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Give The Pacifists A Fighting Chance

AS BALKY as small boys whose necks are about to be scrubbed, some high school students in the higher education struggle were in no mood to kiss and make up today.

There are, unfortunately, lingering grudges on both the University of North Carolina's Board of Trustees and the State Board of Higher Education.

Regardless of the durability of pride and prejudice, a meeting of minds is mandatory. The people of North Carolina will not allow the wild horses of politics to kick the University to pieces.

The public's best hope for a sensible solution lies with Victor S. Durbin, a distinguished Tar Heel who has served his state and his University with rare wisdom and courage for many years.

To the casual observer, Mr. Bryant may seem to occupy a curious position today. He is a member of the three-man subcommittee created by trustees to probe the Higher Board's powers. But in 1955 he also headed the study commission which recommended that the General Assembly set up the Higher Board.

But Mr. Bryant is not astride two horses straining in opposite directions. He sees the need of a strong independent University operating effectively within the framework of a larger system of state-supported higher education in North Carolina. He believes the two need not conflict.

The Bryant position was outlined with great clarity and perception at this week's meeting of trustees in Raleigh. We believe it is important enough to digest here.

"Your subcommittee recognized the necessity for preserving unhampered the overall policy-making privileges of

the trustees, the planning and executive duties of the president and his advisers, including chancellors, and the important rights of the faculty to teach in a free and congenial atmosphere.

"It also recognized the necessity for a board of dedicated men who, as planners and architects, would insure soundness of purpose and intelligence of direction for the future of higher education in this state.

"Since both groups have a common aim—the welfare of North Carolina—there should be no conflict of interest. It is not unnatural that as the Board of Higher Education has entered upon its duties under the 1955 law, there should develop some overlapping of functions and areas of conflict. These must, and we believe can, be resolved in a way which will not deprive the institutions of higher learning of their rightful autonomy nor cripple the real functions of the Board of Higher Education. Since both groups are composed of honorable men and women dedicated to the welfare of North Carolina, there is every reason to believe that in calm conference these areas of friction can be eliminated."

Mr. Bryant's view represents a common sense approach to a delicate problem. It transcends the pique, plety and pettiness of the past and offers a reasonable hope that a middle ground can be found in this unfortunate dispute.

As the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS said yesterday, an appropriate solution will not flower in "an atmosphere of personal vindictiveness and hostility," but only in "calm conference," with full realization that all truth does not necessarily lie on either side.

Let the belligerents hold their ire. Give the peacemakers a chance.

For Mecklenburgers, Preventable Woe

THE common law theory that only God can make a gullywasher offers pitifully small solace to Mecklenburgers who have been flooded with raw sewage after a heavy rainfall.

The May 17 storm that caused creeks to overflow their banks was admittedly a divine act. There's no doubt about that. Nor is there any doubt that much of the resultant adversity could have been prevented by a few acts of men.

Legal responsibility for adequate drainage may be difficult to establish. But where the general welfare is involved surely government has a moral, if not a legal, obligation to get busy.

The complaints brought before the City Council yesterday should be investigated carefully and promptly. Furthermore, city and county officials, working together, should come up with some long range plans to guard against a recurrence of the preventable afflictions.

Where raw sewage is involved, some relief can be granted as a health measure. The Health Department obviously has an important role to fulfill in the investigations now underway.

Gullywashers don't occur often, thank the good Lord.

But Mecklenburg should be prepared when they do occur.

Life In America

ABILL forbidding schools to refuse to hire qualified teachers because of race, creed or color was being debated in the California Senate recently. It was opposed by Sen. Louis G. Sutton. His reason: "Small groups of minority people will send well-qualified people to apply just to make trouble."

smaller populations when admitted to the union.

Opponents argue that Alaska is too far away to be integrated into the union. But in the age of jet travel, instant communications and interdependence, this argument has little if any validity. Other states, including California, were admitted to the union while separated from other states by long distances. Actually, Alaska is closer to Washington, D. C. in travel and communication time, than Boston and New York were when the United States was founded.

Of course, House passage does not guarantee that Alaska will become the 49th state. Congress has had Alaskan statehood bills before it since 1916 and bills for Hawaiian statehood since 1919. Each chamber has approved statehood for the territories at least once since 1947 but no final action has been taken.

The insistent challenge can be side-stepped no longer. The Senate should follow the House's example and vote to make Alaska the 49th state.

Alaska: Drop The Other Shoe, Senators

VOLLEYS of polysyllabic praise and denunciation followed House passage yesterday of the Alaskan statehood bill. The action was hailed by some as a triumphant affirmation of America's belief in justice for all its people. It was damned by others as dangerous nonsense.

Regardless of the emotions so suddenly aroused, there are hard, practical reasons why statehood for Alaska is a good idea.

The people of Alaska have voted overwhelmingly for statehood again and again.

The people of the United States have indicated in many ways their own solid approval of the idea.

Statehood for Alaska has been repeatedly promised by both political parties.

The territory has great economic potential which could be utilized fully under its own administration.

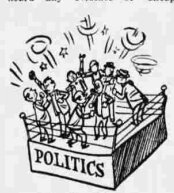
Finally, it has a large, loyal population of more than 210,000—and 23 states had

People's Platform

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I WOULD like to go on record as supporting Spencer Bell as Mecklenburg's state senator. Furthermore, I wish to commend the manner in which Sen. Bell's campaign for re-election to the North Carolina Senate has been conducted.

He has campaigned the way any political campaign should be conducted—by traveling about our fine county meeting the people.

I'm happy to say that I haven't heard any evidence of cheap



The Free-For-All

tricks, such as personal items for men and women, and gala dinner affairs being thrown for voters, being used by Sen. Bell.

I urge all good citizens of Mecklenburg county to be careful about the empty "I have's" and "I will's" being blatted out. These "peppy" promises have not and will not be carried out, just as all the built-in "introductions" not originated by one man, and in many cases not carried out.

Please, as an American citizen, don't let your vote be bought!

Please, if you desire the highest form of government for all of us, get out and vote Saturday. And vote for a man who hasn't lowered himself or the citizens of Mecklenburg with "gimmicks." Vote for the man who has and will continue to represent all of our people with dignity. Vote for Spencer Bell for the State Senate.

—JOE S. RATCLIFFE

Jack Love Has Done The Work

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
THE good people of Mecklenburg county ought to judge a man by what he has done for them. Jack Love has the legislative record that really means something. He has been introducing bills for the good of one and all while the other legislators from Mecklenburg County have been doing nothing.

—WILTON EVANS

News Endorsement Pleases A Reader

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I AM in complete agreement with your newspaper on the best man for the State Senate. I look forward to the privilege of voting for J. Spencer Bell for state senator on Saturday.

—MRS. FLORENCE B. BRYANT

Jim Vogler Will Be The People's Choice

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
TO read the newspapers and listen to the politicians talk, one would get the idea that Spencer Bell and Jack Love are the only candidates in the race for the State Senate. While they are fighting each other, the people will be voting for Jim Vogler.

Old Jim ain't fighting nobody.

—JIM WILSON

'Use Your God-Given Intelligence' Saturday

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
A citizen interested in the welfare of my family and my community, I'm going to vote for Spencer Bell as Mecklenburg's state senator.

He has proved his ability time and again in Mecklenburg and especially as our senator in the 1957 General Assembly. Don't be fooled by the strict political promises of other candidates. Use your God-given intelligence and vote for the man. Vote for Spencer Bell.

—OSCAR M. BOYETTE

Capable Men Needed In Government Today

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
LIKE you, I am cognizant of the fact that today, probably more than ever before in the

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
ANYONE traveling behind the Iron Curtain comes back with new insight into the security police. These are the people who keep an eye on civilians to make sure they are loyal to the government. No one living behind the Iron Curtain ever dares criticize the security police. To criticize would mean investigation and personal ruin.

Cyrus Eaton Dared

Returning to Washington to find that he has also become dangerous to the FBI here. After Cyrus Eaton, the Cleveland industrialist and chief stockholder of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, dared criticize the FBI on a Mike Wallace TV interview he was promptly slapped with notification that he would be subpoenaed to testify before the House

Readers Sound Off On 1958 State Senate Race

Charlotte
He goes on to say: "The lawyer is a public servant, and, as such, should be supervised by more than members of his own profession." He suggests that Mr. Bell's committee consider setting up a joint committee of lawyers and laymen for regulating the bar. He says, and we agree, that this would be a means of protecting the public interest.

—JEAN RAYBURN

Global Chaos Calls For Strong Leaders

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I LIKE others, am greatly concerned over the chaotic condition of the world. I believe, however, that with such men as J. Spencer Bell in our government we can look into the future with optimism.

I hope that the voters of Mecklenburg County will join with me in supporting J. Spencer Bell this Saturday.

—MRS. FRIEDA McLAIN

Vote For 'Qualified' Man In The Primary

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
AS a supporter of J. Spencer Bell, I would like to urge every Democrat to vote in Saturday's primary. Vote for the candidate who is qualified (and who has proved that he is), J. Spencer Bell.

—HOWARD T. BURGARDNER

Spencer Bell Has 'Ability To Serve'

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I INVITE fellow Democrats to join with me Saturday in supporting the man who has proved that he has the ability to serve you and me in the North Carolina Senate. J. Spencer Bell has, in every instance, gone on record in "promoting the general welfare" of the people of this county and this state. When you cast your vote for J. Spencer Bell in the Democratic Primary you will be giving him a vote of thanks for what he has done in the past and your vote of confidence for what he will do in the future.

—PARK McLAIN

Public's Response Delights Council

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
AS CHAIRMAN of the Fine Arts Council, I would like to thank you for the excellent publicity given the recent Bach Festival. We were delighted with the public's response to the various programs, and feel that this was due in great part to your fine publicity. Thank you very much.

—RICHARD VAN SCIVER

One Must Practice What One Preaches

Salisbury
Editors, The News:
THERE are literally millions of people who pretend to counsel and give advice to young people. There is, however, a doubt about the ability of these millions to really give advice. One authority estimated that there might be one person in 20 who was able to give guidance of the right sort.

I found out long ago that it was much better for me to say no when I did not know the answer. The people we advise have good heads and they can think and we hurt ourselves with either we stall or equivocate. Sincerity and reality must form the backbone of our counseling or we shall get nowhere at all. Young people like to find us practicing exactly what we tell them to do and they will not have much faith in us if we do not do exactly what we tell them to do. Fathers and mothers should keep this in mind as well as all good teachers.

—JAMES W. JEWELL

Sen. Carroll Exposed Courts' 'Basic Illness'

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I SEE that the Associated Press reported Sen. Seavy Carroll's open letter to our Sen. J. Spencer Bell.

Mr. Carroll sent me a copy of his letter. Apparently the AP, in sectioning the letter, missed what I think is the most important point, which is:

"I believe the Bar Association of the State of North Carolina has talked too long and too loud about reform in the courts and is not touching upon the basic illness of the courts of North Carolina."

It's Dangerous To Criticize The FBI

Committee on Un-American Activities.
This put Eaton in an almost criminal light for exercising his right of free speech in criticizing the FBI. It also put the Un-American Activities Committee in the same light as Communist governments behind the Iron Curtain; and it put the FBI in the same light as the security police behind the Iron Curtain.

FBI Was 'Happy'

It now develops that Congressman Gordon Scherer, Ohio Republican, close friend of J. Edgar Hoover, had written a letter to all members of the Un-American Activities Committee urging that Eaton be subpoenaed for questioning.

He had inspired his letter urging that Eaton be subpoenaed, Scherer denied it, but

ing in a program to provide summer jobs for the high school students of our community.

The Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce commends this program to employers for the following reasons: (1) honest, responsible work is a real force for character and personality development; (2) a real job is one of the best ways of interesting young men and young women in the American tradition of free citizen enterprise; (3) employers get their money's worth, because the Employment Commission here does an excellent job of registering, evaluating and placing these students.

By giving summer work to these beginners in the economic world, employers provide them

with guidance in their attitude toward work and good work habits, as well as teaching them the many satisfactions of real achievement. No contributions are asked; however, a service is requested, that of providing a summer job for our "tax-payers of tomorrow."

If employers will recall the thrill of landing a summer job when they were teenagers, they will call the North Carolina Employment Commission's Charlotte office and give a high school student the same opportunity. Mr. Employer will again get as big a thrill out of it as the student employee.

—ARTHUR H. JONES
Chairman, Education Committee
Chamber of Commerce

'It's Okay—The One-Eyed, One-Horned, Flying, Purple Prosperity-Eater's Going Away'



No Tax Cut?

WASHINGTON
DEMOCRATS in Congress were not called into caucus or consultation on the agreement Speaker Sam Rayburn and Senate leader Lyndon B. Johnson made with the administration not to cut taxes, and many are bitterly assailing it as a decision made by "The Three Wise Men from Texas."

The third is, of course, Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson, an Eisenhower Democrat.

Nor will the dissidents let it stand without a struggle. Sen. Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, the only professional economist in Congress, will lead the fight. He does not now know how much help he will get, but that does not affect his determination.

FLUID SITUATION

He will be working in an extremely fluid situation. Administration chiefs are split on business prospects. So is business. Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell is unhappy and so, less vocally, is Vice President Richard M. Nixon. Even aides of Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson believe they fear that farm problems will get worse again, though easing for the present.

What embitters Democrats most is the shuddering of the political risks Rayburn and Johnson have done in their behalf. They cannot see that it was necessary to help the President out of this particular hole while conceding that on foreign policy the story is different.

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From The New York Times

THERE AREN'T ENOUGH STRAWBERRIES

THESE are fine days for asking questions, whether we get answers or not. Questions about dandelions, for instance. Why is a dandelion? There is no answer, really. A dandelion just is, persistent, determined, ubiquitous. Live stock won't eat dandelions. Few insects trouble them. Birds don't consume them. One would think we could get along very well without dandelions. Instead, we have more and more of them. Why?

Why aren't there more strawberries? There used to be. Anyone who ever spent a childhood summer in the country remembers how many wild strawberries there were, and how sweet they tasted. Now one has to hunt for them. Daisies and buttercups grow in every meadow, and so does hawthorn, but there are only a few wild strawberries. Why?

Why aren't blueberries bluer? They are white tinged with lilac or pale violet, and sometimes even tinged. They are beautiful in an old pasture, but they aren't blue. And why doesn't plantain

have a flower worth looking at? Botanically, of course, they don't need colorful flowers because they need no outside help with fertilization. But dandelions don't need outside help, and look at their color.

Why are flowers colorful at all? Insects are color-blind. Man isn't, and for that we are thankful. But most flowers depend on the insects for pollination, and the petals are supposed to help the insects in this mission.

Why are violets purple, and why are muscades pink and white? No one objects—far from it—but why?

Life for some is to sow wild oats during the week, and go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure.—SPARKS (GA.) EAGLE

Those Moscow cuties who play up to western newsmen and spill out derogatory accounts of life in the Soviet Union aren't, as reported, "party girls." They're anti-party girls.—NEW ORLEANS STATES.