

THE WAY TO GET GOING ON NEW HOSPITAL

OVER five months ago the Mecklenburg Medical Society and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce recommended construction of a new Negro hospital unit in Charlotte. During these five months the need for that hospital has not diminished. Mecklenburg County and the surrounding area it serves still lack some 200 hospital beds available to Negroes.

There is no necessity for another study group to consider the need for the hospital. That need was well-established by the two groups that reported last May...

Where will the money come from? From the same sources, probably, that contributed to Memorial Hospital—public subscription, municipal government, the federal government.

When the medical society and chamber made their recommendation there was talk around City Hall of following through the recommendations. The talk has died down now.

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT

THE CARD system of voter registration completed this year in Mecklenburg County speeds the voting procedure, guards against multiple voting.

The reduction in number of precincts will reduce personnel costs at election time. Now the final step in modernization of Mecklenburg voting has been suggested.

PARITY, PROMISES AND POLITICIANS

SOME quotes from our files may give perspective to the current fuss over the Republican position on price supports, which is overshadowing other aspects of the farm problem that are more important.

At his press conference last week the President maintained he had never said there should be rigid price-support laws at 100 per cent of parity.

Saturday Senator Mansfield challenged that statement. He said the President had promised, as his Kasson, Minn., speech, "90 per cent parity and as soon as possible full parity."

This is what the President said on the subject at Kasson:

"Here and now, without any 'ifs' or 'buts' I say to you that I stand behind—and the Republican Party stands behind—the price support laws now on the books. This includes the amendment to the Basic Farm Act passed by votes of both parties in Congress, to continue through 1954 the price supports on basic commodities at 90 per cent of parity."

After the speech a reporter asked him if that meant endorsement of legislation providing 100 per cent parity.

"The farmer is entitled to 100 per cent of it, and anything below that would be nonsensical. But we're not going to write any law that way."

LA ROSA AND LA REDHEAD

THIS dispute over whether Arthur should or should not have fired Julius must cease. It's disrupting the whole neighborhood out our way.

The wives' afternoons bridge session sounds something like this:

"... Well I just like Julius. Who dealt? The dealer did."

"Two spades. But really, she didn't figure in it at all. Arthur is terribly touchy about his and—"

"I wish I hadn't quit smoking. Chesterfields before, so I could quit now. Whose the dealer? But you can't turn him off because he might say something about this whole affair."

"Wasn't quiet listening to him once, the day after he stood there without his shirt on. Imagine! It's bad enough to have to see your husband—"

"There no trump. Oh, what did I say that for?"

"Well, you know how that kind of bridge can ruin a man's after-work slouch in the sun. The rehab of the game and Godfrey talk at the dinner table don't help the digestive processes either. Then when you go to the fish fry up at the church the girls take up the Godfrey business again, and you can't turn him to go in a query about how the neighbor's well is

THE GOLDEN IN THE CAROLINA IROQUOIS

THE SHPITZINIZER BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

WHEN the new rabbit came (to a small Southern congregation not far from here), the trustees told him that one of his duties was to join the local Kiwanis or Rotary club!

He told me later about his reaction after the first luncheon meeting.

make mistakes. They speed the voting process. As soon as the polls close they provide the total number of votes for each candidate or issue.

Voting machines are popular in the growing number of communities that use them, and popular in the precincts where they have been used on a trial basis in this county.

We urge the councilmen and commissioners to make the suggested investment in these instruments of efficient and honest government.

think into a fixed law that cannot be changed."

In other words the President was saying the same thing the Republican platform writers said when they declared for "a farm program aimed at full parity prices for all farm products in the market place." They want the farmer to get a fair living wage but they don't want to try to do it by upping mandatory price supports to 100 per cent.

If those three high causes of the farm problem, decreased markets, overproduction and increased farm costs, were attacked with a vengeance the problem might come down to manageable size.

ON CONTROVERSY

SO THE guardians of the Los Angeles Philharmonic-Auditorium won't let Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam speak there, because he's "too controversial figure."

Practically every word worth two words is controversial. By Los Angeles standards Christ probably wouldn't have been allowed in town. Controversy activates the intellect, sharpens the will. Sometimes it helps a good cause.

HOW COME?

IT HAS us stumped. Maybe some reader can explain it.

Last Wednesday a group of Texans hit Washington. They said they wanted Sen. Joe McCarthy to have a party car to take his bride around in, so they gave him a lil ole \$6,000 Cadillac.

Joe gleefully declared "this is the first car I've ever driven paid for my own time" and was completely paid for and rode away.

What we naive country boys would like to know is this:

Why can a government official not accept a \$6,000 gift, an amount scarcely a couple of adverse commas when a couple years ago government officials were getting bodes for accepting cut-rate mink coats, deep freezes, free-fodging or merely 10-pound hams?

THEY'RE NOT PARTICULARLY BITTER AGAINST PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

He said: "My father came from Spitznitz and now I am singing 'Carry me back to old Virginia—ah, it's a wonderful country, America!'"



Sweating Out New Jersey, California Gloom Settling in GOP Camp

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Jews, Arabs Have Had Serious Differences For A Long Time

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Arabs and the Jews of Palestine, since the outbreak of the Arab revolt, have treated each other bloodily. Tomorrow the United Nations Security Council examines the latest dispute.

Since the disputes have deep roots, here is the background. When the Ottomans (Turks) ruled the area, the Jews and Arabs were broken up after World War I. The League of Nations mandated Syria and Palestine and Transjordan to Britain.

It was different with Palestine, which was occupied by Jews and Arabs. Yet, as long ago as 1917 the British had promised to make Palestine a homeland for the Jews.

IN 1949 the U.N. got the war stopped at a truce. Since then there have been raids across the borders, shootings, killings—by Jews and Arabs.

Israel has a frontier with four of the states it fought: Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. The dispute now before the U.N. concerns Israel, Syria and Jordan.

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Today's dame doesn't have to go to the market every day any more. Or even send the cook, if she is virtuous, to the market.

This gives her time to concentrate on her diet, her frantic effort to look like a high-school girl when she's 60, and which she does on the best of the family.

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When Some Farmers Are Mad A Benson

So lightly drawn that in some countries farmers cannot get drought loans unless they are virtuous. Nor can they get loans if their wives, in order to save the farms, go to work teaching school, or their boys go into town to work.

Ben's Slowness THIS is where the resentment against the Farmers' Emergency Administration is most acute. The Secretary of Agriculture is not in the secret for the operations of office relief committee. He started idling before he entered office, and finally, they don't blame him for the lack.

Ben's Speeches MOST of all, however, farmers resent the Secretary's speech. It was a warning that he's going to abandon price supports and his forbidding about other price supports are being raised to 12 states, open wounds. Furthermore, he has a depressing effect on prices.

Whatever may be the reason for the