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TV Teaching? A City Rightly Wonders

certain functions heretofore performed by teachers.

The exact role of television has not yet been fully determined. Discovering this role is the job of Charlotte and other interested communities. But this we do know: Television is a powerful means of communication of sight and sound and it has already made an enormous impact on the nation's common cultural climate.

THOMAS A. Edison used to say the shortest route to the intelligence runs over the optic nerve.

The lesson was not wasted on Charlotte's City School Board yesterday. In a moment of swelling enthusiasm, board members voted to send a task force of local teachers to Hagerstown, Md, to study that city's vast experiment in educational television.

It was a commendable 'decision, illustrative of Charlotte's enlightened interest in television as a potentially powerful teaching tool.

That interest should be encouraged for several reasons. For one thing, the numbers to be educated in 'this community and elsewhere will continue to grave in the years ahead and educational programs must expand in quantity and disable the should be should be continued to grave in the years should be encouraged for several reasons. For one thing, the numbers to be educated in 'this community and elsewhere will continue to grave in the years should be encouraged for several reasons. For one thing, the numbers to be educated in 'this community and elsewhere will continue to grave in the years should be encouraged for several reasons. For one thing, the numbers to be educated in 'this community and elsewhere will continue to grave the years are and the properties of the properties o

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The point is well taken.
Television's potential as a teaching tool is promising. Equally promising is the City School Board's determination to size up that potential swiftly and intelligently.

Growing Charlotte's New Chief Tailor

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FOR a soft-spoken man, George E. Wilfkinson said a meaningful mouthful
following his election to succeed Spencer
Bell as chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

Our congratulations to Mr. Wilkinson
and the commission also are meant to be
meaningful. The community is fortunjate to have a man of Mr. Wilkinson's
strong purpose and ability to serve as
tailor-in-chief of its burgeoning dimensions. The task of effective city planning
requires, above all, purpose and ability.

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chairman? Some of them are evident in
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growing. If we don't work out someching we'll wake up one day and find
we don't have park facilities in many
areas and can't get them."

"We are going to be concerned with
planning of boulevards and thoroughfares. We face a danger from small,
crowded streets and we must not let
them strangle us."

Mr. Wilkinson talks like the kind of
planning commission chairman the com-

munity needs, with a satisfactory resemblance to the effective chairman it had in Spencer Bell.

Certainly in his statements he has enunciated two imperative goals of wholesome growth—the provision of means for urban residents to play and to move about with ease and safety. The necessity of achieving those facilities in the Charlotte-that-is-to-be is nowhere more apparent than in the Charlotte-that-is.

more apparent than in use that is.

There is only one time in the growth of an area when adequate streets and playgrounds can be provided economically. That time is the beginning, before homes are built where a playground should have been or an industry rises on what was the best route for a boulevard.

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The beginnings of a new metropolitan area already are well underway in Meck-lenburg. Planners can make their great-est contribution toward orderly, econom-ic growth now.

The planning commission must con-tinue to realize and to act its indispen-sable role in shaping growth to the needs and best interests of Mecklenburg cettizens.

'Political' Governor Gets No Thanks

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A group of local teachers is rather disdainful of a new ally in their fight for higher pay hikes than Gov. Hodges and the Advisory Budget Commission originally recommended.

That ally, Gov. Hodges himself, they deem too "political" to be praised for reversing his first recommendation and moving closer to the teachers' demand. Therefore, the governor was deprived of a note of thanks on a day when such might have been soothing salve to the wounds of public embarrassment.

But these teachers are right. The governor made a "political" decision. As a matter of fact, he made a "political" decision largely as the result of "political" pressures brought to bear by the teach-

ers, parents and press of North Carolina—but primarily, bless them, by the teachers themselves.

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The background of the decision was this: The governor believed a 9.1 percent increase was all the state could wisely pay. It became apparent that the public and the General Assembly disagreed with him. He decided to do the "political" thing and yield to the majority opinion.

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Somehow, we rather admire politicians who openly forsake untenable positions, and think perhaps that a bit of praise is not bad etiquette—or bad politics.

WHAT'S OUR STATE REALLY LIKE?

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picture of the state, we suggest that you
read "North Carolina" by Ovid Williams
Pierce in the February issue of Holdary
magazine. Mr. Pierce is a native of Weldon and grew up loving North Carolina.
He went away for a while to teach in
New Orleans and in Texas. Now he has
come home again to teach creative writing at Eastern Carolina College in Greenville.

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People's Heating Installation Code: Mecklenburg 'Must'

Editors, The News:

I FEEL that it is high time to say my piece about the residential heating installations that are being done in Charlotte and Mecklenburg by a bunch of jack-leg gyp artists who call themselves heating contractors—yea—engineers.

ties and the cost or mass as the bas a friend who can buy bird baths wholesale.

And he doesn't even k no w whether there is a furnace in his time some cod, gray dawn and there isn't enough heat in the joint to warm a huld-ancer, or else he wakens to the sound of a fire alarm, grabs his pants, wondering which poor, unfortunate neighbor is having a fire, only to discover from the screening children that make the state of the screening children that make the screening children that the screening childre

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'We're Still Wrestling With It'

we might ask what is the fundamental principle and basic motive of nationalism and give the only answer: Self interest is economic. The creator left in the human heart and mind the motive to eat in the sweat of the other hands are supposed. The secondary of the secondary of the units of which it is composed. Analysis of the secalled Eisenhower doctrine shows that its motive and purposes is all the secondary of the secondary of

Care For The Goose And The Golden Egg

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What the cour government to explain all the unemployment in our land.
We have all noted government statements that we have so many millions employed loday. Yet you ing mentioned about so many of our people being out of work. Yet we have those who approve of giving jobs to others while our my people go without jobs. The question of the proposed proposed in the proposed proposed in the proposed proposed in the proposed proposed



KÄTHARINE HEPBURN

Film Comedies Are Unfunnier Than Ever

Editors, The News:

WAS recently lured to motion pictures on the pretext of seeing entertainment classified as comedy. One film was a Bob Hone-Katie Hepburn fiasco about the Iron Curtain, but the most recent happened to be a holium was called "rollicking comedy" by a local scribe.

Certainly none of the so-called rib breakers would dare stand comparison with "The Philadelphia Story," "Arsenic and Olazee," "My Man Godfrey," "Ills Gif Friday" or even an earlier Hepburn film, "Woman of the Year." Evidently Hollywood has lost the Capra or Preston Sturges toach.

If "Oh Men. Oh Women!" is really funny, then the next time I read a review of a comedy play-ing in one of the local movie pal-aces, I'll stay home and have a ball laughing over my income tax returns for April.

— DAVID M. ALEXANDER

Where Was Janitor When Saloon Burned?

Editors. The News:

HAVE been taking your paper
for years, by carrier boy, and
I sure do enjoy reading it, especially the editorials and People's
Platform.

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In your issue of March 1 there was a letter from Mrs. Mayme Barger, relative to the liquor business, and she said that a certain minister got down on his knees and prayed that a certain liquor place be destroyed and while he was praying the place was burned.

was burned.

I would like to ask Mrs. Barger, where the church janitor was at this time? Lincoln County is a legally dry county and of course everyone in North Carolina knows what has happened to the blackwash of the last four months, and there as till plenty of them here yet.

The solution of the liquor prohem is like Mecklenburg and other counties that have ABC stores. Then another fellow comes up in People's Platform and says in People's Platform and says in People's Medical County of the North Cou

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE State Department WASHINGTON
If from the record released to the
press, but Ambassador Henry Byroade
admitted to senators recently that he
never heard of one of America's best
friends in the Middle East, Prime Minister Bourguiba of Tunisia.

Supposed To Know

Byroade was formerly assistant sec-retary of state in charge of Middle East-ern affairs, then ambassador to Egypt. He is supposed to know everything about the Middle East, and for that reason, was flown from his new post in South Africa lations - Armad Services Committee on President Eisenhower's Middle East doc-trine.

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Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Minnesota
Demorat, a ske d the question about
Prime Minister Bourguba, But Byroade
didn't know who he was.
"You were assistant secretary of
state for Near Eastern, South Asian, and
African affairs, were you not," asked
Humphrey incredulously.
"Yes sir," said Byroade.
"You mean to tell this committee
you don't know of Prime Minister Bourguba?" snapped the senator.

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Under The Table

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Byroade acknowledged that he not heard of Bourguba.

"I cannot understand it," Humphrey are shook his head, "He's is one of the most prominent leaders and one of this counter.