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The Minutes Of The Last Meeting

THE dawn of a new year is a time for reflection as well as resolution. It is a time to mend the past's broken images...

The look back reminds us, above all things, to be humble like Godfrey said. Our blunders were honeys—as when we got our hurricanes mixed up...

THE year had hardly started before we were involved up to here in the political wars. Despite our ardent championship, the North Carolina General Assembly fiddled away the opportunity...

Other frustrations: The legislature's refusal to pass a state minimum wage law, reform the much-abused absentee ballot law, grant more home rule...

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FROM THE JACKSON (MISS.) STATE TIMES STOP, THIEF! UNDER the heading, 'Department of Better Moustaches,' the magazine CHALLENGE reports on a new gadget which should offer a sure fire method of catching automobile thieves...

As the thief pulls away from the curb in any car equipped with the device, the light blinks blinking the words 'STOLEN' in three-inch red letters. If he doesn't get caught with that kind of build-up, it sure isn't his fault. But why stop there? Why not a mechanical hand which taps the guy on the shoulder while a tough voice says: 'Say, bud, where do you think you're going in my car?'

Charlotte Sets Pace With A 'Breath-Taking' Coliseum

By ROBERT MCKEE In The Atlanta Journal

FROM NOW ON, the 200,000 people of Charlotte, N. C., and environs can settle back and enjoy indoor sports in the grand manner they have in a new structure they call the Coliseum, ideally designed for basketball, indoor tennis, ice shows and the like.

The Coliseum is breath-taking in its dimensions and appeal to the aesthetic. For the lesser attractions, it provides seats for 10,000, but when something special comes along they can install temporary stands bringing the capacity to 13,000.



'Like A Glass And Tile Football Bowl, Covered Over'

Lights went out as the players entered the arena. A spotlight was playfully taken care of. Ten girl cheerleaders from Myers Park High School took over the cheer for Tech. Another group from Belmont Abbey performed for North Carolina.

Back of the Coliseum is parking space for 3,300 cars. Uniformed ushers have been thoroughly schooled in their jobs. The reserved seats of foam rubber are as comfortable as living room chairs.

ATLANTA PROJECT Paul Buck, the manager imported from St. Louis, is immensely interested in the Alexander Memorial Center (with purposes similar to the Coliseum) being erected by Georgia Tech just north of O'Keefe High School in Atlanta.

MANY PURPOSES Phil Van Every, 42-year-old mayor of Charlotte and a former resident of Atlanta, thinks Charlotte is fated for years to come with its new Coliseum. 'It will serve many purposes,' he explained. 'We can now handle conventions, and all sorts of showings and displays.'

All Right, Men—Wipe It Off



New Targets

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Long, Hard Looks At Ike's Team

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

HERE are my predictions for the year 1956. In Europe—Konrad Adenauer, the grand old man of West Germany, will step down during the year and be replaced by Fritz Schaefer, who will be the strong man Adenauer is. Schaefer will begin talks with the East German Communists and Russia to unite Germany, whether we like it or not.

Eden Will Resign Sir Anthony Eden, whose health it worse than the public realizes, will take a much less active part in the British government. The chief duties of Prime Minister will be performed by R. A. Butler, and by late 1956 or early 1957 Eden will resign.

Red China's Chances In the Far East—Red China will not be admitted to the United Nations this year. U. N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge has secured the backing of enough friendly U. N. members to guarantee this until after the November elections. Lodge has reported that he can hold the fort until after elections so as not to embarrass Dulles and the President by attacks from Sen. Knowland and right-wing Republicans. After November, however, I predict Red China will be admitted to the U. N. probably in early 1957.

Fighting In Asia Next spring and summer, Red China and the civil rights agitators, attacked Quemoy and Matsu—unless John Foster Dulles agrees to meet with Premier Chou En-lai, which is unlikely. Given the attack, the Matus will not be captured by the Chinese. This will bring demands for war. I predict Eisenhower will not be drawn into war.

Business for '56—Business during the first part of 1956 will boom. But toward the middle of the year, auto sales will fall off and home-building will slump. There will be a depression in the depression years and these babies, now 23 and 24, now getting married, buy fewer homes. So a slump is due for the midyear.

Tax Relief Taxes, Etc.—Congress I predict will vote a very modest tax relief for low-income groups only, a modest amendment to the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, some federal relief for coal-mines and textiles areas, a civil rights compromise abolishing the poll tax but with no FEPC; big increases for health, particularly heart and cancer research, more public housing and slum clearance.

Ike Will Not Run Presidential Race—In midwinter President Eisenhower will announce that he will not run next year. This will touch off a mad scramble inside the Republican Party, and a vigorous attempt to draft Chief Justice Warren, who, however, will not be drafted. In the end, a dark horse will get the nomination.

Adlai's In On the Democratic side, Adlai Stevenson will get the nomination; but Harry Truman, once bitten against Sen. Kefauver, this time will throw his weight to Kefauver for vice president. A Stevenson-Kefauver ticket will go to the polls in November.

No War Peace or War—Khrushchev and Bulganin will continue their travels, and visit England, France and Italy in '56, winning a certain number of new friends. U. S. relations with the Soviet Union will settle down to a long-drawn-out competition of trade, technical aid, political ideas, propaganda and a little bit of espionage. Some progress will be made toward banning atomic-hydrogen weapons along the lines suggested by the Pope. There will be no war.

People's Platform

Roadmap Needed For Intersection

Charlotte Editors, The News: I WISH to commend the city fathers on their forethought and planning in establishing such a wonderful traffic facility such as our new cross town boulevard. I think this is one of the finest improvements Charlotte has ever made. I am a city salesman and I travel our streets daily. The new boulevard has been of infinite aid to me since its opening and it undoubtedly has been of more than any other in the Queen City.

However, there are certain occasions when I find that the marking systems are not completely coherent for traffic directions. For instance, once, I was driving west on Morehead St. and tried for half an hour to find the way you're supposed to go to get on Independence heading west. Then another occasion I was driving east on Independence and wanted to turn east into Morehead. I haven't found that way, either. Still later, I was driving north on South Boulevard and the doglegs signs don't tell you how you can cross over to West Independence. The same thing is true if you happen to be heading east on Independence and want to turn into South Boulevard.

Now, I'm just a country boy who has to do a little bit of driving and I'm sure that those turns must be there somewhere. Highway planners just don't go around building multi-million dollar intersections that prevent you from using the roads, so I think the markings must be in the directional markings. Won't you please help us out by publishing a road map of this intersection at Christmas Tree Corner?

FURMAN MELTON P. S. In case these turns aren't there after all, didn't someone waste a whole lot of the taxpayers' money?

Would some member of your race fully explain the meaning of pure race?

We consider ourselves just as good as you are. There is no race superior over the other.

Please get one thing off your mind. I don't care about the color of your people. That's not what we want to associate with. We want the same opportunities that you have.

A white boy or girl can stop school in the ninth grade and get a job as a clerk or receptionist but a Negro girl or boy has to be a college graduate to even do the smallest job. Why is that? He or she has the same qualifications. The reason is that the white thinks they are more superior.

We all should get down on our knees and pray. Then, we wouldn't be ashamed or afraid of each other.

— MARK E. SHIVERS

An Endorsement For Bible Week

Charlotte Editors, The News: AS MINISTER of one of the rural churches of Mecklenburg County I wish to give my approval of the plan proposed by the Volunteer Fire Department to designate Jan. 17 Bible Reading Week. The Thomashorn Presbyterian Church has been challenged to read the Bible through in 1956. We welcome all the citizens of our city to such a plan. We are reminded

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