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Mecklenburg's Few Served The Many

OUT OF A sense of duty and responsibility, a microscopic minority of Mecklenburg's population has gone to the polls and insured the majority's educational well being for a few more years.

Despite the overwhelming approval of a \$5 million bond issue and a \$280,000 debt transfer, it was a thoroughly shameful demonstration of apathy.

The county boasts 95,662 registered voters. Less than 9,000 apparently bothered to exercise their franchise.

Yet the matters at stake were of the utmost importance to the future of the community and its children. New classrooms are needed and needed desperately.

As for the nine out of every ten voters who stayed home, they can go stand in the corner of their own burning consciences.

Charlotte Should Complete The Chore

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The crossline represents significant progress. It will untie Charlotte's east side, eliminating Columbia Division trains from tracks crossing 17 city streets.

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What was done was important. But it was on a down payment. Actually voters authorized the issuance of up to \$5 million for immediate needs. In addition, the transfer to the county of an old \$280,000 city bond debt was authorized, enabling the county to raise its own bond debt limit by some \$20 million. But individual votes will still have to be held on the issuance of any of these future bonds.

Charlotte and Mecklenburg cannot lean back with a sigh and consider all of its school building problems solved. They are not solved. A palliative has been provided. But populations do not hold steady, schools do not last forever, needs do not stand still.

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Peaceful application of atomic energy is going to make some sweeping changes in the future, an industrialist points out. But not as big a change, well bet, as the other kind of use would.—NEW ORLEANS STATES.

Anti-Truman Reaction Gave South Veto On Racial Laws

By WALTER LIPPMANN

ALTHOUGH A group of northern senators attempted to limit the right to filibuster—the right, that is to say, of unlimited debate in order to prevent a vote on a bill—it would have been a spectacular surprise if the Senate had voted to amend its own rules.

The amendment would have required not only a big majority of the senators, but also a two-thirds vote in a mood to fight for the amendment to the bitter end and at the risk of stalling all the other business of the Senate.

It is interesting to note the history of the filibuster. As summarized by Mr. Irving Brant, the brother of President Monroe, the right to filibuster did not exist in the early days of the Republic.

TALK UNLIMITED

The interesting and significant fact is that in 1949 the Senate amended its rules in favor of the filibuster, and to make it virtually impossible to limit debate. It adopted the famous Rule XXII, which some of the northern senators are now trying to amend.



HARRY S. TRUMAN

It Happened In '49

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that when the President tells Congress that a state of war exists or that a state of war should be declared, Congress then has the power to legalize the waging of war.

BLANK CHECK

The Eisenhower procedure is to ask Congress to underwrite in advance, even if it means war, the moves the President may decide legal and economic discrimination is one of the most impressive phenomena of our era.

After Many A Steamy Safari, The Hunter Seeks His Sable

By ROBERT C. RUARK

SINGIDA, Tanganyika. I AM HERE just up from Tabora, a God-blessed section of Tanganyika which is notable for three things.

The kudus, with his enormous antlers and trees for camouflage, stalk this gorgeous but until you have an easy shot from a steady rest on a thorn tree at 50 yards, using the trustiest 30-06 that Mister Remington ever made, and miss him.

He ambles away, and you stalk up to him again, and miss him again. Then he ambles a far piece down the pike, and you have another look at him and hear the bullet hit and he is away.

"One down," I said to Harry Selby, who has well-nursed me for years. "Let's go collect the kudu and from that point on you can call me a bird-watcher."

A MILLION ZEBRAS. These particular animals are a big-game hunter's cognac with the coffee. You come out, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, for the first time, and it is all so new and wonderful. You see a million head of zebra and wilderbeest on one day on the Serengeti Plains.

You see 50 lions a day, and you see all the elephants, giraffes, monkeys, baboons, porcupines, leopards and rhino and you go a little gun-happy. You shoot out your license on the common herd and if you're lucky, you get a leopard, leopards being rather scarce at a given time.

The next time you specialize. Maybe you want the biggest bull elephant that ever wrenched a five shamba—big, toothwise, that is. A big elephant goes 75 pounds per tank. A shorthorn bull is 60. A real big one is a 100-pounder and up.

GET A TIGER. Having collected your common stuff, enough zebra hides, the only

A Nice Wall Ornament

People's Platform

Ike Repudiating Campaign Stand

Editorial: The New York EDITORIAL captioned "Ike's Doctrine: A Bone For The Wolf" is puzzling to me. I do not know whether you intend to be serious or facetious.

Now, let's try to be factual and honest, at least as far as we know and can, for the outcome may be most serious. The President's new "doctrine" is, to me, a repudiation completely of what he said as to the respect that should be accorded national sovereignty and the right of self-determination on the part of all countries.

It is the sovereignty of Egypt that is respected when the French and English were trying to recover their property, the Suez Canal, it has to be respected now or his contention that we can have one standard for our foes and another for our friends is just so much hogwash and absurdity.

Democrats Protest Ballyhoo By Dulles

WASHINGTON. White House conferences with congressional leaders have changed since the days of Roosevelt and Truman. During their 20-year period conferences seldom lasted longer than an hour, during which the President himself did most of the talking.

Today these conferences have become grim seminars in American government, lasting half a day, sometimes longer.

When Congressional leaders were ushered into the White House on New Year's Day they winced when they saw four Cabinet members, four bureau chiefs and the vice president lined up as members of the "Eisenhower faculty" to lecture them.

Light Note. Throughout the long, four-hour, closed-door session there was only one light

Question Avoided

"Do you agree with that, Mr. President?" asked Sen. Smith of New Jersey. The President hesitated, tossed the whole matter off with a laugh.

Rule Battle. Democratic leader Lyndon Johnson interrupted to explain that they wouldn't be able to take it up immediately because of the Senate fight rule 22. He said that he "didn't know anything about the rule battle."

McCormack suggested they make Feb. 1 the target date for completing action on the President's program. Dulles cleared his throat, was about to say something, but the President quickly blurted: "That is agreeable to me."

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