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Bell Will Put Statecraft Above Politics

THE Democratic Party has won a major victory for itself and for the citizens of Mecklenburg County. Spencer Bell is superbly equipped to represent Mecklenburg in the state Senate. He was the clear choice of an executive committee fairly and accurately reputed to be the pliable tool of a factional leader.

Senate—for here is a man capable of putting statecraft above politics. Often isolated and distrusted by its rural rivals, Mecklenburg desperately needs this kind of representation in Raleigh. Without it, the county's stepchild status will be made permanent. With it, there is still hope that metropolitan interests will get a fair shake in an assembly dominated by the agricultural east.

Thurmond Chatham: Man Of Courage

DURING the eight years he ably served the Fifth District in Congress, Thurmond Chatham voted on hundreds of significant measures. He will be remembered best, however, for the vote he refused to cast for the so-called Southern Manifesto. That is just as well.

Whether or not history proves him right—and odds are that it will—Thurmond Chatham met the major test of a democratic leader. That was to vote his studied conviction on a crucial issue in a time of popular passion. There was room for conviction on both sides of the issue, of course. But Mr. Chatham was not fortunate enough to share the convictions of his constituency.

A Blooper In The Grand Tradition

THAT glow in the eastern sky is from Associate Justice William B. Rodman's blushing brow. Amid the elaborate formality of this week's inaugural ceremonies, he swore in Insurance Commissioner Charles F. Gold as "commissioner of revenue." The embarrassment was monumental. It need not have been. An inaugural without a blooper would have been the exception.

George Washington had all but started to raise his right hand when a frantic messenger turned up with the Good Book. He had found it in a downtown tavern. The whole trouble is that "plain-as-an-old-shoe" Americans are simply unused to such superfluous pomp and pose. In the midst of medieval magnificence, they just naturally choke up.

Are The Billboard Tilters Quixotic?

I think that I shall never see, A billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all. —ODDEN NASH

new interstate highway system to be built soon. His plan is disarmingly simple but it would add greatly to the cost of road-building. He would permit the federal government to reimburse the states for buying advertising rights on private property within 500 feet of the public highway.

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rible world war for which we are still paying through the nose. Almost 3,000 of our boys were slaughtered at Pearl Harbor on that fatal day. My youngest son was killed and managed to escape being killed by a miracle. Before I buy any article in any store, I ask if it was made in America, and go further than that. I demand to be shown that it was made in America. If the majority of Americans would follow this rule, our merchants would refuse to handle this stuff, which is usually of an inferior grade anyway. Many American capitalists who have large investments in those foreign countries are dead set for more foreign aid for those countries and it seems our Congress too often falls for their line. But to me, this is America, the land of the free, and if we are going to keep it a free country we've got to knuckle down and patronize our own free American industry and quit listening to the "Gimmie Boys" who care nothing for our already overburdened taxpayers here at home and prefer to employ cheap labor in foreign countries and put out of business our American manufacturers here at home and deprive our American workers of their rights to employment at living wages.

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People's Platform

Editors, The News: WITH ALL this talk for and against annexation, there is one thing I would like an answer to. I live barely within the city limits, and last year I paid city taxes about \$100, which I understand I get police and fire protection, city water and garbage collection. For some reason, city sewerage was not available to me and my neighbors except at a prohibitive cost, so we have septic tanks.

I didn't mind paying the above city tax, for I am proud to live in the city of Charlotte. However, I also paid county taxes of about \$50. This I don't understand. It is my understanding that this money is used to build schools for the people in the county, to furnish them with school buses to take their children to school while our children have to walk varying distances through city traffic or get there the best way they can, to pay for a county police force and equipment to protect the people in the county only, to pay for a health department for the county people, and to pay for a county court house and the various salaries involved; all this and possibly other things I have not mentioned.

Why do we people in the city have to pay this money to the county? —WAYNE HOWE

Don't Fix Election For City Projection

Editors, The News: THE city fathers said, "We've got to show why the Queen of Tarheelia has to grow. At town hall meetings we'll tell why she must expand or wither and die." But that's not the way we represent, we work and labor to make content.

People who live on our skirts, their duty to us they plainly shirk. Of course, they spend their money on us, but that's not enough we've found. An outstanding debt has been made, we propose upon them taxes to be laid. If you city people lend your vote, our suburban cousins will have no hope.

With your support we'll take them in, show how unreasonable they have been. Come you citizens, get together and let these people back City Hall. Summed up above for your sake, this grandiose plan that they make.

Various reasons that oppose plain to my proposal. Here below I'll list for you the obvious ones, just a few. If the city enlarges its diameter they also increase its perimeter. If I have read their story right, this only adds to their sorry plight.

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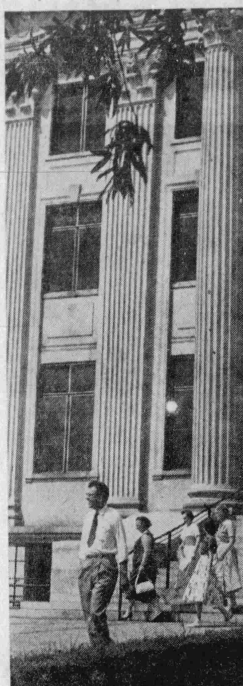
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Why Should City Residents Foot County Bills?



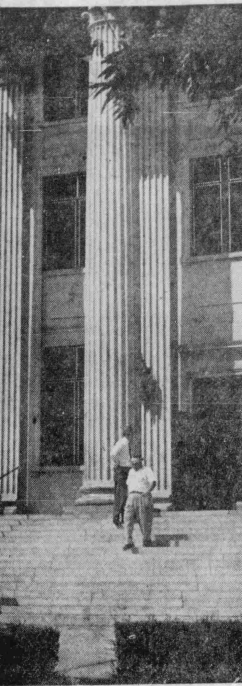
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a citizen who is neither "white, black nor red." Therefore, what we have or see down there is "definitely an inferior human product." I reject the conclusion, in the interest of good and sound logic, as irrelevant and totally unlinked to the truths or facts implied in the premises: "Is but a freak of an imaginative intellect, a mockery of the syllogism, and an act of violence against the rule of Aristotelian logic."

Without doubt the only conclusion that can be inferred from the two premises, is this: "The southern half of the Western Hemisphere" has a peculiar citizen who is neither "white, black nor red." One of the rules of a logical argument, and Mr. Hester's had such an intention in form is that you are not allowed to affirm or deny in the conclusion any truth not implied or stated in the premises. But the question of inferiority is entirely absent in the propositions, either by suggestion or direct statement, as they are contained in the premises. Therefore, to affirm such a truth as "inferior human product" in the conclusion is "deceptive and arbitrary, and the argument in effect is neither valid nor conclusive."

The science of anthropology, I believe, has for sometime now discredited as unscientific the theory which assumes the superiority or inferiority of a people or race to another within the same species, on the basis of color and physical similarities and dissimilarities. However much learned and pronounced Mr. Hester's views on this subject, nevertheless, I must consider and I do so dismiss the one about the people south of us being "an inferior human product," as unreliable and, at best, theoretical and tentative.

It is unfortunate that he should insist on integration which to me is simply a just decree of the Supreme Court concerning constitutional rights as a "one-on-one" method. What's more, I think it an arrogant presumption to suggest that this so-called doctrine, theoretical, is based by those churches of the North," and that its practice Mr. Hester should condemn as a "misapprehension of the teachings of the Old and New Testament alike." Of course the impropriety of his charges rests not so much on the equivocal nature of their meaning as it is in the fact that a man much advanced in life should still tangle with absurdities! But if integration is the doctrine that he says it is, and its source or origin is identified with particular churches, and if its orderly prac-



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ice is contrary to biblical teachings, why it must have a religious cast about it then. I agree it is a doctrine and is religious in substance. And not because any other reason than that the nature of justice and right is religious—there is integration, and is not misintegration as Mr. Hester would have us believe!

On being reminded that, "while the South slept, tares (from this foul creed) have been planted in its fields," I was overcome with horror. And I suggest that Mr. Hester and I ought to purge these heretics of their damning heresy, and urge them for their souls sake to return to orthodoxy. Furthermore, I propose that a court of inquisition be set up and bring these churches of the North, who espouse this doctrine, and who were responsible for planting those bad seeds in the fields, before a specially elected ecclesiastical headed by him, and to be tried and allowed to recant their erring beliefs! If this recourse should end in failure, why, let Satan and his hellish fire consume them to everlasting perdition!

To aspire to true Christian humanism ought to be a greater concern of man than anything else. Since I profess to imitate the spirit of its philosophy and its peculiar love for the truth, I instinctively felt it of great moment to inquire into the truths of Mr. Hester's arguments. I think that where an error of judgment or a mistake of fact about a vital issue emerges and tends to disrupt the public mind, it is a specific mandate of a private citizen to meet and confound the source of error; and thus crush the foe before it destroys the tranquility of the community. The philosophy of Christian humanism is taught and practiced at Belmont Abbey College, and I am happy to say I studied there. —M. U. PALOMO

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found myself on the spot. One day I got plenty mad and left the camp. We should take care of our veterans and other more unfortunate people here at home before we hand out billions to foreign nations to build big casinos and gambling houses to "gyp" American tourists, who just have to go to Europe to waste their money. From what I saw of Europe in 1918-19, the Indians can have it. And I'm willing to throw in Los Angeles, Calif. Have just returned from there, and I trust I shall never have to go there again. I heard more foreign languages spoken there than I have heard for years.

I'm proud that I'm an American, and shall always try to be a good one. And I certainly will never spend a nickel for any foreign-made article as long as I live. —BILL WILLIAMSON SR. Editor's Note: Mr. Williamson is a former Charlottean.

Saudi Arabia's A Strange Ally

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An alliance between two countries presupposes some measure of common ideas and actions, if not in matters of internal affairs, then at least in international affairs. Let us look at Saudi's record. The journal "Chronicle of the United Nations" reported that during the U. N. tenth General Assembly, on motions sponsored or approved by the United States, Saudi's U. N. delegates voted in agreement only in 23 per cent of the U. N. motions, disagreed partly in 44 per cent and disagreed and voted no in 32.4 per cent. This is a strange "ally."

Contrast this record, as reported in the same journal, with Saudi's record on Russian-sponsored or approved resolutions. Saudi agreed with 61.2 per cent of these cases and expressed disagreement with only 42 per cent. If Mr. Dulles can persuade our allies to correct this incongruous state of affairs, the King's trip might yet be worth the millions it will cost us. —D. EMIS

Century's Greatest Revival Approaches

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Secretary Dulles, defending the Middle Eastern policies, predicted that history will judge them as honorable and sound.

According to the prophet Ezekiel, we cannot expect peace through a settlement of the differences between communism and the free democracies. We should beware of any peace move by Russia, Communist China and North Korea. Russia, the greatest anti-God and anti-Christ nation on earth, at all times, seemed to be borrowing the technique from the anti-Christ which Daniel 8:25 says, "by peace" he shall destroy many. Regardless of the sincerity or subtlety of the present Russian leaders, God will have a hand in bringing about the downfall of Russia and communism and it will come in His way and time.

Whatever moves Russia may make for advantage, and whatever the United Nations may do to keep Russia from her objectives, God will bring this struggle to a climax in an invasion of Israel, and God will cause all nations and Israel to know and acknowledge that this is God's judgment on this godless nation and her allies. —WARREN W. WOODS

THE YEAR THE TREE FELL

PEOPLE who live in rural North Carolina don't have a diary to tell them how and where to place tidbits of local history. A certain house is 21 years old because the house was built the summer the big oak tree fell in Mrs. Green's yard and that was the year Landon was running against Roosevelt, and because of the tree's toppling over, the Greens couldn't get the election returns on the radio. When did Lucy Brown get married? Let's see, now. It must be about 30 years. It was the year that Davis bought the bull all the way from Wisconsin and that was the same year Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs. So it must have been in 1927. People will not soon forget the first time an airplane came to the ground and took passengers to ride over

town. That was the year the volunteer fire department went to Atlantic City and that was two crops after the first big war in Europe so it must have been in 1920. This is not only an accurate way to index local history, but it is a charming way, also. It seemed that this way of pigeon-holing local facts of note was to be found only on the rural scene. But no, Harry Golden, the erudite editor-immigrant from New York's East Side to Charlotte says that city dwellers do the same thing sometime, that he measured certain events as occurring during the year he heard Caruso sing, or during the year when some notable died. Any man's calendar anywhere is composed not merely of dates but of memories. And memories fix events not only on dates but in our lives.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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