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Let's Keep Summerville As Coroner

THERE is a faint but exceedingly welcome lack of finality in Coroner W. M. Summerville's announcement of his plans not to run for reelection to his post.

If we can't get a worthy replacement, Mr. Summerville told the News, "I won't take my shoes off and walk out. My only reason for running (in the past) is that I would hate for Mecklenburg not to have a pathologist as coroner. We would hate it too, and so we think would law enforcement officers, the courts, County Commissioners and others conscious of Dr. Summerville's great contributions to the community."

Perhaps it is unfair to the doctor to urge that he remain in a post which he is beginning to find a "physical and financial liability." Yet, in the best interest of the community, we do urge him to remain and hope that the County Commissioners will do likewise.

The possibility of finding a replacement of Dr. Summerville's caliber is slim. Wearing the three hats of coroner, medical examiner and pathologist, he is, in effect, a triple threat against the ever-present possibility of undetected murder. When Shakespeare said "murder will out" he did not conceive of the

myriad ways that have been found to commit the act.

In some North Carolina counties even fairly obvious murder has gone undetected because of inept and untrained coroners. A coroner in Wilmington many years ago described as natural the death of a woman who, when her body later was exhumed, was found to have died of a bullet in the back. One of four husbands dispatched by the notorious Grandpa Doss was a North Carolinian, but his murder belatedly was discovered because of the suspicions of relatives—not because the coroner detected foul play at the time of his death. These cases and others, like them, finally spurred the North Carolina General Assembly to a halfhearted effort to remedy the defects of the coroner system.

By virtue of the versatile talents of Dr. Summerville, however, Mecklenburg has been in the enviable position of having a coroner system that works exceptionally well.

The county should not part with those talents willingly. The doctor is an integral part of the effectiveness of law enforcement in Mecklenburg. His departure from the coroner's post would be a serious loss to this community.

The U. S. Satellite: It Must, It Must . . .

PUBLIC notice was given one day this week that Sputnik II would be visible about sundown in the sky over Charlotte.

We did not act on the notice, preferring to sit inside and keep our fingers crossed for the driven technicians who are trying so desperately to launch U. S. No. 1. Theirs must be a terrible urgency, and one compounded of something more than their own desire to do a job. One spur is applied by the two failures of the Navy to get its Vanguard off the ground, another by the Army's desire to prove past claims that its Jupiter could have done the job long ago. And over them all the while whirled Sputnik II.

Then there are the political pressures. If the Republican Party cannot point to a U. S. satellite in the sky in the very near future, there will be a slaughter at the polls come November. Candidates already are prepared to take full credit for the launching—when it comes. This time the publicity drumbeats are to be delayed, but oh what an uproar there's going to be when the flag is hoisted from Cape Canaveral. The politicians are poised to rush before the Big Eye, orating

proudly. The thing must—it simply must fly before the polls close.

It is altogether a strange thing, the politicians being at the mercy of the scientists when not so long ago some of them were attempting to dictate to scientists each arena in which their minds could force change.

No cheer will be louder than ours when our satellite begins to climb off its launching pad. We share fully the sentiments of the lady who watched an F-4 Phantom shakily begin its climb and was moved to shout: "Go, baby, go!"

Yet we would remind the nervous candidates, as they move in on the microphones, that when the U. S. satellite does fly it will be the beginning and not the end of the contest. The U. S. as yet has still to be second in the race for space. Whether it ever gains equality with the Soviet in space depends not primarily on the hurried technicians and scientists at Cape Canaveral but on the actions the politicians take in Congress.

They have a fateful task to perform at this session in preparing the U. S. to fulfill its responsibilities to the future of freedom. It would be a pity if the glory they seek in the flight of the first U. S. satellite should blind them to this task.

The Political Teapot Refused To Boil

ONCE upon a time there was a young lady named Martha.

She was a good, hardworking young girl and everyone seemed to like her. One day she met a young fellow who didn't have any worldly goods but she fell in love and he fell in love and they got married.

The young man worked hard and rose quickly in his work. The young lady learned to darn and mend and raise children and clean house and cook. They were a happy couple and, as the years passed, fortune smiled on them. He was still ambitious, just as she knew him earlier, and she was the same young lady.

One day the young man ran for a political office and won. This was a sur-

prise, but he continued to climb and one day found himself governor of a great state. His young lady still cooked and darned and raised children, but she learned to do something else. She learned to pour tea.

It was too bad, for teapotters are often disliked by non-teapotters.

So a non-teapotter, wanting to be a teapotter, decided he had to do something. He thought and thought and thought. Then he had an idea.

"I'll call her a nasty name," he said.

And he did.

He called her a Republican.

This was a vulgar thing to do, but the young lady continued to pour tea hot and, as far as we know, will live happily ever after.

Mr. Burpee & The Ladies Will Succeed

WE AND four million other Americans are indebted to Mr. David Burpee for sending us the 83rd edition of his firm's seed catalogue. Its arrival on a cold, gray morning eased the burden of a cold, gray postman and our own apprehensions of an interminable winter. It is a deep desire indeed that cannot be lightened by leafing through the technicolored contents of a compendium devoted to descriptions of sweet peas and dahlias, morning glories and nasturtiums, corn, tomatoes and marjoram.

Mr. Burpee, we reasoned, is pretty confident of spring. The publication and mailing of four million, 124-page catalogues is not a venture to be undertaken simply out of a desire to help people see pretty visions of balmy days. He must expect that millions of people will put billions of his seeds into the soil, thus assuring the beauty of lawns and gardens and the solvency of his business. We wish him and his fellow seed merchants well. What brings profits to Burpee brings warm sun and blue skies to everybody else.

Besides seeds, the catalogue offers a bit of philosophy, to wit: "Civilization began in a garden, and today the peoples who have been civilized the longest are the best gardeners." Happily, the ladies of these environs are both highly civilized and handy with hoes. They have formed more than 100 garden clubs and when the list is read there is a soft trace of poetry. There are the Dawn 'til Dark Garden Club, the Till and Tote the Swingin' Hoe, the Hoe and Hope and the Merry Hearts clubs. The names of these club demonstrate that the ladies are intimately acquainted with the requirements of gardening. With the help of Mr. Burpee, they're going to bring spring in blooming mightily.

We're indebted as we said to Mr. Burpee, not only for that but for assurance that he and the garden clubs have the situation well in hand.

Uncivilized males should be able to look forward to lots of shirt-sleeved leisure in the days ahead.

From The Redwood City (Calif.) Tribune

ANYWAY, U WIN

BURMA's spokesmen at the recent UNESCO conference had the discouraging news of U Thant, but the Republic of Korea cheers up by sending an Ambassador Yang, the rest of whose name is You Chan.

Whether we Chan or Thant, Burma

encodes us the victory. Her ambassador to the United States is U Win.

Nothing multiplies more mysteriously or rapidly, it seems, than a single combatant left alone in a closed closet. —TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT.

'Ev'rybody, Now—In The Good Old Summit Time, In The Good Old Summit Time—'



Up Above Or Down Below?

The Summit Is Snafued

By WALTER LIPPMANN

WE are now engaged, as all the world knows, in negotiating with the Russians on the question of how we can negotiate with the Russians. This is a question which lends itself to a certain confusion, and it is to be expected that Mr. Dulles, who is in some sense the spokesman of the United States, has now made a contribution.

Until Mr. Hagerty spoke it had been generally taken for granted that the President's position, as established by Secretary Dulles, is that he will not meet Mr. Khrushchev at the summit until Mr. Khrushchev has negotiated agreements which can be approved by the President's cabinet. But the President and Mr. Khrushchev would meet at the summit.

This sounds as if the President was ready to go to the summit with nothing more agreed upon than a list of topics that the Russians and we ourselves would like to discuss. Mr. Hagerty cannot mean that or if he did mean it he would soon be hearing from Mr. Dulles. For Mr. Dulles, who is in some sense the spokesman of the United States, is not likely to let the President go to a meeting with Mr. Khrushchev until he has become certain that they can reach an acceptable agreement on something that has substance and significance.

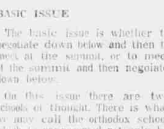
Mr. Hagerty's offhand remarks on the television program are not a state document for which he can be held strictly accountable. But there is a certain plausibility in thinking that he has here reflected, perhaps inadvertently, something like the part of the President's position at the summit as distinguished from the letter of the Dulles official line.



JOHN FOSTER DULLES
Will He Permit It?

not to negotiate the big issues but to approve agreements on some of them which had already been negotiated.

But if Mr. Hagerty on Sunday was not taking out of turn, this is not the President's position. For what Mr. Hagerty said is what the President means, he is ready to meet in a summit meeting if the President means it. The fact that the President's cabinet must agree on what we can discuss and Mr. Hagerty went on to say, according to the New York Times, that "they do not have to reach agreement" even if, appears, on the acres of discussion that the President said, we would merely like to know what we would like to discuss.



JAMES C. HAGERTY
Did He Mean It?

surely, written, presumably, in the bureaucratic jargon and with the stereotypes of the party line.

NOT CONCLUSIVE

On this ground there is a case to be made for what might be described as a brief, preliminary and exploratory meeting at the summit for the purpose of initiating serious diplomatic negotiations down below.

It seems to me a strong case but not a conclusive one. For there may be ways of dealing with the central point of this argument, which has very considerable force, without the risks and disadvantages of an improvised meeting at the summit.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THIS week is the birthday of Rear Adm. Hymen Rickover, son of a Jewish immigrant from Poland, who pioneered the atomic submarine for the United States.

If you read the still secret Gaudier Report, as it was called, which was in American defense in the Johnson Committee, you find that the one who abandoned to the U. S. Navy the atomic submarine.

Will Navy Give Rickover The Boot?

1952 this writer reported that a Naval Selection Board had passed him over for the post of chief of the Naval Academy. This was a man who had had the U. S. Navy ahead of the entire world in the most important naval technology of modern times. Yet he was to be dropped.

When I published this fact and called it to the attention of the then Secretary of the Navy, Bob Anderson, Anderson stepped in with what amounted to an order that Rickover was to be promoted again. This was how he became a rear admiral.

Hammering Away

The reason we are ahead is the fact that, sometimes plaintive naval officers who buttonholed superiors, bullied inferior officers, and kept hammering home the idea of an atomic submarine until at last it was built.

As recently disclosed in the Johnson hearings, Rickover's idea got a warm reception in the Navy, then still somewhat wedded to the battleship, that he was given as his office a boiler room abandoned to the WAVES in the wartime Waters had subsided.

New Threat

Today, however, Rickover again faces the prospect that he will be dropped under naval rules, which are as rigid as the deck of a battleship. He has to be promoted again, this year. If he is passed over, he is out of the Navy for good.

When Rickover's promotion from captain to rear admiral came up in 1952 there were accusations that his religion was being held against him. Rickover was born in Poland, came to this country as a boy, worked to help his father start a labor shop in the slums of Chicago.

When he got to Annapolis by appointment of the late Congressman Adolph

Sanity Suspected

He was especially out of step when he began pounding on doors demanding that the Navy build an atomic submarine. Most of his seniors thought he was crazy. They didn't think an atomic submarine could be possible for another quarter-century.

But Rickover continued being out of step. A few highups, however, notably Adm. Earle M. Mullen, then head of the Bureau of Ships, and Adm. Chester Nimitz, supported him.

Cross Purposes

One man with whom Rickover was at cross-purposes was Rear Adm. Albert Mummia, one of the Navy's best submarine officers and a highly competent officer.

Today, Mummia has been promoted to be head of the Bureau of Ships, which is building all ships, including atomic submarines. It was when Rickover was clashing with Mummia back in the days when an atomic sub-

Rayburn Wants Wide Survey Of The Regulatory Agencies

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON

SPEAKER Sam Rayburn has been in his own verbiage, "at the burning" of every regulatory agency of the government except the Interstate Commerce Commission. He considers them one of his most valuable legacies to the American people.

What the Speaker became convinced that they are now dominated by men who are out of sympathy with their objectives and do not understand how to make them function in accordance with the will of Congress. He, therefore, decided it was high time the House took a new look at them.

Rayburn does not like special investigating committees. Experience has suggested to him that they are instigated by publicity seekers for publicity purposes. It was, therefore, arranged that a subcommittee should investigate the regulatory agencies. Committee Chairman Oren Harris named Rep. Morgan Moulder (D-Mo.) to head the subcommittee. Moulder chose Dr. Bernard Schwartz, professor of law at New York University, to be its counsel. The House gave it \$200,000 for the job.

SLOW STARTER

The subcommittee has been slow to get off the ground. Now it has burst into the news with a report which has implications from a subcommittee source that it is somehow destined to spare the Federal Communications Commission from embroilment. The Speaker's nephew, Ross Bartley, is an FCC member.

What happened is that the subcommittee refused to start public hearings with a memorandum from counsel Schwartz, stressing unethical conduct such as personal favors received from industry members, on the part of the FCC commissioners. Instead, the subcommittee majority voted for a "general survey" hearing which would bring in heads of six government agencies, including FCC.

PROMPT LEAK

The Schwartz memorandum was promptly leaked to the New York Times.

Back of this not unfamiliar pattern of events is a story of personalities, difficulties and misunderstandings.

The Speaker and Chairman Harris

was want a probe that goes to the heart of the matter. They want independent agencies to be manned by ethically sensitive men, and they are willing to have any such failure discussed in the course of the hearings.

FLY SPECKS

What the Speaker is determined not to have is what terms privately "a flyspecking scandal story." He is deeply aware that the power of economic life and death over major industries is vested in the regulatory agencies. He has helped to create. He apparently felt that the Schwartz approach was not sufficiently fundamental.

Youth and age are part of the picture. Schwartz is young—35—

able and idealistic. The Speaker, from the apex of his long experience, demands a honest job truly done, but he will forgive much.

Experienced men in Congress have technical reasons for the present flareup. They believe that no investigating committee does a proper job when it is dominated by counsel instead of the chairman. They like and respect Moulder, but they have noticed that he does not work very hard. They suggest he did not give Schwartz the firm direction necessary for so large an enterprise. Certainly no hearings in many years have created a greater social and economic potential than those projected for the Moulder subcommittee. Its task now appears to have been greatly complicated by the fact that the Speaker is also a subcommittee member, has promised full steam ahead on the project.

SAM RAYBURN
Do The Whole Job

People's Platform

Chamberlain Stopped Hitler Several Times

Editors, The News, Morrisville

I'm crying shame that the citizens of North Carolina, have such a man as J. R. Cherry Jr. in our midst and not send him to Washington. With his brains, he could do for us poor working folks what old Moses did for the children of Israel—lead us out of the wilderness into the promised land. Not only our foreign policy crying in, but our domestic policies also.

Free TV Drives Viewers To Radio

Editors, The News, Morrisville

WHILE "discussing" for the past several days I have been quite involved in the pay-versus-free television fiasco.

Pay TV would be welcomed by radio during the soap opera time now taking over much of Channels 3 and 9.

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Editors, The News, Morrisville

Since 9 has come on the scene, it has had to improve itself or dry up. Channel 3 took a great step forward when it started the electric bill for the children of Israel—lead us out of the wilderness into the promised land. Not only our foreign policy crying in, but our domestic policies also.

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When he was in office the ground did not take an inch of ground anywhere in the world. Since then, they have been taking leave and there are on the verge of taking over all of India.

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Sure like stopped the Korean War. Anybody could have supposed it by opposing the Communists. Giving back the territory was captured. Chamberlain stopped Hitler several times. In the end, look at what it cost. The new war will be a thousand times worse.

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Editors, The News, Morrisville

Yes, it's a shame to have one in our midst that could cure all our ills, and yet those folks up in the capital city even the Communists don't want you pay for, and quite debatable if the electric bill for the children of Israel—lead us out of the wilderness into the promised land. Not only our foreign policy crying in, but our domestic policies also.

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Editors, The News, Morrisville

Frankly, I would have gone home for the past three days. "Free TV" follows the age-old rule that you get what you pay for, and quite debatable if the electric bill for the children of Israel—lead us out of the wilderness into the promised land. Not only our foreign policy crying in, but our domestic policies also.

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