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## Judge Must Meet Highest Standards

**T**HE selection of a successor to J. Edward Stokes as judge of County Recorder's Court should be made with extreme care.

Nearby Mecklenburgers have more deeply concerned about the quality of their judges or the cause of equal and exact justice. They are in no mood to tolerate an appointee who cannot meet the highest standards of personal integrity, judicial temperament and legal training. No political hacks, second-raters or courthouse hangers-on need apply or be considered.

The county court has not been touched by scandal nor has it had to endure widespread public suspicion and distrust. Judge Stokes has served faithfully and well in a vital post that pays relatively little. Many Mecklenburgers will hate to see him step down after 10 years on the bench. This is all the more reason for the considerable public concern about the qualifications of a successor.

This public concern is wholly good. It will tend to improve the administration of justice, which is the bulwark of all of our institutions. It is only when

it shuts its eyes to breaks in this line of defense and grows careless about the equality of justice that the courts are suspect to contamination by scandal.

Mecklenburg's own Sen. J. Spencer Bell, who heads a North Carolina Bar Association committee at work on state-wide court reforms, has perhaps done more than any other Tar Heel of his time to alert the citizens to its responsibilities in this field. "Our neglect in the past has, in the main, been due to the fact that we did not perceive the true state of affairs," he says.

"When a man has been wronged, the only redress allowed him by a civilized society is a court action," Sen. Bell notes. "If for any reason he is denied the right of his day in court, whether it results from delay, or court costs, or incompetent judges, or inability to engage the services of a lawyer, he has made for himself an implacable foe."

The quality of justice at any level is largely determined by the integrity and competence of judges. We only ask that County Commissioners keep this maxim ever before them as they deliberate.

## Education: A Stuffed Moose Head?

**I**F by taking thought we could add a cub to our educational stature, perhaps Education Weeks would accomplish more than they do.

Sadly, that is not the case. Education Week, like the one we presently observe, contains right much pious chatter about education, but no act of verbal self-scrutiny or resolve can alter the scale of values of the American people.

In their earnestness, Americans are convincing when they talk about "the place of learning," "the role of education," etc. Indeed, Americans do believe in education. They are, we believe, General Motors' "free enterprise," God, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. But the qualification to that belief, since most beliefs have qualifications is that it must not get in the way. If a far-seeing economist like John K. Galbraith tells us that American capitalism does have a lot of advantages which the fervent anti-monopolists see then he is one of the boys. If he also tells us that we are caught up in a self-duplicating consumer goods treadmill and that the reason for ignoring public investment he becomes a "prissy professor" and perhaps even a "bink."

If Dr. Oppenheimer could help to build us a Stappenstein weapon, then his education was fine. But if he talked too much about his likes and dislikes, especially to a loose-tongued Haakon Chevalier, he became a "security risk" and had to be dismissed.

If George F. Kennan helped build a Marshall Plan which was hailed as a success in the Cold War he was a great man. But if his far-ranging, educated vision told him that tensions could not go on forever he became an "appeaser," not to say a traitor to the good old cause.

If public school teachers keep watch over children for eight hectic hours a day, they are treated to hosannas that let them not ask for more money.

In effect, education is all right in its place.

The trouble is, its place is rigidly drummed-in; in fact, we are all so lucrative and powerful and indeed so smart, that there is simply not much room any more for education. It is not education but technical training, which buys beans and an understanding of Chaucer or of Newton's cosmology stands to win only the adulation of the Tipper Bohemians — the small community that do not tear down the bookshelves when they move into a new house.

The truth is, though the educated person is today generally "popular" and even "accepted" (how nice), Americans in general have no need for his services. Educated people used to produce books for others to read but book sales have taken such a disastrous plunge over the last 20 years that publishing houses have a hard time keeping the wolf of bankruptcy from their doors.

People used to gain insight into their own interior worlds through poetry, but now we have fifth-hand and sixth-rate Freudian jargon — which does the job very nicely. In fact it is quite stylish.

Without mending malice, you could almost say the educated mind is a kind of mind and residence on the body, social and polite.

Something quite dead and gone and yet pretty to look at — like the stuffed moose head from the Man of Distinction's last hunting trip or the latest, ingenious package from Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn.

## Charlotte Sits Up And Takes Notice

**C**HARLOTTE can find inspiration and a challenge in the achievement of a Tar Heel neighbor.

Winston-Salem this week dedicated its new James G. Hanes Community Center as a symbol of the "growing role of business in the philanthropic support of the arts." The beautiful, million-dollar structure houses the city's Chamber of Commerce, its United Fund and its Arts Council, including a 414-seat theater, a symphony rehearsal hall, music library, art gallery, concert's workshop, meeting rooms and offices.

In Winston-Salem there has been an admirably close relationship between the business and professional community and the arts for years. The city's Arts Council began operation in 1949 and its annual United Arts Fund Drive has wide community support. The Chamber of Commerce and the United Fund are natural allies in a common cause of community betterment.

The new building is not only an excellent indication of Winston-Salem's civic vitality but also a true tribute to Mr. Hanes who has done so much to advance the spirit it symbolizes.

Charlotte, just now attempting to organize a federated fund-raising system for the arts with Chamber of Commerce and United Appeal cooperation might well look to Winston-Salem for guidance. Its high level of leadership, the Forsyth city has produced a practical program that is already paying sizable dividends in the form of cultural enrichment.

Charlotte might even take its text from John D. Rockefeller III who dedicated Winston-Salem's James G. Hanes Community Center. Now that obligations to health and education are being met, Mr. Rockefeller said the nation faces a new responsibility. It is to the contemporary American's spirit to his humanitarian, artistic and esthetic qualities that he set man above the animal.

Men now need, in their leisure, the "artistic fulfillment" they can draw no longer from their mechanized, specialized jobs, he declared.

Through the support of the arts, he concluded, businessmen can help meet this new responsibility. It is to the happiness and well-being of our people.

It is a worthy ideal for Charlotte and every other center of civilized society.

# Rockefeller Artfully Dodges At Maquetia Airport

By DORIS FLEESON

**W**HAT could prove to be the most significant quote of the next two years, politically speaking, bears the date of Maquetia Airport, Caracas, Venezuela. This is the airport which broke into the world news last year when Venezuelan greeted Vice President Richard M. Nixon there with wick and stones.

Early this week Gov. Elbert Nelson Rockefeller of New York landed at Maquetia in the small hours to begin a post-election vacation at his nearby cattle ranch. For 30 minutes he delayed his departure for the ranch to talk with reporters and shake hands with the several hundred well-wishers who cheered his arrival.

**'NOTHING IN SPANISH'**

The inevitable question regarding the contract between this republic and Nixon's case. To a Rockefeller replied in Spanish: "I have nothing to do with Nixon."

It is possible, of course, that the one Republican luminary yet that he was a long way from

New York and Washington, as indicated, he was not did not need to choose his words with brackets at the Waldorf Inn. But he could hardly have been unaware of Maquetia's claim to fame and the fact that communists, however odious they might be, were bound to be made, not that he had control of the biggest state.

**SEES NEW ANGLES**

Actually, he has from the start shown an extreme awareness of the news angles in politics. One of his first acts after reaching the decision to run for governor was to hire a special press secretary, Richard Amper, a New York Times reporter who has long covered the state legislature. Amper made the journey to Caracas with him.

The attention paid to his initial failure to greet Vice-President Nixon on Nixon's arrival to promote the New York ticket underscored Rockefeller's relationship in the party. Despite the Waldorf breakfast after-



NELSON ROCKEFELLER Mum At The Airport

ward and the polite exchange of compliments between the two men, Rockefeller did not appear at a political meeting with Nixon.

The governor-elect exacted almost equal care in his contacts with President Eisenhower. He met the President on arrival in New York, but his partisan appearances with him were confined to groups of party workers, not extended to public occasions where independent and Democratic voters might look on. This kind of thing doesn't happen by accident, it takes organization.

**REMARKS FROM AN OLD FILE**

Rockefeller continues to stress that he only wants to be a good governor. This is the indicated step in the presidential move for the beginner. Such remarks belong in the file with those interviews President Eisenhower used to grant American correspondents at SHAPE outside Paris in 1951 and early 1952.

With some bitterness, Nixon's friends suggest that the governor-elect could have gone other places than Venezuela for his post-election rest. The news stories describe the ranch there as only one of his several homes and he could, of course, afford to take in Averell Harriman's Sun Valley if it had pleased him to rub it in.

## People's Platform One Mental Illness: A 100 Per Cent Casualty

**E**ditors, The News: Charlotte. RECENTLY your fine paper has been giving some publicity to the nation's greatest difficulty today—mental illness, and you are to be commended for this action.

Since your very well written story entitled "Recreation—The Mental Patient's Sunshine" Saturday Oct. 25, I have been intending to write you asking that you explore this subject much further and much deeper.

The best information today suggests that mental illness strikes one person in every 10 persons during a lifetime which means that one out of every 10 people in Charlotte will be affected by mental illness during the span of life. I am told that mental illness strikes more people and is more crippling than polio, heart disease and cancer combined.

Still in Charlotte a family with a severe case of mental illness must send the patient to Asheville, Winston-Salem, or to Spartanburg, or Greenville, S. C. for treatment if the patient is not entered in the state hospital at Morganton. Charlotte just has no place for treating a severe case if the local psychiatrist cannot effectively treat the patient with electro-

shock treatments as an outpatient. The local hospitals are not equipped to handle mental cases.

Charlotte lags behind on this problem because of two things, I believe, and that is the lack of knowledge on the subject and the lack of public interest which is due in part to the lack of knowledge. Your newspaper can do much to enlighten this city to the terrific problem that mental illness produces and more so because we have no place to treat patients.

Charlotte needs a follow-up center for patients who have been treated locally by the psychiatrists. Too many of the nation's larger cities are now providing such facilities, so I understand, but nothing of this nature is available in Charlotte.

A fine place for members of your staff to go to secure much valuable information on this subject would be to the Veterans' Hospital in Augusta, where only mental cases are treated. Within the past 10 years the government has placed this problem in first position and has made excellent facilities available for the treatment of mental cases.

If Charlotte is to continue to grow as one of the South's finest cities we will have to meet this

problem now and handle it. No longer can it be "pushed under the rug" and maintained that it does not exist, because it does. It hits Charlotte families every day and when it does it is not the one in 10 persons of families who is affected in this case but it is 100 per cent (not 10 per cent) for this family.

The local doctors are now pleading for facilities and equipment for meeting this serious problem but only the community can provide it. However, until the people know about this problem nothing can be provided and this is where you and your associates can perform a much-needed work.

You are to be commended to have such a person as Dr. Spauldine in your paper and I notice that recently he has been giving much attention to this problem. He can have much effect in getting the minds of Charlotte aroused. In this problem and this group certainly help in getting action.

I hope that you will give much additional attention to this problem now and that some fine articles will be written soon.

The time is late and action is needed now.

—TERRY P. McCARRELL

**Hyperinsulinism Often To Blame**

**Zirconia**

**Editors, The News:** I, the reader, who in lengthy and mocking terms questions the idea that alcoholism is a disease, would profit greatly by reading "Body, Mind & Sugar" by Dr. A. M. Abrahamson.

Dr. Abrahamson has cured alcoholism by correcting "blood-sugar starvation" (or hyperinsulinism), the underlying condition of alcoholism. He does this using by diet. He found this underlying condition also in "neurosis, chronic allergy, fatigue, insanity—even murder."

If you want to see how our horrible diets of sweets and soft drinks, etc., contribute to such widespread problems as the above, read this book.

—MRS. BOB LINDSEY

The "don't care" countries are again say relatively undeveloped as long as they continue to worship at the shrine of Marx. The socialist god, Uncle Sam can give away until he hasn't a plucked feather left, and he won't change the miserable long-range results one whit for all concerned.

But what say, Mr. Editor, we work toward fixing the late Communist Russia and his presenters, Lenin and his presenters, and let Communist Russia—no America—send itself to destruction by giving away their own money to the "don't care" countries.

—J. R. CHERRY JR.

**A Dancer Sends Her Compliments**

**Columbus Ga.**

**Editors, The News:** WOULD you be kind enough to please allow me to express my thanks for all the kindness and hospitality I received from your lovely town through your newspaper and to wish that I were here now. So I may only be able to mention a few, and I trust all those others I have omitted may forgive me.

Heading the list (and to say thank you to her would be most inadequate really) is Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols George and her charming family, including her two patient maids who furnished me with hot cups of tea at a delightful time during the day so unaccountably.

Mrs. Helen Watts drew me around that table, introduced me to a lovely Decor house, to the museum, to Mrs. Cook and to Mr. Dick, who sat at lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cobb gave me lunch at the country club. John Richards McCrae, an old friend, invited me to a most interesting and enjoyable party of fabulous costumes, where I met more nice people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Stockton and a charming couple whose name I wish I could remember—they own I understand, a beautiful antique gallery.

## 'My! There're A Lotta Notes In That Horn Of Plenty'



## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

**W**HEN a flash of temper that surprised without support was a reporter, who asked a general question the other day about the United Fruit company.

The most possession who heard his question did not know that his confidential secretary is married to a top United Fruit executive Ann Whitman, who owns the Piedmont service and exercises a great influence on him.

The all-around communist International news Ed Whitman.

**Banana Diplomacy**

Behind this news conference exchange lies the fact that United Fruit's banana diplomacy which has cost friends in Central America.

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## Banana Problem Out Of Refrigerator

planned to the State Dept that the fruit company has in some instances worked with communist dominated unions in order to impose its terms on banana workers in every banana-growing republic except Honduras.

**A Movie Blocked**

The \$500,000,000 company, which employs more than 14,000 banana workers, uses its economic power to influence and dominate weak, anti-American governments, the labor organizations charged.

Recent labor action had been talking to local labor leaders, but company even went so far as to instigate an investigation of the American Embassy in Costa Rica. United Fruit threatened to block the Central American showing of a State Dept movie "With These Hands" because it was "propaganda."

Sevando Romaldo, the AFL-CIO spokesman on inter-American affairs, protested to Vice President Nixon that United Fruit's "dishonest and self-serving" policy in Central America is a major cause of the growing anti-American feeling south of the border.

"Don't put this banana problem in the refrigerator," he begged the vice president.

**Ike Did Not Agree**

President Eisenhower, however, did not seem to agree when columnist John Herling asked Ike about these complaints against United Fruit at a press conference. The Pres. did not.

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against a company which I have never heard of and you are making a speech really about something that I think would have to be aired very, very carefully in the Justice Dept or in a court of law to see whether there is any basis for such charges."

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**'Give It To Them'**

"Sir, I think that the information is available in government agencies," Herling responded.

"Well, Sir," retorted the President, "give it to them."

The office of Ann Whitman's husband announced that she is a very strong anti-communist proponent. The President's remarks.

A Senate hearing by a subcommittee headed by Oregon Sen. Wayne Morse will investigate the charges against United Fruit.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

## FLIGHT FROM HOME

**A**LOUD howl may be expected from the wives of these United States when they see the latest book put out by the National Manpower Council, a subsidiary of the Ford Foundation. **WORK IN THE LIVES OF MARRIED WOMEN.**

"Eighty experts had to get together and write a book to tell us about that!" So the spouses of the land may exclaim. Of course, if they open the book they will find that it is about work in office stores and factories.

The experts say that 13,000,000 married women now are in the labor force and that more will join up. There has been a womanpower revolution they

say and it's hard to see it as a revolution. They are not without work about what this means in the care of children. But they do not know just what to do about it—even though these wives are not working because they must do so to keep the roof over their heads. They are afraid that the women will not stay at home.

What has happened to all those gads who were supposed to make us a nation of job addicts?

Could it be they've worked out in the end the east's surplus winds to the west coast to get rid of the surplus smog?—ASHVILLE CITIZEN.

—JERRY SERRAT