

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS



THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Publisher
J. E. DOWD, General Manager
B. S. GRIFFITH, Executive Editor
C. A. MCKNIGHT (On Leave), Editor

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1954

The Disturbing Case Of Ernest Steen

SOMETHING should be done about this man. He has a warped mind. Anyone with such a record is dangerous. That was Judge J. Ed Stuke's evaluation of Ernest B. Steen, voted in County Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Two years. One of Steen's companions Walter Budd Dellon got a 30-day road sentence, suspended on condition that he get a move on and not bother Mecklenburgers for at least two years.

Perhaps some of us who are not judges do not appreciate their position. Before they appear each week the flossom of the region, people who are depraved, deranged, men and women who do not have the intelligence to live a normal life, or once-normal men and women whose faculties have been dimmed by the disease of alcoholism, extreme hardship, and mental disorders.

Judge Stukes and some other judges have long and logically argued for a state hospital criminal law. But we could better appreciate their attitude if they were fully utilizing existing community resources for rehabilitating or committing to an institution those who are beyond hope—the people who come before them.

Judge Stukes and some other judges have long and logically argued for a state hospital criminal law. But we could better appreciate their attitude if they were fully utilizing existing community resources for rehabilitating or committing to an institution those who are beyond hope—the people who come before them.

The judges and the social workers ought to get together, and find out who can help each other. And we think that as a first step they should meet in the State Capitol building.

Cool Heads For The Age Of Anxiety

THE alarm clock rang in Raleigh. After months of drowsing, North Carolina was at last moving into action on problems of what some call Dixie's "age of anxiety."

It has been pointed out that a free private school system—denying admission to otherwise qualified Negroes—might be declared unconstitutional. Equally questionable is the proposal that the state pay each family with children the money to finance private education.

Solutions to the problem of integration can be found in honorable solutions. It is the duty of the governor's 19 committee—aided by the Institute of Government study presented Wednesday—to search earnestly for such solutions.

It is hoped that the group will recommend that North Carolina participate in the fall hearings before the Supreme Court. On the basis of these hearings, the court will implement its May 17 decision. The state has too large a stake in the nature of the court's final decree to sit on the sidelines.

'Stand Fast, Men—They're Armed With Marshmallows'

Candidates Focus Attention On The 21 Million Veterans

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY



WASHINGTON ELECTIONS are just around the corner, and the veteran vote is one of the most pervasive. Of the country's total of 20,488,000 veterans of all wars, 448,000 are currently located in North Carolina.

Today, according to estimates of the Veterans Administration, there are nearly 21 million veterans in the country. Some 3,300,000 of these did their fighting in World War I—1,400,000 living veterans have had to still earlier wars—but most of them are veterans of World War II. Of these, some 800,000 are 15,400,000 World War II veterans also fought in Korea.

Back in civilian life, veterans are distributed rather unevenly among the various states. New York, for instance, numbers nearly 10 per cent of all veterans, and its population exceeds 20,000,000.

But even in the more sparsely settled states, veteran constituencies are numerous and proportionally influential.

Veterans of World War I number 3,257,000, of whom 58,000 live in North Carolina, along with 2,000 of the 145,000 living veterans of still earlier wars.

At the close of the expiring session was Senate passage Aug. 11 of several veterans bills, including legislation to increase by 5 per cent the service-connected compensation payments of approximately 2,247,000 dependents.

But when it came to the floor, it was the House that made the veterans bills a major event.

Tradition has it that the Bible's first flood and all the confusion in the Tower of Babel started on Friday. Eve was supposed to have tempted Adam with an apple on Friday.

Friday is proverbially the week's unluckiest day, but when it falls on the 13th, bad luck is believed to be multiplied.

Friday is supposedly the day when the Devil is particularly active, and it is believed that he will tempt man to sin.

In 1931 there were so many northerners at the ball game that the stadium was packed with fans. There were 13 leaves and berries on the olive branch and the eagle's left talon held 13 arrows.

There was this one case though in which a man, when a citizen banded out of bed with such vigor and enthusiasm that he pranged right through an open window. He fell into a well.

There was this one case though in which a man, when a citizen banded out of bed with such vigor and enthusiasm that he pranged right through an open window. He fell into a well.

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.

Foreign Policy Errors Bipartisan

I CAN'T see any justification for our "yapping" at what happened at the Geneva Conference recently, nor can I see what reason there is to accomplish by his general tirade against the Republicans for the U.S. "default" in Indochina.

Study The Issues And Candidates' Views

EDITORS, THE NEWS: VOTERS of this country have a chance this year to show that in a democracy the people can correct their past errors.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

YEARS ago when demagogues used to denigrate it wasn't in fact to anyone around the Senate. In speak Sen. Boies Penrose, the famed boss of Pennsylvania, once fired for saying good morning.

German Property Lobby

ONE backstage factor that helped push roadblocks in the path of the return-the-German-property lobby was a reminder that the German people are owed several million dollars for the return of industrial property after World War I.

M'Carthy's Taunts Left Tydings Cold

WASHINGTON The situation, managed to smile as he recalled, "Oh, not too bad, Joe." McCarthy tapped Cooper a couple more times with his wand, but a friend-beating such a friendly bear.

That Carolina Accent

DURING the Senate debate on censuring McCarthy, Indiana's top-spy Sen. Homer Caperton got so excited defending M'Carthy that he looked as if he were playing baseball.

A BABY'S WORLD

SIX MONTHS OLD and something new every day. Turn over and see the world upside down, flip back and see it right way round. Laugh at the fun of it.

From The Boston Herald

He picked up, tossed, kicked and hugged. See a new face, feel it—nose, hair, eyes. Hear new words, find the cord on the telephone and the shining red surface of a magazine.