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COMMISSIONERS KEPT FAITH WITH VOTERS

McKENLEBURG's County Commissioners took a realistic position when they declined to finance the new \$7.5 million school building program on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The idea was tempting. By paying for the buildings out of direct tax levies, the job could be done in seven years.

But the Commissioners took a look at the 30-cent tax hike the plan would entail, recalled that the voters had specifically approved borrowing the money for the program, and reasoned that it would be wrong to saddle the entire long-range program on today's taxpayers.

Such a favor pay-as-you-go financing for operational costs of government, we see ample precedent for borrowing funds for capital investment.

Some brass hat needs his brain washed. At the risk of missing a term that the psychologists are bandying around these days, we suggest that the Army official who dreamed up the Valley Forge fiasco needs his brain washed.

Apparently started back in Korea. It seems that some of the first prisoners to be freed told officials that a few of their friends still in camp had succumbed to Communist propaganda.

It could have been much worse. One of the pleasures of editorial writing derives from the perceptive disagreement elicited from regular readers.

Right of a reader to have the last word in an argument with us. But knowing that Mr. Simkins was the instigator of the editorial, we believe the point he raised to be of general interest, we suggest that he rest, say, as Longfellow said, "Things are not what they seem."

PAYING OWN WAY

NORTH CAROLINA'S encouragement of outdoor dramas depicting history of the several areas where such pageants have been staged has cost this state a pretty penny.

It was inescapable that somewhere the line would have to be drawn and it appears resistance has been hit, that state support of such ventures is henceforth going to be more difficult.

There are still some things you can get for a dollar—nickels, dimes and quarters—Asheville Citizen.

Stop Kicking — We're Giving You A Barrel Too



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication at the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Vote For The Negroes

I AM sure that every right-thinking Christian individual feels that Negroes should be represented on our City Council and School Board.

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Let us all contribute to the great progressive program of Charlotte. Let us begin true democracy in Charlotte, N. C. Vote in the final election for the Negroes whose names are recorded on the ballot.

The Colonel Was Pleased

ON the recent Third Army command inspection of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, I did not have the opportunity of calling upon you and formally paying my respects.

Has Doubts About Ike

RHOWEVER in the last election, your editorial of April 30 is understood in its overall intent. Certain certain facts you set forth are interesting.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

BIGGEST hassle inside the Defense Department, following Eisenhower's military reorganization, is to pick the new Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Eisenhower Favors Spatz For JCS Post

Spatz is Deputy Secretary of Defense. He fears that "Though I am old and blind friend of Ike's, will go over Wilson's head to the White House."

Republican Elephant

NOT in months have Democrats had such a good time as over the plight of "Maybe," the seven-year-old female elephant now stranded in Belgium.

Old Country Docs Had It Over These Spadeboard Specialists

THE PSYCHIATRIC front seems to be busy again. It is not only a date—that if the lads who study psychiatry in the cockpits of the Navy, they will eventually measure up to the old horse-and-buggy crew.

President Seems to Ignore Red's Atomic Power Threat

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

THE real meaning of the President's American defense policy was not too clearly, although perhaps unintentionally, stated by the President himself.

The joint Chiefs' forecast has not been elaborated in the high-level qualified scientific staff force assembled in America since the end of the war.

Such was the President's own words, unchanged in any important way by the conventional translation into indirect discourse. The President's meaning was painfully plain.

On the one hand, he did not "quarrel" with the Joint Chiefs' estimate. On the other hand, he argued that the growth of Soviet power did not mean that the Kremlin would not try to launch a global war.

In other words, the threat to America was the growth of Soviet air atomic power is now to be ignored, because the President thinks that the Kremlin's intentions are basically peaceful.

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