

Raleigh: A Home Away From Home?

CREDIT Guilford's Rep. Clyde Shreve with at least an "A" for effort. He battled mightily for legislation permitting Tar Heels to vote on new "home rule" amendments to the state constitution...

A bill to authorize county commissioners of Union County to compensate the sub-recorder of Union County's recorder's court for services rendered and to be rendered hereafter.

The Shreve plan was a valiant attempt to unlock the unnecessary centralization of power in Raleigh and return it to local communities.

A bill to authorize Rockingham County's commissioners to convey certain property to the Cherokee Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Clearly, keeping the everyday details of local government in the hands of local governing bodies would save the General Assembly time, energy, headaches and money.

A bill relating to the salary of the clerk of the recorder's court of Perquimans County.

The legislature's own records illustrate how foolish it is to channel these incidents through Raleigh.

A bill to change the requirement of daily court sessions in Robeson County.

For instance, within a few days recently the state's nonious legislative machinery was fed heaping helpings like these:

A bill relating to the employment of a plumbing inspector in unincorporated areas and certain incorporated areas in Surry County.

A bill making unlawful the use of live virus in the vaccination of hogs in Perquimans County.

A bill to establish a law library in Wayne County.

A bill to authorize the board of education of Haywood County to make adjustment of the boundary lines of the Cecil School property of Cecil Township.

The Derby's Holding Its Own

CURRENT registration figures for the Charlotte Soap Box Derby indicate a continuing, healthy interest in the competition that has become a tradition in the city.

Under the present system it is absolutely necessary to take up the time of the North Carolina General Assembly to render decisions on all such matters.

The number of entries by Charlotte boys is running ahead of the same time last year. Registration of Negro boys has jumped from 7 last year to 20 at this point.

This, too, means adding to the cost of state government.

We hope Bill Carpenter and Eddie Try, recruiting chairman, will soon reach their goal of 200 registrations. The race gives the boys a chance to build with their hands and to win useful prizes.

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As the moons came and went so did the promises and good intentions of the politician. First they voted themselves a hasty 30 per cent pay increase in Washington,

Here's How To Finalize Inadvertency

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less."

Finalize, amalgamate, facilitate, initiate, prodebase, peculiarly interested, inadvertency.

IN THE production of words, Carroll Washington tons the nation. Newspapers, radio, television tag along as best they can.

Look what it's up against: For instance, a few years ago, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture put out a pamphlet entitled: "Cultural and Pathogenic Variability in Single-Condium and Hypallid Isolates Of Hemlin-Torsporium Turicum Pas."

The words come in three sizes—big, very big and tremendous—and the middle the better.

Seems it was about corn leaf disease. Another government department recently announced:

Ever since the days of Maury Maverick, well-meaning public servants have been trying to get Uncle Sam out of the verbal squirrel cage. No luck.

"Voucherable expenditures necessary to provide adequate dental treatment required as adjunct to medical treatment being rendered a pay patient in in-patient status may be incurred as required at the expense of the Public Health Service."

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The Hoover Commission, however, has prodded Washington into one gigantic try-try-again effort. Futifully, the government has issued a booklet telling federal employes how to write short letters.

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The booklet, of course, contains 44 pages and adds substantially to the torrent of words already splashing out of the nation's capital.

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One section, we are proud to report, contains a "watchlist" of words and phrases "the government can do without."

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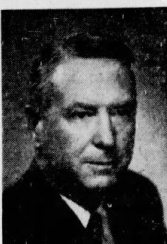
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President Wins Less Support From Jones

Evvin & Scott Back Ike On Most Showdown Issues

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON SEN Sam Ervin Jr. supported President Eisenhower on 62 per cent of the 21 roll-call votes through May 3...



CHARLES R. JONES In Opposition Here

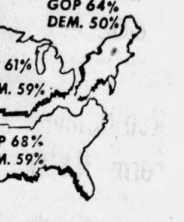
Republican support scores averaged 74 per cent. Democrats 60 per cent. On the 11 roll calls in the field of foreign policy, Sen. Ervin scored 82 per cent, Sen. Scott, 100 per cent...

On the seven foreign policy roll calls, he scored only 29 per cent, compared to the GOP average of 42 per cent and the Democratic score of 65 per cent.

ILLNESS & ABSENCE Personal or family illness and absence from official business contributed to many of the low scores. Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) has been too ill to attend any sessions this year...

REGIONAL EISENHOWER SUPPORT

46 per cent—from eastern Democratic senators than from any other regional group, and the most solid backing from eastern and western GOP senators, who scored 79 per cent.



People's Platform

Editors, The News: Charlotte Some moons ago we were all busily engaged in listening to a lot of amiable people sell us on why we should vote them in office.

The Rise And Fall Of The Political Promise



and the county level taxes shag like the proverbial bean stalk clear out of sight. Then the county office holders, who a short while before had been office seekers, declared they needed a few thousand more per annum in personal pay raises...

what I say concerning the hike in pay for those who labor from day to day, year to year, in this great land of ours, realizing that all we have to do is to let our labor for livelihood of our families and selves.

whether it some of the people would stay home and out of Washington telling Congress what to do and how to do everything. I realize we all need advice at times but not all the time from those who are only interested in one group of people...

Hike In Minimum Wage Is Needed

Editors, The News: AS I write this letter I know there are those who disagree with what I say yet there are so many too who will agree with

On yes, the moon. We were referring to it. It is made of green cheese and does it house Dawson (Ill.) had the lowest score among House Democrats, 16 per cent.

There was no increase in wages as everything that you buy has risen in price. Those who supply the goods for the market have been receiving a good price for the products they supply for sale to the people quite awhile.

whether or not the state votes wet or dry we have a right to vote on any bill they want to vote on, and the only way they will ever have that right is for voters to demand of every candidate who will be up for election next election, how they stand on this question...

'Very Interesting — You Must Come Again Some Time'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

ALBANY, N. Y. THOMAS E. Dewey had been governor of New York for so long that some people wondered whether Albany would ever be quite the same without him.

Ike, Not 'Ave', Fooled By Russians

63 after a more variegated experience than almost any man in America. Averell On Russia Sitting with him in the rambling 19th century mansion which New York built for its governors...

From The Baltimore Evening Sun

TIME'S WATERSHED?

NOT so long ago C. S. Lewis delivered his inaugural lecture as professor of Medieval and Renaissance English literature at the University of Cambridge. He observed that the conjunction of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance in this title pleased him because modern scholarship has broken down the notion of a hiatus between the periods and also because he welcomed any increased flexibility in our conception of history.

Whether the human trajectory, I don't know whether the human trajectory, is now defined as Act I or Act V. But as a spokesman for "Old Western Culture" he suggests he is something like the dinosaur.

Remember back when "fall-out" was just a welcome phrase in army life? —ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT.

Strawberries and cream but once a year. They make me fat, but I don't keep.—LAUREL (MISS.) LEADER-CALL.

Since the advent of REA, farmers even render lard on the electric stove, and the old-time moonshiner has disappeared from the swamps. He makes it now with a pressure cooker in the kitchen.—QUINSMAN (GA.) FREE PRESS.

Those dropped letters! The All-Girl Orchestra," wrote the reviewer. "Her rather weak in the brass section."—KINGSFORD (TENN.) TIMES.

With most families receiving incomes of more than \$5,000 a year, the old time's dream of utopia has been true except that a \$10 suit now costs \$50 and a \$500 automobile, \$2,000.—MIAOON (ILL.) JOURNAL-GAZETTE.

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