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Mr. Smith's Embarrassing Insistence

ALL the buoyant talk about municipal economy, Charlotte kept a nervous eye on one critical statistic today: The cost of the Auditorium-Coliseum.

It is getting a satisfactory one. There is, understandably, considerable embarrassment about the matter. Small wonder. Quite a few dollars of the public's money could have been saved if the Council's order had been heeded.

Look Deeper Than The Tax Rate

WHEN Charlotte nailed down its 1955-56 tax rates at 27 percent, more than one city councilman cocked an ear for bleats and cries of discontent. After all, a 12-cent increase was being voted. Furthermore, the new municipal budget of more than \$10 million was a record breaker.

For instance a city can keep its tax rate low by letting its capital plant go to rot. Or it can simply omit important public services. Or it can go to wild extremes in deficit financing.

Charlotte's Economic Future: Airborne

WILL Charlotte find its rightful place in the air age? Chances are that it will if it follows the beacon light supplied this week by engineer Joseph Norwood of Wilmington.

The plan was received simply "as information" by the council. Obviously, it must not be permitted to gather dust in a City Hall cubbyhole. It should be studied—and translated into effective action as conditions demand.

Mrs. Hobby Set A Fine Example

WITH the resignation of Mrs. Ovetta Culp Hobby as secretary of health, education and welfare, another sincere public servant has retired from "Ike's team."

she set a fine example for the wide and effective service of women in wartime tasks. As a Cabinet officer and as a private citizen in Texas who was a leader in the Eisenhower election campaign, Mrs. Hobby dramatized the need for and the opportunity of women in politics and government. She believed in her convictions and worked hard for them.

IKK FLUBS THE WEATHER

THE LEADER strongly supported President Eisenhower when he was seeking election. We thought he and his chosen advisers could do a better job of handling domestic and foreign problems than his predecessor, Harry (The Haberdasher) Truman, and his rival office-seeker, Adlai (Lard) Stevenson.

the water was late turning the heat on. A shakedown is needed in the Weather Bureau. The Oakes won't be going to California this year. The dust has turned to mud and the trucks got stuck in the barnyards. The streams which dried up under Truman's rule are overflowing from their banks. Woods which caught fire under the other administration are now so damp and green they couldn't be fired with a flamethrower.

The Eisenhower-Dulles Duet: Harmon In Two Parts

By WALTER LIPPMAN, NEW YORK. It was nagging of the subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee to publish just now what Secretary Dulles told them a month ago about the economic troubles of the Soviet Union. Having been warned by Mr. Khrushchev that the Soviet Union is unwilling to let its concessions be interpreted as weakness, the White House had to announce that Mr. Dulles had not meant what his words said.



EISENHOWER Natural Goodness



"You've got to learn not to deal in stereotypes. . . . Just because he dresses like a Harvard man doesn't mean he is a Harvard man!"

In The Bowl: Moldy Hay Pipe Night Is An Evening Of Horror

By ROBERT C. RUARK. I DON'T suppose I would realize I've had the courage to write a pipe night piece else in the world. Certain odd things happen to you in London; you just twiddle it into your pipe and you're off. Light it first and then tamp it down with your forefinger. (One blistered forefinger, and we even got the cables for the pipe.)

Two-part harmony. He that as it may be the best explanation is, I think, that the Eisenhower-Dulles duet is a harmony of two parts. The one is addressed to the majority of our people and to the world. The other is addressed to the Republican senators who were predominant in the first half of the Eisenhower administration. The two voices—which had so often sounded so unlike—have been devoted to the same end. That end is to neutralize the once powerful right wing Republicans in order that the basic Eisenhower policy of disengagement and conciliation could proceed.

People's Platform

An English Motto For Movie Critic. Editors: The News. IN YOUR People's Platform of July 11th, a writer objects to an advertisement for a motion picture at my theater. It is amazing that with all the tremendous advances in our knowledge that some people persist in simple, mechanical "solutions."

Satan And Russia: Wicked Conspiracy?

Editors: The News. I HAVE read and studied a great deal about Russia and the threat of communism of the past, present and future. I have also talked with world travelers who have been in and out of Russia many times—men of recognized authority and of the command of the most dangerous menace to world security, peace, Christian faith and God's people everywhere.

Simonon & Pipe: A Nauseous Nuisance

So that you make a career of trying to choose up a brand that won't poison you. SHAKEDOWN CRUISE. I have already had the shakedown cruise on the pipe business. Use a wooden kitchen match, not a lighter. Light it first and then tamp it down with your forefinger.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

A CONGRESSIONAL investigation into the manner in which retired military officers to get into big business, then use big business to influence government action has been long overdue. Various senators have talked about such a probe, and one might now be held in connection with Dixon Yates.

A Military Conspiracy Against TVA?

Budget Report to conceal the Dixon-Yates project as a means of blocking TVA. Admiral Enters Picture. The story, however, does not stop there. After the war, another high-ranking officer, Admiral Ben Moreell, was picked by the Mellons to become head of their Jones and Laughlin Steel Co. And the other day, Admiral Moreell was a member of the Herbert Hoover task force on public utilities, wrote a lengthy highly technical recommendation that TVA be turned over to private companies. Adm. Moreell, a fine naval officer, knows almost nothing about public utilities, and it would be interesting to ascertain who wrote the report for him.