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THE REPUBLICANS ARE AT IT AGAIN

IT DIDN'T TAKE long for the North Carolina Republicans to start growling at one another over that old bone of contention, after all it had been 20 years since they were last welcomed to the White House...

between the White House and the Congress, no one knows yet how that will come out. Perhaps this is sort of a shake-down cruise for a new ship of state that has ventured out into troubled waters after a thorough overhauling in 1948...

N. C.'S OUT-MODED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The Sheriff of Yancey County receives \$300 a month plus fees (about \$2,700 a year) that amount to 10 percent of the tax to pay his salary. The fixer of the budget under which it is paid but they have no control over the amount of his salary.

six years ago, Regan reports, "not a soul has changed it." Mr. Regan is on the right track. But his answer is partial and late-coming. For four years the General Assembly has disregarded a solid set of recommendations upon which reform has accumulated over a period of almost 300 years.

THE DUTCH TREATMENT

EIGHT YEARS AGO American airmen bound for Germany looked down upon the Netherlands and saw mute testimony to Nazi destructiveness. From the air they could grasp the immensity of the country's loss of thousands of fertile acres, reclaimed laboriously from the sea over the years, had been inundated by the destruction of Dutch dikes...

The Dutch decreased controls, raised tourist allowances. They unfroze capital accounts and non-residents, reduced credit restrictions. And they maintained a high rate of taxation. Confidence in the fiscal policies encouraged savings. And the high taxes deterred the public from entering into fresh risk-bearing commitments.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

GO THE BLUES

BLUES are a missing kind of music anyone. A fellow really sings them to himself. We got to thinking about the blues when it happened to W. C. Handy, the father of the blues, at President Eisenhower's inaugural ball.

The figure of the old Negro playing his horn for the great man who had left the Pentagon to have a job in the State Dept. is his blues itself. It is also a figure out of his own life, the figure of a lone, ragged Negro with a guitar who was picking out a tune while Handy waited in a railway station...



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Give Ike A Chance

EDITORS, THE NEWS: I TAKE THE NEWS and I wish to say that I think you take a fair viewpoint on all things. What gets me to the boiling point are the dopes who are already naming Ike to the cross without a fair trial...

Spindale

required as a condition to obtaining the loan to pay many other charges (even including life insurance) which the end he sometimes gets only about one-half of the amount he must pay back.

Opposes Garnishee Law

EDITORS, THE NEWS: YOUR editorial titled, "Restatement" is timely, and also has the approval of several business men with whom I have discussed it. The subject matter is the proposed "garnishee law"...

Charlotte

IT IS NOTICE in the Charlotte newspapers the last few days a lot of discussion in regard to consolidating different departments of the City and County government...

Garnishee Law Supported

EDITORS, THE NEWS: I read your recent editorial you restate your opposition to constitutional amendment proposed by the N. C. Merchants Association...

Charlotte

Having served ten years on the Board of County Commissioners, I have given it a lot of study, and for economy and always have been, but I am for practical economy and not false economy...

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

REAL story behind Army Chief of Staff J. Lawton Collins' rush trip to Korea is that it was to straighten out bickering over the South Korean army.

Collins Will Map Plan For ROK road show

WASHINGTON (The Associated Press)—The nation, pointing out, for instance, that North Dakota was able to get a \$200,000,000 for its schools if tidelands oil is kept for all of the 48 states.

Tidelands Dinner

It was washed up at the time, but Texas' Ex-Speaker Sam Rayburn and Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson also of Texas, staged a private dinner for President Truman just before he left office in an effort to persuade him to keep hands off the tidelands oil.

Oil Predicament

THE National Security Council is so red-hot, it faced it won't breathe a word about the Department of Defense has submitted a report indicating that the prosecution of the five U. S. oil companies in the Panama case is being dropped.