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A Bargain In Education For Raleigh

Gov. Hodges says an outright state grant for construction of a Charlotte College building would encourage legislative log-rolling.

To keep everyone from bidding for grants and trading votes to get them the governor therefore favors a matching fund arrangement.

Obviously there is some political logic in Mr. Hodges' position. Few communities will shell out money in order to get state money for some facility they don't really need in the first place.

Higher education is a state responsibility. The reason that the state is now looking favorably upon development of community colleges is not to favor certain communities but to offer higher education to more Tar Heel youths at a lower cost to the state.

One Sparkle In Mecklenburg's Shame

MECKLENBURG, one of North Carolina's more enlightened counties, can salvage but one shred of consolation from the news that three of its schools are still without indoor plumbing and central heating.

Otherwise the disclosure is shocking in the extreme to citizens who may have imagined that this rather exultant citadel of progress had emerged completely from public education's dark ages.

The morality of the situation is not strengthened by the fact that the woefully ill-equipped schools are all Negro units. Obviously, this weakens the segregationist's classic argument that "separate but equal" facilities have been provided Negro public school students for many years.

The foul-smelling outdoor privies Negro children must use at Matthews, Paw Creek-Hoskins and Rockwell illustrate the limitations rather starkly.

A Question On The Goatman's Return

THE RETURN of the Goatman to Tar Heelia has prompted Mr. John R. Edwards of Goldsboro to inquire indignantly of the RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER why the bearded wanderer gets "so much free advertising."

We agree with Mr. Edwards' contention that the Goatman is a nuisance. We wish he would get the goats and go find for himself and his herd a secluded green pasture. The goats and the rolling hovel they pull do clog the highways, and attract curious people who also create traffic jams.

The Goatman's accomplishment is his eccentricity. He and his fellows are part of the reason you can't put a period after any description of humanity. As long as the Goatman is around one can't say that all men live in houses, or all men shave every morning, or that good shelter, food and clothing are the irreducible essentials of life.

From The Goldsboro News-Argus

SUSIE AND HER THUMB

TO GET AN angle which seems to warrant a place in this column we are going to be very pretentious and make believe we are trying to solve a problem.

Actually we simply want a hook on which to hang a little story that got next to us.

Susie is about three years old. She is a bright child, quick as a bee, as colorful as a canary. She gives confidences easily. She smiles with an appeal that attracts the most unnoticing.

She is no time at all in romping with every pup that comes by. She and a pup are kindred spirits and play happily with a freedom and abandon.

She is just a little girl, not far from the bottle. So it is comfort to her to go to sleep with her thumb in her mouth. Her parents have talked to her of the habit and she has been mindful, but she is such a little girl and a thumb is so comforting.

They told her if she went a week without sucking her thumb they would get her a dog. She agreed, solemnly, to the arrangement. For three days she held out manfully. As she slept, it was apparent that the struggle to keep that thumb out of her mouth went on even then. The pink little hand was tightly clenched and pulled as far as possible

The need has been demonstrated here and recognized in Raleigh. This is the most underdeveloped area in the state. Our industrial economy—and our great contribution to the state treasury—require the stimulus of more and more highly trained personnel.

An outright state grant to permit the development of Charlotte College into a genuine area institution would not be a gift.

It would be a high-premium investment in the economy of a community that already foots 10 per cent of the state's tax bill.

If Charlotte's request for an outright grant is asking a favor, it is also asking the state to do itself a favor.

But Gov. Hodges perhaps correctly judges the political realities of Raleigh. So, the realities he has been positive and mature consideration of a just claim of this community on the state's sympathies and financial resources.

There always is the possibility that the state will make a sure-fire investment in a going concern.

closed "five or six years ago," according to County School Supt. J. W. Wilson.

Despite their physical shortcomings, the three schools are neat, clean and well-kept. An obvious effort has been made to make the best possible use of the Negro facilities even though they are woefully substandard.

Money for new buildings does not grow on trees. It has been terribly scarce since World War II.

But this does not excuse a county of the size and wealth of Mecklenburg. Such conditions should not have been permitted to exist for so long.

All of us will be happy to see these unfortunate eyesores go.

Democratic Dilemma

OUTSIDE the farm areas," Republican Chairman Leonard Hall remarked rather complacently to this reporter some months ago, "there is a contentment which is wonderful. At about the same time, Adlai Stevenson, musing on his defeat in the Minnesota primary, observed that "somehow" he had "failed to communicate."

For some weeks now, this reporter has been wandering around the country, talking to voters in key areas, trying to sense their reactions and the trend of the campaign. Especially in the last week or so, the two not very profound observations quoted above kept coming back to mind.

At the outset of the campaign there were visible signs, discerned by many observers, that the Stevenson candidacy was really getting underway. The signs of a shift to Stevenson have been much less visible. The reasons are related to both the remarks quoted above.

Talking to people in the workers' districts or the middle class residential areas of big cities, you do not get the feeling that the contentment Chairman Hall professed to find is really all that wonderful. "Eisenhower prosperity" is certainly an Eisenhower asset. But it is a negative asset, in the sense that the Eisenhower candidacy would have suffered badly if there had been really widespread economic trouble in the cities, just as it has certainly already suffered on the farms.

Moreover, prosperity is not a decisive Eisenhower asset. There remain many economic discontents for Stevenson to exploit—and exploiting discontents is, after all, the function of an opposition.

There are certain areas of genuine economic distress in the cities as well as on the farms—among hard-hit small businesses.

At the same time, the relenting and procurement of something promised in an agreement, was that the best thing? Will she now feel that she can make her way around any deal or duty if she can make the right appeal?

Someone asks why can't life's problems hit us when we're about 17, and know everything.—BARTOW COUNTY (GA.) HERALD.

This would be a much improved world if we could all be measured by the things we are going to do tomorrow.—HAMILTON COUNTY (TENN.) HERALD.

People's Platform Tenth District Political Pot Bubbles Furiously

Charlotte
WHAT does the Tenth Congressional District expect of Ben Douglas when he is elected to Congress on Nov. 6?

First, that he would be a team-mate of North Carolina and southern Democratic legislators who would roll up their sleeves and go to work to wrest from the Japanese the keys to the front doors of our textile mills that the Republicans handed them, so that those that have been closed by slave labor competition could be reopened and in general our textile house could be set in order.

Second, he would attract touring traffic and consequently tourist dollars to the pockets of North Carolinians, mainly by working hard to get our Parkway completed. Our present Congresswoman on one occasion voted against any appropriation for the completion of the Parkway. Our people would expect Mr. Douglas to sell our Parkway to Congress in order that road blocks would not continue to keep them out of North Carolina's natural wonderland.

Third, the plain people (and I am proud to be among their number) expect that Ben Douglas will work unceasingly for an 800 personal income tax exemption for each person instead of the present inadequate \$600 exemption, knowing that if he broke faith in this matter, that he as a congressman should refuse the enormous salary and expense account increases they recently voted themselves in Congress, while turning their backs away from the pleas of the plain people for a personal tax reduction.

Fourth, We expect Ben Douglas to work night and day, untiringly and devotedly in promoting the Tenth District into her rightful place of leadership in the South, with new businesses, new highways, new industry and new cities—and thus save it from the desolation threatened by the Republicans.—MERCER J. BLANKENSHIP

Vote On Offshore Oil And Tax Challenged
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ON OCT. 4, in your "Peoples Platform," I offered a challenge to one and all to justify the voting record of Charles Raper Jones in the House of Representatives—dating from 1947. I stand corrected on the date by my challenger, one Mr. Charles Eury of Lincoln.

Let us ask my challenger for justification of Mr. Jones' action on offshore oil (HR 232). This infamous piece of legislation, on May 13, 1953, passed 278-116. The vote, to overrule the Supreme Court and give offshore oil, gas and mineral resources valued at \$10 billion to the Government, was stated instead of using this revenue for schools or for some other purpose of benefit to all U. S. citizens. Mr. Jones voted for this billion-dollar give-away.

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Stevenson's Drive Falters

By STEWART ALSOP

blame the administration for what is, in fact, an act of God. These are the people who feel no "wonderful contentment." It is among such people that Stevenson might hope to find the switchers from Eisenhower that he needs to put him over the top—on about 5 per cent of the total vote.

A few weeks ago, it seemed at least quite possible that Stevenson might have needed 5 per cent among these discontented people. Now it begins to look distinctly improbable. There are many reasons for this apparent faltering of the Stevenson candidacy.

One is the specious "peace issue," which the Republicans have exploited far more effectively than "prosperity." Another is the increasing participation of President Eisenhower in the campaign, which has tended to dispel doubts about his health, and which has moved his appealing personality front and center.

But, as one talks to the voters, one cannot escape the conclusion that there is an even more important reason—that Adlai Stevenson has again, to use his own phrase, in large measure "failed to communicate."

This is partly because his television appearances, which he has generally poor, it is partly because he has lately taken to debating issues, like the stopping of hydrogen bomb tests, which deeply interest him but do not deeply interest the mass of the voters.

At any rate, to the discontented and still undecided voters, Stevenson is not yet a real person, a recognizable and well-defined human being who will deal with their personal troubles. This "failure to communicate" is Stevenson's great weakness, which he must somehow overcome in the few campaign weeks that remain, if he is to have a ghost of a chance of winning.

ADLAI STEVENSON A Failure To Communicate
men, for instance and in some places where the industry is depressed. But there is also, almost everywhere, much less "wonderful contentment" than the statistics about the current boom would suggest. A great many people who ought statistically to feel prosperous, do not. A household in a comfortable middle class street in Louisville, Ky., gave a clue to why this is so.

"There's hardly a house in this street that's paid for," he said, "and hardly a car or a television set or a dishwasher either. A great many people, in short, have gone heavily into debt to buy the things they want. Paying for these things takes a painful large slice out of their incomes. They feel, not prosperous, but harried, hard-pressed and worried about the future. Being human, these people are tempted to blame, not their own extravagance, but the administration in power, just as the farmers in the drought-stricken areas tend to

aware that the caller was actually trying to reach Sen. Goldwater of Arizona. "I'll call him when he comes in, and if I'm asleep when he calls, have him wake me up. It's important," the Nevada declaimed. Later, Sen. Gore returned to his office, was told by his secretary that an excited gentleman from Nevada was trying to get hold of the Nevada senator. The telephone number the Nevada had left.

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All of these people feel that the "Rex Morgan, M.D." strip contained subject matter detrimental, if not discriminatory, to the practice of optometry. Some justification for this alarm is apparent. Prescriptions for visual corrections are limited by law to licensed practitioners (optometrist or ophthalmologist). If, as is shown in the strip, cannot legally be dispensed without a prescription. Any licensed physician can hold himself out to be an "oculist" or "ophthalmologist" without any special training or any special examination such as is required under state licensing laws. Optometry is the only profession specially licensed for visual care.

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From the daily strips that followed it developed that "Melissa" was a victim of glaucoma. While accurate statistics are not available, it is conservatively estimated that 75 per cent or more of the cases of glaucoma are first detected by optometrists.

I think that both your paper and the author of "Rex Morgan, M.D.," will agree that none of us want the public to think that "Melissa's" condition was overlooked by an optometrist or was the result of optometric service. As the strip has developed to date, the inference is present, whether deliberate or accidental, and I am sure that it is the latter.

—BEN F. EMANUEL, O. D., President, South Carolina Optometric Association
—R. B. PARKS, O. D., Executive Secretary

Women Detrimental To The University

Editors, The News:
I am glad to have no disposition to evaluate the controversy that has developed between News columnist Robert C. Hill, two Prof. Phillips Hill, two Prof. Phillips Hill's protégés and products of the School of Journalism at the Chapel Hill unit of the Greater University. Both appear capable of telling each other where to get their heads stuck so not in the least overlooking the opportunity to extol his and her excellencies and accomplishments.

But the disclosures the little lady makes as to what she is doing for her own family, her husband—furnishing him board and lodging, sending him through law school and all the same time bearing him children. Gee! I was born too early. I came to Chapel Hill just after the turn of the century, a difficult time for women, were admitted as students. There were no facilities for either women or girls. Their parents took industrial chemistry, which embraced ceramics, and there was so much said by the teacher about male and female students, she actually dropped the course, as I recall.

However, the women and girls were not to be denied. I complained, but the administrative officials said they were like terrorists; they could not be kept out. So they began to make provisions for them. Now the place is overflowing with them to the great detriment of the institution, as I see it.

And then came integration of the Morehead Planetarium, the first public institution in North Carolina that permitted the mixing of the races, and that without compulsion. And now the institution is legally integrated, with apparent consent of the community, if the recent election is an index to the sentiment. That, however, does not disconcert me too much. The state has provided a wonderful by-pass, so I do not have to go through the sprawling integrating octopus. I go north.

But there is but little, if any, defense to be made for the male spouse who will let his wife support him, send him through college and at the same time is my child's father. That's just riding one creature too hard. That's what is happening; at least it is being said.

Of course, life means movement; but it does not always move in the right direction. Think it over.

—JOHN W. HESTER

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Wrong Number Embarrassed Fund Raiser

WASHINGTON
A frantic Republican fund raiser got the shock of his life the other day when he blew into town seeking money to elect Rep. Cliff Young to the Senate. Young, a Republican, is seeking to capture the seat of the late Pat McCarran's successor, Sen. Alan Bible, Democrat. So far, however, Bible looks strong. Hence Young is running scared.

Hurry-Up Call
After arriving in Washington, the Republican from Nevada put in a hurry-up phone call to Sen. Barry Goldwater, Arizona Republican, who was chairman of the GOP Senatorial Campaign Committee, and is still a power when it comes to paralyzing out the GOP war chest to local candidates.

Something went wrong with the Capitol switchboard, however, and instead of Goldwater, the Republican from Nevada mistakenly got connected with the office of Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee. Gore is a Democrat, also hears the current congressional probe of campaign contributions.

Crossed Wires
"Is the senator there? I've got to talk to him," declared the man from Nevada, breathlessly. "No," answered Gore's secretary, un-

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hind, and now we think we've got it down to one. But we're in a bad way unless we get some money. That gosh-darned senator who's investigating campaign contributions is drying up our money. It's all come from Chicago and they're all afraid to contribute."

"Just a minute," interrupted Sen. Gore, finally able to get in a word edgewise. "My name is Gore. Alan Bible, of Tennessee, I'm a Democrat. There must be some mistake.

"Oh, my God!" shouted the man from Nevada, hanging up the phone, realizing that the senator he had just spoken to was the same senator who was investigating campaign contributions and "drying up" the sources.