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MAN WITHOUT A FOLLOWING

THE vociferous response to Tex News' editorial last week in which it spoke of Graham as "the man without a following" leaves no doubt that at least one statement in the piece was indisputable: the one which said that Tar Heels were arguing with one another as though they had no bond in common. The contents of the editorial have ranged all the way from hurrahs to epithets.

CASH AND GUNS TO INDO CHINA

SOME people will be wondering this week, as a result of the U. S. announcement that we will send arms and economic aid to Indo-China, just what our business in Southeast Asia is.

DECISION ON THE 'GALLON LAW'

ONE evening last year a couple of married folks from Union County came up to Charlotte to patronize the ABC's. Their purchases amounted to two gallons of whiskey, made, they headed home. Stopped by a Highway patrolman, he wanted to explain why they were transporting two gallons of whiskey when the State's Turlington Act (1929) specifically points out that they could carry only one gallon.

COLONIAL'S SAFETY RECORD

HAD a Colonial Air Lines plane crashed and burned the other day, scattering passengers and crew members across the countryside in the usual fashion, it would have been a Page One story.

THE PERFECT LURE

THE Senate Finance Committee has fashioned what might be termed the perfect political bait. It has voted to increase the tax on the estate of a decedent who dies with an average of 90 per cent. extend coverage to an additional 10,000,000 persons, and defer the inescapable new bite on the taxpayer until 1951. Meanwhile the plan is attractively baited with pay-as-you-go.

Unquestionably the Federal pension system needs to be put on a pay-as-you-go basis. Most authorities are agreed it can be done safely.

One man wrote in to us, heatedly, that this would always be Senators but that in North Carolina a Frank Graham came along only every few decades. We look on Dr. Graham, and plainly said so, as a distinguished citizen. We are proud of him, and fond of him. It's just that we don't, right now, want to be represented by any of his known operating principles. Anything illogical in that?

ECONOMY

In all the retorts to the editorial, one thing has stood out. We have been chided for Republicanism. We are charged with traitorism, and for not looking outward and upward. But nobody, not a single body, has come forward to defend President Truman and his program. They all say that Frank wouldn't let Harry mislead him.

People's Platform

Editor, The News: ALTHOUGH it may be of no interest, I want you to know how long time reader of your newspaper feels about your editorial of last Friday which you try to justify your support of Smith. I have no right to object to your support of Smith but it is your privilege to do so.

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Drew Pearson's Merry Go-Round

ONE of the most significant primaries in the country takes place in Pennsylvania next week. And four-nationed beliefs are being held to decide three things: 1. Whether the Republicans can cast off the old-fashioned leadership which left them five straight Presidential elections.

Headline of the week: 'Judge Hatch To Rule in Cotton Suit Today.' Well, we're all for letting a fellow wear whatever he wants, but with the uncertain Spring weather we've been having around here lately, we'd advise the Judge to keep his red flannels on under that 'buff' outfit.



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