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The State Capitol: Tradition Vs. Utility

NORTH CAROLINA'S ancient Capitol has all but fulfilled its usefulness as the nerve center of state government. It no longer meets modern requirements. The cramped working quarters, the governor's over-crowded offices, the crumpling legislative halls, the lack of meeting places, the musty, dingy interiors accent its inadequacies.

remain fully furnished and open to the public as a living museum. The Capitol was authorized by the General Assembly in 1932—replacing a simple brick structure which burned a year earlier. W. S. Drummond and Col. Thomas Brazz are said to have designed the new building in consultation with Thiel Town, then at work on the New York Customhouse. David Paton took complete charge of construction in 1934 and imported stonemasons from Scotland. He personally supervised the cutting and finishing. The building was completed in 1940 at a cost of \$330,684.

Sen. Kefauver Robs Harriman's Hopes

DURING the Democratic primary in California, Kefauver campaign manager "Biggs" Donahue said "If Stevenson is nominated, I'll leave the country."

he remains the party's best hope for victory. Mr. Donahue probably won't apply for his passport after all. Although Kefauver has disclaimed interest in the vice presidential nomination, such generosity as the switching of the senator may have changed his mind already about the No. 2 spot, and in that case he will have work for Mr. Donahue.

Sporting Mixture

SEN. KEFAUVER may have grabbed the most of the political headlines but another Tennesseean is first in the hearts of the SPAMM today. Dr. Rutstein, the SPAMM stands for the Society for the Preservation of the Art of Mixing Metaphors.

His current hero is Tennessee's Gov. Frank Clement who commented on the current Stassen-Nixon-Herter affair thusly: "The Republicans are only fishing. They are afraid to come out and dump him (Nixon) so Stassen makes an end run to see what the public reaction would be if they look like the Republicans are shooting par. They usually manage to get their feet in their mouth."

The Health Issue: Allott's Off Base

TRYING to keep the President's health out of the campaign is something like trying to keep water out of the ocean. That's why GOP Sen. Allott looks rather silly in decrying a charge by Harvard's Dr. David B. Rutstein that the President's physicians have withheld essential facts from the public.

we judge, are equipped to evaluate the professional conclusions of Dr. Rutstein or of the President's physicians. But it is perfectly obvious that with or without their sanction the opinions of the President's doctors were thoroughly mixed and shaken well with political press agency before their release to the public. And this justifies Dr. Rutstein's comment that "political judgments by physicians have as little merit as medical judgments by politicians on the ability of a candidate to run for office."

From The Asheville Citizen-Times

THE 'PERFECT HOUSEWIFE'

LOOK—(to the wife), it says here being a "perfect housewife" doesn't mean a thing. Who wrote that? An expert? Mrs. Elizabeth Walbert Crandall. —Hah! Who's she? (Triumphantly) Associate professor of home economics at the University of Rhode Island. —Associa-humph! Whose house does she keep? (Quoting) "The perfectionist may overtax her strength and antagonize her entire family by her desire for perfection. She is frequently a person who has lost sight of the forest for the trees. In management today, the trend is toward rational and flexible standards, rather than perfection."

showful off the living room floor. You won't mind if it's dusty, dear. Now that's not what she meant and you... Don't quibble. Rationalize. You're twisting... —Come, come. No antagonism. But that's not what... —But I mustn't overtax. The trend. Remember? Where's the wastebasket? Unhappily, too many businessmen "relax" as hard as they work, going at strenuous play with a vengeance, or using it as just another form of work. The golf course has been described as a "kind of office with trees."—ASHEVILLE (TEL.) GLOBE-TIMES.

'Heavens T'Betsy! You Haven't Changed A Bit'



People's Platform

The Road To Integration

Editors, The News: Pittsboro YOU close your editorial of Saturday, captioned "The Safety Of The 'Safety Valves,'" with the statement, "It is as simple as that," meaning the people will not endeavor their constitutional mandate for a statewide system of public education.



GOV. HODGES A Utopian Dream? ing no place, and that is exactly where this Pearsall and Hodges plan came from. —JOHN W. HESTER.

Six More Speakers Needed At Ball Park

Editors, The News: I AM not sure that this appeal will accomplish what I have in mind but I do feel that it is a problem which must be solved. That is the loud speaker system at Griffith Park. The only way you can possibly hear what the announcer is saying is to be sitting on top of the speaker.

Pro-Fluoridation Bloc Wages Unfair Battle

Editors, The News: I AM not a member of the Fluoridation Education Society but I think they have something worth while. Since you began your series of articles on water fluoridation, I have gathered a voluminous file on both sides of the subject. No one reading this material can fail to be struck by the vehemence, the innuendoes, and the slanted examples in the pro literature, and by the factual manner in which most of the anti-fluoridationists present their case.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

IN the 1930-33 period when Adolf Hitler was gobbling up key areas of Europe, it was Great Britain and the umbrella-carrying Sir Neville Chamberlain who did the appeasing. The United States demanded a tough policy. Historical Turnabout Today as President Nasser of Egypt bites off the Suez Canal and threatens Israel, it is the Brits who demand a tough policy. The United States has threatened most of the appeasing. Just one year ago, Secretary of Agriculture Benson proposed in a Cabinet meeting to sell surplus American cotton on the world market at whatever price he could get. The proposal was blocked

Parents Will Suffer For Children's Crime

Editors, The News: TODAY you can see so many beautiful homes and people in them. It looks as if they have everything, but no matter how wealthy they are, if Christ isn't head of their home, there will not be happiness, silver nor gold will not buy happiness. If mothers or dads are not Christians, home isn't complete.

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I heard of a young boy running away from home. When he was found, he told the officer that he'd rather go anywhere than home. He said his mother and dad drank and fought all the time and he couldn't stand it any longer. Some parents today are to blame for the crimes their boys and girls commit and will one day suffer for it.

Bending Over Backward

This was in August, 1953, approximately one month after Col. Nasser had informed U.S. Ambassador Byroade in Egypt that he was trading Egypt's surplus cotton to Czechoslovakia for Communist arms. In other words, the United States not only did little about stopping the Egyptian's deal but actually refrained from selling our own cotton for fear of hurting Egypt.

Roooney Champions Jazz

Thanks to Congressman John Rooney of Brooklyn who once play'd the trumpet our growing cotton surplus by selling it abroad at below parity prices. Benson wanted to sell, but Dulles said no. When the inside story of United States-Egyptian relations is written, it will also become known that former U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery was instrumental in getting the Suez Canal turned over to Egypt. Caffery was so pro-Egyptian, during the British hassle over the canal, that he actually refrained from selling our own cotton for fear of hurting Egypt.

The U. S. Male Now Looks As Absurd As The Female

By ROBERT C. RAARK

I HAVE been catching up with the old magazines lately and it would appear that the American male is about as silly looking as the American woman, a triumph which is pretty difficult to achieve. The advertisements portray him now as crew-cut in a particularly atrocious way, with nearly every hair grazed off his skull, making his head a little more pointed than usual.



On a college stroke-out — young, bright and handsome — a crew-cut looks reasonably at home, as the shaved skull looks passable on a German with no back to his hair, a crew-cut, such as Erich von Stroheim. But on nearly anybody else, a crew-cut looks just like a crew-cut, especially on these gaffers in the ads.

Have you noticed that there are practically no young people in ads these days? All the crew-cuts are gray, which seems to be the stylish color of hair this year. You get to totter on the edge of senility before you can crowd your way into a whacky plug.

It is also the year of the big, bristly grudge mustache on the collar-aid kids. What they take off the top, they show onto the lip. POONA REVISITED A guard mustache looks fine on a British brigadier of Poona, 1902, but it's a haystack on a young gaffer and makes him look furtive, as if he had stolen something and was trying to hide it in his mouth.

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Eisenhower Bats .459

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

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SHADES OF 1900? Pop Was A Yale Man

Impromptu ashtrays if serving no other purpose. They have eliminated pleats in front, and a million guys with tummies are screaming in anguish. BEHOLD THE HAT What passes for a hat in fashionable New York I wouldn't give to the dogs in a triangle. It has little more brim than a cap. It is undented in the crown, and apt as not the the boys better try to get into the cretin competition.

A hatchet-face can wear a narrow-brimmed hat. From normal to plump, an undented crown and a silver of brim makes a man appear to be all ears, chins, and bags under the eyes. I don't know what's been going on in the advertising agencies and the tailor shops, but I think some of these vintage riot has been cooking to compete with women in the ugly league.

VISUAL IDIOTS

I reckon the figure that if a woman turns herself into a visual idiot every time some Frenchman cinchers, minus the boys better try to get into the cretin competition. They have succeeded. They all look like Yale men — old, fat, gray, skinny, crew-cut, bush-mustached, tattooed Yale men, generally perched in trees, wearing press-up caps and bats with no brims.

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