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Health Agencies Must Not Be Divorced

The suggestion that Mecklenburg County will set up independent health facilities on E. 4th St. if a proposed City-County Health Center is located at Memorial Hospital taxes public credulity to the limit.
In an era of reasonable governmental progress, such a move would represent backsliding to an alarming degree.

for any number of cooperative enterprises to promote better health in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.
By separating completely the health departments of the city and the county, commissioners would be inviting back all of the old problems inherent in dual operations. There would be administrative duplication, the possibility of separate policies and a lack of coordination of all health work, together with the responding decrease in the amount of health protection rendered per tax dollar paid.

GOP Has Something To Remember

FOR THE Republican Party the news from Gettysburg was a stroke of deliverance. The man from whom the GOP's own peace, progress and prosperity flows had not changed his mind about staying on the job.
The failure of a heart attack and a stomach operation to weaken the President's resolve to run again is translatable directly into brighter hopes for the Republican recapture of the Congress. It all but dashes party worries about control of the White House.

a whit the party's need for new leaders. Shortly before his heart attack the President warned that "you never pin your party colors on a man until you know if a ship sinks you cannot rip it off and nail it to another. It is sometimes good to remember that."
It would be to the party's good and the nation's if the party remembered the fact that Dr. M. B. Bethel provides both Charlotte and Mecklenburg as health officer and has consolidated many of the functions of the city-county health program. The moving line of progress must not be allowed to dip or falter because of some petty political controversy.

Even Wine Will Turn To Vinegar

'Tis an old maxim in the schools, That flattery's the food of fools; Yet now and then your men of wit Will condescend to take a bit. —Jonathan Swift
FLATTERY dished out in the U. S. Senate's Mutual Admiration Society is undoubtedly the most extravagant, bombastic and elegantly insincere exercise known in U. S. politics. It exceeds even log rolling in its strategic demands on both the flatterer and the flattered.
For instance, a senator cannot just sit down and take a little verbal flummery with a sheepish smile. Oh, no. He must get up and out-flummery the flummer. Once the adulation gets bouncing around the chamber it takes everything the presiding officer has to get the Senate settled back down to the serious business of cutting each other's political throats.

worthy and able spokesman"
Mr. Chavez: "I have observed the senator from Florida on the floor and I have always respected his judgment."
Mr. Symington: "I thank my good friend from New Hampshire for his kind remarks. There is no man on the floor of the Senate on either side of the aisle who takes more interest in the security of the United States in his mind and heart than does the distinguished senator from New Hampshire."
Mr. Johnson: "I have nothing but the greatest respect for the patriotism of the senator from Minnesota and for his sound judgment."
Mr. Thye: "No one could have a higher regard for any member of the United States Senate than I have for the distinguished senator from Missouri."
Mr. Symington: "Mr. President, the distinguished senator from Minnesota knows that there is no one in the Senate for whom the senator from Missouri has more affection and respect than he has for the senator from Minnesota."
The peak of indignity developed to the peak of high art. But we are assured by Richard Brinsley Sheridan that conscience has no more to do with gallantry than it has with politics—which should soothe the fears of rank and file partisans who cannot abide genuine respect and admiration among political opponents. Without a conscience, a politician can turn from flattery to flits without thought of the slightest stigma of remorse or contrition. Politics never rises to a really high plane. Nothing ever rises but the taxes.

As Exhibit A, we offer in evidence this bit of unabashed bootlicking, taken verbatim from the Congressional Record, as reported in the Kingsport Times:
Mr. Johnson of Texas: "The senator from New Hampshire is a very able and respected political strategist and I wish to commend him for his efforts."
Mr. Bridges: "I wish to thank the senator from Texas for his words of commendation and to say that I feel the same way with reference to him."
Mr. Chavez: "Mr. President, no one has greater respect for the senator from New Hampshire than I have."

From The Green Bay Press-Gazette

BARNUM WAS RIGHT

THE ways some people think up to extract money from a gullible public never cease to be amazing. The latest to come to our attention is the "Memorial Obituary" gimmick.
The people who operate this business, which we suppose is legitimate enough under the law, clip an obituary story from a newspaper, press it between two pieces of cheap plastic, imprint the Lord's Prayer or some other religious wording on the back and mail it to a relative of the deceased with a request for \$1 by return mail. The recipient may, of course, order additional copies at special rates.
Since relatives of a deceased person may buy as many copies of their local newspaper as they wish for five cents apiece, and plastic of the type used here is even cheaper, ordinarily one

would wonder why anyone would send in a dollar for something that would cost them 15 cents at the outside. But people who wonder about such things have missed one of the most enduring qualities of the human character—an innate gullibility which P. T. Barnum summed up in his immortal remark: "A sucker is born every minute."
But even those who accept Barnum's dictum might expect the exploiters of human gullibility to stop short of pressing on grief-stricken people who recently have lost a loved one. The answer to which is found in another column saying to the effect that some people will do anything for a buck.
It is hard to be satisfied with one's lot these days when one can see how badly it needs mowing — GREENVILLE (S. C.) FIEDMONT.

People's Platform Tenth District Ready To Reelect Charles Jonas

Green-Eyed Monster Hates Elvis Presley
Route 3, Gastonia
I CANNOT refrain from answering back at some of the poor people within our fair city who have nothing to do but criticize the younger generation, especially Elvis Presley. I refer to the numerous letters that have been printed, one in particular.

Personally, I prefer Elvis and his rock and roll music to some of the things she has mentioned. But even if I did not, I hope when I am an old lady I can find better things to do with my time than worry about things of this nature. After all, it isn't hurting anyone, is it? And there must be a lot of people who like Elvis Presley; \$40,000 per week is evidence of this.

As for the critics who are raging so, I think it is a pure case of the little green-eyed monster. They don't want anyone to have success that doesn't belong to the social circle. And as far as I am concerned, these people who yap about him all

Time are just plain narrow-minded. So, for goodness sake, let the poor fellow alone, and let the teenagers have the kind of music they want. They will probably be around a long time after Presley's critics and I are gone. —MRS. C. A. BRANDON

People say that it is evil, dirty and savage for us teenagers to get excited at the sound of rock 'n' roll music. Isn't it better for us to express our emotions in our some of our favorite places of recreation than to throw a brick through a glass window? If I have offended anyone, I cannot truly say I am sorry. Think of all the poor innocent teenagers who are being offended each day.

Think Of The Poor, Innocent Teenagers

Why America of the future. We're American of the future. We should you "kill us" before we have a chance to begin. Can you as parents and adults, call us teenagers vile names and still pillow your head at night and sleep. If you can, something is wrong.

Who Cares About Harry And Estes?

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WALTER CARRIS, Jr. Truman doesn't like Estes Kefauver? I don't like Mr. Truman. I saw enough on TV the night President Eisenhower was nominated to satisfy me as to what's who and who's what. —Name Withheld By Request

'Don't Mind Dickie—He's Just Getting In Practice For The Campaign'



A Silence At Gettysburg School Bill Died In Political Mire

EVERY SO often, legislative battle makes it crystal clear how the American parliamentary system can be manipulated to serve a minority interest and the absolutely crucial role the President can play to thwart it if he so chooses.
Such an instance is the federal aid for schools bill beaten in the House last Thursday.

By DORIS FLEESON
elected president or vice president an either ticket because the country as a whole does not support their philosophy. Few, except in the South and perhaps in one of the one-party GOP states of the Midwest, could even be elected senator.

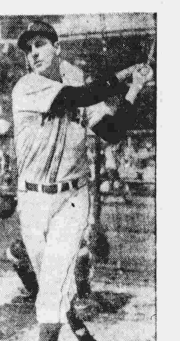
Reaction here, if President Eisenhower, who in his first inaugural address talked of the "urgent need" for "prompt action" in this field, did not lift a finger to save it. Indeed, it is doubtful if he had any real idea of what forces were at work behind the scenes and how they operated.
The components of Buss' reaction were the southern Democrats and those 96 Republicans who first voted for the Powell amendment in order to delay southern opposition and then voted against it, especially in the Powell amendment in the House.

"Poor Little Kid"
After the ball was over, the President said he still "hoped" for a school bill.
Sixty-six members of his party in the House dealt Thursday's crushing blow to his "hopes" while still uncertain whether he would help his party by running against this bill. It does not require a very vivid imagination to picture what they will do to his "hopes" if and when he is re-elected and becomes the nation's first lame duck President.

He Covered All-Star Affair With Terror And Stupidity

By ROBERT C. RAUKE

PALAMOS, Spain
THE RECORD book isn't handy, but it seems to me it was some 19—maybe 20—years ago when I covered my first All-Star game in Griffith Stadium, in Washington, D. C. You got to guard an old sportswriter a little sentimentality, but it was all so new and fresh and wonderful then.



HANK GREENBERG He Was On First

We were a lousy ball club, us Senators, but this was the year of the All-Stars, and us cub sportswriters felt very important, because we were the home town and we ran the show.
Man, I was real big stuff, because I was sitting in on the committee to handle all the rich and famous fellows from out of town—the people I couldn't even walk up to and ask for an autograph.

"I have not the faintest idea," Mantle said. "I sound nice. Right now my family thinks you are running numbers for a living."
"Was ever this broke?"
I doubt I shall ever forget that year. I literally had to go out and knock a few home runs, having never seen a major league ball game. I didn't know nothin', so I had to ask dumb questions, and wrote a surprising amount of hard news, through stupidity. Each day was a thing of horror almost approaching enlightening as a vacation. I couldn't stop when I got up in the morning.

LIKE BALLET
"Like ballet," I said. "I covered some other things. I covered a ballet once."
Lucky sighed again and smote his forehead.
"Beginners," he said, "cannot choose. You are a baseball writer. And do not ask me where is the park. Go write baseball!"
I informed my affianced wench of my progress.
"See," I said. "We jump from \$25 to \$30 a week. Stick with me, kid, and you'll wear rhinestones."
"Who does a baseball writer do?" she asked.
"I am sad to declare," I said,

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
WHILE the House of Representatives was debating the school construction bill last week here is what was happening to education in Russia.
Illiteracy Rate
Forty years ago under the Czarist regime, Russian illiteracy was about 75 per cent. Joe McCarthy will probably call anyone a Communist who reports it, but surveys show that illiteracy in Russia today is about the same as in the United States, maybe even less.
In a seven-year system of compulsory primary education, which under the new plan will soon be extended to ten years.
In other words, Russian youngsters will be compelled to take three years of high school. In most of the U. S., high school is not compulsory. This ten-year program is already in

Russians Outdoing U. S. In Education

effect in Russia's larger cities. Its emphasis is being placed on science and technology. During the last six of the ten years, 40 per cent of the curriculum is devoted to science and mathematics, with six years of foreign language, usually English, to help Russian engineers keep abreast of American science.
Today the USSR has 35,000,000 people registered in schools, including workers taking night courses. If other adult and correspondence courses are included, the figure is more than 60,000,000.
Technical Schools
In institutions above the high school level, the Russians have 4,500,000 enrolled. This, however, includes technical and manual schools. The United States has 3,000,000 students in colleges and universities, which is probably higher than the number of students strictly in colleges and universities.
As a result of this concentration on

technical training the USSR is already ahead of us in turning out engineers. A total of 53,000 was graduated in 1954 as against 28,000 in the U. S. Last month the U. S. graduated only 223 teachers of physics to teach in 27,000 high schools. Yet it is the physicists who are needed most to work on atomic energy.
No wonder Khrushchev boasted in Burma: "We shall have more engineers, the United States or the Soviet Union."
In the same breath he offered to build a technical institute in Rangoon for the Burmese.
Teacher Shortage
While Russia is turning out more and more engineers and teachers, the National Education Association estimates that the U. S. has a shortage of 123,000 teachers. The number of students in school in shifts because of the school room shortage. A total of 96,079 teach-

ers were graduated in June, but the nation will need twice that many to meet the needs of retirement, and the increasing birth rate.
Money Needed
The U. S. Office of Education estimates that the U. S. will have to spend \$2,000,000,000 a year for the next five years. Today we are spending only \$2,000,000,000, and the Kelley Bill, defeated in the House last week, provided only \$400,000,000 a year for four years.
All this is by no means more news than the news we are sending students to Russia. Russian education is a bigger threat than the hydrogen bomb."

Notes—According to ex-Sen. William Brock of Connecticut, recently returned from Russia: "Russian education is a bigger threat than the hydrogen bomb."