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AUDITORIUM - COLISEUM PROJECT

Now that a preliminary report has been made by the special auditorium committee, the people of Charlotte will have an opportunity to consider the over-all plan and register their opinions before passing on to the next two big questions: (1) the selection of a site, and (2) a decision on a method of financing.

factorily. But there is an optimum site for an auditorium beyond which its effectiveness for other types of limited-stage plays, for example—is limited. A heroine's last lines are wasted unless they can be heard in the back row of the top balcony.

SCRATCH ONE OPPORTUNIST

Claude Pepper, at best, has never been a convincing liberal in the American tradition. First and foremost, a political opportunist, secondarily a superficial thinker, Pepper has been in the vanguard of New Dealers and Fair Dealers simply because it best suited his political purposes.

There was much about the Florida primary campaign that was depressing. The sneering and mud-slinging used by both sides struck a new low, so low as to cause grave concern among those of us who like to think that political maturity is the outstanding characteristic of the 1950 American voter.

SOCIAL SECURITY EXPANSION

Almost no one really expected the Senate Finance Committee to do violence to the House-passed bill to increase Social Security insurance benefits and to broaden the coverage of that system. But when, yesterday, Sen. George said his committee wanted to make the increases greater, the coverage broader than that provided for in the House bill, even the most ardent supporters of a better Social Security program were surprised—and pleased, of course.

per month would have been right helpful to a member of the unemployed in 1953, but \$25—the average pension received now—is ridiculous in 1950. Even the most dedicated opponents of big government agree that, granted the existence of a Social Security system, Social Security should be more adequate to the needs of the unemployed.

MUSIC ON THE RAILS

Snuggled down in a big feathered, many's the lad who's harked to the beat of a drum as well as the train and dreamed of far-off cities and the world of men.

Soon, however, the Southern Railroad is going to put music back on the rails. To replace the raucous, unweedy Diesel air horn, "schrimees". "Archimes" in C-sharp, E-natural, G-natural, A-natural and C-sharp again in that order.

OFF ON A GOOD COURSE

Allowing that his appointment of a State Highway Patrol commander from the Patrol's own ranks is an experiment, Governor Scott predicts: "I'm guessing it will be for the eternal good of North Carolina that we started on this course."

police judgment and general competence, Commander Smith's first act after being sworn in was to abolish the practice of painting red circles on the highways at points where fatal accidents had occurred and to cancel the directive that patrolmen are expected to make at least one arrest a day.

'How About If We Just Set The Bar On The Ground?'



Collected By Bill Sharpe TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

The Invid (H. C. McFarley, State Magazine) When Uncle Will married Aunt Lizzie she was quite sickly. He said, "Gonna get me a HEALTHY girl."

The motorist, whose name was not learned, stopped his car, inquired around for his owner, finally calling local police to the scene. When he found out the dog belonged to Hould, he brought Hould to the scene, tried to locate Will, and couldn't. He then carried the dog to Ed Southlander's yard, and put him in his bed.

Remonition (Stanford Herald)

A few days ago Daniel Darroch of the Cypress country was arrested, a confirmed bachelor of irreproachable character and the wit of his section for more years than he would care to have enumerated. He was arrested in the store in San Antonio. All the Sandhills Scotch not in liquid form naturally gravitate to that point.

By A Sneeze (Santer Item)

One death and one resignation have reduced the Labor Party's majority in Parliament from six to four. The margin over the rival Conservative Party is now 319 to 297. With things at this pass in Britain, had a dozen Laborites forgotten to wear their rubbers on a wet London day could well finish for Prime Minister Attlee's government.

The Reason (Stanford Herald)

A Smithfield motorist reported that he had a quiet and peaceful trip on Highway 801 from Benson to Smithfield the other day. Cars were not speeding. There was no passing on hills, curves or bridges. No motorist was forced to take to the shoulders to prevent a head-on collision. This was all most unusual for the Highway which has come to be known as "Bloody Sky".

And There's Teacher (Stanford Herald)

The children had all been photographed and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There Rose, she's married' or 'That's Billy, he's a sailor'."

Good Samaritan (Mt. Olive Tribune)

Most folks up and down the main drag from Benson to Smithfield are familiar with the Red hearse known as Ed Southlander's yard, where he stays, and was knocked down by a motorist on Highway 117, near the "Gutter" bridge.

We Wonder! (Camden S. C. Chronicle)

It is a wonder that a frog was caught in a deep rut in a road and in spite of the help of his friends, he could not get out. They finally left him in despair. The next day, one of his friends saw him, chipped at his pleasure, and no longer in the rut.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

EX-COMMUNIST Louis Budenz swung his Red hearse in a wide arc; the other day and married two dozen more Americans as Communists, igniting a Marine hero and a famous editor.

Marine Hero on Budenz' List Of Reds

James S. Allen, a member of the Communist national committee and Guy Williams, writer on Lenin's life, and Haldore Hanson.

The Budenz List

AMONG those whom he branded as Communists are such names as the late Brig. Gen. Brian Carlson, the Marine hero who led the famed "Carlson's Raiders" and Edgar Snow, an associate editor of Saturday Evening Post.

Senatorial Quiz

THE Senator from Connecticut began digging in: "Hanson is in the State Dept. at this minute writing in the defense program and I wonder because it was Jack Stachet, who gave it to you?"

War Possibility Over Formosa To U.S. Taking Over Formosa by MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON Both President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson have recalcitrantly set themselves against any investigation of the Nationalist China lobby, urging and prodding from every quarter has met with a rebuff.

The methods used cannot, of course, be compared with those of Russian Communism in such a country through an individual agency. Nationalist China has used the techniques of direct intervention on a scale rarely, if ever, attempted before.

Another reason for opposing a Congressional inquiry is the difficulty—perhaps the impossibility—of digging up the underlying facts. That is particularly true with respect to sources of money.

A plane load of American newspapermen has just left for Formosa as invited guests of the Chinese Nationalist Government.

20 Per Cent Of Hoover Group Recommendations Carried Out

WASHINGTON It is almost a year since the Hoover Commission made its last recommendation for reorganization of the Executive branch.

What's been done? About 30 per cent of the recommendations have been carried out. In 1950, Congress may approve more, but not all.

SIX APPROVALS

The six approved plans did these things: The U. S. Employment Service and certain other Government jobs dealing with labor were moved into the Department of Labor.

Wallace Exonerated

BUDENZ also stated flatly that Henry Wallace is not a Communist and that he knew "nothing about John Davies of the State Dept."

Marine Corps General

McMANNON also wanted to know who on the list, besides Hanson, work for the State Dept. "This says that very few are qualified Budenz."