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'I'd Like To See You Get It, But You Know Our Policy'

From April to July, Spring Climbs Tar Heel Mountains



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.

Red Faces Upcoming

CHARLOTTE
Editors, The News:
The light of the recent history—Has, Remington and other traitors who presently at...

also opposed to his program. Truthfully, his relations with Congress were almost hopeless. Contrarywise, as of now, Mr. Eisenhower faces a friend...

Red Carpet Treatment

HIGH POINT
Editors, The News:
YOUR editorial, "Country Club atop the Court house", was to be expected. However, looking back over the years, it isn't new. We hope you are not too hard on our present Sheriff or his trusted jailer. They are, in my opinion, the most sincere men the county has had in years. It just leaked out, and they are victims of a true situation that caught up with them due to publicity...

With the exception of F.D.R. in 1932, certainly in 1936, no man has ever entered the White House with the tremendous popular support accorded Mr. Eisenhower. It is out of order to ask: Has he availed himself of this support so as to become the leader of all the people? The question does not originate with me. A number of commentators, columnists and reporters have expressed concern because of this apparent failure.

Further Views On Ike

PINEHURST
Editors, The News:
ANSWERING your editorial "I Could Have Been A Much Worse", published May 6 with my letter titled "Has Doubts About Ike", it is flattering to think that one of my letters was given enough importance to warrant editorial comment. Possibly I should be satisfied and rest on my laurels, but as the point which you made is debatable the opportunity cannot be ignored.

The Republicans, in control for the first time in twenty years, are learning the potential facts of life the hard way. They know that it is much easier to stand on the outside, look in and criticize than to be in the inside with all the responsibilities involved.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
One of the most amazing backtracks of the Eisenhower Administration took place very quietly a few days ago when it reversed a program for keeping rat droppings and weevils waste out of wheat and grain cleaned to the American housewife.

Congressional Quotes

In a bantering interlude in the Senate "useful" agriculture was the subject of a (I Ore) explained: "...one reason for my being able to stand here for 22 hours and 26 minutes is that I ride 20 or 30 miles every weekend. That ought to help someone who is interested in selling my horse..." Sen. Russell B. Long (D La.) said that when he "heard of the \$1,000 price..." whether the horse could talk. "Lor" replied: "...the conversation I have with my horse is always pleasant..."

Political Pressure Stops Grain Clean-up

WASHINGTON
The government's grain clean-up program actually had got under way with the encouragement of many millers and all the bakers. Likewise grain containing more than 10 percent of adulterants was condemned for human consumption but classified as O.K. for animal consumption. The government's grain clean-up program was sufficient.

Government Has Weevils Too

Washington, D.C.
White House direct. The Commodity Credit Corporation, the arm of the Agriculture Department which handles the price-support program, was warned that some of its own grain would be declared adulterated for human consumption under the new inspection program. Secretary Benson was told by grain dealers that the number of weevils in government grain would be declared weevil-infested.

by those who keep up with the weather pattern. Generally speaking, the insect-mite display including the North showiest flower, that of the purple rhyododendron, 11 m e azales and mountain laurel, can be seen in the Blue Ridge Parkway, Peaks both of Roanoke and North of Asheville, usually open the last three weeks of June.

These great rhododendron displays are preceded by a burst of Carolina rhododendron or Punctatum pinkish purple variety, and flame azalea, which may be at its peak at lower levels around 3,000 feet, in general, and same late flame azalea will be found at higher altitudes, having passed its peak by late May.

Laurel and azaleas, both pink and flame, appear in profusion also in North Carolina. They will reach their best peaks from mid-May through June, depending upon altitude. They may be seen at many places along the Parkway. The blooming season extends until late July in such high altitude parks as the local parks of Wayah Bald, and Whiteside Mountain, which has an improved toll road to its crest.

Peaks and quality of blossoms vary from year to year, according to weather and not always systematic cycles. A poor rhododendron season is likely to follow a brilliant blooming year, and vice versa. The best time to see the flowers is from a day to two weeks earlier or later than they did the year preceding. In 1953, the best time may be forecast after a fashion.

May is the month of blooming apple orchards in the mountains, and these may be found right on the Parkway itself, in the Piedmont and reach their best toward the Great Smokies, where there is a great concentration around Wayah Bald. At its best, the orchards around Hendersonville flourish. Those in the Brushy Mountains near North Wilkesboro have the best, usually are near their peak around the last week in May. At this time, the orchards in the Blue Ridge Parkway, of which there are many, are in full bloom. The Swissler and Buck Creek Gap, east of Mt. Mitchell, and on the Parkway, are in full bloom. The Parkway turns at Gillespie Gap.

Eisenhower Talk To Answer Questions On Defense Cuts

WASHINGTON
PRESIDENT Eisenhower radioed a talk to the nation Tuesday night on defense, spending, and the budget. He said he is looking for the Eisenhower administration is going to do. He said he is looking for the Eisenhower administration is going to do. He said he is looking for the Eisenhower administration is going to do.

The unanswered question is: Will this be economy at the price of less defense? Secretary of State Wilson said last week his economy program aims at "more effective defense spending." Of all the people in this country President Eisenhower ought to know whether the economy he's offering will still stand up to a test with an adequate defense at home and abroad.

It is a valid assumption that the Russians have more by being nice than by being mean. While Stalin was alive, snorting defiance, the Russians were increasing. With leadership crumbling here, this country's defense spending is starting down.

Merry-Go-Round

ROY Colm, chief investigator for Senate Agriculture Committee under the prodding of GOP Sen. Albert C. Schweitzer, up Commissioner, gave him a stiff Sen. Roy, executive secretary of the National Grain Producers' Association. Finally, Mr. Hobby and Secretary Benson tossed in the towel. They issued joint statements, including Federal aid to the old system of "voluntary cooperation" to prevent grain contamination.

HOW MANY NEGRO HOSPITAL BEDS ARE NEEDED?

A NEWS story last week regarding the proposed new Negro hospital in Charlotte wants elaboration. The Mecklenburg Medical Society, which, along with the Chamber of Commerce, has advocated construction of the hospital, noted that according to the calculations made in a previous health survey by Dr. Forbus report, that there should be 65 more Negro hospital beds.

construction of something in the neighborhood of 200 beds would be necessary today to meet the minimum standards. However, it should also be noted that medical authorities believe the ratio of beds to population should be higher than four to one in urban areas, while Charlotte is, and in areas where the incidence of disease is quite high. As we noted in an editorial last week, the incidence of death and disease in Charlotte's Negro population is markedly higher than that of the white population.

The additional point that needs to be made, and which some members of the Society do make, is that an adequate Negro hospital should include double or triple this number of beds, for these several reasons: Negroes, not only from Charlotte but from the six adjacent North Carolina counties and parts of South Carolina, seek hospitalization in Charlotte, just as white patients come to Charlotte hospitals from outside Mecklenburg county. When Sample B. Forbus, administrator of Watts Hospital in Durham, made his report on the local Negro health situation for the Rotarians in 1946, he noted that the Negro population in Mecklenburg and the six adjoining North Carolina counties totaled slightly more than 100,000. Applying to this population total the nationally accepted figure that four hospital beds per 1,000 population are required to provide minimum hospital in-patient accommodations, he concluded that 400 hospital beds for Negroes were needed.

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At that time there were only 175 beds in this seven-county area. Thus 225 more beds would have been required at that time to bring Negro bed facilities up to minimum standards.

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WE'RE STILL WAITING TO HEAR CLARK

A SEAT on the Supreme Court of the United States is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon any American. The Supreme Court is the apex of our judicial system. Its members are supposed to be, and most have been, above the plane of partisan politics, examples for lesser members of the legal profession.

ss City mail fraud case in 1946 in a most extraordinary manner. McGranery at the time was the number two man, under Clark, in the Justice Department. Although ordinarily all such major cases crossed McGranery's desk, he testified that he was not even informed of the case until he himself became Attorney General—and then a Congressional committee told him about it.

During the past year or so witness after witness before a Congressional committee has made statements which indicate that one member of the Supreme Court, Justice Tom Clark, was negligent, or worse, in the conduct of his office when he was Attorney General. The latest witness to substantiate this impression is former Attorney General Tom McGranery. Friday he testified before the Justice Department dismissed the Kao

It seems to us that Justice Clark in refusing to accept invitations to present his knowledge of the matter, has cast serious reflection not only upon himself, but upon his profession and his high office. It is time—far past time—for Justice Clark to take off his judicial robes, offer testimony and submit to questioning.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S PROGRESS IN INDIA

BACK IN THE DAYS of Empire, travelers in India used to return with stories of the natives' great interest in paternity clinics that might increase their reproductive capacity. A large family increased a man's prestige in his neighborhood, and competition for honors of this sort was one of the chief motives for India's overpopulation and resultant extreme poverty.

citizens, India is pushing through, ahead of schedule, a birth control program, including guidance clinics and child welfare centers. Urgency attends this matter because higher birth standards have decreased sharply the Indian death rate—with the result that from 1941 to 1948 the population increased by 42 million, and now stands at 385 million. Officials are hopeful the population will become stabilized, in a few years, at about 370 million.

JOURNALISM CHALLENGE

AFTER 27 years heading the University of North Carolina's journalism training operations, Oscar J. Coffin plans to retire at close of the present academic year. He isn't going to take that rest so richly deserved, for he isn't the resting kind. He continues to teach, which is to be expected, anyhow, and he is a great teacher in modern exemplification of that teaching principle of Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and his student on the other, with development of that student by his own hand.

This India, like Japan, which also has too many people for its area, is taking the sort of practical action that will relieve a most pressing problem. And in so doing it Emory's service with the depth, there is a problem of too many people for too little land will be reduced in proportion to the raising of living and educational standards in overpopulated countries.

Even in Russia, it seems, the new administration is trying to get along with the medical profession.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Everyone has the right to develop individual character. And some do.—Greenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth.