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# The Shock Waves Spread To Charlotte

THERE is a grim lesson for Charlot-teans in the tragedy that made a blazing funeral pyre of a Missouri old folks home Sunday. It brought our own recent controversy over safety regulations for nursing homes and institutions for the aged into cruel

There was wholesale grumbling here in 1955 when a public clamor arose to demand and the state law of the sta

lotte cannot rest easy until complete compliance is effected.

Editorials like this one may not help much. Words wear thin. A community must be shocked find awareness of a problem—as when lightling testill.

During the recent controversy there was a lot of talk about "legal responsibility" and "minimum requirements." The talk rings a little hollow today in the wake of the Missouri disaster.

The central issue lies somewhere else. It lies in maximum efforts to promote the welfare and safety of untilds receiving institutional care.

The legal responsibility is somehow less important than the moral responsibility ose that every effort is exerted to protect these unfortunate people.

# Shyness Ruins Grandiloquent Gestures

CEORGIA legislators seem surprisingly six of the nine justices of the U. S. Supreme Coart.

A move to sack all nine would have a similar chance of success, an equal amount of logic, and much more of the audacity southerners expect from the state which had two governors at one time.

time.

Six justices of course, do represent a majority. And since Georgia has fully as much hope of selecting six new justices as of impeaching six incumbents, this would at least suggest that a certain forlorn strategy underlies the legislators resolution.

resolution.

But the resolution makes no mention of the court's desegregation decision, the reversal of which would be that strategy's

While seeking impeachment of retiring Justice Stanley E. Reed, the legislators don't mention three other justices who have a few votes left in them. Presumably they are to be let off with a warning. But it hardly seems fair.

If Justices Black, Douglas and Reed, by having opinions in a case before them in 1943, committed "high crimes and misdemeanors," are not all, the other justices guilty of associating with "high criminals?" Certain it is that they all have had opinions from time to time. And, as everyhody knows, all the justices dress exactly alike and keep to themselves a great deal.

Besides Jacking the all-condemning touch of a really grandloquent empty gesture, the Georgians' resolution seems to overlook a small technicality.

Justices Black, Douglas and Reed had their wrong opinion Is years ago.

The statue of limitations probably has already run out.

## Artistic Rhubarbs Are Naughty But Nice

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THE most refreshing, thing about the
esthetic free-for-all raging in Chapel Hill over the architecture of the new
art building is that it is indeed a free-forall—fought with enormous conviction and
elaborate zeal.

Too often, when universities and artists
become solvent they lose their old cussedness and vitality and become merely citadels of civility. This will never do. It
stifles expression and free expression is
what makes great art, whether it be in
architecture or pot-making.

We reject Jacques Barzun's theory—
that art exists solely out of the impartial
benevolence of the world's assorted Babbitts. "Has it ever occurred to you," he
says, "that the very things you're interested in—art schence, new ideal of any
interest in the commodity and
lack of interest in what it's about? Leave
it to the philosophers and artists, and
each fanatical sect will suppress all the
rest on the grounds of principle. Your
trader is your only impartial man."

re Naughty But Nice

Impartiality can't save bad art nor can it do much to help good art. A nice soulsatisfying rumpus can at least flush some of the badness out into the open where it can be recognized and condemned. Conflict cannot hurt architecture, either. Most of the world's great architects —Sullivan, Wright. Le Corbusier, van der Rohe—thrived on it.

The only touch of irony in the Chapel Hill rhubarb is the fact that it is being conducted amid probably the greatest collection of architectural monstrosities this side of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893.

No amount of ex post facto lamentation can standardize a campus which is already an amiable hodge-podge of many architectural modes. But there is virtue in almost any attempt to avoid ferefher clashings of style. If the new art building must be Georgian let is be good Georgian But, let's at least try to have the control of the people and paraphermalia that will occupy it. Anything less is dishonest.

# How Now, Brown Congressional Cow?

THE niche in history of Sen. Norris only U. S. politician to compare Congress to a cow.

"As a boy, I was amazed and impressed by a lecture on the internal mechanism of the dairy cow," he said last week. "I regarded Boss with a new respect as a complex machine—a milk factory on legs. She has four stomachs—one true stomach, three for storage. In one day she can cram 150 pounds of wet grass with other compartments. Then she retires to a in the produced more moo than milk.

### ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME

he planner have done their work, but they overlooked a few details would make the man of the house by feel at home at his breakfast table on the bus. Where's the wife in secat and bobby pins sleepily show-qut the scambled eggs. Where's or deznanding a quarter for school

AS AMERICAN city dwellers move to the stubules, the American home seems to be moving into the busses. If much of the nation is going to spend hours every week riding busses to and from work, then the thing to do is to make it possible for people to feel right at home on the bus.

Out in Chicago they are making real progress. A new "dream bus" that hauls commuters 31 miles from subruban Park Forest into the city is now equipped with the luxuries of home. The floor is carpeted, the walls are papered, and the windows have draw draperies.

Orange pluice and hot offere are served to the passengers while they ride—and so businessame will feel perfectly at home over their breakfast coffee. As a finishing touch, two electric razors are available for the men who didn't get up in time to shave and catch the bus as well.

The planners have done their work

"New Crop Of Colleges Is Needed," declares headline. But of course it'll take 'em a little time first to line up football teams.—Greensbord Daily News.

Pome In Which Is Contained Further Reference To Victims Of Alopecia: If your hair is more than sparse They will say you're bald, of carse. —ATLANTA JOURNAL.

# People's 'Social Promotion' Frustrates Kids And Teachers



The Ultimate Monopoly

# Siberian Bigdomes At Work

By JOSEPH ALSOP

### STATE BUDGET

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# Heart Disease Must Go The Way Of Polio

# One-Shot 'Mama' On Safari Fears Everything But Ants

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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### Simulated Attack

### Day And Night

cate early warning systems, the most important—to detect the ICBM—not yet finished.

around the U.S., men are doing the same thing, night end day, it's a tedious, menticulous job, but it has to be done.

### Watching Planes

### Ready To Jump

# Marking Locations