

'By The Way, What's The State Of The Congress?'

Pros & Cons

Court Consolidation Benefits Questioned

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(Charlotte of Three Articles)
IF THE CITY and County Courts were consolidated, what would it mean in operating costs and increased efficiency?
How would it affect the 30,000 defendants who will appear in court this year?
What would be the effect on the 100,000 licensees and hundreds of others who appear as witnesses?

THE STATE OF THE UNION

ALTHOUGH President Eisenhower ranged wide over a score of major topics, the masterful State of the Union address yesterday, there emerged as the central theme of his speech greater initiative and more decisive action in three major areas of government.
1. In foreign policy, the President dramatically lifted the naval blockade that has prevented hostilities between Formosa and Communist China, said he would ask Congress to join in renouncing the Yalta agreement which called for creating a buffer zone on the part of other free nations in the mending of worldwide mutual security.

THE ANOMALY OF 'LOCAL' LEGISLATION

THE General Assembly, which should devote its attention to more important matters, last week pondered many local bills of which these are examples:
H. B. 127: To validate the official acts of L. Arthur as a justice of the peace in Onslow County.
H. B. 128: To reappoint Z. C. Byers a member of the board of water commissioners of the city of Hendersonville.
H. B. 129: To exempt certain voluntary firemen in Martin County from jury duty.
H. B. 130: To fix the cost in the mayor's court in the town of Tabor City.

G-MAN SCHEIDT

ED SCHEIDT closed his desk at 5 P. M. one day last week, put on his hat and walked out of the Detroit office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and into retirement.
It had been 21 years since the lanky Winston-Salem, fresh from the University of North Carolina, joined J. Edgar Hoover's crack organization. He served first in Kansas City, then New York City and Buffalo, then in Washington as assistant to Mr. Hoover before being transferred to Detroit as special agent in charge of this field office, a post he held for nine years. Subsequently, he was in charge of the New York City FBI office for six years, and finally Detroit.

THE YELL, LOUISIANA SUBGROUP

FURTHER RESEARCH—much evidence in the estimation of all true sons of the Confederacy—has been done into the orthography of that famous Rebel yell which during the war is reported to have persuaded Yarbrough to fling down the weapons and either slaying up trees or light out for home.
We turned to the archives of this newspaper and obtained a "right-out-of-the-horse-mouth" version of at least one species of the yell. It was a film news recording made at our instance in 1932 at Camp Nicholls, Confederate veterans' home in New Orleans.
The hierarchy of old sound track records H. there was some general agreement in the old soldiers' rendition of the yell, although each had his individual flourish.
In this Louisiana Rebel yell the "yess" starts on A sharp, and immediately up "jass"



People's Platform

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

Merchant Against Garnishee Law

ROCK HILL, S. C.
Editors, The News:
THIS writer for nearly 30 years has been engaged in the retail installment business. Fifteen of these years have been spent in the Carolinas. The proposed constitutional amendment permitting the garnisheeing of wages is, in my opinion, one of the most unjust and unbusinesslike amendments that will be proposed to the people of this State. It will be welcomed by a majority of the American people as a foregone conclusion; it will be fought with grave dangers is equally certain.

Favors Prohibition

LANCASTER, S. C.
Editors, The News:
A FEW days ago I read in a South Carolina paper how good hard people had worked to have good safe roads to ride on, and how cars were made better each year, and how much effort was being put forth to educate our people to drive cars.
We hear it from the pulpit, teach it in our schools and clubs and other places, but still the wreck, seems to me, to me, with one eye and a small amount of common sense could tell the reason. When drivers fill up with legalised liquor and beer, they get carping, and killing and crippling for life, filling our hospitals and funeral homes. Everyone is in danger on the highway.

Evangelism And The Bible

CHARLOTTE
Editors, The News:
JOHN S. HAWLEY' letter that poking an irreverent finger into the ribs of the Rev. Billy Graham here on his home grounds can provide mixed reactions and repercussions, certainly can, because I for one resent anyone ridiculing anything of my Lord and Savior. He goes on to write of his objections to any and all evangelists of any degree because they cause an ugly blot on the page of Christianity.

Note Of Appreciation

CHARLOTTE
Editors, The News:
SPEAKING for the Ministerial Association, I want to thank you most sincerely for the excellent coverage of the recent Preaching Mission. Your aid in publicizing this important endeavor was of immense assistance in making the coming of the presence of America's best religious leadership here could not expect more than so you will.

Eisenhower To Attend Senate Prayer Meet

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Airmen Lonely In France

FRANCE
Editors, The News:
We are some lonely Air Force men over here in muddy France. We stand mail call every day but seldom receive a letter. So we are asking you very kindly if you will put our names in your paper.
TS/OT VIRGIL SMITH, AF 105511724
S/CS RUSSELL KAISER, AF 105510600
W/CS RICHARD WATKINS, AF 1211254
38th Mil. Veh. Sqdn., APO 15, 5 PM, NY.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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DIFFERENCE VOLUME

Difference in the lower courts is not in the type of cases handled, but in volume. Last year 16,484 cases were docketed in City Court and 13,982 in county court.
If the court consolidation proposal made by Councilman Basti...
An all-day court with a full-time judge and solicitor...
The City Court, operating under the City Police Department's budget, is allowed \$24,078.18 for operation. Last year the court collected \$32,244.50 in fines, forfeitures and costs. Civil penalties collected by the Traffic Waver Bureau for minor traffic violations...
County officials are appointed by the City Council for two-year terms. Judge J. C. Sedberry is on the bench "have the opportunity to study the cases coming before him."

President Holds Out Olive Branch To New Congress

WASHINGTON
WITH EX-PRESIDENT Truman's sour Congressional relations still in mind, he has made a gesture to the Capitol yesterday President Eisenhower tried a different approach.
He carried an olive branch with him, wrapped up in his State of the Union message. He said it pretty plain in his 34-page, very conciliatory, talk that he wanted to get along with Congress.
Here and there he said that he caused some momentary irritations. For instance, to Southern Democrats who have been so long in to end racial segregation in the nation's capital.
But one member of Congress who had his heart set on cutting taxes right away must have felt that he was warned Congress to go slow on cutting taxes.
But on the whole the message stroked the congressional fur by the right way. Whether or not, in the end, his relations with Congress will be as good as they were, Truman's is something the next few years will have to show.

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