.

A great many little things were said. One quick look at the Washington, Silliest utterance out of Rep. Pat Sullivan (D., Tenn.), who mentioned that the failure of television to cover the event "violated a right that should not be denied the taxpayer."

Some legislative Joe in Boston said that "an event of this importance might well be in the public domain." Somebody else wants to determine whether the homebound-public was missing anything that was missing.

The sports events have been carefully cutting their own throats, in past, by taking the TV dough out of the mouths of the stadiums and gyms have often been stripped of attendance. This is particularly true of boxing, since one in his right mind would rather stay home with his feet up than make himself a mob to reap an intimate view of a fight. Sportsmen's beard.

All entertainments worthy of watching are being cut out of TV. Get the cream, then some arrangement must be worked out to pay for the right to show them free to a selective customer, or as advertised value. If TV can't compete with the theaters, that's all right. But no one does the free leader have the right of complaint merely because he bought a seat. He bought it on his own risk, and if the medium doesn't deliver he's just been chumped again.

cause their alumna plant was to be near Everett.

With this backing, the Harveys camped out in California Congressmen. King office as they did, it became so insolent with War Assets Administrator Jess Laro that he almost threw Leo Harvey out of the office, and the Interior Secretary who he described Harvey as "impossible."

However, each time a Government bureau balked at Harvey's terms, he would unleash the Congressional press, which came crawling down on the Executive branch, or the Government yelling monopoly and claiming that all Government orders were going to three aluminum firms—Alcoa, Reynolds, and Kaiser.

This desire to help little business and to broaden the present semi-monopoly of aluminum was the chief and justifiable reason why men like Jess Laro and Oscar Chapman, the stock market wizard of the Interior Department, Chapman fired him.

But the most amazing feature of these many months of dickering was that no one least allowed Governor ever thought to check with the Army, Navy, and Air Force regarding Harvey's wartime performance. Nor did the armed services in any way object to the Harveys' Interior Department, or the Office of Defense Mobilization.