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McCARRAN IGNORES THE REAL CULPRITS

The continuing McCarran subcommittee investigation into the loyalty of Americans who work for the United Nations has failed to touch what we believe to be the essential point in the whole controversy...

'THE NEXT STEP IN HISTORY'

THE DANE was puzzled. He was representing his country at the Geneva session of nations belonging to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. He expressed his wonderment in these words:

"To the man in the street it is incomprehensible that the United States prefers to continue to assist through the medium of the American taxpayer, thereby keeping us... a gift-receiving nation instead of the U. N. quota system it should insist that it urgently need to buy American products."

THAT GREAT OLD MECKLENBURG SCHOOL

WE'VE KNOWN all along that North Carolina has had an immortal school of writers, but the number of its members really hit home when we read Walter Spearman's roundup of this year's Tar Heel Literary activity, which is reprinted from The State elsewhere on this page today.

HOIST YOUR HEELS

FEET ON the desk are supposed to be had in office manners. But like many other things which society holds barbaric, the habit may have its points.



N.C.'s Fruitful Literary Year

From Mountains To The Sea

NEW books by North Carolina writers extended literally from the mountains to the sea during 1952 and hit New York's best-seller lists as they came along.

Most representative of the mountains was Little Benders, a first novel by Joe Knox of Newton, which presented a wide variety of mountain characters and tall mountain tales through the eyes of a youngster growing up in the community of Little Bend.

Burke Davis' 'Yorktown'

THE history of the state gets two important contributions this Fall in new volumes by Burke Davis of Greensboro and his Fletcher C. Edinger. Mr. Davis' new book is called Yorktown and again uses the Revolutionary period which he depicted so well in The Ragged Ones. Mr. Edinger's new book is Queen's Gift, which completes his seven-volume series of Carolina historical novels.

Wandering Tar Heels

SOME of the best received books of 1952 were written by North Carolina natives who wandered elsewhere but still used the North Carolina background in their work. Worth Tuttle Hedden wrote Love Is A Woman, a magnificent novel about a preacher and his family in various Carolina towns. Robert K. Marshall followed his popular Little Squire Jim with his new Julia Gwynn; Wilbur Daniel Steele, after his short stories, wrote Their Tears; and Bob Ruark, popular newspaper columnist, made another job at current historical novels in his amusing Greenback Spaw.

Drew Pearson's Battle On Commission Powers Shaping Up

WASHINGTON SENATOR Telt telephoned General Eisenhower last week with a gentle reminder that he would like to make some recommendations for the Cabinet.

French Frustration, Fear Endanger NATO Structure

PARIS ONE OF the first things President Eisenhower said when he visited the White House doorstep is a real dire threat to his own great postwar achievement...

The twelve German divisions which are West Germany's planned contribution are now being provided within the framework of a European Army and a European Defense Community.

As a practical matter, the European Defense Community would get no German divisions if the participating nations refuse to ratify the plan.

EDC APPROVAL DOUBTFUL As of today, moreover, the French Chamber of Deputies is virtually certain to vote against the European Defense Community.

Stevenson Planned Trip To Orient, But Kept It Quiet

WASHINGTON TO ALL WHO inquire about J. Edgar Hoover's feelings in the aftermath of defeat Gov. Adlai Stevenson replied that he would keep alive the Stevenson drive.

Charles Mills, a Georgian who lived for a number of years in Chapel Hill, was the author of The Alexandrians, a long and thorough study of 100 years in the life of a Georgia town.

As to his future, he is not yet sure. For a few days he will rest at La Osa Ranch in Arizona but will only a breathing space in the interim takes on the neglected task of winding up the governorship by the end of the year.

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