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Charlotte's Bold Bid For Education

WHETHER Charlotte connected with its bold swing at \$1.75 million in state aid for its community colleges remains to be seen.

The legislature at Raleigh is about 130 highway miles from Charlotte, but considerably further than that from appreciation of the needs and desires of its largest metropolitan area.

So far the city has had to fight largely for itself in attempting to provide higher education opportunities at home. Not nearly enough has been done to meet the area's critical need for trained personnel, nor to make higher education available to the community's youth.

The outlines of the state's gathering crisis in this field are nowhere more apparent than in this industrial and commercial stronghold whose maintenance and growth demand a larger supply of technically trained graduates.

Airport Transportation: A Role Neglected

THERE are no limits to the wild blue wonder of our future. Commercial air travel will continue to increase. The boom has just begun.

There are strong indications that the city has paid too little attention to this vital service in the past. Certainly, an important potential source of revenue was neglected.

Now, Yellow Cab Co., which has provided taxi service to and from the airport for some time, has offered a flat \$6,000 annual fee for a non-exclusive lease.

Investigative Power Has Its Limits

THE most objectionable use of congressional investigating power has been in intellectual matters traditionally outside the field of governmental control.

This was certainly the case in the probe of John Cogley's two-volume study, BLACKLISTING IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Mr. Cogley is former editor of Communistism, a lay Catholic magazine. He and his staff prepared the report on a grant from the Ford Foundation.

In recent years, there has been considerable talk of blacklisting in radio, television, motion pictures and the Broadway theater.

Publications such as RED CHANNELS have been circulating identifying individuals who have admitted or been accused of having Communist backgrounds or affiliations.

And there have been particularly unpleasant instances when entertainers were wrongfully accused and made to suffer anyway.

The Art Of Political Back-Stabbing

WASHINGTON news report that time has not soothed Democratic wounds caused by Vice President Nixon's "stab-in-the-back" tactics in 1952.

In other words, don't look for any high-level discussion of issues or ideology when the vice president's name comes up in a Democratic campaign speech.

The latest anti-Nixon argument: "He's the only man in Washington who can enter a revolving door behind

From The Providence Bulletin

HOT ON THE TRAIL OF BURIED TREASURE

IT OUGHT to be the start of the treasure hunt to end all treasure hunts. Announcement has been made that two of the ancient copper scrolls unearthed near the Dead Sea in 1952 list 60 buried hoards of gold and silver that make the riches of Ali Baba's cave look like a couple of earbobs in a woman's handbag.

All you have to do to locate the different caches of this 200-ton Golconda is to consult the full set of directions in Zadok's Tomb. Find Zadok, and your worries about the mortgage are over.

The only trouble with locating Zadok is that the name was a pretty common one in Biblical times. It's as if the Essenes, the Jewish sect of 2,000 years ago which purportedly buried the treasure, told you to open the grave of a man named Smith.

as many Charlottes and Mecklenburg youngsters go to college as go in counties like Wake, with N. C. State, and Orange, seat of the University of North Carolina.

Charlotte has been on the sidelines of higher education for so long it is not easy to hope the state is on the verge of giving significant assistance. But the bold pleadings Charlotte businessmen and educators made to the Advisory Budget Commission yesterday offer great encouragement.

"We are not just an isolated part of North Carolina," Mr. Gilchrist said to the commission. "We think as North Carolinians. We are pleading with you to give our young people this opportunity."

Well spoken and worth repeating to the legislature, Charlotte has an excellent case for state aid for its struggling community colleges, and ought to miss no opportunity to get it across to Raleigh.

Charlotte, unlike most major cities, has no airport limousine service. But Airport Transportation Co. has proposed a one-year arrangement to provide such service on a non-exclusive basis for 5 per cent of the gross income.

The swift, steady growth of air traffic in and out of Charlotte is creating a demand for both limousine and taxi service. Competitive operations should be permitted. But under any future arrangement, the city should take full advantage of the revenue possibilities in granting airport transportation contracts.

A percentage or per-passenger rate is preferable to the flat annual fee, many southern cities have found. Charlotte should profit by their experience.

Mr. Cogley's study, however opinionated and, in some instances, incomplete, was a report on this "secret and labyrinthine world of political screening."

For his trouble, Mr. Cogley was virtually put on trial by the committee. He was grilled unmercifully on his journalistic methods, alleged "omissions" and the political beliefs of members of his staff.

With justifiable feeling he retorted: "I wrote the book the way I did. I didn't know how you wanted me to write the book. It seems a little unfair to me to take a book that a man writes and then rip it out of context . . . and imply that somehow I was hiding Communists."

The quality of the book had nothing to do with it, of course. Mr. Cogley was doing harassment for something that he had written. This kind of attempt to intimidate a man for writing what he believes is in conflict with the spirit of the Constitution and most particularly the First Amendment.

The investigative power of Congress should be confined to more rational and appropriate limits.

you and come out ahead of you" "The technique is nothing more than an adaptation of a courtroom maxim we heard outlined by a veteran Tar Heel lawyer once.

"If the evidence is against you, talk about the law," he said. "If the law is against you, talk about the evidence." But what do you do when both the law and the evidence are against you, we asked.

"In that case," replied the old lawyer, "you give somebody hell. That'll distract the judge and jury from the weakness of your case."

the grave, in a hole opening to the north. . . a copy of this book with measurements, explanations, and all details."

How stirring to the imagination are these cryptic instructions! Let us be off to the Near East, with bulldozers and Geiger counters and doodle bugs! Or better still, since they say the climate is perfectly cool and scorpions an awful nuisance at night, let's stay where we are and await the inevitable literary treatment of this fascinating mystery in a story possibly entitled "The Third Scroll." Put your trust in the seasoned writers of treasure trove thrillers; they can be counted on to rout Zadok out of his tomb before the fall run of fiction starts.

The Texas tycoon rushed into the airline terminal demanding: "Gimme a ticket!" "Where to, sir?" asked the agent. "Anywhere, son," boomed the Texas. "I've got business all over."

—MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR

People's Platform Cheers For The 'Big Top's' Decline And Fall

Charlotte Editors: The News: I'M ALMOST tired reading about the folding of the tent circus as I am about Elvis. These weepy, maudlin, whinnying, sordid pieces make me want to match the guys' lumps in throats with lumps on the head.

It's okay by me that the days of the circus are declining. What a mess: Mud and heat; stink and noise; babies and barkers squalling all over the place; hustlers hawkling cotton candy and hot dogs and youngsters screaming for daddy to buy until he does in self-defense, manna spending the afternoon wiping sticky hands and mopping mustard smears from shirts and dress fronts; a gate admission, a quarter for this entrance, 50 cents for that, walk a mile from camp to tent.

The greatest show on earth, eh? You can have your greatest show, I'll take my peace and quiet and a bottle of beer under the shade tree in the backyard.

—DANIEL DELAFIELD

Circus Clowns Are 'Costumed Bored'

Charlotte Editors: The News: I DON'T like to kick an entertainer in the middle when he is down but I just realized that, after all these years, circus clowns are not funny. Take for example the daddy rabbit of all the joys, Emmert, who for years had his head in the Ringling clown alley.

He appeared on a television show the other evening and anybody laughed, it had to be because one is expected to laugh when a clown appears. Starting with the circus, I have known a member, this tiresome breed has been sold to the public as the joy of children and encouragement to a special place in the hearts of adults. Think it over. Do you youngsters yearn to be noticed by a clown? Do you remember those funnymen of the banbar?

"The circus wouldn't be the circus unless it was a tired circus that needs a little scrutiny. I think the circus would be fine without them and their wearisome antics."

Getting back to Cousin Emmett, the clown have done a magnificent job of juggling. He has been described as "the funniest man alive" and the man with "the saddest face in the world." You want to laugh, cry or both — see Emmett.

With the folding of the biggest big top this week, maybe relief is in sight. Along with the tent will perhaps go the union parade, the carefully made-up string of costumes and bows which might serve a useful purpose backstage by feeding the elephants.

—HYMAN SCHERTZER

Dixie's Conservatives Face Stacked Deck

Augusta, Ga. Editors: The News: THERE is a lingering doubt in the mind of anyone as to whether the political cards have been stacked against the Dixie states of Georgia and other southern states who want to maintain racial segregation at all costs. It should be dispelled by the late news of the postponement of seven southern state Democratic Party chairmen in Atlanta recently.

The postponement of the convention of Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee as the Democratic Convention "keynoter."

In my judgment, South Carolina Gov. George Bell Timmerman stated his crusade for southern "segregation" at the approaching Chicago convention with the very best of intentions, that he sincerely wanted to put the northern radical wing of the Democratic Party on sharp notice that they could not give the southern states' rights the run-around as in the past, without real danger of a party split.

But the "moderate" brethren of the southern conservative wing of the party moved in and captured the Atlanta meeting. The seven party chairmen, including Georgia's John Sammons Bell, and the chairmen from North and South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Tennessee and Florida, actually leaned over backwards in order to convince the Truman, the Humphrey and the Lehman and the others that they would go along at Chicago, come what may.

The seven chairmen talked about a platform that "could be backed by all elements," which reminds me of the farmer's comment at first sight of a giraffe,

"What the hell is that thing?"

"It's a giraffe."

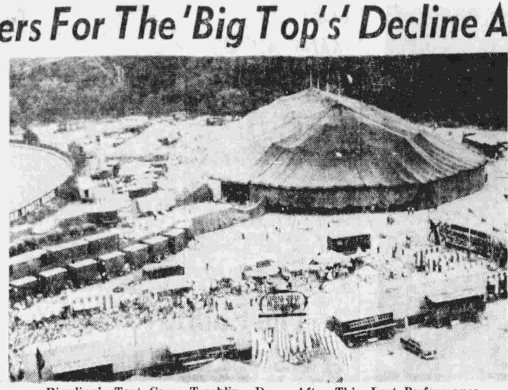
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Ringling's Tent Came Tumbling Down After This Last Performance

"Now there just ain't any such animal as that." The chairman talked in "moderate tones," according to press dispatches about "party harmony," and they went definitely on record in a sort of written manifesto against any southern walk-out or halt. What more could the Northern radicals ask for?

For sheer political strategy, sticking the action of the chairmen in Atlanta takes the cake. It stands as though they were inviting a push-around in Chicago.

Now I am no political prophet, but to me all present political signals point to the probable nomination at Chicago of Adlai Stevenson for president and Frank Clement for vice president, and with the approval of the majority of the southern political leaders, including some of those who have been shouting the loudest against the infamous Supreme Court decision declaring segregation in the public schools unconstitutional.

Just to refresh our memories, let's take a brief look at the views of Messrs. Stevenson and Clement on the issue of segregation.

During the recent California presidential primary, Adlai Stevenson had the following to say: "The Supreme Court has decreed what our reason told us was inevitable and our conscience told us was right—I feel strongly that whether you agree with that decision or not, it is the law and should be obeyed — eliminating school segregation presents us today with a national challenge to our maturity as a people."

And during a visit to Augusta,

Ga., a few months ago, Frank Clement declared: "Adlai Stevenson is the most brilliant man ever temporarily denied the presidency and further, that the issue of segregation is one for southerners to pray over."

Gov. Clement's prayers seem to be strongly mixed up with his political ambitions. Apparently hoping that the lightning might strike him for the vice presidential nomination, the young Tennessee governor has from the beginning been an obstructionist in the efforts of white Tennesseans to organize for the retention of segregation.

And so with the Republican nominees, Eisenhower and Nixon, as anticipated, all out for racial integration, where will the white grass-roots folk go, come election time? There is one possible way out of the dilemma — independent electors may deny the election to either the Democratic or Republican nominees and throw the selection into the House of Representatives. There is a strong movement underway along these lines.

—HUGH G. GRANT

Anti-Rock 'N' Rollers Must Be Frustrated

Charlotte Editors: The News: AS I WAS looking through my scrapbook of more than 80 pictures and over 100 clippings and stories on Elvis Presley, I decided there are a few things I could add to things others have said in People's Platform.

She Parks covers it best when she said that Presley's motions are pure rock 'n' roll and I, for one, have no sympathy for these old fogies who are always looking for something to criticize. They must be awfully frustrated themselves or they would not be taking it out on him.

As Louise Heffner said, with the Elvis Presley music you get a release from tension. So some of you anti-rock 'n' roll fans just tell yourselves, go. I bet you'll like it!

Just a little warning — if you do start to like him, don't let yourself go too far!

—LYNETTE SMITH

Presley Tame When Compared To Rosie

Whiteville Editors: The News: IF my memory serves me right, it wasn't our boy Elvis (Siebourns) Presley who introduced such unmistakably suggestive rock 'n' roll numbers as "C'mon My House" and "My Baby Rocks Me With a Steady Roll." It seems to me that the one who introduced those two rock 'n' roll "classics" was a very adult Rosemary Clooney. When it comes to sheer vulgarity, the numbers Presley has been singing are rather tame compared to the "cool, cool" Clooney's energetic rock 'n' rollery.

"I'm certainly no rock 'n' roll enthusiast. A loyal and racy proud white man, I think rock 'n' roll is utterly barbaric and totally

—L. L. CHILDRESS

'Code Of Ethics? Why, Yes, I Believe There Was Some Talk Of One'

Charlotte Editors: The News: AS I looked at the beautiful Jesus for some blessed relief. All along the way, people fuss and complain about the hot weather and how many are thankful to God for everything?

As I say my prayers every night, I know that if God should call me home before I arise, He will have a record of my thanks for all that He has done for me. We get more from Him than we deserve for none of us seems to realize fully how He suffered and died on the cross so the world could be saved.

How many asked God for rain and then said thanks for the showers of blessing?

How would could ever serve anyone but Jesus? I'll never understand. Let's be thankful to God for everything. I can do without Him, can you?

—MRS. MAYME BARGER

Taylor Trial Verdict 'Opened The Door'

Charlotte Editors: The News: THE verdict of Lincoln County jurors in the Taylor case has opened the door . . . for there are other jealous husbands in our midst. Even though the jurors deserve from none of us seems to realize fully how He suffered and died on the cross so the world could be saved.

—L. L. CHILDRESS

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round 'Fellow Cardiacs' Confer On Key Issues

WASHINGTON SEVERAL days before he left for Panama, President Eisenhower put in a Lyndon Johnson and talked to him about various legislative problems, from the closing date of Congress to foreign aid.

Mutual Kidding They also kidded each other about both having had heart attacks. At the Last Gridiron Dinner he brought down the house when, referring to Johnson, he said: "My fellow cardiac."

In phoning to Johnson, Eisenhower's concern was getting his foreign aid bill passed. He also asked whether it was important for him to be in Washington when Congress adjourned and whether he might take leave before he left for Panama. This proved to be impossible.

Finally, the President urged Johnson to pass the executive pay raise bill at this session.

When Sen. Morse of Oregon heard about this latter request, he remarked: "This is where I came in." He recalled that on the closing day of Congress one year ago, White House aides had commanded Vice President Nixon's office just off the Senate chamber, from which to buttonhole senators to put across the executive pay raise bill. Their activity caused Morse to remark: "If they worked as hard for the rest of the program as they do to get their salaries raised, they'd have more of the program passed."

Small Business Bill

While the German lobby has been able to get a bill for the return of alien property before the full Senate, the one bill of vital concern to small business has been blocked in the Senate. It's the Pat-

man "equality of opportunity" bill.

And though it passed the House of Representatives by the overwhelming vote of 698 to 2, powerful big-business interests have been pulling wires to keep the bill from reaching the Senate floor. Once that bill reaches the floor, few senators could vote against it.

Price-Cutting

The bill, which prohibits price cutting whenever it tends to create a monopoly, is backed by thousands of small business firms all over the country — restaurant operators, retail grocery store owners, and others who have suffered from price cutting by the big chains and the big oil companies.

Small businessmen gave over a thousand pages of testimony before the House, over a thousand before the Senate. They showed that if the bill was not passed, thousands of retail grocers operating on a one-cent margin would be wiped out before the end of the year. They cited case after case where big companies had lowered prices, forced small competitors into bankruptcy, then, having secured a monopoly, raised prices.

Death Sentence

However, it looks as if the bill would now die in the Senate — for two reasons: The White House is quietly pulling wires to kill the bill. Second, Sen. Johnson has passed out a bill to amend the law to consider must legislation. Democratic Chairman Paul Butler has sent word to Senate leaders urging that they pass the bill, pointing out that the Democrats will not be able to pin the big-business label on Eisenhower if it doesn't pass.

However, the bill is still stymied. Democratic leaders have done little to pry the bill loose, and Sen. Eastland of Mississippi, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has been dragging his heels.

unit for civilized Anglo-Saxon southerners. However, I do believe that Elvis Presley's critics are much too severe and extremely unfair. After all, Elvis Presley did not invent rock 'n' roll. The boy is only trying to make a living entertaining a few million teenagers, which is nothing more than Rosemary "My Baby Rocks Me" Clooney has been doing for the past several years. How come no righteous adults have denounced her?

The very same folks who call Elvis Presley's antinuclear movements "obscene" are the very ones who sit back and very thoughtlessly watching scantily-clad female TV performers go through almost identically the same movements. At least Elvis keeps his clothes on. As for his lack of talent, since when does a performer need talent to appear on television? I can name scores of TV performers who have little or no talent, so it seems to me that the Siebourns Kid has a lot of company.

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