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People's Platform Fluoridation Is Safe, Inexpensive And Effective

Charlotte
AFTER reading your series on the fluoride controversy, I am compelled to write a letter to the editor for the first time in my life.
Never have I been so stunned

to read, as I did in your excellent series, that the opponents of the fluoridation program... are crying "socialized medicine"...

point, I would like to say that if any dentist is worried that fluorides will put him out of "business" because of a lack of tooth decay, let him set up practice in Charlotte. There are enough of us adults here who did not have the benefits of fluoridated water as

children to assure him a lucrative practice... Integration is irrevocable. It's coming very slowly but very surely...

The Law Goes To The Catawba River

AFTER many a summer the arm of the law is reaching out against recklessness and safety law violations on the Catawba River.
The County Commission's decision to request assignment of two county policemen to the river bank was a wise and long needed action...

will this major traffic thoroughfare be adequately safeguarded. Perhaps Speltz's determination to act in spite of the jurisdictional handicaps will make easier a tri-county agreement to remove the handicaps...

The outstanding aspect of the commission's action is its proviso that the patrol wear plain clothes. Conceivably plainclothesmen might snare a few violators too wary to get within reach of uniformed officers...

Brown Plan Protects Public Interest

DISCRETION being the better part of government, City Councilman Herman A. Brown's plan for municipal surveillance of ambulance service is as sound as it is far-sighted.
The abandonment, for the time being at least, of plans to transfer white emergency ambulance operations from local agency homes to a single independent agency need not throw a damp towel over the plan...

Councilman Brown was referring to this possibility yesterday when he discussed "the glitter of the dollar" as Mr. Brown mentioned Charlotte's present funeral operators are honorable men and there is a suggestion that the service they perform is less than adequate...

'On This Order For A New Typewriter Ribbon— Did You Know You Forgot To Stamp It 'Secret?'



Filibusters & Flying Cuspidor

WASHINGTON
THE 84th, or gentlemanly Congress, seems to be going in a hurry into history.
The gentlemen, who refer to each other as distinguished gentlemen, are working early and late, trying to get out of town by the end of this week. As of now, it looks like they'll make it. On account of they've been so well-behaved...

Good Manners In Congress

By FREDERICK C. OTTMAN
all his homey talk that day on the chifonier, he and Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-Wis) almost kissed and made up.
OTHER TIMES
In other less gentlemanly times, Sen. Flanders claimed that Sen. McCarthy wasn't fit to be a senator. Sen. McCarthy insisted aloud that Sen. Flanders was a senile old man...

Parking Ban Deserves A Fair Trial

EFFORTS to junk midtown's peak-hour parking ban before the 90-day trial period is ended ought to be resisted by the City Council.
In all fairness to Traffic Engineer Herman Hoese and other experts, time should be allowed for a full, fair test of the plan's effectiveness...

whatever happens on the main thoroughfares.
These studies cannot be completed in a few days.
The need for an extensive trial period was fully recognized by the local merchants' association. The House plan was endorsed in the belief that any reasonable idea for relieving midtown's Big Squeeze deserved objective study...

Littlejohn's Logic On Highway Safety

POLICE Chief Littlejohn was quick to spot the flaw in Mecklenburg's highly successful vehicle safety check.
"What we really need is a compulsory motor vehicle check handled by the state."
In other words, we need to apply safety inspection to all of the more than one million vehicles registered in North Carolina, rather than to just the few thousands that will be submitted to any voluntary inspection such as the one conducted here...

ness in keeping some rattletraps off the highways helped to kill it. But the program's fatal fault was unwieldy administration that caused long waits or long trips to inconvenient inspection stations.
Whatever reason caused the legislature to halt the program, it was one of detail, not of concept, and was not sufficient reason to bury the inspection program and forget it.



SENS. FLANDERS, SEN. McARTHUR AND CRAWLING THINGS
The Furor Ends Over Sens It and Crawling Things

Drew Pearson's Backscratching Is A Congressional Art

WASHINGTON
STRANGE wheels within wheels someone's had in return for a favor that someone will do him. Here are some current examples:
Backscratcher No. 1—I make this motion in utter sincerity," proclaimed GOP Congressman William E. Miller of Lockport, N. Y., last week, "because I am profoundly convinced that this legislation in its present form will destroy more civil liberties and civil rights than it will ever protect."
The congressman referred to the civil rights bill to protect the voting rights of Negroes. He himself had signed his name

to the bill as a co-author. Up until he made the above speech, he was vigorously for the bill. Then suddenly he moved to throw the entire bill into the legislative ashcan...
Behind The Speech
But colleagues who listened were not profoundly impressed. For they were certain that behind the speech was a backscratcher whereby two southerners on the Rules Committee, Colmer of Mississippi and Smith of Virginia, would agree to block the Niagara Falls bill, turning power over to public, not private, development. If Miller tried to block civil rights, Miller long has been known as the congressional champion of private utilities.

Two years ago he authored the bill, strongly opposed by Gov. Dewey, turning Niagara power over to five utilities. And he opposed the recent Lehman bill for public development of Niagara. The Lehman bill, however, passed the Senate and the only thing that could stop passage in the House was a blockade in the Rules Committee, of which Colmer and Smith are key members.
Small Business
Backscratcher No. 2—Two important bills to protect small business are (1) the equality of opportunity bill to prevent chain stores and big oil companies from undercutting independents, and (2) the pre-merger notification bill requiring big firms to notify the Justice Department before merging.
Both have passed the House, thanks to the tireless pushing of the two foremost champions of small business—Manny Celler of Brooklyn and Wright Patman of Texas, Texas, Democrats.
But they have been stuck in the Senate Judiciary Committee, thanks to Welker of Idaho, Dirksen of Illinois, and Jenner of Indiana, all Republicans.
Wire From Welker
Last Friday the committee met to pry the two bills loose. But Welker sent a telegram from Idaho demanding no action until the latter period, by which time Congress would probably adjourn. Sen. Joe O'Mahoney of Wyoming, staunch champion of small business, was furious.
"The last regular meeting of this committee was on Monday," he said. "Under the rules the senator from Idaho can delay only until the next regular meeting—which will be Monday, not next Friday."
Welker was backscratching chiefly for big business, which opposes both bills; partly for Attorney General Brownell, who officially favors the pre-merger notification bill but is against the equality of opportunity bill.

THE SUMMER COLD

The summer cold comes when least expected. It is easily mistaken for hay fever, or for yeastrain. Someone in the family had one last week, true, but what is that to you or to Heebia? Cold? Try us in November.
Then one morning you awake with a soreness in your throat, a tightness in your head, and a sneeze in your nose, and you grab for the handkerchief, and there is a mass of horror when you realize that it is a cold you have, not hay fever or dust allergy or something. This is not the work of pollen; this is a filterable virus dirty deed.
Most of your handkerchiefs have disappeared in that longer period from February to June in which sniffles have been few and far between.
Then there is the matter of nose drops, inhalers, and magic potions. The medicine cabinet is packed full, but the front edges of the shelves are lined with such seasonal preparations as suntan lotion, chigger bite ointment, mosquito balm, eye wash (for alleviating the pain of barbecue smoke), and salt tablets. A great deal of jockeying bottles and jars about is required before you finally turn up a somewhat dusty, half-used bottle of nose drops.
So the cold is upon you, and it is kerchoo! kerchee! and honk! honk! honk! all day long, while everyone looks sus-

piciously at you. What does the poor fellow have? you can hear them saying. Galloping consumption?
Nights it is worse. In the winter when you have a cold you can shut the windows, pile the blankets, and comforters high on your bed, and crawl in. But it is summer, and it is hot, and windows must stay open and who on earth would want a blanket? So the cross-drafts about like a pressure cooker and you are sick of cold remedies, sick of pills, sick of honking and sneezing and getting up four times a night to look for the nose drops.
Then suddenly about 11 in the morning you realize that you have stopped sneezing. Your eyes are no longer watery. Your throat is clear and your breathing is regular and unobstructed. The cold has gone, vanished, disappeared whence it came. You are alone in your solitary glory again, the crisis is past, and look, we have come through Hall, headcold, and farewell! See you in November.
(P.S. That night the cold is worse than ever.)