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STATE AIR PICTURE OUT OF FOCUS

THIS anniversary week of the Wright Brothers' famed flight at Kill Devil Hill is a good time to take a look at aviation in North Carolina. The current issue of N. C. Facts, published by the North Carolina Research Institute, turns the spotlight on N. C. aviation. And the picture is not good. This state, which ranks 10th in population, ranks 19th in number of airports. It ranks 14th in the number of airplanes registered.

1952. The other nine commercial airports contributed less than 12 per cent. Moreover, Charlotte has the lion's share of the commercial air passengers among these five airports. It is true that the figures for enplaned passengers include transfers, and Charlotte is the main transfer point in the state. But even making allowance for that, the balance is not good. Here are the five airports and their percentage of the state's enplaned passenger total:

Table with 2 columns: City, Percentage of State Total. Rows include Charlotte (49.63), Raleigh-Durham (16.88), Greensboro-High Point (11.37), Winston-Salem (5.25), Asheville-Hendersonville (5.12).

Hence, Charlotte, with transfer passengers counted, had substantially larger volume than all of the other four leading N. C. airports combined. This city is proud of its air service and wants more. But Charlotte is also interested in seeing a more rapid development throughout the state. More competition for the north-south route, and better east-west routes would bring better service and increased patronage. Some of the effort of the Department of Conservation & Development should be directed toward these objectives.

DRIVING COURTESY IS CONTAGIOUS

CHARLOTTEANS are brimful of southern hospitality—until they get behind the wheel of a car. Then they get a glint in their eyes. They growl at other drivers. They disregard automobiles that are trying legitimately to enter traffic lanes. They bear down on lines of pedestrians who are crossing intersections. Atlantans are hospitable folks, too. But they are exhibiting this fine characteristic while they drive. They try to outdo driving programs that Charlotte could probably copy. Atlanta traffic judges have inaugurated a Monday night traffic school. Each week some 150 to 200 first offenders attend the school instead of paying fines. The "wonders" don't fall behind. They see sound movies illustrating different kind of courteous driving. This program supplements the traffic judges' policy of explaining violations, and their possible unfortunate results, to law-breakers.

The program appears to be paying off. Accidents so far in December total 21, as compared with 33 for a similar period last year. Injury accidents are less than half what they were during the same period last year. And, the judges insist, driving courtesy is contagious. Atlanta drivers are giving other motorists and pedestrians the right way of with a smile, instead of edging them out, with a scowl. Certainly a portion of this program can be instituted in Charlotte without formally. The Christmas season is a good time for all drivers to get a determination to extend their hospitality to other drivers and the throngs of bundle-laden pedestrians. And the traffic school seems worth a try here, too. Already the State Highway Patrol is operating such a school at Fuquay Springs. Visualization of their faults may, more than fines, impress upon erring drivers the virtues of courtesy and the dangers of disobedience.

WHAT WE NEED NOW IS A COLD SPELL

THE cold weather that blanketed the Piedmont this week was a welcome relief from the monotonously moderate climate that usually prevails. But it's too bad that the slight dip in temperature was not accompanied by a blizzard and blanket of snow. Snow and cold weather arouse in men, and perhaps women, talents that remain latent in warm regions. The snow flakes have been recognized by many motorists. In his book on the troubles of the South, appropriately named 90 by Mrs. Saxon, the late Clarence Casan of Alabama noted that Jim Hill, the railroad builder, believed that no man up here who works does not fall in, ever worth a tinker's damn. Accordingly, he built his railroads in the northwest. The inhabitants of the great Northwest learned to cope ingeniously with their environment. Paul Bunyan, the intrepid lumberjack, used to utter coarse epithets which had been recognized by many motorists. After which Bunyan would pick these epithets out of the thin air and lay on his adversaries with them.

There were, of course, poor souls like Sam McGee from Tennessee, who cursed cold weather while he searched for gold, and found himself only when he was finally cremated on the marge of Lake LeBarge. But most importantly—and this is recorded in history rather than in literature—many previously undistinguished southerners who trekked to the north country often became leading citizens after a few hard winters. Quite a few Tar Heel ne'er-do-wells migrated to Montana after the War Between the States, and some of these who did not freeze to death were elected to high position in that state's early governments. However, even this cool spell brought out some of the admirable qualities of Mecklenburgers. Motorists' assistance to work stopped to pick up roush-cheeked youngsters. Mecklenburgers reared in northern climes advised the natives how to thaw out from winter pipes. The spirit to chin up and persevere in living rooms made cheerful by crackling logs burning in the fireplace. Come a real cold snap now, and life will be beautiful.

AN INANE IDEA

CHARLOTTE'S Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn would like to see if we consider an inane idea for prevention of future suicide attempts in the municipal jail: The Queen City law enforcement chief promises to indict persons who try self-destruction while incarcerated. This step comes after four persons tried to end their lives in Charlotte's jail within the past three weeks. What Chief Littlejohn hopes to accomplish by his latest course move will fall to see. Indictment and jailing on a new night simply induce, in many cases, attempts at self-destruction or certainly leave the prisoners under conditions and circumstances where further, if not complete, could be made. After all, what if all persons who take or try to take their own lives must be irresponsible to great degree, and the Littlejohn promises or threats, whichever you wish to term them, take no cognizance of that irresponsibility or the state of illness which figures in the suicide? The answer to the problem with which he is dealing should be greater precaution and the treatment of potential suicides as ill and not criminal human beings. In the first place jail cells should be made as safe as possible. In the second place, the state should investigate or possibly

might be deprived of every item which might be used to that end. First and foremost should be medical or psychiatric attention to such persons when they are arrested and brought to police headquarters. Anyone unconscious or irrational is entitled to medical attention. If a person's name, should go far beyond being tossed into a cell and left to his or her own devices and physical and mental potentialities. Promise to indict one who attempts suicide under prevailing circumstances makes for neither sense nor humaneness. Charlotte must be too enlightened a community to believe that jailing is the answer for suicide attempts and what is behind them.

Harold S. Ickes wrote a diary of 6,000,000 words during his term as secretary of the interior. Publication of it has just begun. The Old Curmudgeon probably managed to squeeze in a little word for the government, too. NEW ORLEANS (Special).

The industrial genius that is America's has made this a land not only in which men are created free and equal, but also in which the state is entitled to more than five million new cars a year.—GREENWOOD (Miss.) COMMENTARY.



"Ha, ha... this guy says the reason the Air Force won't tell the truth about flying saucers is because the people might panic..."

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.

Army Bungled Trip

EDITORS, THE NEWS: IT seems to me that Gen. John E. Hull and his command could have made a wiser decision in the case of Pfc. Richard F. Tompson's mother and her visit to the Far East. For one thing, why did the Army allow Mrs. Hull to Tokyo before informing her that she would not be able to see her son? Could they not have told her it was impossible even before the left Alden, Miss.?

Certainly the powers that be must know her plans to go to Korea. Secondly, since the Communists have pulled every trick in their "below the belt" methods to get their boys back, this cannot be called unwise. We now have 22 boys who refuse to come home. To date, we have not learned any reason from any one of these individuals why they refuse. The result of these "brain-washings," as it has been said, could be corrected with a little "home cooking" and "care" how much closer a boy gets to home than to see the face of his mother? Let's face it. The U. S. is worried about these boys. It seems to me that since nothing else pleases them, we have nothing to lose by turning to the similar "kid" problem—discuss it and talk it over with "mom." —MERT PHILLIPS.

A Clarification

EDITORS, THE NEWS: PLEASE permit me to state through the columns of your interesting paper that Mrs. Jefferson Davis is the only person who was ever honored by the general organization United Daughters of the Confederacy with the office of honorary president-general. The by-laws of the UDC state that "The office of president-general shall remain vacant as a memorial to Mrs. Jefferson Davis, wife of the president of the southern confederacy." This honorary office is sometimes confused with that of honorary president of the UDC, there being 18 members of the organization, who have never been president-general, who may hold this office at one time; and many scores have held it through the years, being members active in UDC work. President-general may not be given the lower honorary rank of Honorary President, since, according to the by-laws, they have held the highest office in the organization, and by virtue of that fact have a personal vote in conventions. —JULIA M. ALEXANDER.

The Kids Will Be Happy

EDITORS, THE NEWS: We want to take this our first opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the aid and assistance in connection with the 17th annual Shrine Bowl Game. The success of this enterprise depends upon its reception by the good people of the two caroles and that favorable reception could not be had without the aid and assistance of such good folks as you. We extend not only the thanks of the workers but assure you that the real thanks will come from those little crippled children who today have no hope of anything better until eternity but will walk a year from today because of your generous help in this worthy charity. —ED BURBIE, General Chairman, Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

Antidote For The Bobbitts

EDITORS, THE NEWS: ALLOW me to express my admiration for the editorial in the News and reported the "Hudson Luncheon Club" piece which The News ran on its editorial page Dec. 14. It has been a wonderful antidote for the mouthings of the Snyder and "Hundred" at so-called "civic clubs," accounts of which find their way into the News with monotonous regularity. As a relief from these expressions of rabidness, may I suggest that you reprint the Memphis piece once a week. If "Little Old Philadelphia Lady" finds such a bit with the readers of The News edition of the Herald Tribune, might not "Hudson Luncheon Club" serve the same purpose here? —DANIEL DELAFIELD.

Debate Offer Stands

EDITORS, THE NEWS: THIS is to advise my friends throughout the state who have contacted me recently, writing me to see about and debate F. Long of Lincolnport on the air at the earliest possible moment, that my recent statement in the People's Platform still stands. I will be happy to debate Mr. Long at any time after the first of the year, for 30 minutes over Radio Station WBT or WSOB (and such a bit with the readers of The News in Lincolnport, as the gentleman prefers). As you all know, I have already bridged the challenge. Now it is left up to Mr. Long to accept or decline said challenge. —J. R. DEAN.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON INSIDE reason for Arthur Schlesinger's flight from Korea to Washington was to carry an urgent warning to President Eisenhower that the Korean war will erupt wide open again unless some drastic decisions are made by Jan. 22. Drew Pearson, who has been a vocal critic, abruptly broke off haggling with the Communists and flew straight to Washington to report to the President. The Department expert Kenneth Young was left behind to keep a foot in the door in Korea by a Communist storm cloud. Meanwhile, Dean has warned Washington in blunt terms that the Korean truce is threatened by a Communist storm cloud. The Communists reportedly will resist with force if the U.S. goes ahead with its plan to release on Jan. 22, 22,000 Red prisoners who still refuse to be repatriated. Meanwhile, South Korean President Syngman Rhee won't be talked out of launching his own offensive against North Korea in a near future, Dean has been told by Jan. 22. Dean has been warning partly on an inside source, partly on a source who is a Communist and Indian guard. The Reds informed the Indians they planned to attack if the 22,000 Red prisoners who refuse to go home are released. The Communists further offered the Indians safe withdrawal into North Korea. As an ominous move

Congressional Quiz

Q—Now that this year's scheduled special elections are over, what is the political line in the House? Representative? A—The election of Glenard P. Lipscomb (R) Nov. 10 in the 24th California District leaves the 458-member House divided as follows: Republicans, 212; Democrats, 215; independent one. In addition to the California election, seven other special elections in several other states were filled by special elections since the start of the 83rd Congress. Q—I've been reading about the Townsend Plan and wondering how it stands. A—The Plan proposes a federal pay-as-you-go system of monthly payments to all citizens of the United States 60 years of age or older, or between 18 and 60 who are totally blind or otherwise totally disabled, payments which would be according to the level of prices and business activity, would come from a fund financed by a tax of two per cent on all personal income over \$500 a month.

War Against Reds In Malaya Is Weary, Tiresome Affair

BY JOSEPH ALSPOP SINGAPORE THE situation in Malaya is fast becoming a weary, tiresome affair. The war against communism here is a tiresome, weary business, lacking the excitement and grandeur of the great risks. The problem here has not been solved, but it is under control. The Chinese position in this country is now as great as the native Malayan population. Here, as in most other areas, you find the universal Southeast Asian's question of the overseas Chinese. The Chinese are now gradually occupying the Chinese people in the spreading over more than 2,000 years. The Thai people of Siam, for instance, were driven out of Central China by the Chinese advance at about the time of Christ; and were again driven out of Central China into their present country in the 10th century. In many ways, the situation in Malaya is similar to the 10th century situation in Central China when the brave Thais fled to Siam. Wealth and enterprise, commerce and the professions belong to the Chinese in Malaya. The Malays are embittered because they think the Chinese have taken their country. The Chinese angrily claim the influence their position entitles them to. The large majority of the Chinese here are anti-Communist. They yet most Malayan Communists are Chinese. They are, almost all the Malayan Chinese feel a meekening pride in the struggle. The Chinese have already shown. Very great numbers of them will want to support the Communist drive in Malaya. When the Communist drive in Asia shows even greater strength, they will be driven out of Malaya — to take over Malaya as Central and South China were taken from the British and then to Malaya. Nor does the story end there. The British have in date kept the Chinese out of Malaya. They have now promised full independence to the Malaya Federation. The Chinese are now in Malaya or Commissioner MacDonald on this subject can doubt the sincerity of the British. The British are dependent Malaya will be a monopoly unless a working partnership is formed between the Chinese and Malayan sectors of the population here. The Chinese are not a nation. Marshall Pihon of Thailand, that "A free world policy in Asia which would be a step toward the solution of the problem of Chinese Communist power, is not a policy at all." Even if the Chinese are to come, this will continue to be true.

Plug The Pipeline

(An Editorial from the Daily Oklahoman) A change might permit the government to prosecute some of the people it feels have engaged in telephone conversations with the Reds. But it is doubtful whether the job of catching subversives would be a law admitting wiretapped evidence. It is certainly any conspirator would be mighty careful if he knew his telephone conversations were being tapped. He would have anything to say over the telephone that constructively could be of interest to the FBI.

A Heap 'O' Flyin'

(An Editorial from the Arkansas Gazette) Red mongers all of us were impressed with Miss Martin's comment on her journey. It was obvious from the way she was talking she put down in some of the world's most romantic spots—England, France, Italy, Greece, and the Pacific Islands—she never got out of the local airports. Miss Mary Nell, who was also 23 years old, brunette and shapely, when she circled the globe by commercial air service, was the daughter of the late Mr. Pullitzer's circulation department. The difference between Miss Rip's 72 years and Miss Martin's 23 is not in the new dimension of the globe.

Reds Threaten New Offensive In Korea

As a result, the alarmed Indians have sent on what they intend to do if the prisoner-exchange program is still bogged down on Jan. 22. U. S. Commanders have been warned that the Communist forces are ready to launch a new offensive against the 38th Parallel with ROK troops, that they have lost their supplies, which would be a heavy blow. However, Rhee's ground troops can walk to war as easily as ride, and the Imbabable South Korean army could light the fuse to the Korean powder keg at any moment. Everyone from President Eisenhower on down has headed with Rhee. He has indicated that he would give a peace conference to operate since it got started by Jan. 22. Meanwhile, U. S. Korean negotiators for a peace conference are not too far apart. Only major stumble-block, Dean reports, is whether Russia shall attend as a neutral or a belligerent. Dean has flatly refused to allow Russia to play the role of a neutral. Note that the Communist intelligence reports that Russia has moved 58 divisions and most of its tactical air squadrons into Siberia, an ominous move

in the direction of Korea. If the Russians openly try to move their troops, the U. S. has drafted plans for hitting back with A-bombs. Headlines & Footnotes CIO leaders tried to drum up a debate before the chief economic advisers of the President's Council on Economic Advisors. The CIO invited Dr. Arthur Burns, Ike's top economist, to discuss economic policy with the President's Council on Economic Advisors. Dr. Burns declined. West Germany is waiting for the go-ahead to launch its own recovery program. The first time since the war, the Germans will be permitted to mine uranium—only one time annually. Sen. McCarthy is sore about allied trade with Red China. However, Japanese firms, some trading with Red China, are also trading with Red China. Sen. McCarthy's proposed bill has a \$15,000,000 auction of his personal goods in Egypt, including pictures of scantily clad females. Farouk is buying a new world press forming process and will keep hands off his former possessions or rights until he is ready to leave. Meanwhile, Egyptian Premier Naguib has been bringing pressure upon the Italian government to declare Farouk persona non grata and force his exile into Italy. In hopes he will get as far away from the Red mongers all of us were impressed with Miss Martin's comment on her journey. It was obvious from the way she was talking she put down in some of the world's most romantic spots—England, France, Italy, Greece, and the Pacific Islands—she never got out of the local airports. Miss Mary Nell, who was also 23 years old, brunette and shapely, when she circled the globe by commercial air service, was the daughter of the late Mr. Pullitzer's circulation department. The difference between Miss Rip's 72 years and Miss Martin's 23 is not in the new dimension of the globe. I saw some lovely airports, but they were not in my home town. There must be something in this somewhere for Edgar Guest.

Coca-Cola Support

WHEN Adlai Stevenson spoke in Atlanta, home of timeless Deaver, Bob Woodruff of Coca-Cola fame, he could not be seen by the surrounding crowd, so someone drove out a Coca-Cola case. Adlai stood on the case and delivered his speech, which caused Gov. Herman Talmadge to remark: "That's the most support Bob Woodruff or Coca-Cola has given a Democrat for 20 years."