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Prison Reform: Out Of The Dark Ages

THE order forbidding the use of leg shackles in 84 of North Carolina's 93 penal institutions earned state prison officials no special halos. The action was long overdue. For it comes in 1955 rather than years ago to mark a mark of shiny bureaucratic virtue.

William T. Polk & The Southern Scene

IT HAS been said of Trollope that you can walk around in his books with your hat on. The notion is that his version of 19th century England is more real than Dickens. William T. Polk's South offers similarly authentic literary landscapes to 20th century strollers.

Between Arab And Israeli: A Fuse

ARAB-ISRAELI relations are like a hand grenade tossed into the window of the Western world. The interested nations, including Britain and the U.S., can hear the fuse sputtering but are afraid to seize the grenade and toss it out for fear it might go off in their hands. So everybody stands around in seeming paralysis and the fire department isn't even in sight.

Hark! The Sweet, Gentle, Kind Cat

WELL, the cat-and-bird bit has been modernized, too. All-powerful science has been dragged into the old battle. The American Feline Society, after looking into the matter, specifically into the tumblers of 193 cats killed in highway accidents, comes up with proof that cats do not eat birds, either, and it's the puss that everyone puts upon to shamefully AFS' dissection showed the dead cats had eaten mice, rabbit, rat, table scraps, turtle, fish, grasshoppers, chicken, grass, herbs and hair but (surprise, surprise) nary a shred of "bird meat or even feathers."

TIC IN THE PULPIT

NERVOUSITY is just another way of saying nervous, a pedantic way, perhaps, but eye-catching it may be hoped. Nervousness has played its part in history. The shot at Fort Sumter which set off the Civil War was a nervous one. Napoleon was a nervous type, and not alone because of Josephine. It made him indecisive at Waterloo and he was clattered. Pontius Pilate nervously washed his hands.

Deacon Andy Griffith

What It Was Was Showmanship

By GILBERT MILLSTEIN In The New York Times

THE MOST authentic DIXON Black-eyed peas, side meat and collard greens to be served up on the legitimate stage in a parcel of years is Andy Samuel Griffith, a 28-year-old North Carolina in near-mid-century.

What renders Griffith's condition here still says "Ah" for "I" man for "my" and "right party" for "pretty," he also says "die" for "understand" or "enjoy" more than they mean in the Bostwick.

People's Platform

Drug Laws Designed To Protect Public Why Can't Fair Be Cleaned Up?

Charlotte Charlotte Editors: The News: IN A RECENT issue of your newspaper printed an article concerning the indictment which was brought against a local drug store and an employee thereof for violating certain regulations.

Fund For Republic Battles Prejudice In Seeking Goals

WASHINGTON THE object of the Fund is to advance understanding of civil liberties and democratic principles. With that innocent-sounding objective, set forth in the latest annual report, the Fund for the Republic has stirred an extraordinary volume of criticism charged with a high voltage of emotionalism.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round GOP Strips Deck For Campaign

WASHINGTON REPUBLICANS aren't talking about it, but in view of Ike's illness they are already preparing for the hottest political year in U. S. history. As the first step they have lined up a team of "efficiency experts," a library of booklets, and a 24-hour photographic service.

planned anything that week. One afternoon I'm on my way home with Albert McKenna, and I said to Albert, 'I'll get up and do something if you will.' 'Come the day and they called on my room. Albert didn't move. I had to do it. I got on that stage, put my hands behind my back and stand there wincing I saw two choruses of 'Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet' and they like to die.' - COUSING

Griffith's school career was unremarkable. He went courting girls, he says, but mostly music, once dousing his hair in a bottle of rose oil for a girl whose only comment was, 'Lorly, when have you done your hair?' As a result of assiduous attendance at moving-picture musical comedies, he first developed a hankering to play the fiddle.

Appomattox Was Never Like This

Charlotte Charlotte Editors: The News: THIS DIATRIBE (a plea for preservation of the public school system in North Carolina) is only another testimonial of yours pleading for integration of schools. When you hear a southern white man talk in favor of integration then you know that he has money to send his children to schools mixed. You don't give one under's damn about poor white children. You say let 'em mix.

Blind Guide Missiles

The most remarkable job of hiring the physically handicapped in the entire U.S.A. probably has been done by Howard Hughes Aircraft plants at Culver City, Calif., and Tucson, Ariz. About 17 per cent of those who are physically handicapped, including 150 amputees and 100 wheelchair cases, 38 deaf mutes, four totally blind and 25 suffering from industrial blindness in addition to other workers suffering from hidden disabilities such as diabetes, cardiac troubles, arrested TB, epilepsy and muscular dystrophy.