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Who Needs a Pre-Legislative Caucus?

It matters not at all whether Tar Heel legislators hustle to Raleigh for an organizational caucus long before the 1958 General Assembly is tapped to order.
The argument over an early get-together has become largely academic. Either way Gov. Luther Hodges will get urgency on the part of legislators about the sizeable program he will propose before them in February.

Each knows who his supporters are in the campaign for speaker and therefore knows precisely how to distribute the plums if he is elected. If the pressure is on for speed he can wrap up the task in very short order—and the pressure definitely is on for speed.
Meanwhile the idea of a special session never was taken too seriously. It would have been a costly innovation and the caucus, which costs the state nothing because it is a Democratic Party function, would serve the same purpose. There will be no special session.

Pistol Smoke At Goldsboro & Ahoskie

NARY a Republican, we reckon, will still alive down the trail Goldsboro or Ahoskie way.
Democrats had buckled on their six shooters and ridden away in a cloud of dust for a last show-down before the November elections.

Democrats brought two U. S. Senators and a batch of other party wheel-horses to help veteran Congressman Graham Barden fill the Republicans. And by the time he had finished was a well punctured GOP hide-sens. Sam Ervin and Everett Jordan and State Treasurer Edwin Giff were raking over the coals.

By high noon yesterday when the gun smoke cleared there hadn't been an out and out massacre but everybody knew there had been a powerful lot of shooting. All the great gunninglers of Tar Heel Democracy had been there—from Wild Luther Hodges to Dead-Eye Sam Ervin—and they really let the lead fly.

In the lingo of the Old West we could almost say, podners, that Democrats were beating a dead horse down there. But Shakespeare might have had such a tragic and a little bit of wit.

But there were a few impolite souls who wondered aloud whether they had hit anybody. Or indeed whether there were any live and kicking Republicans to shoot at.

To those persons on the violet, To smooth the ice, or old another hue, Upon the rainbow, or with taper light, To seal the beastness eye of heaven to garnish, Unwasteful and ridiculous excess.

Our Conservatism About The Monarchy

A MERICANS, an amused Briton said, are much more conservative about the British monarchy than the British.
It is strange but doubtless true that we have stood the Declaration of Independence, which laid every grievance over Lord North's colonial policy at the door of King George III, out to head.

At present the Laborites refer to themselves officially as 'Her Majesty's loyal opposition.' When Mr. Attlee was Prime Minister, he wrote the late King's speeches from the throne to open Parliament.

The Associated Press came up this week with an amusing illustration of the way Americans patronize British monarchy: "Where goes next the British monarchy?" the anonymous writer asks.

A brief feud did erupt about a year ago when Lord Atrincham, Conservative peer who edits a political magazine, suggested that Elizabeth's style of public speaking is a "pain in the neck" (which it is.) The fanatically monarchial League of Empire Loyalists didn't like it one of their member-sluggard Lord Atrincham in public.

There is some feeling among loyal adherents to constitutional monarchy that its holders, like Dutch and Scandinavian counterparts, ought to go to school instead of have tutors and ought to be bossed in public. Prime Charles seems off on a good start.

Perhaps the only serious fighting over the British monarchy during our lifetimes will come when, no longer content with a topsy-turvy Declaration of Independence, we also turn the American Revolution on its head. Some unwitting Briton in an offhand remark will take up the case of the D. D. and a brigade of free ladies, breathing 100 per cent Mayflower Yankee fire, will set sail by night from Boston Harbor to rescue the Queen or Prince Charles from the clutches of the "London radicals."

The last republican crisis blow over in England about 100 years ago when Queen Victoria became for many years a recluse when her consort, Prince Albert died. Somehow, though, it has been noised around here that there are a bunch of blue-eyed republicans in Britain who want to slough off and take her jewels to support the welfare state. In fact the welfare state has nothing to do with the monarchy. A Socialist government in England is just as much a

From The Richmond News Leader

HUMOR IS HARD TO COME BY

UP at the University of Virginia, several student groups are exploring the possibilities for reviving a student humor magazine, as a successor to the feeble and witless SPOON that did a merited death last year.

and a few salivaceous of malice. There must be the lightness of mercuric, but a deal of bluntness too. The best laughter stands a blink of the eye from sadness. Mr. Dooley and Falstaff can be hilarious, but their fourth runs deep, and when it comes to capturing human drobbies in the gossamer net of a sentence, no fish are more elusive. Situations that seem funny in the telling turn unfunny in the writing, and satire goes stale and parody collapses like an overcooked soufflé.

Those whose occupations or interests cause them to read a great deal will wish the students all possible success—and will doubt that the students find it. Consistent humor, or even reasonably intermittent humor, is the hardest thing on earth to find in print. A few cartoonists at the very top level—Charles Adams and George Price to mention two—maintain a high average. A bare handful of writers achieve humor with some regularity. But for every cartoonist will piece of prose that shines and gleams, a thousand pallid efforts go to press and simply lie there. When a humorist clicks, as Jean Kerr did with Frank's Don't Eat The Daisies, he can claim a fortune in royalties. There is a national hunger for humor, and no one—in print—is filling it.

Australian Prime Minister, Menzies was asked by a reporter, "What about the powerful interests that control you?" Young man, "I'm mugged Menzies. Keep my wife's name out of this."—LAMAR (Mo.) Democrat.
Best way to see your town is to cruise around it about dawn. After that, people go in the way.—TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT.
When people are promised freedom, they want their wants are sure to get bigger.—LAUREL MISS / LEADER CALL.

Do We Have Juvenile Or Adult Delinquency?

People's Platform
AFTER having read so much recently on the subject of "juvenile delinquency," I have just got to write in the defense of teenagers.



Headed For First: Adults Should Take More Interest In Youth Activities

Relating to the subject of teenage hoodlums, aren't the adults responsible for all the teenage monster and hoodlum movies and television plays? They are there for our teenagers to see, and being of ages when they are normally seeing excitement and are so curious about life they are naturally going to pick up some of the things they see to stir up excitement.

It appears that Mr. Kaye is living in the Tenth Congressional District of N. C. now, and judging from his recent Platform letter, he's Republican witch-huntin' again. This time the witch is our own very able Charlie Jones. Mr. Kaye allows that Charlie's voting record on 10 specific bills ought to convince the voters that he does not represent the average citizen—but only the "select few."

Now I lay claim to being an average citizen. On top of that I'm a 'no' boy with an unsocialistic complex ("rightfully un-democratic" to say the least!) that moves me not to hok upon the wealth of rich men with an equalitarian eye.

be eternally grateful that he doesn't. That government should be the servant of the people—the majority, I suggest, a cardinal principle in the political creed of Charlie Jones. Can free people anywhere ask for a more principled in the creed of any public servant?—J. R. CHERRY JR.

A Welcome Change From Spring Primaries

MECKLENBURG voters take notice of the political activity permeating the county. It's a welcome change from the old days of spring primary elections.
Hats off to Republican Bud Corra for bringing some healthy competition to the county races. He has again done our community a public service!—H. H. LEGLES

If Rock & Roll Why Not Opera?

DOZEN rock and roll concerters in Charlotte attracted nearly 100,000 denizens of this peculiar art form. No complaint from where I sit. If the younger cats are affected like Igran who wrote "the music arose with its voluptuous swell" in this tweddle, chick-then from this adult corner there will be no striking of the baton to stop the cool jive, even though some may claim that this music is "the vile squeaking of the wry-necked fife."

I will again raise a plaintive sound in the wilderness for Charlotte to stir its claimed cultural pride and attempt to book the Metropolitan Opera. The young thousands pour into the Coliseum to hear and watch the odd bit and wattle of the crazy jive. Are there not enough patrons in the Queen village to gather to your fair city this glorious group who truly will bring the speech of Angels?—RAD MEMPHIS

'Moderately Liberal' Views Please Travelers

traveling through Charlotte, my wife and I were very pleasantly surprised to find it had a moderately liberal point of view. Your editorial about our capita income, Franco, and the cartoon of Chiang were very satisfying. We also approved of your column on public education, although I believe the Supreme Court could and should have decided as it did. The term "judicial legislation" is an odd and worn out phrase. It was used against Justice Marshall.—PERCY SELDEN

The Supreme Court Died 'A-Borning'

THE SUPREME COURT actually died "aborning."
To "morters" at that statement I respectfully refer you to the last paragraph of page 988 containing the following 14th edition, Volume 14, Encyclopaedia Britannica: "At the time of John Marshall's appointment it was generally considered that the Supreme Court was the one department of the new government which had failed in its purpose. John Jay, the first chief justice, who had resigned in 1795, had just declined a reappointment to the chief justice on the ground that he felt the bench perfectly convinced that the court would never acquire proper weight and dignity, its organization being fatally defective."

John Jay was a graduate of King's College, now a part of Columbia University, which the Eisenhower served as president before deciding he was a Republican and sailing to lead the "crusade" to throw out the Democrats who had made him a "live-star" general.

Now like Eisenhower comes forward with a scheme to use the Supreme Court to integrate the public schools with a combative attitude that would make Joe Stalin turn in his grave. Joe Stalin and his behobias patterned their politburo, their presidium, their supreme soviet after America's Supreme Court, for they know how to keep the United States of America came to destroying itself nearly 60 years ago, on account of our damned Supreme Court.—DE. K. A. PRUE

Littlejohn Talked Out Of Church

AM defending the police department. I cannot see eye to eye with my good friend for 30 years, Mr. Frank Littlejohn, former chief of police. I believe that honorable gentleman made a slip of the tongue when he said there was not a man in the department capable of being chief. While he did some very fine work, chief without the help of these loyal men he would not have accomplished anything.

'You Wanna Take Another Look At That Front One?'



Jones Not Really Tool Of 'Select Few'

ONLY last week while sitting in the bathtub giving a baritone rendition of Verdi's spirited aria "Quis a Quibus" that I thought of him and wondered what had happened.

Drew Pearson's 'Forrestal' Harassed By A Weird Party

OPERATING the U. S. Navy is simple. However, Rear Adm. C. D. Griffin of Washington and Rear Adm. George W. Anderson Jr. of Brooklyn used to swim together as backhoes and when Griffin retired Anderson as commander of Task Force 60 in the Mediterranean an interesting incident took place.

Conered On Bridge

CONCERNING Adm. Griffin on the bridge New York Times Brooks wanted to know why the Navy didn't use Skywarriors for that type of bombing. "They are too big," was the reply. "We use a small F4U bomber. The Skyhawk for that type of bombing." "But the Air Force does it with big bombers," insisted Brooks. "At this point the Air Force is doing it rough. The Air Force better than the Navy."

Too Much Expense

THIS much does it cost an hour to operate these Skywarriors? asked Brooks, representing the House Armed Services Committee which has a lot to say about the Navy's strength and future. "It is obvious that Mr. Knotts figured the Navy cost too much. He was

Isn't the Saratoga actually a better ship than the Forrestal?

peristent and disagreeable in his questions. "The Navy is a bunch of transients," he told Cmdr. Pierre Chabonnet, Executive Officer of the Forrestal. "These young officers and enlisted men are here today and gone tomorrow. What are you doing about it?"

No Slouch

AT one point Adm. Griffin, who is no slouch at cross-examination, found himself saying, "I didn't say that. You put words into my mouth."