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The Glow Of Pride Is Local, Too

COMMUNITY magazine's rousing report on 1955 achievements of federated fund-raising across the nation is matched only by Charlotte's own United Appeal fever chart.
COMMUNITY, official organ of Community Chests and Councils of America Inc., has announced that united community campaigns (including Community Chests and United Funds) raised more for 1955 services than ever before—a grand total of \$340 million \$38 million more than the previous year.
Donations to United Funds alone were increased by 8 per cent.
The United Fund movement had its national origin only six short years ago but already accounts for approximately 59 per cent of total funds raised. Public acceptance, needless to say, has been terrific.
This has certainly been true in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.
From unrelenting officials of United Community Services today we drew figures that document the case for federated giving rather dramatically.
As everyone certainly should recall, the 1955 campaign scored handsomely over the top with the greatest collection in the community's history—\$950,680. President Arthur Jones and Campaign Chairman Archie Carroll had set their sights on \$929,810. The final amount raised was \$4.42 per capita, according to best calculations available.
This is a far cry from 1951, the last year of the Community Chest. That campaign went over the top by a large mar-

gin, too (thanks to the vigorous efforts of President John Watlington and Campaign Chairman Charles Lowe) but the goal was only \$386,500 and the final total \$404,257. This represented but \$1.89 per capita.
The manner in which the momentum of federated giving increased is easy to trace after 1951. United Appeal's 1952 goal was \$738,000 and \$744,961 was collected. The per capita figure rose briskly to \$3.46. Mr. Lowe was again campaign chairman while H. H. Everett was president.
In 1953, President J. H. Bridges and Campaign Manager Ed Burnside sought \$819,721 and raised \$820,116, punching the per capita figure to \$3.82.
In 1954, President Joe Robinson and Campaign Manager Paul Wynn sought \$951,696 and raised only \$993,646 but the per capita figure still increased to \$4.15 (including the \$56,458 raised in a telephone).
Last year's triumph neatly capped five years of significant progress.
Of course, as the community continued to grow during those busy years, the need for social services also grew. From the Community Chest, which included approximately 20 agencies, the United Appeal has been expanded to 32 agencies.
The United Appeal program is clearly a consensual success. Mecklenburgers have recognized this fact with their continued, wholehearted and enthusiastic support. No cause is more deserving of that support.

People's Platform Segregation: The Verbal Battle Royal Goes On

Charlotte Editors: The News: I NOTE with some amusement...

I but with much dismay the comments of one contributor to People's Platform (Feb. 7) in regard to a young white girl attending Allen High School, which previously has had only the attendance of Negro students. The writer stated that he is "certainly not surprised" at the behavior of the citizens of the state are "amazed and shocked" at the news item which publicized this story which relates also that this young girl had received a commendatory letter from Mrs. Eisenhower. Now, I doubt that many North Carolinians are amazed and shocked upon learning that there is a white student at Allen High School. In fact, I have heard no one even so much as mention one word on this subject. Since people are usually daily vocal when shocked and amazed, we cannot assume that everyone has been shocked and amazed. It is a pity, however, which agitates so much one writer to this Platform.



Why do you always have to go against the main-stream of thought...?

Liberalism: Who Knows & Who Cares?

AMERICANS for Democratic Action and extreme right wing elements of the Republican Party have at least one thing in common. Both are outraged by what they call "Eisenhower liberalism."
There is almost equal indignation on both sides of the political fence but for entirely different reasons.
Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.) expressed the ADA line last week when he called the President and his advisers "phony liberals."
GOP conservatives countered with the anguished cry that Ike's "liberalism" is all too real and they want no part of it. One right wing journal suggested that rock-ribbed U. S. conservatives might "sit on his hands" in November if the "White House liberals" maintained their grip on the Republican Party.
Mr. Lehman said what appears to be Eisenhower "liberalism" is really the product of the "stodgy, stifling atmosphere of caution and conservatism" which is a search—not for solutions, but for slogans, an emphasis not on pioneering, but on merchandising.
"Liberalism?" It depends on what you mean by this remarkable term, certainly one of the most overworked words in modern English.
What is a "liberal," anyway? The New York Herald Tribune, which cherishes its liberalism as much as its Republicanism, once asked the question of its readers: Sample opinions:
"... a person who... weighs a change from the point of view of whether it is an improvement rather than a novelty."
"... a person who believes that change is not only inevitable but desirable, and that unfortunately somebody is going to get hurt. This is contrasted to the revolutionary who feels that numerous people ought to get hurt, or to the conservative, who appears generally to be the person who gets it."
"... one who is so tolerant that he has outgrown all old-fashioned convictions of

inherent right and wrong, good and evil. . . one who agrees with me or to-day as regards something that I or we are excited about just now. . . a man who is constantly and simultaneously being kicked in the teeth by the Communies and by the National Association of Manufacturers. . . a liaison officer between the extreme Right and the extreme Left. . . a conservative who with a conscience which bothers him."
Classically, liberalism is the philosophy which stands for an attitude favorable to the freest and fullest development of the individual. It is a humane, conservative and radicalism. It holds that men are sufficiently reasonable to be able to modify an older order in favor of more progressive institutions without resorting to violence.
All too often, the contemporary "liberal" takes a narrower view of society. He has simply lost touch with the true liberal tradition. However, he does not deserve sainthood any more than he deserves to be a "whipping boy" for all of the nation's political ills.
The fact is that no U. S. political party has a monopoly on liberalism. The two major parties are flexible enough to accommodate citizens of many philosophical hues. Each is a huge composite body, containing a cross section of the whole American population. That, incidentally, is the way it should be.
As for Eisenhower's "liberalism," "damned-fo-fo-is-damned-if-he-fo-fo" routine is sheer nonsense. The label is unimportant. The contents of political bottles are all that matter and they can be a subtle blend of many medicines.
As a matter of fact, our present social engineers would find neither the charts of Edmund Burke nor John Stuart Mill infallible guides anymore. The time has come to get the old labels out of our heads and buckle down to the business of getting things done.

Yoicks! The Royces Are Running

FOX hunting is on its last leg in England.
It is getting on wheels. Hunt clubs now permit riding to hounds in Rolls Royces to bring in added revenue for expensive stabling of their own horses and packs.
There are complications. When a fox starts across a road the motorized spectators are given to honking, beeping, and shouting, "Vive, halloo!" and "Yoicks!"

out their car windows. That is meant to encourage the dogs. Most often it turns the fox and, eager to pursue, the motorists sometimes run over the hounds.
Being logical people the English should conclude that a better way to foxtrot is to buy an unlicensed southern farmer who loses his dogs and then sit down on a stump to listen to the disc. It's good listening, and it's cheap as dirt.

From The Christian Science Monitor

INFLUENCING OLD FIDO

A NEWS story with a humorous twist reports that Dothan, Ala., meter readers are tired of being nipped by householders' dogs. So they are learning the dogs' names and noting them in their meter books. Now, says the writer, whenever shows hostility the meter man can call him by name—and if that doesn't work, can call him names.

Stand still, speak quietly and amiably. Then move slowly either in advance or retreat. Give the dog no hand (or foot) to bite—only to sniff after you are sure he, too, wants to make friends.
All of this takes time, we realize. And meter readers are busy men. But, after all, they do want to read meters, not feud with dogs, don't they?

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Oil-Gas Lobby Stacked The Deck

WASHINGTON
To appreciate the savage intimacy with gas lobby, one must see the usual suave, usually genial Sen. Lyndon Johnson cracked down on any broadening of the case against the oil and gas industry. He has a long list of behind-the-scenes factors that the public didn't know about during the natural gas debate.
Bi-Partisan Pressure
During that debate also, Louis Johnson, former secretary of defense, was active on Capitol Hill on behalf of Columbia Gas, trying to change votes. Johnson is a Democrat.

Treatment Of Indians Is A Blot On History

Charlotte Editors: The News: SOME people have an urge to write, and not all based on a sense of duty. I refer to the letter in the issue of Jan. 8. It is true that some Spanish and Portuguese ships brought in Negro slaves, but the great majority of them were brought in American ships, chiefly trading ships from the port of Boston. See

Economic Equality

These are claims that have longed his so long, and which at long last are being brought through. I would not deny any man, regardless of his race or station in life, the right to choose his friends and associates. By the same token, I would not deny any man the opportunity to get the job for which he is qualified, the right to a decent home in a clean neighborhood, the right to fair and impartial court system.
This is the fear of the South, that in attaining economic equality with the North, the Negro will be excluded from the social atmosphere, which has long been within the province of the family. This is not true, and it's a pity that the Negro has not been the first to see this. The fear of the Negro having the right to vote is great. You of the South are afraid that he will exercise the voice in government, which is rightfully his, either as a minority or a majority, whatever the case might be. He has been denied the ballot so long that the attempt is being made to make it,

permanent political disenfranchisement. This won't work for so long as men have faith in God, themselves, and their own ability — if they are morally and lawfully right — they cannot fail.
FACT FROM TRUTH
I read of the condemnation of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People in your paper, and from speeches made by your politicians. You don't really point out the basic facts of this situation. It's trouble is that it's been dormant too long, standing still, compromising instead of demanding, backing down when they should be standing up and fighting; and now that in the last 10 years, men and women who are possessed of love of nation and Christian spirit, will undoubtedly work towards the implementation of the 14th Amendment.

Integration Works
I have attended mixed schools from the 1st grade through four years college in the United States and in contact with thousands of students of all races, I know of not one single case of inter-racial marriage. Mind that we have had all classes together, participated in athletics, extra-curricular activities including dancing, and not one marriage, and still, some of my finest friendships were built during the days with students of both races, and I'm proud to say, they have been lasting friendships. This alone is partial invalidation of the amalgamation theory. Further, the armed forces of this nation have conclusively proved that integration can and will work. There are men in the armed forces, in this organization and every unit, from messengers to lieutenants, working, playing, and serving together, without trouble or incident.
The NAACP will become a dynamic force in this country, and a great people, the intelligent American public, into a great force demanding equal rights for all, regardless of their color, race, creed, or station in life.

Amalgamation Theory Has No Justification
Fort Amador Canal Zone Editors: The News: IT is most interesting to note the various arguments being expounded to thwart the Supreme Court ruling abolishing segregation in schools, however, the politicians of the South are doing this for one reason — to get votes of the ignorant and unknowing of the rural agrarian southern public, which have never had a real opportunity to analyze intelligently the problem for themselves. What is their argument? When all else is objectively proved invalid, they have one predominant argument — "amalgamation." They put themselves forward as men of principle, men devoted to a greater, more productive America, under God and the laws of the land. Yet in this great debate, they arouse the people of the South, they must maintain even as the worst of world bigots. Adolph Hitler, would, "the pure white blood strain." I know this is a political bunk — and every thinking man and woman in these United States knows it as well. The Negro isn't interested now as he ever been, for the most part, interested in inter-racial marriage. The Negro wants and must demand economic and political freedom.

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