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Charlotte Aviation: Hesitation's Reward

TO A modern fable upholding the shilly-shally as an instrument of survival, humorist James Thurber attached this moral:
'He who hesitates is sometimes saved.'
Perhaps the same comforting maxim can be applied to the length of time it has taken to hire a new airport manager for Charlotte.

Ammo Depot: Charlotte's Lethal Friend

'SO WHAT,' said one man to news that the Navy plans to put an end to the skeleton activity at its ammo plant here.
His reaction was right. He never worked there. The shell plant itself is a shell. Where 12,700 people once worked, 135 now come and go at 8 and 5. The drama of what once was one of the arsenals of democracy is gone, a drama in which the time clock ticked 24 hours a day through three interchangeable shifts, so that everybody got daytime, early night and late night working hours.

At Wake Forest, A Game Of Knucks

BY 1956 Coach Jim Tatum plans to field a Tar Heel football team that will win more than we lose for the University is certainly just not average.'
Not by a long shot! The coach plans to build this team by getting 'at least four out of every five of the best football players in the state.'

From The Wall Street Journal

THE UNEXPENDABLE MULE

THE Army, try as it will, can't get rid of its mules.
One by one mechanical marvels have appeared which narrow the ground on which the military mule, with his disproportionately dainty hoofs, has stood.
The crawling tractor and the half-track speed bigger artillery faster. Six-by-six trucks move more food and ammunition than could any mule-drawn wagon train. And we can hardly imagine any number of mules, even of the purest Missouri lineage, picking up a landing craft out of the surf and wading it up on the beach as can the latest steel-and-rubber monster. But, the Army has found, none of these engines can pack a howitzer over mountain crags.

People's Platform

Editors, The News:
I DON'T know whether Mr. I. John W. Myers is or has ever been a Communist, or to be perfectly candid - I really don't give a hoot about this individual political phantasm. I will say, however, that I, myself, am not and have never been a Communist; further, I have no sympathy for communism and have only pity and contempt for those who have embraced it.

PROVERBIAL BULL

It seems to me that this committee is the proverbial bull in the china shop. It has no intention of doing wrong, but OOPS! there goes that fragile little teacup.
It is unfortunately often true that anyone called before this committee is damned before he appears; particularly so if he dictates in advance that he will invoke the Fifth Amendment and refuse to answer any or all questions put to him. In the Platform of Feb. 20, a letter upbraids Mr. Myers for his announced intention of being an uncooperative witness before the committee.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT

Now the letter writer looks for evil where no evil lurks. I remind him that I, myself, abhor communism. But I maintain that Mr. Myers has the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment and that his exercise of this should not be considered nor be thought incriminating.
In spite of the fact that enemies of democracy have been known to cloak themselves in our constitutional rights - those enemies fight it self evident that we fight a losing battle with those enemies if we begin to snip away at their rights until they would abolish. We are commanded to love our enemies but not to help them in their iniquities against us.

Teen-Age Rebels-V

Ease Junior's Anxiety About Sex In The Early Years

By JOSEPH WHITNEY
Fifth In A Series

SEX AND adolescence. No line to make up today's 10-year-old children. All young people need a safe emotional harbor where they can talk freely and without embarrassment about matters relating to their sexual development. It is not so much a question of whether they should be informed about sex as who they will inform them, and how, and where, and under what circumstances. Will it be the home, the school, or under the street light on the corner?

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE explosive, conflicting memoirs of ex-President Truman and Gen. MacArthur will be followed by another set of recollections, written by Gen. George Marshall. His version is expected to take a milder course than Truman and MacArthur. The former World War II commander and peacetime architect of the United Nations Plan also was frank about his former subordinate, Dwight Eisenhower.

Ike Well-Guarded

President Eisenhower's Gettysburg farm has been equipped with electronic warning devices-invisible guards that report the unauthorized presence even of small animals.
The Navy is taking its transport planes out of mothballs and offering them to commercial air lines. This will give the Navy a reserve airlift, a sort of merchant marine of the air, ready for instant use in case of emergency.

Do Congressional Investigators Go Too Far?



do not have a member on the Board of County Commissioners and further I shall bring to your attention that the taxpayers of Charlotte pay 80 per cent of the taxes. Then I ask you, shall we continue to go on without a member? No, let's get a man out that lives in the city.

Rentals On Skates Unreasonably Priced

Editors, The News:
I HAVE got a strong suspicion that some members of the Auditor-Collector Authority are allergic to ice under the Big Dome.
They gave plenty of reasons public ice skating would be acceptable here, but the tremendous turnout for the free ice skating night forced them to change their stand.

Correct Description Used In Headline

Editors, The News:
I occurred at the intersection of 7th and College Sts., Lynn Labar, a student from Harding High School, was killed along with others. There were others in this accident who were very badly injured.

Name A Charlottean To The Commission

Editors, The News:
I SHALL be interested in calling your attention to two important points that call for your personal thought in the interest of all taxpayers. One is the tax-payers of the City of Charlotte

Sex Information Should Flow Freely

Some parents avoid discussion about sex questions with their teenage children on the theory that it will stir up excessive interest in the subject, give them ideas, and stimulate them to experiment. This is sometimes the case if fathers limit their instruction to telling their sons and daughters to reach sexual maturity, 'how to take care of themselves.'
In a study of 50 male adults reported by Lester A. Kirkendall in 'Sex Education as Human Relations,' 78 per cent of those so



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showed that the General Services Administration had been poorly run under Mansure.
The GSA chief retorted that the efficiency experts had not even completed their survey nor come to any conclusions.
The GSA chief retorted that the White House didn't want Mansure around any longer.

Unhelpful

Capt. C. Vanarsdall, our naval attaché in Paris, has not been too helpful to Gen. Al Gruenther, the NATO commander in Europe.
Gruenther's defense plans for Europe are based on the use of atomic weapons, which Gruenther has declared flatly is the only way Russia could be stopped.
Vanarsdall has been arguing around Paris hoping that an atomic war would devastate France.
This plays right into the hands of the French and gives them an argument not to support the U. S. commander of NATO.

Many Whites Agree With Supreme Court

Editors, The News:
I WAS very glad that Mr. Carl Van Hennen wrote as he did for People's Platform Feb. 17. I wonder why the voice of reason seems so much louder than the voice of fear. As a person born and educated in the South, who has lived in other parts of the country for 18 years and recently returned here, I have been struck by the fear and hostility which have expressed these days along with the 'Big Lie' of race prejudice.

System Unfair

Editors, The News:
HAVING noticed a number of letters concerning social security by Charles F. Barkley and others revealing the error and inequity of the present system, I would like to mention some of the unfairness of which I have a personal knowledge.
Improvement from time to time have affected many; however, multiplied thousands have not benefited and never will until other adjustments are made.
HOPES DASHED
For instance, many whose age would render hopeless the possibility of gainful employment, except in an emergency, have as many as 10 quarters (30 months) but because of some technicality in the date of birth, they are placed in a bracket which renders them ineligible to draw at any age unless the 10 is increased to 18.

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