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Carrying Tar Heel Humility Too Far

NESTLED snugly between Virginia's aristocratic contempt and South Carolina's aristocratic unconcern, North Carolina has long been known as a vale of humility between two mountains of conceit. If the generalization is galling it's our own fault. Everytime we try a little exploratory chest thumping we knock ourselves for a loop.

We talk with quiet pride about a "Variety Vacationland," a land of many wonders. Or, let's just permit the discoverer of the new NORTH CAROLINA GUIDE to take over:

The Old North State in all its variety—from the beaches and coastal waters of the Atlantic to the wooded highlands of the Great Smokies, from historic colonial towns to modern industrial cities, from golfing in the Sandhills to fishing and hunting on the coast and in the mountains, from summer outdoor dramas to winter concerts

The Commission Was Too Apologetic

ON THIS Bowater matter, the County Commission has been five sheets in the political wind.

A week ago plans for the paper plant at Van Wyck, S. C., threatened doom and ruin for Mecklenburg County, according to Commissioner Sam McVinch who had been fishing and smelled a paper factory not in question. Now the Commission is abjectly apologetic for even having had the thought of protesting construction of the plant.

The Commissioners admittedly had no information on which to base their protest, and therefore could not defend it. That was reason for withdrawing it, but not for such an extreme exercise in regret. Their fault was not in protesting but in protesting without substantial reason. For all they or we know, there might be reason to support the protest. The point is that no attempt was made to actually gauge any harm the plant might cause Mecklenburg.

We are happy the Commission is big enough to confess ill considered action, but as long as its intent was the protection of Mecklenburg it had no cause to bend the knee to anyone.

Add Chin Straps To Judicial Robes

THE request of Tar Heel lawyers for adding Superior Court judges' robes a love of tradition, precedence and symbolism.

Unfortunately it also demonstrates a certain timidity and weakness of purpose. The barristers would robe the judges, but not wig 'em. They do not mention a return to the cof, a cap of white linen or silk tied under the chin. They make no reference to the sentence cap, with or without ear-flaps, to the skull cap or to other impedimenta once necessary complements to the robe in properly attiring judges.

What the state bar association actually is proposing is not better dressed judges, but half dressed judges. Should a judge appear in a robe, sans the various caps, chin straps and ear-flaps, sensible citizens would be compelled in all modesty to look away from hizzoner. The appearance of a prayer meeting thus would be extended to courtrooms, causing considerable confusion and, doubtless, consternation among defendants on trial for high crimes.

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The advice of Judge Jerome Frank also has pertinence: "Unfrock the judge, have him dress like ordinary men, become in appearance like his fellows, and he may well be inclined to talk and write more comprehensively."

Whoever it was who said: "The Rozelle's Ferry Bridge will be completed in March of 1956."

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"Well, gentlemen, we have shown that by painting the shaved backs of mice with tobacco tar we produce epidermoid cancer in 44 per cent of the mice... This should scare the public..."

People's Platform 'The Party Of The People'

Great Falls, S. C. Editors: The average people understand the value of having the privilege to vote for candidates of their own choice without fear of violent reactions, they would have responded to putting more effort and in greater numbers to fulfill their solemn duties on election days.

Before going into details why I prefer to vote Democratic, I wish to make the following statements: I do not think that politicians from the Democratic Party are any different from politicians of the Republican Party; all of them have the same characteristics, personalities, habits, desires and reach out for the same aims. The difference is only in the parties. Were we not for the obligations these politicians have to their party, we couldn't distinguish one from the other.

It is an established fact that the Democratic Party represents the greatest majority of the people, including all classes, whether in industry and finance, who are interested in the welfare of the people. It is the party that has the stamina to fight for the rights that benefit most of the people, but of course that was not very often. As a matter of fact it happened very seldom. Yet I never made an exception to vote for a Republican president, no matter what his personal views or how liberal he may be, because I know good and nice his intentions.

Because no sooner a Republican is elected his views are placed into a melting pot, because he always selects his Cabinet from the top heads of big industry and finance, who are interested to the Republican Party in preference to the interest of the people. As far back as I can remember a Republican president after election becomes a chairman of the government rather than a president. He opens the Cabinet meetings, delivers nice talks at certain and various occasions, answers all the questions at news conferences, expresses his views mostly in a very charming way, but otherwise the affairs of the government are handled by the various secretaries appointed by him, to the Cabinet.

Secretary Wilson
"If It's Good For General Motors..."

such an administration the rich get the benefit and the poor get the excess. The only time the President finds it necessary to participate and act contrary to their decisions is when an act of any of the secretaries or cabinet members and a scandal is blowing wide open, just as in the Taft case.

To illustrate how the Cabinet members under a Republican administration think and render decisions accordingly, I will quote a statement made by Secretary of Defense Wilson a short time ago: "If it is good for General Motors it should be good enough for the country." And as all the other secretaries of the Cabinet belong to the same class and think identically the same, they judge the affairs of the country in the same selfish manner as they do their own business. If it is good for their business then it should be satisfactory for the entire country.

A Democratic president acts differently. He always thinks in the terms what is best for the country and the majority of its people and therefore selects a bipartisan Cabinet in which all classes of the people are represented and he bears the responsibility for the executive branch of the government. If the secretaries or Cabinet members' views differ with that of the president's contrary to the benefits of most of the people he removes that individual and replaces him. After all the people elected the president to act for them.

For the last 60 odd years under the Democratic administrations all we heard was Roosevelt and Roosevelt and then Truman and Truman every time. No matter what happened the presidents were always shown up right or wrong. It was the president who was taken to account and under this administration no matter what happens or is done, it is either Benson, Wilson, Humphrey, McKay, Mitchell, etc., etc. But never is Mr. Eisenhower blamed for anything. He is the charming President.

That is why I always vote for a Democratic administration and a Democratic Congress.

—HENRY KAYE

Goodyear Did Creek
Dwellers Big Favor

Charlotte Editors: The News: YOUR item June 2 stating the opinion of Mr. George Good-year indicates the bigness of a big man.

Mr. Goodyear's expression to the industry, plant free access to his private property (sewer line) reflects the true colors of a civic-minded citizen.

In doing so, he would be conveying a favor to the residents of the locale and indeed save the industrial recipients the cost of building their own line.

The Better Ballplayers Hate Everything But Folding Stuff

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain
I DO love ballplayers, and have since I was a raw youth, watching them scatter 10-cent bills like so much money and wearing those 10-day blue shirts to save on the laundry. Especially, I used to love the change in appearance.

When the club was paying, in spring training, man? Two six-ounce an hors d'oeuvre. Later on, when the ballplayers were saving, one hamburger—and a solid complaint. Plus a nickel tip. This naturally wouldn't apply to the rather solid class of the trade, like DiMaggio or Greenberg or Stanley Harris. It would apply more to a Mr. Duke Snider, who has been sobbing his heart out in Collier's lately, resting his head on a ghost. Snider has I ever read a more plaintive piece.

Mr. Snider, who has a positive talent for striking out in World Series, seems to be the most ill-used athlete ever to vend his way from the south end of a mule or the cantankerous handle of a gas-pump.

The only things that Mr. Snider does not like about his chosen profession are managers, fans, reporters and opposing pitchers. Well, maybe they make the hair turn those days, too.

Mr. Snider does not like travel, which is necessary in his trade, and confesses to being being frightened by a Pullman as a frightened young Urchin, he said, pet him with skate keys and marble, inflicting enormous pain on his psyche.

Mr. Snider does not like the food he has to eat when he travels. What Mr. Snider likes is money, which makes him the perfect ballplayer.

LIFE'S A TRAP
The title of Mr. Snider's weeps is "I Play Baseball for Money, Not Fun." He complains that he has to spend his life away from his wife and that Charlie Dressen was little less than a beast, and the food sits uneasy on his stomach.

He confesses to being being frightened by a Pullman as a frightened young Urchin, he said, pet him with skate keys and marble, inflicting enormous pain on his psyche.

He's even met "some nice types of fans." Well, call me an umpire. I have not encountered such a perfect type of ballplayer since

the old days, when I used to hold up the pillars of the lobby of the Angelini in Orlando, Fla., when you could tell Bucky Harris from his flock merely by the fact that he owned a white shirt. The rest of his fugitives from share-cropping were easily distinguishable by their color.

Years I spent trying to understand ballplayers and finally gave up. The only man who ever approached a true knowledge of the business was the small of North Carolina farmer.

I never knew a pitcher who wouldn't knock down his mother, if his earned-run average were at 18.

MULE'S PARTNER
I never knew a hitter who didn't criticize the Louisville Slugger people from putting holes in the bat. And I knew very few players who ever realized how lucky they were to be emancipated from the mule.

They work six months a year, hunt and fish and sign testimonials for the other half—but at a sport so infantile the players still wear spurs, identifying them as cowboys. They are largely absent of thought, or they wouldn't need managers.

And still they complain. They have always complained. This is why I appreciate Mr. Snider. He is a ballplayer, all the way, and would not be good as a partner to the mule. The mule, naturally, would be referred to as the brain.

Hot Issue Revived
A Right To Work?

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON
THE "right-to-work" issue, ignored by Congress for the past four years, seems certain to be brought through during the coming political campaign.

The controversy concerns the "right-to-work" laws enacted by 12 states which prohibit union shop contracts requiring an employee to join the union in order to keep his job.

These union shop contracts are permitted by the Taft-Hartley Act. But the law also allows states to ban these union shops if they want to.

The Supreme Court May 21 decided that the state "right-to-work" laws do not apply to railroad unions, controlled by a separate federal law, the Railway Labor Act. But the decision did not interfere with the application of the state laws to other industries.

BILLS GALORE
About two dozen bills have been introduced in the 84th Congress to revoke the Taft-Hartley authorization for the "right-to-work" laws. But the Senate and House Labor Committees, under Democratic control, have not held any hearings on the bills.

President Eisenhower has recommended some changes in the Taft-Hartley Act but none involve the "right-to-work" issue.

Opposing pressure groups already have turned their attention from the current Congress to the forthcoming presidential and congressional election campaigns.

PHOENIX CON
In summary, this is what the controversy is about: Backers of the "right-to-work" laws say: "Compulsory unionism is destructive of individual freedom. Americans must have the right,

From The Raleigh News & Observer AN ASPIRIN TABLET ON SATURDAY

WHEN you go to town on Saturday, it doesn't require too much imagination to see the day absorb the personality of a man. The day begins and ends, knows disappointment and happiness. It ripples his muscles and trols around town. He takes his leisure under the drug store awning. Maybe he attends a ball game. Maybe he merely stands among his friends heating up the cold hash of yesterday's news.

Ever get the feeling that things are cockeyed in today's world? Such as when you read about the hundred African witch doctors meeting in formal session to study ways and means of keeping "shysters" from practicing their profession? — ASHVEVILLE CITIZEN.

An East Dallas optometrist recently mailed out a bunch of postcard addressed with big black type: "HAVE YOU FORGOTT SOMETHING IMPORTANT?" He speedily got back a batch from the post office. Reason: No addresses. — DALLAS MORNING NEWS.

The United States has half of the world's 94 million telephones, but a trade publication says that the people of Iceland talk more times per capita. We'll opine they don't talk any longer or say any less. — LEXINGTON HERALD.

Merry-Go-Round Drew Pearson's

JOHN Foster Dulles has told like that come next winter he wants to retire as secretary of state. He gave this word before the Pressing's "line," says "I'm tired, very tired, that four years is enough."

Triangular Contest
White House prediction is that Dulles will get the next Supreme Court vacancy. However, this poses a problem. Attorney General Brownell also wants the Court (though he'd probably have tough confirmation problems in the Senate), as does ex-Gov. Tom Dewey. But all are New Yorkers and he'd be picked into the Supreme Court even if the vacancies occurred, because there's already one New Yorker there, John Harlan, incidentally a Dewey recommendation, and doing an A job.

Milton's Mission
Inside reason Milton Eisenhower resigned from Penn State was not to take a government job but to campaign for his brother. The design was made before the second illness, when Milton figured brother like would need someone to make speeches for him. He didn't want to do this on the university's time or get the university mixed up in politics.

If Ike Says No
More and more Republicans are eyeing Milton as ex-brother Ike now says no. Col. Bob Guggenheim, ex-ambassador to Portugal, admits the idea by calling up Sherman Adams, Chairman Len Hall, and others.

Democratic Training
The Democrats, who trained Milton for 10 long years in government, have to admit he's an extremely able gent. But Len Hall grumbles that he's not really a Republican under.

Abolish The Draft?
Air Force officers are urging that the draft be abolished. They argue inside the Pentagon that the three services can now recruit all the men they really need.

Dewey's Clients
If ex-Gov. Tom Dewey is building up a terrific law practice—now that he's the closest private attorney to Eisenhower.

John Foster Dulles Wants To Resign
Latest clients are—Pan American Airways and Eastern Airlines.

Mamie's Opposition
Though Mrs. Eisenhower is confident her husband will resign from his present illness, she is more opposed than ever to his running again. She realizes, however, this is a decision he will have to make himself.

British Uncertainty
The British Embassy has called London for its own plans for a second term. Until he speaks out himself, the embassy advised the British government not to make any long-range plans which depend on Eisenhower.

Seaton's Project
First important job being tackled by Fred Seaton, secretary of the interior, is the problem of converting salt water to fresh water. This was started under Oscar Chapman, but was allowed to languish under Doug McKay. Seaton believes that if scientists can develop a cheap method of taking the salt out of

Model Father
Vice President Nixon may not know it, but he's converting "the children of state" into a "family" (thanks to the vice president may win GOP in the political arena, but at home he's a model, loving father and husband. He's so nice to the neighborhood kids when they come to play with his children that they go home telling their Democratic parents that they've become Republicans.)

Witch-Burning
Arthur Miller, playwright and friend of Marilyn Monroe, is the author of "The Crucible," a story of Salem witch-burning. This week the House Un-American Activities Committee will burn Miller in the congressional witness chair. Thanks to the witch-burning tactics of new Committee Counsel Dick Arens. He's determined to get more headlines for the Un-American Activities Committee and knows that big Hollywood names linked to beautiful actresses is one way to do it.