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Our Best Wishes, With Regrets

TO CHARLOTTEANS, the name "Jas. T. Jones" has become synonymous with Christian leadership in the highest sense. For 15 years here, he has served his church, the community, and his denomination.

Within a few months, Dr. Jones' services will expand—as president of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He will have direction of the training of young Presbyterian ministers-to-be.

In October, 1939, when Dr. Jones took over the pastorate of the influential Myers Park Presbyterian Church, church membership was registered at 950. At the end of 1954, church membership was 2,136.

These 2,000-plus members of the church—a gain of over 1,100 in 15 years as minister—required the expansion of church services. Dr. Jones preached each Sunday morning. Two practical worship services. Late in 1941, a Church School building was occupied. A children's building has been in operation for approximately two and one-half years.

Under the leadership of Dr. Jones, a new practice in the budget of the church was instituted. One-half of the total budget goes to local church expense, one-half to benevolences.

These are concrete evidences of his church leadership.

In many other ways, he has aided the community. By being a member of the

executive committee of Queens College, of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Davidson College, as a member of the board of directors of the Goodfellows Club—these are present memberships which have provided an example of leadership.

Dr. Jones has, in recent years, served his denomination particularly well. As a member of a deputation of Christian leaders to the mission fields of the world for six months in 1948 and 1949, he visited mission fields in Africa and Brazil. For two months in 1952, he was requested by the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. to revisit the mission field in the Belgian Congo.

He is presently moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina. His was the closing speech in favor of the transfer of the branches of the Presbyterian church in the United States at the recent Mecklenburg Presbytery meeting. He was a member of a four-man committee appointed by the moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., to prepare a brochure setting forth the issues of union.

With his acceptance of the presidency of Union Theological Seminary, his field changes and broadens. Dr. Jones has been a luminary on the local and regional scene. While selfishly regretting his decision, we wish him well in his new endeavor.

Gone Are The Days Raleigh New Order

By CARL GOERCH
In The State

LEGISLATIVE personnel changes just like everything else. The General Assembly now in Raleigh is as different from the General Assembly of 29 or 30 years ago as our highway system today is different from what it was in those days.

Gone are the silver-tongued orators. Gone are the rough-and-tumble debaters. Gone are the politically powerful individuals who were able to form cliques and pass or defeat pieces of legislation. Gone are the senators and representatives who, by their speech, their attire or their habits might be classified as rugged individualists.

Speaking of attire—many of the oldtimers are long readers undoubtedly recall picturesque Wiley Person of Franklin County Wiley never appearing in public without wearing his famous red vest. The nearest approach to that at the present time is Representative George Logg of Alamance whose neckties are always of a brilliant red.

TAM BOWIE
Tam Bowie! There was a fighter for you, and a red-hot one. You got him warmed up and he didn't lack much of being able to raise the roof of the Capitol.

One occasion I recall that Tam got so excited and so vigorous in his gestures that his upper plate dropped out and rolled on the floor. But did that stop him? It did not.

A page ran up, handed the plate to Tam, who stuffed them in his coat pocket without missing a single word or gesture.

Swift Galloway? He came to the legislature from Greene County. His true home is from a deep basement room but it seemed that a whisper when compared to that of Mr. Galloway. It was a deep bass voice that could be heard three or four blocks from the Capitol when the windows were open.



THE 1955 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACTION
No Whisky Barrels, Red Vests Or Silver Tongues

Pete Murphy? Good old Pete hasn't been missing from the legislative scene of action many years, in Raleigh he represents the 17th House for 17 terms. He is the only man in modern times who ever was speaker of the House during two terms of the General Assembly.

Pete, too, was a fine speaker. But he was more on the cutting or sarcastic side. With a string of 17 or 18 adjectives in a row, he could whittle down an opponent to whatever size he desired. When you refer to a man as a proponent of heterospecific insignificance, bolstered up by an infantile eruption from a part of his physical being erroneously referred to as a brain; when you call him that right to his face, it is only natural that he should succumb and wilt.

But Staff Ward? Mr. Ward still practices law in Washington, N. C. He was another welkin ringer. He was especially good with gestures and neckties. He was one of those of an extremely vigorous nature.

TUMSER GRANT
On the Republican side of the picture was Tumser Grant of Davie, who was conspicuous as a member of the House during several sessions twenty or thirty years ago.

Remember how many times Sen. McCarthy used the term "point of order"? Well, that was Mr. Grant's strong suit. Everything had to be done exactly according to Hoyle or else he was on his feet, yelling "Point of order, Mr. Speaker!"

and formed little cliques or blocs. For example, in recent years there were used to be a half-dozen or more years since organization—the club holds a get-together once every year.

In days gone by, hard drinking apparently was a necessary prerequisite to being a member of the General Assembly. Way back when there used to be a bar off to one side of the legislative halls—where the soft-drink stand is now operated by members of the Junior League. You probably noticed the broken steps in the steps leading up to the second floor from the west side of the Capitol. It is claimed that these were broken as a result of rolling barrels of whisky up the steps.

During the days of prohibition there was a lot of drinking going on here. Members would go home for the weekend and return to Raleigh with a gallon of moonshine. Being the son of a lawfully, they would invite their buddies to their rooms and proceed to drink until the gallon was gone. These same buddies, not to be outdone, would return the in-

tervention at the earliest opportunity. It wasn't at all uncommon in those days to see a senator or representative appear in public under the influence of alcohol.

During the entire 1954 session I never saw a member out of the way because of liquor. The same thing is true so far as the present session is concerned.

Your average senator or representative of today is an earnest, thinking individual who feels that he has a job to do, wants to give it the best of his ability and desires to see that it is in the best interests of North Carolina.

Health Aid For Those Who Need It Most

THERE have been three considerable inadequacies in voluntary health insurance programs. Many of them offer little protection against the stupendous cost of prolonged and expensive hospitalization—catastrophic illness. They are not easy to establish in sparsely-settled rural areas. And many have been designed primarily for persons in the middle-income brackets, instead of the poor people who need insurance most.

In his health measure yesterday the President proposed a "reinsurance" program designed to expand private, voluntary health insurance in these three fields. He did not spell out the details. But the principle is sound, and the need is great. We heartily endorse his proposal.

"Reinsurance" would work this way: The government would put so many million dollars in a reinsurance fund. Health insurance organizations could pay premiums into the fund and, in return, be reimbursed for most of any loss incurred in extending coverage to new and needy groups for whom detailed actuarial studies have not been developed.

Thus this plan is certainly not "socialized medicine." Instead, it is the kind of plan which, if enacted, could negate some of the chief arguments for socialized medicine.

The President made some other worthy proposals regarding health legislation.

Recognizing the inadequate preventive and control programs in the mental health field, he asked for more aid to state and community health programs, and a new program of mental health project grants aimed at improving mental care in mental institutions.

He advocated grants for an expanded training program for registered nurses, practical nurses, and public health trainees, federal matching of state and local funds for the medical care of public assistance recipients, federal insurance of mortgage loans for construction of health facilities, increased contributions to public health programs and the World Health Organization.

Much of what he said was not new. He had proposed the reinsurance program, for example, to the last Congress, but the plan was not approved. It is our hope that this Democratic Congress will share the Republican President's conviction that a few pennies for health should be spent along with the dollars for defense.

Onward, Upward

THE following appeal appeared recently on the front page of the WASHINGTON (PA.) PATRIOT.

DO YOUR PART! Keep America ever strong. Give to the Sewer Fund today!

Let's Make It Veni, Vidi Video

TOP BRASS in the never-never land of U. S. athletics is setting new records for working. Seems the Soviet Union is assembling a team of muscle men behind the Iron Curtain who will surely out-run and out-jump the Yankee Doodle Dandies at the next Olympic Games.

What a severe blow to a nation which eats all the right breakfast foods and has gone to endless pains to establish a worldwide reputation based on American superiority in competitive sports? To some U. S. citizens, the loss of Korea or Indochina to the Reds is hardly worth mentioning during the coffee break. But the loss of a 100-meter dash or the high jump to some Ruskys? Horrors!

We've got the solution to the whole problem. Track and field mentors need only send their scouts to the television

stages around the nation. Why? Because America's greatest runners and jumpers are not performing on cinder tracks and sawdust pits. They're doing their stuff for TV variety shows.

Set yourself down before the great cyclotron of the living room any night in the week and you'll see feats of agility and speed that make Jesse Owens and Les Steers look like sandlot amateurs.

If the purest of pure Amateur Athletic Union can do this, some scheme to coax these muscle men (and women) away from the cameras, the U. S. battle cry at the next Olympics will be Veni, Vidi Video.

And America will bring home the bacon.

And, incidentally, television will be vastly improved.

CAPTAIN QUEEG DISCOVERS THE SOUTH

NEWSPAPERS from Key Largo to Baltimore are joyously thumping actor Paul Douglas for his performance aimed at the South during an interview in Greensboro, N. C. Douglas, who portrays Captain Queeg in a road company of THE CAINE MARTIN COURT MARTIAL, was quoted as growing in summary that the South "stinks." After his words hit the street, other members of the cast apologized for his attitude, said they liked the South, and anyway the troupe had glimpsed it only from the stage or from airplane windows.

Then Douglas, with all the grace of a St. Bernard, said he was referring only to Greensboro, not all of Dixie. He might as well have insulted the Confederate Army and then said he intended his remarks only for Beauregard. For Greensboro is one of the South's sainted cities; it is the home of the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS and the birthplace of the beloved O. Henry who took off as soon as he could and wound up an inveterate New Yorker. Editors all along the coast have suggested ominously that Mr. Douglas may find himself out of a box-office success in Southern theaters "than he succeeds in." That's not our view.

The reporter asked the actor what he thought of the South—or Greensboro—and Mr. Douglas obliged. He did it with the forthrightness that makes up whatever rugged charm he has as a screen personality, in the style of Captain Queeg. Indeed, in another mood he might have responded with a heavy-footed tribute to the food, climate and everything else dear to the heart of a chamber of commerce. But his spontaneous combustion is infinitely more interesting to us and in line with criticisms that editors themselves unload from time to time.

Anyway, it's time the South got over the intense self-consciousness that makes us want to know the impression we make on every celebrity that chance or a booking agent sends our way. Truth to tell, we're really not much interested in what Mr. Douglas thinks about the South, but if a reporter is silly enough to ask him, we shouldn't be silly enough to take offense. It's a free country.

Wife—What did you ever do to deserve a wife like me? Husband—That puzzled me too, until I thought of what a mean little boy I was.—LAMAR (Mo.) DEMOCRAT.

Council Defended In Street-Naming Debate

People's Platform
Charlotte
CHANCE Wednesday's action by the City Council in renaming Henry St. Jefferson Pl. has created considerable editorializing in the news columns of The Charlotte News and to a lesser degree in the Charlotte Observer, which I felt perhaps your editorial department may be interested in.

Council in general and Councilman Baxter in particular. I think it is unfair and unwarranted. After reading my letter to Mr. Baxter, I can't help but feel you will concur.

You stated in the editorial, "City councilmen in their haste to please a large Charlotte firm this week, conveniently forgot their obligation to the people as a whole." I interpret this as meaning that the City's governing body did it as a favor at the expense of the people of Charlotte. I hope, therefore, that the attached letter which precipitated this action on the part of Mr. Baxter and the council will give you at least some of the factual background in this particular case.

Since your editorial also mentions taxpayers, it may also be of interest to you and your associates to learn that the Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Co. has been paying in federal and state and city taxes each year an amount well in excess of one million dollars. Surely, therefore, the implication could not be that the company is not interested in taxes.

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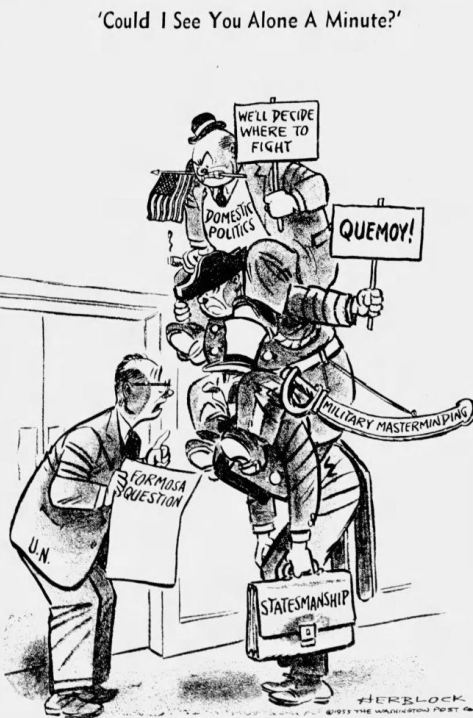
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
HERE are some of the fast-moving developments in the fast-moving Far Eastern crisis. Some of the developments point to why senators are worried over giving too much authority to an ambitious admiral who has wanted a preventive war. They also point to the fact that President Eisenhower is being extremely careful so far to keep military control in his own hands.

Raidford Seeks Showdown With Reds

U. S. Observers—One dangerous Far Eastern development is the presence of American "observers" on about 30 of the off-shore islands. If any of them should be killed in Red bombing raids, tension would mount. Incidentally, Communist fire has been accurate and obviously comes from well-trained troops. The occupation of Taiwan Island was executed in heavy seas and with deadly artillery fire. There's no question but that the Reds are skilled in modern warfare.

Chiang Kaishek could retake the Chinese mainland. Admiral Raidford was so dead set upon aggressive action in the Far East that he asked the Marine Corps commandant for the exact breakdown of Marine units and landing craft available for that area. Marine landing craft, however, are used only to put invading or reinforcing troops ashore. So Raidford had in mind some kind of troop-landing operation. Eisenhower heard about this he exploded.

It should be stated that Raidford believes the showdown with China should be peaceful. However, he believes there should be a definite showdown, and if it can't be peaceful, he is not opposed to risking war.