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### The Problem Of Getting At The Truth

Some 20th century Americans hold the view that history, like truth, is purely view that history, like truth, is purely the proposed of the past in terms of prejudices and passions of particular historians. Others maintain that there is a certain obstinate in the them as mind. These two things—combined with man's insatiable currosity to know what has happened and why—have produced a considerable amount of accurate knowledge of events in the past and their casual connections, they say.

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The whole challenging subject of history and truth has fascinated scholars for centuries. It has particularly interested Dr. Hugh T. Leffer, University of North Carolina history professor and author. He discussed the problem last week in an address before Greensboro's Rotary Club. Before he knew it, he was personally entangled in a strange situation involving the very thing he was talking about—the difficulty of getting at the Iruth.

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To hammer home a point during his talk Dr. Lefler mentioned conflicting views about consolidation of the University of North Carolina. What he said was one thing; what was reported in many a North Carolina newspaper was another. The details are outlined by Dr. Lefler himself today in a letter to Tite News.

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Dr. Lefler certainly did not fire "a double-barreled blast at the Consolidated University of North Carolina" as one account said. Nor did he portray the University as a failure, as a headline said.

Dr. Lefler's remarks, however, have indeed raised some serious questions about consolidation of the University. They deserve thoughtful consideration. A thorough study of the effects of 23 years of consolidation would be both informative and useful in the future development of the institution.

As President Gordon Gray said in his five-year report to the governor and university trustees, the University system of the properties of the proper

By 1950, however, the University was in need of organizational changes to provide significant growth. President Gray made the changes Results have been good. More reorganization is probably on the was provided to meet important needs—in students, faculties, buildings and in service to the state. But if there are any serious holes in the system, they should be brought out into higher education. It all fits needy to higher education. It all fits neatly into the potential

said. higher education
The whole situation was unfortunate It all fits neatly into the potential and undoubtedly was the source of some desire for truth in the human mind.

## Why Gov. Lodge Let Simpkins Go

Some readers doubtless shared our concern over a press dispatch from Hartford Conn., about two weeks ago, regarding an escaped prisoner from North Carolina. The governor of Connecticut refused to grant North Carolina's request for extradition of the prisoner because, it was said, of the manner in which the prisoner. Flowd Simpkins, had been treated on a North Carolina prison farm.

The story naturally raised several questions. Was the prisoner, two was serving six months on a lareeny charge, actually mistreated? If so, how did the governor of Connecticut ascertain this to be true?

In response to our request for the facts on the case, the assistant attorney general of Connecticut wrote as follows: "On the basis of the application for extradition which was forwarded to this office by the governor of North Carolina and information disclosed at the hearing held by Gov. Lodge, it appeared that Floyd Simpkins pleaded guilty that the grant of the strategy continued to the charges were not true. When the prisoner was released the matter was further disclosed that Mr. Simpkins with and to this sentence before escaping. It was further disclosed that Mr. Simpkins with and to this described that the working the six months, He served four months of this sentence before escaping. It was further disclosed that Mr. Simpkins with and to this connecticut would have the burden of supporting Mrs. Simpkins and the two children during the absence of Floyd Simpkins. Furthermore, Mr. Simpkins and the two children during the absence of Floyd Simpkins. Furthermore, Mr. Simpkins and the two children during the absence of Floyd Simpkins. Furthermore, Mr. Simpkins and the two children during the absence of Floyd Simpkins. Furthermore, Mr. Simpkins and the two children during the absence of Floyd Simpkins. Furthermore, Mr. Simpkins and the two

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THERE'S a whale of a campaign going
on across the border in Tennessee.
Sen. Estes Kefauver is being challenged
by Rep. Pat Sutton. Kefauver is tirelessly going through the routine of handshaking and sober speech-making he followed in Charlotte whea he sought the
Democratic presidential nomination in
1932. Sutton goes in for the talkathon
and dramatic dropins by helicopter.
Both favor TVA, including TVA steam
plant construction, as does practically
every successful Tennessee Valley legislator. Both favor high agricultural price
supports. They've chosen other battlegrounds, with Kefauver recounting his
formidable record against sin and corruption, and Sutton extolling his Americanism and questioning his opponent's
"this standard continuation of all Americans, for the two men have
fundamentally different views on U. S.
foreign policy.
Kefauver has been a sturdy supporter

Even The Rishward News Loades.

From The Richmond News Leader

ONE FOOT, LIKEWISE PRINCESS MARGARET, we see by the papers, went to a ball recently at Bad Elisen, Germany, after a hard day of diplomatic duties. When it came time for dancing, the princess politely asked to be excused. The explanation, reported the back of the princess politely asked to be the control of the princess politely asked to be excused. The explanation, reported did burt? with wholesome frankness from across the seas, was that her feet hurt.

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The item recalls an old story from a more decorous day, of a young lady who was being tutored by her mother in genteel behavior. She was told that as a general rule it was not considered proper to discuss one's anatomy or ailments in mixed company, but that occasions did arise, from time to time, when the mat-

remembered, in this field, that it was not ladylike to complain that one's feet hurt: One's foot could hurt, but one's feet, no.

in that event, advised her mother, "You make an appropriate gesture and say, 'My foot hurts,' and then you add, 'In fact, my other foot hurts, too."

Chivalry may be moribund, but we would prefer to believe that Princess Margaret's escorts, making solicitous inquiries of her highness, were told that her foot hurt. And so did the other one.



### People's Platform

## 'What Can You Believe?'

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Chapel Hill
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To the doctor's assurance,
"Don't worry about things like
that—just think about getting
well," is a dated a comforting

(Editors' Note: Mr. Skinner, formerly director of Lenoir dining halls at the University of North Carolina, was struck by polio five years ago, and has spent much of his time since then in an iron lung.)

## Is The Only Solution

considerates.

Contrary to common report, the Joint Chiefs of Staff were unanious that American interests demanded intervention. Gen. Ridgeway is alleged to have dissented, but this is not correct. By a conventional infantryman's analysis of the cost, character and dura-ventional report of the cost, character and dura-time of the cost, charac

## A March On Raleigh

National Emergency Isn't

Being Treated Like One By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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and crast, which was then in a dark and active stage.

"Oh." said Lady Wilson, who was a strong British birdwatcher, "why not by birds." This is one of the Wilson's advice becomes very tempting. The political realities are immensely repellent. They have been officially concealed from the 'American public, Writing about those realities sounds like a description of a nightmare. But it is not a nightmare. But it is not a nightmare. The realities shall be faced, and the stage of the before a strong the stage of the stage of

### The Chigger Crop Is Good -But Only For Scratching

An Editorial In The Sanford Herald

attempt to assess what those real-ities truly are.

"MUNICH ACCEPTED
To begin with, this country has now accepted a new Munich in the Far East. ("Accept" is the new word of art used in this ad-ministration, to mean flabbiness in the face of danger. The his-tower to save Indochina is enough to suggest the decision's future consequences.

An Editorial In The Sanford Heroid

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# Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Backstage Deals In Atomic Power Fight

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