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DEATH TRAPS-WITH BARS

L AST year, seven prisoners, locked in close guarters and left unattended, suffocated when a mattress caught fire in the Leaksville jail.

This year, in an effort to avoid a re currence of the Leakeville tragedy, a bill was introduced in the General Assembly to require that attendants remain on duty at all times whenever prisoners are confined in North Carolina, salis.

This week, the bill died in the State Senate after so many counties that asked to be exempted that the measure became worthless.

IKE'S FAITH IN EUROPE

THE Atlantic is a wide body of water,

I and it is sometimes difficult for the
American people to bring their view of the
far shores into clear foeus. In the past few
weeks, while the Great Debat over troops
to Europe has been raging, our national
myopia has produced a blurred vision of
the European scene and a distorted picture
of our own responsibilities in that area. In
such a situation, it is helpful to get a seasomed observer's viewpoint on General
Eisenhower and his role in Europe.

Walter Kerr is a veteran correspondent the New York Herald-Tribune. He acof the New York Herald-Tribune. He ac-companied General Eisenhower on his re-cent swing through the capitals of Europe and in a recent full-dress article in that newspaper's Sunday magazine section, gave us this impression:

"To Europeans Eisenhowr is a great man.

e is not taken for granted over here as
was back home after be had taken off
s unform and slipped back into civilian
e as a university president. Europe reembers him as the man who led the libation forces that lifted the Nazi yoke. He

it would work a hardship on counties where there are small, remote jails. No other gramment of any validity whatsoever a stranged, and the one cited has no validity when measured against the cost of a life sacrificed uselessly. There is no spectacle quite so horrible as that of a human being, trapped behind steel bars, frantically and helplessly trying, to escape approaching flames, his cries for assistance often unheaded because there is no one to hear him. To permit such a thing after being duly forewarmed such a thing after being duly forewarned is to show a brutal and callous disregard for human life and the humane values of our civilization.

stirs something deep inside the veterans of the resistance, inside people who suffered under the occupation, and inside war recovery crumble under "Soviet imperialism." For his part, Eisenhower regards Europeans as a great people. He made this 'Før his part, Eisenhower regards Europeans as a great people. He made this 'I return', he said, "with an unshakable faith in Europe—this land of our ancestors in the underlying courage of its people, in the progress of civilization. "On this mutual respect between Europeans and Eisenhower turns a question." On this mutual respect between Europeans and Eisenhower turns a question. But the progress of civilization. "On this mutual respect between Europeans and Eisenhower turns a question." The propose of civilization and the progress of civilization. The propose is the progress of civilization. The propose is the progress of civilization and the progress of civilization and the progress of civilization. The propose is the progress of civilization and the progress of civilization. The propose is the progress of civilization and the progress of civilization and the progress of civilization. The propose is the progress of civilization and the

SALARY HIKES AT CITY HALL munificent sum, but it is much more real-istic than the present \$200-a-year scale. The Mayor's salary has needed adjut-ment, too. At the present rate of \$1.200 a year, the Mayor of Chariotte has to dig into his pocket if he does any entertaining at all. With the Council-Manager form of sovernment. a Mayor is not supposed to get rich out of his fob, but he ought at least to meet. his expenses. Increasing the salary to \$2.400 a year, the figure decided upon by the delegation, is a reasonable and long overdue step.

It Is NOT at all easy to decide how much a City Councilman is worth. Some Councilmen are worth many times what they have been paid here; in the past. Some of these would be overpaid at \$1 a year. In fixing a fair salary, the Mecklernburg legislative delegation had to seek a happy medium. We believe they found it. Chariotte's ruling fathers have been paid \$200 a year. That is patiently too little, and

Chariotte's ruing rather's nave been paid \$200 a year. Than is naterally too little, and doesn't begin to cover the time spent at regular Council meetings, not to mention the frequent extra sessions, committee assignments, bouts with consittuents, and what-not they face when they run for office.

office.

By agreement among the five members,
the Mecklenburg delegation has decided to
bump the Councilmen's pay to \$600 a year.
That averages out to \$50 a month, or about
\$12 each/regular meeting. It is not a

AH, THAT VIRGINIA ...

THE other day the Richmond Times-Dispatch published a story by an errant Tar Heel, one C. A. Paul, under the titilitating title; "Tar Heels Find Virginia's Beauty Irresistible".

Mr. Paul, who once amused readers of arr. radi, who once amused readers of this newspaper with similar bits of non-sense about activities On The Square, told of a survey by the Virginia Highway Colli-mission of passenger-car travel on our neighboring Commonwealth's roads. Waxed

"From the Outer Banks, where the cease-less winds blow and the tide comes in like a series of sledgehammers, to the Forks of Sandy Mush, high in the mountains, they trek to Virginia to see the sights and to listen and to exclaim, "I swigger."

What he was leading up to was this fourteen per cent of the out-of-state carri checked during the survey were from North Carolina, putting this State at the upon by the delegation, is a resionable and long overduc step.

The Mayorally and the seven Council chairs should never become so attractive financially that men seek the jobs for the money. But we ought to pay the occupants enough so that anybody—constituent or newspaper editor—can fuss at them now and then without feeling a little bit sahamed about doing so.

top of the list. West Virginia was next, with 11-per cent.

Unfortunately, we have no such survey to show Tar Heelia's lure for Virginians since Bill Sharpe tabulated the tourists in the Asheville area in 1947 and found that Virginians ranked sixth—and that was before the Parkway link from Mt. Mitchell to Asheville was opened.

There may be several explanations that Mr. Paul overlooked, or ignored.

For one thing, Tar Heels are not so pre-occupied with the archivements of their angestors, and like to move around to see what other folks are doing.

For another, North Carolinians, being the Hopp of the Puture, have more than an are the Hopp of the Puture, have more than an the Hopp of the Puture, have more than an area of the Puture of the Puture, have more than an area of the Puture of the Puture, have more than an area of the Puture of the Washington, which we have the puture of the Puture of the Washington, where North Carolinians are largely running things these days, without going through Virginia?

From The Christian Science Monitor

HOW NOW, CAHOW?

Amid that mastodonic wassail
I caught the eye of one small fossil.
"Cheer up, sad world," he said and
winked—
"It's kind of fun to be extinct."
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"wrote Ogden Nash in 'his "lyrica" of
Itted nonsense for a recording of Saintaens' "Carnival of the Animals".

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But how much fun is it to be extinct for 30 years and then to find, auddenly, that you aren't? Ask the eshow how. He should know. He's just been de-extincted by the American Museum of Natural History.

The cahow was a bird, and now he is again!), a petrel, stormy of course, found only on Bermud. Back argund 1830 the English colonists were forced by famine to eat every cahow and cahow egg they could find. Apparently, they found them all—on near enough all so that no eahow was seen again for 300 years.

Then one or two birds that could have been cahows were observed. Now five have been cahows were observed. Now five have been cahows were observed. Now five have the country of the course of the court of the care of the court of t

multiply.

Hurrah for ornithology! Rejoice, ye early rising knights of Audubon! But give a thought to the cahow, who, after all, is the party of the first part in all of this. Does he want to be roused from comfort-

able extinction in idyllic Bermuda and expected to catch up on all that's hap-pened since 1620? Maybe he'd respond (with apologies to Mr. Nash);

To breast this world is such a gussle I'd much prefer to stay a fussil.

Somebody suggests that newspaper pictures of people should carry the date the picture was made, like John Jones, 1945. This might be all right for the John Joneses, but it would never do for the Jane Joneses.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

Every town should have had a famous person so a resident can answer the r question after telling a stranger how weather has been.—Ellapille (Ga.) Sun

The recently published book, "The Story of Language", quotes this old mountain proverb: "We sin't what we will be, and we ain't what we want to be, but we ain't what we wur."—Joplin (As.) Globe.

A boss is a man who is late when you are early, and early when you are late.—

"farkville (Miss.) News.

UN Success In Korea Changes Kremlin Plans

By THE ALSOPS

WASHINGTON TOMORROW the se reporters will separate again for some months, one to make an expedition of inquiry in Western Europe, the other to hold the fort in this dreary city. It seems a good time to try to take stock—to observe the city. It consults to the stock—to observe the light of startings over the capital to the control of t

er, and sy tense somework wicks, to answer the great questices, to answer the great questions, and the system of t

Yugodaya and Indo-China were planned and would shortly be launched.

On the other hand, the situation has not developed in quite this sample magner. The tempo of the control of the contr

Overall, despite the ominous new signs above mentioned, the present atmosphere is decidedly less tense, distinctly more hope. The wave of despir that engulfed the leadership in Washington (and in most other Western capitals) after the Chinese intervention in Note of the Western capitals after the Chinese intervention in Activation of the Chinese intervention of the Chinese in Activation of Foreign Ministers of the Big Transition of Foreign Ministers of the Big Transition of the Chinese in Activation of the Big Transition of Foreign Ministers of the Big Transition of the Chinese in Activation of the Chinese in Activation of the Big Transition of the Chinese in Activation of the Big Transition of the Chinese in Activation of the Big Transition of the Chinese in Activation of the Big Transition of the Chinese in Activation of the Big Transition of the Chinese in Activation of the Big Transition of the Chinese in Activation of the Big Transition of the Big Transition

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'Old Man River Just Keeps Rolling Along'



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS failer, your boss and your master—a freekle faced, pint-sized bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them with two magic words—'Hi Dad'!"

Better Mouse Trap

Bars

(Elkin Tribune)

Bars are something which if you go into many of, you are apt to come out singing a few of, maybe land behind some of.

(The Reidsville Review)

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"Boys come in assorted sizes, weights and colors. They are found everywhere—on top of, underneath of, climbing on, swinging from, running around or jumping to. Mothers love them, the state of the state

sects them.

"A boy is truth with dirt on its face, wisdom with bubble gum in its hair and the hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

"A boy has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-size atomic bond, the curiosity of a cat. The lungs of a dictator, the digestion of a word with the section of a word with the control of the control of the distance of the control of the distance of the dista

num; no mas tive thumbs on each band.

"He likes for cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, ded, tress, Saturday mornings, and fire engines. Nobody elean cram into one pocket a runty knife, a half eaten apple, three feet of string, two gam drops, stance, and a gentuine auv unic code ring with a secret compartment.
"A boy is a pusale."

Cold Enough For You?

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(Greenaboro Daily News)

Il doesn't have to get below 80 to be cold enough for us and so those who have been saking us lately, "Cold enough for you!" have been wasting their vaporized breath.

It doesn't have been wasting their vaporized breath.

It is a managed to be the same of the same cold same in Ragish literary, such as Beaumont's "cold as a cucamber." Shakespear's "cold as any stone," and Herrick's "cold as paddocks."

Well, cucumbers are not so cold stones executed the same cold stones are same cold stones.

as puddecks."
Well, cucumbers are not so cold, stones are colder especially when you are sitting on them, and puddecks sound coldest of all, probably because But the most refrigerated verses we gan think of right now are Keat's:
The owl Tor all his reathers was a cold;
The have limped trembling through the freese

The nare limpest tennous, and and we can still get a chill out of Coleridge's seens in "The Ancient Maxime" when:
seens in "The Ancient Maxime" when:
seen can be come floating by, As green is emerald.
Shakespeare must have shivered when he wrote "and milk comes from home in pail."
But these verses are no conflort to us right now. We'll have to call them to mind next July 4.

He Will Be

(Sanford Herald)

(Sanford, Herald)

Norman Branch was talking to a friend who was planning to go out of town for a few days. Norman said, "You'ze going down to Minni, hub. Norman said, "You'ze going down to Minni, hub. The standard they've got all kinds of nice barn."

"Yeal," his friend replied, "It reminds me of the time I got out of the Navy, I was going to be passing ghrough Minni and one of my buddies asked how I could find him in as big a town as almain and he said, 'Oh, just walk down the street till you come to a bar and go in. If I'm not there, I will be."

Iron Curtain Proves To Be Barbed Wire

(Harold Booker, Camden Chronicle)

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"The average youth of today can take care of himself pretty well in almost any sort of an argument," says a high athoot teacher, And that reminds us of a story in the Saturday Evening Post some time back. It seems that in a Western che product of the company of the compa

Split In Party Ranks Makes Win Unlikely MARQUIS W. CHILDS

WASHINGTON
THE WIDTH OF the table separating witness Thomas E,
Dewey from his inquisitor, Sen,
Kenneth Wherry of Nobraska, is
the guilf that divides the Republican Party. Attually it is as great
as the distance between Wherry
Nobraska and Dewey's Wher Xock

agreement.

Similarly, it is a to it is a considered to the University of Pennsylvania, is firmly aligned with those who hold that cooperating with Western Europe is of parmiguat importance. Beginning the properties of party would like to be able to efficient or properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to the properties of party would like to be able to be able to the properties of the properties

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

A LONGSIDE THE IRON CURTAIN, ADRIANOPLE, Turkey—Winston Churchill's well-coined phrase "The Iron Curtain' has now become so universal that some steps of the Iron Curtain' has now become so universal that some process of the Iron Curtain' has now become so universal that some process of the Iron Curtain' has now become so universal that some process of the Iron Curtain' has now become so universal that some process of the Iron Curtain that is made of hardest time and rusty barbed wire at that. This writer visited the southernmost segment of the Iron Curtain today at a spot where democratife Turkey and Communist Bulgaria meet. This border is the start of the Iron Curtain today at a spot where democratife Turkey and Communist Bulgaria meet. This border is the start of a long tangled barricade largaging north part Hungary.

I climbed stairs inside the thick-walled parapet to the tower on the poly with some of the process of the process of the tower on the poly with some of the process of th

I drove up to the curiain in a jeep with Capt. Feths Seckin and Lt. All Aksor of the Turkish army. The latter is in command of a ten-man detenhemet juarding the Kaprikule outpost. The road leading to the curtain was pared with centuries-old stone and beside the road were Roman wells built by Emperor Adrian. But the traffic leading to the barbed-wire curiani, aside from an or team pulling a John Deere did for the Marshall Plan, was mil.

Pian, was nil.

Sinddenly the road ended. Ahead was an iron gate bearing underly the road ended. Ahead was an iron gate bearing that international English word known to every tongue:

"Slop." Beyond it was another gate alightly rusty and eislagdidated bearing the words "Bulgaria" in both French
and Cyrillic. This was the Iron Curtain and the place
which Turiss call Serbad, which significantly has two meanwhich Turiss call Serbad, which significantly has two mean-

Blockhouses Guard Curtain
A LONGSIDE the gate was a series of blockhouses—one
on the Bulgarian side, a little shabby with some of its
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Prisoners Escape

A RERD of water bufflo grazed in the distance. They did not know the difference between Communism or democracy; between Russianized Bulgaria or Turkey—to which the Truman doctrine is supplying arms and Marshall Plan sid. They only knew that the grass was just as green on either side.

one was just as feet trum tone gate.

On rare occasions an official with a properly visad passport is permitted to past through this gate and customs officials are kept on the furthin side to handle district the customs officials. The weather as cold but the sun was warm, and I pulled my chair out onto a stone platform in the Sunshine in full view of the Communist guards peering down through rifle alots in their

Waternover to see away.

Battle For Adrianople

FOR hundreds of years men had fought to control this

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