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MONEY WISELY SPENT

CANCER—except that it is more deadly than any other widespread disease—is like most other diseases: if detected in its early stages, the chances of a complete cure are better. Yet cancer for some unfortunates reasons steeped in tradition, has always been considered by its victims and their friends as something to be ashamed of, something to be hidden as long as possible. We do not know why this should be so. But it is an encouraging sign that through public education we are gradually learning that cancer should be brought out into the open and considered calmly, without hysteria. The Charlotte Women's Club is trying to raise \$25,000 in this city to constitute to the cure and control of cancer. It is a part of a nationwide campaign, and is eminently worthwhile one which is designed to further medical research and public education in the field of cancer control.

Of the \$25,000 raised here, 25 per cent will go to the national research program; 15 per cent will be devoted to the national education and service program; and 60 per cent will be used within North Carolina.

Last year the local chapter, which maintains a permanent office, spent the following amounts in Mecklenburg County: \$2,150 to help finance cancer detection work and the tumor clinic at Memorial Hospital;

\$2,800 to establish and maintain a tumor clinic at Mercy Hospital;

\$1,053 for nursing care of indigent cancer patients;

\$300 for materials for surgical dressings used in treating cancer.

Research workers are continually discovering new ways to attack myeloma. But research requires money. Every donation to the local cancer drive will help.

A MATTER OF RECORD

A LETTER in today's Public Platform refers to public gossip over Highway Commissioner Ben E. Douglas' property along the cross-town boulevard route.

This particular rumor—that Mr. Douglas has "cleaned up" a right-of-way from his property—has been used cavalierly by those who opposed the boulevard from its very inception. The lamentable fact is that the rumor, which is totally untrue, impugns the integrity of a long-time public servant who has always used his influence in promoting projects which have been beneficial to the city.

For the benefit of the Platform correspondent and such other citizens as still harbor suspicions about Mr. Douglas' property, here is the record:

At the request of the City Council, the Charlotte Real Estate Board appointed three appraisers to determine the value of all property along the route. These three men—J. E. Barntine, S. B. McLaughlin and Louis Meyer—managed to work out satisfactory financial arrangements with all property owners. Mr. Douglas, realizing that he had already been the victim of widespread rumors, asked that the Superior Court assume responsibility for fixing a fair value on his property. Three other appraisers—F. W. Fredrickson, Frank E. Harlan, and C. R. Todd—appointed by the Court to appraise Mr. Douglas' property on Fox Street.

They set a value of \$12,878 on the slice of the Douglas property needed for the boulevard, 200 feet along Fox Street, and 42 feet deep along Elizabeth Avenue. That figure included damage to a service station on the site. Their report was made at a public hearing at which the three appraisers returned to the City Council for questioning. They agreed that the value set by the special court appraisers was in line with other settlements they had made.

The entire transaction is a matter of public record, on file at the office of the Clerk of Court, giving all the details. Anyone who wishes may examine the records.

It would appear that Mr. Douglas went to great lengths to eliminate any suspicion that he would personally profit from a project which he thought would be of benefit to the city. And it is only fair that those who oppose the boulevard use fact instead of rumor in arguing their point.

MOLEHILLS FROM MOUNTAINS

SOMETIMES mountains can be turned into molehills by very simple expedients. We recall at least three ideas advanced recently which promise to solve these very knotty problems. The first proposal will help Hans Kerndall out of an uncomfortable spot. You recall the story of Louis Johnson, Jr., who—how he tried unsuccessfully to have erased from a tombstone the charge that he murdered the man buried there. There was no way to get a dog. Then someone suggested that he make the inscription in the general assembly hall by charge anyone with a crime in inscriptions on monuments and tombstones. That ought to do the trick.

Senator Kefauver of Tennessee had another simple idea of far-reaching possibilities. Nothing the many suicides from overdoses of sleeping tablets and the deaths and injuries from drinking big rum and other substitute intoxicants, the Senator

From The Richmond Times Dispatch

LIVELY TIMES IN TARHEELIA

NORTH CAROLINA is in the middle of what seems at this distance to be a political revolution. The first rumblings were heard when W. Kerr Scott, a farmer and dairyman, was elected Governor last year over the bitter opposition of the old "Shebby ring" which had controlled the State for decades. Then came the deaths, in fairly rapid succession, of Joe Blythe, Democratic National Committeeman, and of Senator J. M. Broughton. The passing of Blythe gave Governor Scott the opportunity to back Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, to succeed him at national committeeman; Daniels got the post. Then the passing of Broughton made it possible for the Governor to appoint Dr. Frank Graham to his seat in Washington. These three men—Scott, Daniels and Graham—are now regarded as the political leaders of North Carolina. Not only so, but plans are laid for Senator Graham to run to succeed himself next year, at which time both United States Senators and an entire General Assembly will be chosen. Governor Scott is now building a record which he hopes to use as leverage with the people in the 1950 elections. The Governor is a rural-minded man. The article republished on this page today from The Charlotte News describes the manner in which the urban areas of the State are being rebuilt and again by the Legislature. It is not surprising that appears that the influence of the Governor, an unprecedented cleavage and hostility has arisen between the country districts and the cities, a highly unfortunate condition in any State. Governor Scott is demonstrating his par-

suggested that a small quantity of some emetic be included in these items. Taken in any unusual quantity, the emetic would produce violent nausea, and perhaps would rid the victim of the drug or intoxicant before it had time to take serious effect. His proposal is being studied by medical authorities.

The latest comes from the new Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, Jr. Johnson is a firm believer in unification of the armed services. This week, at the end of the Army Day ceremonies, he announced that, with President Truman's approval, Congress will be asked to return to this country and to the idea of the Mecklenburg Charter, and as old Throckmorton lay on his dying bed, he died having the belief that he had taken away Thomas Jefferson's right to the Declaration of Independence. It is very interesting and merely shows again to what extent Republicans would go to try to discredit Democrats. Be careful of Throckmorton Jefferson—he may turn up in many places again.

—H. L. GALLIZIANER.

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Of course, there is no attempted deception, just the usual political methods, for all are honorable.

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'Would You Mind Explaining That Strategy Again?'

Joseph Alsop



People's Platform That Cad Throckmorton

CHARLOTTE EDITOR'S NEWS: I READ with deep interest Tom Peperman's story about the marginal notes supposedly written by Thomas Jefferson in the Blackstone law book found here. The Blackstone reference was to the effect that "all men are by nature equal," and these notes which the story advances as having been written by Thomas Jefferson are to the effect that it is "the most foolish opinion ever advanced by man."

Obviously it could not be THE Thomas Jefferson who wrote that. In fact, if Mr. Peperman were to go further research, he will find that the very Throckmorton Jefferson a Tory and an economic royalist, when Swamp Fox Francis Marion swooped down on the Throckmorton plantation, he fled to Barbados disguised as a colored man, and there he sat the war out. After peace was signed a kindly democratic government allowed Throckmorton Jefferson to run to the signer of the Declaration of Independence to return to this country and to the idea of the Mecklenburg Charter, and as old Throckmorton lay on his dying bed, he died having the belief that he had taken away Thomas Jefferson's right to the Declaration of Independence. It is very interesting and merely shows again to what extent Republicans would go to try to discredit Democrats. Be careful of Throckmorton Jefferson—he may turn up in many places again.

About That Boulevard

CHARLOTTE EDITOR'S NEWS: YOUR editorial on the cross-town boulevard and praise to Mr. Douglas in tonight's (April 6) paper will be read by me with interest. Your editorial was written by Mr. Douglas that the boulevard touches and goes through that he cleaned up some nice cash. For the benefit of all this should be done by someone, for there has been and still is a lot of talk on the subject. I trust you at some later date will be able to give the public this information.

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The McCloy Mousetrap

(Stewart Alsop is an outlet to Japan, China and Southeast Asia. His dispatches from there will be in the "Special" section of this paper.) WASHINGTON SINCE the rule seemed to be that Roosevelt administrations must be led from the front, it is pleasant to be able to report an exception. World Bank President Arthur Hays Sulzberger is one of the two or three best of the Roosevelt administration. He has been offered and has refused one significant place, and will probably shortly be offered and this time may accept, another. The place offered and refused was that of Under Secretary of the Defense Dept. The second services unification bill creates the post and although he is of course to be subordinate to the Defense Secretary, Arthur Hays Sulzberger will possess as much influence and status as most actual members of the Cabinet.

It is understandable that having served a roughly equal relationship with Henry L. Stimson, McCloy has been asked to repeat the experience with another chief whom he would always be comparing to one of the few truly great Americans. Yet it is McCloy who has been asked that he has successfully finished the task of launching the World War II. On the other hand, it is impossible to deny that McCloy should have been in the position of Louis A. Johnson's first choice, a brilliant and energetic statesman who has recently been in the position of the President's stumbling military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, who has been appointed to either McCloy or Harriman could be easily ignored. Gen. Clay has been the victim of as much malicious and phony propaganda as any man in public life in recent years—which is saying a great deal. His quick grasp of his problem, and his ability to return to his extremely professional and dignified position, the President warmly admires Averell Harriman, correctly feels great obligations to him, and has had him rather than McCloy in mind as a nominee for the position. At this writing, the nominee seems quite likely to be McCloy.

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Dominant Theme

WASHINGTON When newspaper pressmen walked out and forced the suspension of all news coverage, the President added one more moral coal to the pile. The President's position on Capitol Hill. An addition was scarcely necessary since the bond issue is already of impressive proportions.

No one could possibly have guessed how the situation would exist with a House and Senate heavily Democratic and with a President who is a Republican. The House pledged specifically to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act. If the Congress were to act today on labor legislation, the strong likelihood is that the Taft-Hartley restrictions would be tightened rather than relaxed.

That is a measure of the change in the political climate that has taken place since the Taft-Hartley Act will come up at all in this session is an open question.

The Senate seems hopelessly bogged down. After European aid is extended—if it is extended—the Senate must pass the Economic Trade Agreement Act. Important appropriations bills are in line. After the end of the talk goes, housing will be taken up. The Government's budgetary pact cannot be postponed indefinitely without harming the position of the United States in the world. Debate on the pack is certainly to be lengthy. While it is as yet hardly more than a gleam in Sen. Wherry's eye, it is a gleam that may be used to force an adjournment late in June. This would leave untried Taft-Hartley and other legislation. Conceivably, Administration action on the bill would be taken up in mid-September or early October. The President would then devote

Quote, Unquote

New York talk stylist predicts that Sunday's 1949 coffee will be shorter than ever. Pictures of the new style indicate that the well-dressed lady will look like a woman in an evening gown. A woman has obtained permission from a Durham hospital to bury her husband's mutilated body in a cemetery. First installment! — Greensboro (S. C.) Daily Record.

Sen. Graham Swept Into Controversy

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