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Our Aged Are At The End Of A Rope

The News is pointing a serialized finger this week at Charlotte's greatest—and growingest—population dilemma, the aged. At the unprecedented rate of one a day, our population over 65 is leaping upward. It doesn't take a sociologist to figure out the consequences for the community if the problems of this multiplying age group are left to the solution of chance and circumstance. Most of our aged are at the end of a tangled economic, social and psychological rope. They need help. What help they are getting is of a sporadic, disjointed nature. There are the Golden Years clubs to give them recreation. There is the new "Over 40" club to promote their employment, and these are fine. But old people are not just shuffleboard players or units in a social force. Their problem—born of a national over-emphasis on youth and the productivity of youth—cannot be solved except by a unified community effort. Such an effort, properly made, would include social workers, doctors, government officials, employers—and old people themselves, without whom any problem-solving would be like Hamlet without Hamlet.

It would begin with the tried and true technique of sitting around a table and hashing out some questions. What can be done to educate our aged for living in families, and for living alone? How can people over 65 who want to keep working find a job? What, exactly, is Charlotte's score on recreation, health service and housing for older citizens? Are financial provisions adequate? What can be done to help our thousands of younger men and women prepare against their own day of decline? These are questions that call for answers, and not just for the sake of the aged but for the whole society. Statistics add urgency. By 1975, Mecklenburg's population will be twice what it is now. If these men and women cannot somehow achieve the fullest exercise of their powers of mind and body, they will be a deadly drag on our community. What is needed is planning for conservation, reclamation and use of our older people, and the provision of opportunity and respect for them. The aged can't get along without us, and a day is rapidly coming when we can't get along without them, either.

Gov. Hodges Raises A Big Question That quotation comes from the report of the Governor's Special Advisory Committee on Education. The report lists these objectives: "Preservation of public education in North Carolina, and preservation of it throughout North Carolina." Mr. Hodges stood on the report, describing it as a "unanimous document of great significance." In addressing the last session of the legislature, he has given no indication that his position has been changed by succeeding events. But the facts are a large role Mr. Lake has played in shaping state school policy, his sharp departure from the Hodges position and the governor's subsequent warm praise, including the statement that "it is my intention to use every means in my command to retain for the state the services of this distinguished lawyer," raise the question of whether Mr. Hodges is moving away from the middle ground on which he has stood. Perhaps the governor's understandable irritation with the NAACP led him to this more detailed comment on Lake's private schools speech. In view of the incompleteness of his statements, Mr. Hodges' coming address to the people on "how we can try to save the public school system of North Carolina and at the same time permit each race to have its own schools" will be eagerly waited. It also will be particularly timely.

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GOV. HODGES left a lot unsaid in his righteous rejection of the NAACP demand for ouster of Assistant Attorney General Beverly Lake because of Lake's special of a private school system. The governor was properly indignant over an impertinent demand and he was correct in rejecting it out of hand. Mr. Lake has as much right to the exercise of free speech as does the NAACP, although the lack of restraint on the part of both aptly could be criticized. The whole episode boils down to an intemperate speech by Mr. Lake attracting an extremist reaction from the NAACP. Mr. Lake advised committees to begin preparations to set up private schools to avoid integration and although that advice goes far afield from Mr. Hodges' stated position, the governor said Monday he thinks "the state would seriously consider doing so." Mr. Lake unsettled the picture of the state's position and Mr. Hodges has further confused it. The governor did not take the trouble to remind that the attorney veered sharply from what has been the state's position, namely that "North Carolina try to find means of meeting the requirements of the Supreme Court's ruling on the present school system before consideration is given to abandoning it or materially altering it."

Our Halo May Now Be Fitted WE ARE too full of brotherly love to protest South Carolina's search and seizure enforcement of her fag and booze blockade. We are too good natured to be irritated by sendams who delay vacation or treat trips of Tar Heels who might be smoking Tar Heel cigarettes or carrying a lot of Tar Heel Booze. We are too conscious of interstate relations to even imply that our sister state is high-handed and picayunish.

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Under A Plastic Sky months with the lunar cycle. He can simply work five days and rest two, forever and ever, without knowing or caring whether he is in or out of tune with the invisible universe. There will be drawbacks, of course. After a few halcyon, weatherless years, travel outside the communal igloo will seem as difficult and hazardous as it was when man lived in another sort of cave. But we can foresee a time when only the most adventurous and eccentric will want to travel at all, like mosquitoes and women drivers, the sleet and the snow, the rain, the wind and the uncovered sun in the bricks providing insulation against heat and cold, farmers will be able to grow several crops each year on the same acreage and no doubt the federal government can then store the crops in the so-called open air and save millions of dollars in the construction and rental of storage space. Inside our plastic igloo, we shall live in a perpetual spring with the wind tempered not only to the shorn lamb, but to the football fans, the Christmas shoppers, the Easter parade, and the Republican Party on election day. One December and July have become indistinguishable from one another by a form of the five senses, all opposition to reform of the calendar will disappear. For if there are no longer to be any seasons, there will be no need for a calendar that corresponds with them and indeed, we really do not see any need for a calendar. When a man has reduced the sun to its light-giving function and shut out the moon and the stars with a subskyy of tastefully tinted plastic, it will not make any difference to him whether his activities correspond with the solar years or his

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BY BECAUSE it was inevitable that air-conditioned buildings should be followed by weather-conditioned parks, streets and entire communities, we are not disposed to doubt that the new plastic building material, the pneumatic brick, can be used, as its inventors claim, to achieve a Riviera wherever the bod-carrier sets his foot. Sooner or later this, or some other diabolically clever invention, will enable us to live under a sky of translucent plastic, through which no rain will ever spall a ball-game and no snow will ever tie up traffic at Belvedere and Main. With the air space in the bricks providing insulation against heat and cold, farmers will be able to grow several crops each year on the same acreage and no doubt the federal government can then store the crops in the so-called open air and save millions of dollars in the construction and rental of storage space. Inside our plastic igloo, we shall live in a perpetual spring with the wind tempered not only to the shorn lamb, but to the football fans, the Christmas shoppers, the Easter parade, and the Republican Party on election day. One December and July have become indistinguishable from one another by a form of the five senses, all opposition to reform of the calendar will disappear. For if there are no longer to be any seasons, there will be no need for a calendar that corresponds with them and indeed, we really do not see any need for a calendar. When a man has reduced the sun to its light-giving function and shut out the moon and the stars with a subskyy of tastefully tinted plastic, it will not make any difference to him whether his activities correspond with the solar years or his

We are too fond of her vacation spots to suggest that Tar Heels spend all their money at our own fine resorts. We are too sympathetic of her weak financial condition to suggest she should seek other means to fill her coffers. We are too sensitive of her pride to suggest that North Carolina should absorb her and administer her affairs so that blockades wouldn't be necessary. Oh, we're feeling so good today we can hardly stand it!

European diplomats of long experience with whom I have talked countless times, to giving an answer. Namely, that while Russia is strong militarily, she is weak politically and economically, also, finally has discovered she may have a treacherous friend in the form of Red China. It's long been known that the Kremlin wasn't happy about the boisterous boys who have been running Communist China. But on top of this, party leader Khrushchev made a trip to China last fall. There he found the Chinese made some economic demands which Russia couldn't possibly fill, and also made Khrushchev realize that the day might come when China's 600,000,000 people might turn against Russia's 200,000,000. At such a time Russia will need friends. Russia's Weaknesses Khrushchev also found that Russia was in no position to risk a war or stand

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round THE most important question on everybody's mind in Geneva is whether the Russians are here to stay and what is behind it. Will it be reversed in a day, a week or a year? Secretary Dulles has told senators it's because Russia is now weak. President Eisenhower has said that, on the contrary, Russia is strong. Frankly, nobody knows the answer. Yet the answer is all important, for any agreement made in Geneva are to be worth the ink they're signed with. Treacherous Friend European diplomats of long experience with whom I have talked countless times, to giving an answer. Namely, that while Russia is strong militarily, she is weak politically and economically, also, finally has discovered she may have a treacherous friend in the form of Red China. It's long been known that the Kremlin wasn't happy about the boisterous boys who have been running Communist China. But on top of this, party leader Khrushchev made a trip to China last fall. There he found the Chinese made some economic demands which Russia couldn't possibly fill, and also made Khrushchev realize that the day might come when China's 600,000,000 people might turn against Russia's 200,000,000. At such a time Russia will need friends. Russia's Weaknesses Khrushchev also found that Russia was in no position to risk a war or stand

People's Platform

Editors, The News: I THINK the best thing for the southern states to do is to accept as gracefully as possible the Supreme Court's order to end segregation in the public schools. Give integration a try-out for a few years. If it won't work then the youth can say to the Supreme Court "We tried to obey your decree and it won't work. Now it's up to the court to reverse its ruling and allow us to segregate the races or else we will have to ask Congress to repeal the 14th amendment just as the 13th amendment was repealed when it would not work."

To Two Policemen, A Vote Of Thanks

Editors, The News: CONGRATULATIONS to Police Officers F. A. Tector of 1904 N. Independence Blvd. and S. J. Jarvis of 312 Oakwood Ave. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for their untiring efforts in locating and capturing the person responsible for the theft recently taken at my restaurant. I feel that their splendid efforts should be commended because we need more fine policemen on our city force to protect the property and citizens of Charlotte. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I share with them my feelings for a job "well done."

Quote, Unquote

"If you live it up today you will have to live it down tomorrow." —CHATTANOOGA NEWS-FREE PRESS.

Try Integration: Alter Law If It Don't Work



A JUICY MELON IN THE SUMMERTIME. Also Davy Crockett, Drive-Ins, And Juke Boxes

A Midsummer Day: Sights And Sounds

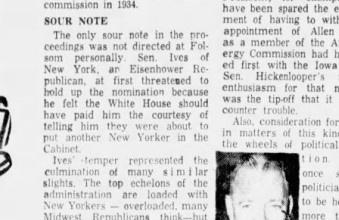
Editors, The News: Charlotte: The growl and sputter of power mowers... ads telling about "gigante" furniture sales... after the rain you can watch the grass grow... the charcoal and pink rage has spread to automobiles... Dacron pants and suits... playhouses for women with one strip across the instep that stay on miraculously... rare sight of a flat straw hat with a bright band... one been driven every eight seconds... curb boy at a drive-in sleeping peacefully on a bench... a juke box blares out "Hippy Hop" and scowls the savage beat with an ad version of "Sardist" cars heading for the river on Saturday with case fishing poles in evidence... French fried onion rings... honma splits the grilly sound made by an old-fashioned ice cream churn... two young girls in Bermuda shorts going into an uptown theater... ups waiting for the paddy wagon about 7 a.m... no local peaches, just a few from California... cooking out at a barbecue grill... city sprinklers diligently spraying the streets just before a rain storm... school rooms with tightly-drawn shades or shades... Davy Crockett hats, tents, suits... added value to our pupils... a mountain top in Tennessee... for so sweet variety's sake... "Born in a taxicab in Tennessee, slow-down cab you ever did see..." —LOIS LONG

South Should Make Its Own Decisions

Editors, The News: Myrtle Beach HERE OF late there has been an overdose of government by Supreme and other court decrees. Yet the fact is the constitution of our nation very early arranged things otherwise for the protection of the people's rights. In short it provided for three departments, each a separate entity—legislative, administrative and legal. The intent of the planners of our nation was not to arrange things so that a fringe movement of our nation, however wild, might go into a packed court and get decisions that gutless men ruling the states would feel bound to follow. Why cannot we in our country today, this southland, just make our own decision regardless of the Supreme Court which has long been a tool of other interests. Since the Yankees who packed the Supreme Court and who have arranged the laws of New York to the point that the constitutional right to have and hold arms is now nothing, but is replaced by, I believe they call it a Sullivan Law, making it a felony to do what the founders of this nation decided we could do years ago, why not let them take care of the Negroes of the South that want this superior brand of freedom? Let them have these pests of our body corporate moved to New York and the other metropolises as well. In my personal contact I have many young Negro teachers in a contact with possibly 25 Negro principals I have yet to find one who didn't frankly say, I quote "The Negro school teacher can't complete in learning or educational background with the white, nor do we think it advis-

Ike Failed To Clear Folsom Appointment With Sen. Ives

WASHINGTON Secretary Folsom Cabinet and staff of businessmen operate to bypass the GOP politicians. Secretary Folsom was told by the President to pick her own successor. She picked Folsom, who has recently announced she did the President. The Republican National Committee which has more than a slight interest in building up the party for next year got the same treatment Ives did. No national politician expects to dictate presidential appointments. But it is embarrassing to him in his own state if he does not appear to have influence with a President of his own party. GREASED WHEELS Actually the system of checking up with senators and congressmen is its advantages. The President, for example, might have been spared the embarrassment of having to withdraw the appointment of Allen Whitfield as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission had he consulted first with the Iowa senators. SEN. IVES They were sometimes backed because they thought they were getting prizes when actually it was only charm.



Short Supply

Black marketing—Soviet unrest results partly from shortages in consumer goods. They are so scarce they are sold on the black market... "To check illegal trading... black marketing in summer goods," wrote Pravda, Jan. 28, 1955, the Georgian Communist government... the chiefs of the bread and grocery chains in the Georgian Soviet Republic... Among the items sold on the black market are shoes, sweaters, furature, sprouts, radios, cars, cloth, farm products, coats, enameware, furs and movie tickets. Khrushchev's big risk—It was to reduce food shortages that party leader Khrushchev launched his big collective farm program. Sending thousands of tractors to Central Russia, plus office workers, he hoped to get a little extra production—or else... To some extent he succeeded. But what he couldn't control was the weather and the natural desire of every farmer whether in Iowa or Kazakhstan to work for himself. In the other hand, the natural desire of every farmer whether in Iowa or Kazakhstan to work for himself. In the other hand, the natural desire of every farmer whether in Iowa or Kazakhstan to work for himself. In the other hand, the natural desire of every farmer whether in Iowa or Kazakhstan to work for himself.



Russians Fear Their Chinese Friends

up in any touth way against the West, despite its amazing progress in planes and guided missiles. European diplomats have made a careful study of Russian weaknesses, and perhaps the best answer to the Kremlin's diplomatic strength or lack of it is to look at the results of that study. "Amazing frankness—Here is part of what taken from the amazing frank statements of Soviet leaders themselves... "Some party leaders have acquired the habit of talking only about successes. They avoid discussions of shortcomings and difficulties," opined the blunt new boss of Soviet Russia, Nikita Khrushchev, in a three-hour harangue before the Communist Party's Central Committee on Jan. 25, 1955. "Many mistakes on no further than making speeches and drafting resolutions on fodder and do not organize a struggle strategy to increase the fodder production," continued Khrushchev's Secretary Khrushchev.

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Rusty Pipes

Housing and plumbing—Soviet leaders have been equally frank about other difficulties. "Officials of the building industry," said the same baldheaded blimp-speaking Khrushchev, "have no reason to give themselves airs. They should learn something from our friends in Czechoslovakia... The joints between the bathtubs had been very badly built and the standard of decorative work was not high. Pipes in the sanitation unit were covered with rust. The joints between the pipes had been very badly made and I, as a former steamfitter, was extremely indignant..." The machinery, machine and tractor station moving the grass on collective farms, reporting fulfillment of

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able since it would be of so little added value to our pupils... I know these people, both as a physician and a scientist. I make up for them free collections of fossils and shells... Many are from areas where the Negro children outnumber the whites three to one. I am not one to counsel violence to government but here is a case where the rights of millions of people are involved unfairly by 12 old politicians. Why not let them try to make up the law? We have too much legalistic government anyhow. It's got so bad that in Washington, D. C. a federal government head won't move without the law end of his department saying OK. I have in mind one department that won't issue identity cards and certificates of appointment because they are afraid it might be taking authority they don't have. Now let's see what communism does. The Communist Party in Russia is a very tiny minority, yet they rule the Russian masses with an iron hand. So it seems a strikingly great similarity between the two methods. —DR. WALDO H. JONES

Genesis Helped Archeologists

Editors, The News: While reading this week of Genesis I noticed the following item: "By following Chapters 12 and 13 in the Book of Genesis, archeologists in the Near East have recently unearthed 230 ancient towns in the Negev. A chain of destroyed cities points to the story of a rebellion against Sodom and Genesis 14." A reader's statement in a letter to the News's Platform said, "There is not a single branch of science—astronomy, geology, biology, anthropology, etc.—that coincides with the Bible in any phase or degree. Science deals with realities not fiction." But what does that word "coincides" mean anyway? —JASPER E. DUNN