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Quick With The Bricks And Mortar

COUNTY Commissioners acted in the public interest when they promised a vote on new school construction bonds at the "earliest possible date."

The need is both obvious and urgent. All necessary local funds should be secured without delay. That included by the county of \$310,000 assumed in old city school bonds—increasing the legal limit on school bond issuance from 5 to 8 per cent of the countywide property valuation.

Public support is virtually assured. The community cannot allow its schools to fall behind the aspirations of the people of Mecklenburg—and their capabilities.

Mecklenburg may not be rich. But it is not too poor to care properly for its children's education.

Wishing for good schools is not enough. Communities have good schools when the people want them enough to

take an interest in them and work for them. Schools in Charlotte and Mecklenburg will require a great deal of interest and work if the growing gap between educational ideals and educational realities is to be closed.

School enrollment is already increasing by leaps and bounds. Mecklenburg is actually losing ground in the race to keep pace with enough classrooms.

Lacy Ransom, a county school board member, told commissioners yesterday that the county needs 66 elementary classrooms and 50 junior and senior high school classrooms now. City School Commissioner J. P. Hobson noted that both the city and county school systems are increasing about 2,500 pupils a year—some 1,400 in the city system alone.

Mecklenburg is obligated to do everything economically possible to answer this continuing challenge with bricks and mortar.

The Wheels Of Politics Creak, Too

There's a good time coming, it's almost here.

—Henry Clay Work

IT TOOK almost a long time to plow the political ground for a small claims court in Mecklenburg as it ordinarily takes to bring a civil suit to trial.

The need has been apparent for some time. Judge Francis O. Clarkson outlined a specific plan in January 1955. Mecklenburg's bar association likewise proposed appropriate legislation. The General Assembly put finishing touches on an enabling act April 28, 1955.

Spurring the special act, County Commissioners came up with their own substitute plan last August. Nothing was heard of it, however, for 11 months.

The plan authorized by County Commissioners yesterday appeared to be the same 1955 "substitute."

The idea, with the dust blown off, is as good as ever. It is just too bad that it could not have been implemented sooner.

It may still offer satisfactory relief to overloaded court machinery.

The aim of a small claims court is to relieve Superior Court of the many small trials that clog the calendar. Instead of a separate court, commissioners propose a small claims division of Superior Court. It would be designed to eliminate time-consuming jury trials involving claims of less than \$1,000.

The advantage of the commissioners' plan:

Appeals from a small claims court would end up in Superior Court anyway, while appeals from a small claims division of Superior Court would go directly to the State Supreme Court. In addition, it is anticipated that a small claims division would be much cheaper than a separate court.

The plan's workability depends on whether or not parties to small suits request a jury trial in first pleadings.

At any rate, it is worth understanding just what is at stake.

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AMERICA'S STAKE

It is no wonder that some of the British are talking very tough—talking, indeed, in terms which recall the bold imperialist days of Balfour and Palmerston, when the canal was born. But it is also well to understand the American stake in the matter.

American Middle Eastern oil also moves through the canal, and will henceforth do so, if Nasser has his way, only by courtesy of the Egyptian strongman. But that is only a small part of the American stake. The biggest part is the British alliance. British prestige, influence and power have been shrinking steadily. If Egypt succumbs to a Communist takeover, a matter absolutely vital to British interests, then it is no exaggeration to say that the British are in a once and for all, as a great power. The value of the Anglo-American alliance, which remains the heart and soul of Western strength,

Case Of The Poisoned Fish Must Be Solved

People's Platform

Charlotte

While I cannot positively state the reason for the fish "kicking off," I have some theories. Want them? Well, want them or not, here they are:

1 — Maybe the fish are dying from iron oxide. The iron oxide may come from the safe the parks and playgrounds have hidden in the lake. And sh-h-h-h—the safe had the fluke mud hidden within.

2 — Florida may be backing up from the Catwaba. You see, water may be backing up, going

"down the creek" from Gastonia and hitting the headwaters of the Freedom Park Lake. A good reporter would check the teeth of the fish.

3 — It could be possible the fish are "kicking off" just out of boredom, or monotony. Maybe they have been sleeping out at night and are getting the local papers on the reports of the legislative action that recently took place in Raleigh.

4 — Forgive me for offering a solution. Maybe it should come from

Herman House who will attribute it to carbon monoxide fumes coming from too much traffic on Tryon or Trade. (Possible clue: Find out if the fish are leaving this world morning or late afternoon.)

It just occurred to me that maybe they found an old edition of The Charlotte News and the thought of the Bowater paper mill fumes coming out with the other fumes have scientifically advanced was just too much for the poor fish.

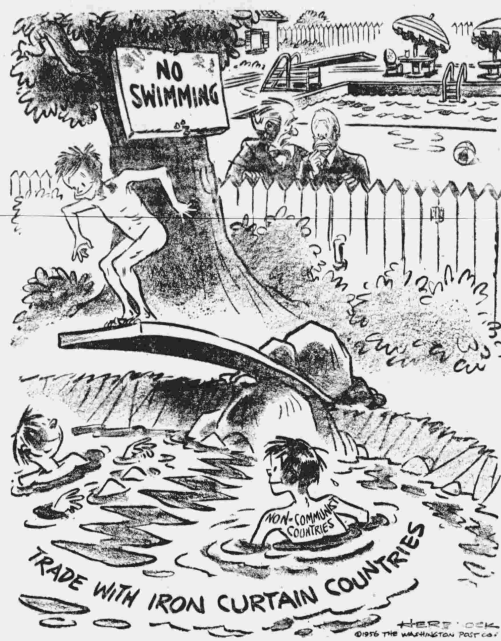
—E. P. FRETZEL

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Charlotte's schools, libraries, parks, Nature and Mint Museums, colleges, little theatre, orchestra, brass bands, broad and beautiful tree-lined streets, and so on and so forth, plus its outstanding conviviality, make it a most desirable place in which to work and live.

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'Maybe We'd Better Give This Another Think'



Trade With Iron Curtain Countries

Nasser's Tantrum

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON

EGYPTIAN President Gamal Abdel Nasser's seizure of the Suez Canal is being compared in knowledgeable circles here to the aggression in Korea in 1950, and even to the assassination at Sarajevo in 1914 which sparked the First World War.

Nasser's action may not be that serious. But it is serious enough as British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden's urgent invitation to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles suggests. At any rate, it is worth understanding just what is at stake.

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Pray For Guidance Before Casting Vote

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

DO WE have the spiritual vision to be mature at the polls on Sept. 11?

Expense grants by the state for students to attend private, segregated schools are clearly unconstitutional. This item, if approved, would free our uniform system of free public schools into a topography, highly-pedigreed, hedge-a-poise of other confusions.

If we approve either expense grants or local option then the tragic prospects that the American dream may become a nightmare in Carolina.

Before casting a ballot, I hope that each voter will pray for divine guidance.

—REV. OJA WILBERT EADS

After Rejoinders, A Reaffirmation

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

IN FRIDAY'S News I find that I have been greatly complimented by two distinguished contributors to The News. No one pays much attention to what People's Platform carries from me and my contributors. It's not when I or they get under some reader's skin that rejoinders are made.

Now, I never said that democracy of the American brand or otherwise is a "colossal lie"; nor is there any such expression in the Constitution of the United States that "all men are born equal." We here have a confusion of the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution.

Then I am challenged to show that any living creature other than man pays any attention to pigmentation. Well, that's infinitely easy. In naked nature all living creatures purport according to their color or pigmentation. The leopard, lion, tigers, etc., pay utmost respect to colors and pigmentation; so do the birds of the air, reptiles of the jungles and fishes of the sea. In nature, which is God's unadorned kingdom, we find an inflexible observance of the law of the species. It's in the nature of man as a creature of control and domination—among the domesticated creatures—that we find departures from God's order. This takes care of the last Dane and Chihuahua argument.

We can make of the peoples of this great country a standardized mediocrity or even a mongrel race of peoples, but such will never be done except over my protest. We today, under the leadership of false prophets in the press and the higher institutions of learning, are moving and that at great speed, and where we will come out and what we will be when we come out, is any man's guess. I think we are moving in the wrong direction, and I shall miss but few, if any, opportunities to say so.

—JOHN W. HESTER

'It'd Rather Have My Roses While I Live'

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

I picture and the write-up about me. I think Mr. Charles Kuralt is a fine man as you are sure to be. I am sure he makes others happy by his nice things he says.

In the piece he wrote about me, there was a misunderstanding about my not working for the past 23 years. I have an injured spine. A nerve pressure causes terrible headaches and I am not able to work more than worked until 14 years ago. Everyday I lie in traction two and three hours with a 15-pound weight pulling my head. That gives some relief, and I get up every day and meet lots of people who never know behind the smile I give that there is pain. But I am taking treatments under the best specialist in Charlotte who says he can't cure me. I can't live and do the best I can 'til God takes me home and there will be no pains and sorrows there.

—MRS. MAYNE BARGER.

Nasser Must Be Treated As A Dictator

EVEN AMID crisis the U. S. should feel a sense of relief in knowing finally what must be done in the Middle East.

Egypt's Nasser must be opposed. He made that perfectly clear himself in seizing the Suez Canal in the manner of a losing gambler at the roulette table. The act was lawless, in violation of treaties and promises, and the language he used to announce it was the hate-filled tirade of a dictator. The U. S. can no longer hope to treat him as a rational leader of depressed people yearning for national pride and freedom. Nasser offers prejudice, rather than pride, and freedom in Egypt is still a myth.

Till last week the U. S. had gone along with Nasser. It was instrumental in Britain's departure from the Suez, had offered grants and loans to help build the Aswan Dam, and raised no fuss over Nasser's actions against the Russians. The object was to wean him away from Soviet influence, but it became apparent that Nasser was blackmailing the West with exaggerated

claims of Russian support. His gamble failed with U. S. and British withdrawal of offers of aid for the dam. Seizure of the canal was purely a reprisal meant to bolster his prestige among poverty-stricken masses still awaiting fulfillment of his promise of a better life. On its face his answer to build the dam with canal income is unworkable, and amounts to nothing more than an excuse for his action.

Certainly Nasser can make trouble for the West through control of the canal. He can raise tolls, disrupt traffic, threaten to close the lifeline of the West's oil operations. He can gain anything he added enmity from the West and what he needs most are friends, and money to strengthen his regime at home.

The Russians will love him, of course, but they won't give a dam. They will give him nothing without strings, and dictators like Nasser do not like to share their authority.

The Egyptian has worked himself into a corner. The U. S. must bend every effort to keep him there.

WHY STEAMBOATS WHISTLE

AS THE S. S. GREAT BRER (Great Bear), on which a Methodist Youth Caravan is sailing to Europe, proceeded through a North Atlantic fog, the incessant blowing of her whistle aroused anxiety among passengers. They feared another ship was known to be in the vicinity and that a collision was in prospect. "We learned later that we were safe, because the ship has radar which 'sees' things as far as the horizon in any weather," writes Bill Horner Jr., a member of the caravan.

Why should a ship with radar sound fog signals? International "Rules of the Road" require it. They were adopted before the miracle of radar was known. And not all ships have radar; those without it depend upon sound as a protection from approaching vessels.

"A steam vessel having way on her shall sound, at intervals of not more than two minutes, a prolonged blast," the rules specify. On the bridges of most steamers there are automatic fog-blast devices. Once they have been set, the ship's whistle will blow each minute and a half. Some masters, however, will not permit the use of these, but require that a member of the watch sound the whistle manually at reckoned intervals of less than two minutes.

rule is involved in bitter contention among North Carolina fishermen. Under an amendment to the National Motor Boat Act of 1940, small vessels since Friday have been required to carry "an efficient fog bell of at least eight inches in diameter." Few trawlers have bells of that size, and some have none at all. For meeting the rule which says that "a vessel when at anchor shall, at intervals of not more than one minute, ring the bell rapidly for about five seconds" during a fog.

How boats unequipped with eight-inch bells will fare with the Coast Guard, we can only guess. Should one be run down, however, her owner could not depend upon much sympathy in admiralty court. Miscellaneous noises, such as the beating of a fishpan or sound of a pneumatic drill, have not been recognized by the courts even though the racket might be heard by approaching vessels.

Perhaps the fishermen would be able to escape the bell requirement by transferring registry to the Turkish government. Under International Rules of the Road, Turkish ships at anchor in a fog may pound upon a drum rather than ring a bell.

A Finnish doctor says that the way fashion models stand is very hard on the back. But ducks have been standing that way for thousands of years and it hasn't hurt them.—FLORIDA TIMES UNION.

There is a story of two ships approaching each other in a dense fog with automatic signals set. Their whistles were so perfectly synchronized that neither could be detected from the other ship. A collision occurred. That is why some skippers eschew set whistles. Ships at anchor in fogs do not sound whistles, but ring bells. Just now that

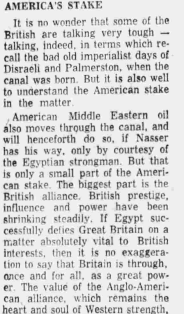
People go on vacation to forget things and when they open their bags they find out they did.—FORT MYERS (FLA.) NEWS-PRESS.

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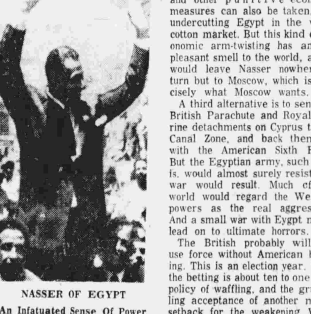
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NASSER OF EGYPT An Infatuated Sense Of Power



DREW PEARSON'S Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Eisenhower may yield to pressure from the political harmony advisers around him, but when he first talked to Harold Stassen about Nixon, there was no doubt whatsoever that he knew expressly what Stassen was doing.

'Perfect Right'

He gave the ex-governor of Minnesota permission to announce his anti-Nixon drive whenever he wanted to, made it clear he was never believed in preventing the Republican convention from making up its own mind on his vice-presidential running-mate, and old Stassen had a perfect right to propose anyone he wished just as long as he spoke as an individual, not as a member of the team.

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Unintended Glows Show Up A Glass

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

I SHOULD like to express strong feelings of appreciation to the wonderful part of the country in which I live—Mecklenburg County and Charlotte. As the saying

Man's Hope

man that he can and should will be free. And if we who are still free want to continue so, all of us who are still free, had better confederate and confederate fast, with all others who still have a choice to be free—confederate not as black people nor white people, nor blue or pink or green people, but as people who are still free confederate together and stick together, too. If we want a world in which individual man can be free, to continue to endure.

Federation Of The Free

By WILLIAM FAULKNER

In Harper's

BECAUSE it makes a globe and a simple picture, we like to think of the world situation today as a precarious and explosive balance of two irreconcilable ideologies confronting each other—communism and capitalism. Another dramatic move will be made shortly to reassure the public on the President's health.

Johnson Humor

Sen. Lyndon Johnson, Texas Democrat, has by no means always agreed with Sen. Wayne Morse, the new Democrat from Oregon. But he showed tact, charm and humor in paying tribute to Morse at a big \$50-a-plate luncheon held to raise money for the Oregon senator.

"I'd be willing to come to Oregon to campaign either for him or against him," Johnson, "whichever would help him most."

No Representation

"When Wayne was a Republican, Johnson continued with a sly grin. "He came to Texas to campaign against me. He reminded Texans that under the constitution they were entitled to two representatives in the U. S. Senate, but had none."

"One of your senators, Price Daniel," Wayne told them, "represents the oil companies, the oil companies, Lyndon Johnson," Wayne said, "represents only himself."

Johnson went on to pay a sincere tribute to Sen. Morse, saying it was his honor to be in the Democratic Party.