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Water: Tar Heelia Raises A Thirst

IN WARNING Dixie's governors to join hands in a cooperative effort to solve regional water problems, Gov. Hodges spoke with the certainty of an experienced conservationist. Under his administration, North Carolina has been virtually alone in assembling permanent administrative machinery to deal with water resources.
The need for broad regional efforts in the field is clear-cut. Water problems are not localized. They are general. Furthermore, there is an interlocking relationship between one state's particular kind of use and another's.
Individual states have made studies—21 in 1955 alone. There have been a few interstate compacts. Some states have cooperated in flood prevention measures.
But the great need is for genuine coordination in which all southern states participate in an organized effort to lick a problem which is more serious than casual observers may realize. This would include the Hodges plan for a clearing house for the exchange of factual data on the work, the progress and the experience of each state.
The South cannot afford no problem. It has 40 per cent of the nation's water. That, however, is not the point. The point is that it effectively uses only 4 per cent.
Whatever happens on a regional basis, North Carolina cannot afford to coast along on what little effort it has already expended—however great it may appear in comparison to what other states have done. Remember the droughts of

1953 and 1954 when several Tar Heel cities were frantic with thirst. In addition there were tremendous dollar losses in agriculture.
Sufficient measures have not been taken to prevent a recurrence of suffering should the state again face drought conditions. It is a fact that water use is increasing faster than the population. Remember, too, that the state is only in the beginning stages of its water pollution work. A great deal of work needs to be done in this field—as sufferers on the banks of Mecklenburg's odorous creeks can testify.
A start has been made. We have our State Board of Water Commissioners and our State Stream Sanitation Committee. But too much is left to voluntary compliance with laws and regulations. Some states have no punitive sections at all—such as the one dealing with the issuance of permits for use of surface water for irrigation.
It is highly important that studies be continued and that constant improvements be made in existing legislation—some of which North Carolina is pioneering.
State water commissioners said in their first major report:
North Carolina has an ample supply of water to meet the needs of the people of the state for many years to come. But too much is left to voluntary distributed where it is most needed.
That is reassuring. But, as the governor has pointed out, the catch comes in the last dozen words of the commission's statement.



People's Platform
Jonas Is Tops At Home

Editors, The News:
I WOULD like to dispute Julian Scher's statement to the effect that Congressman Jonas is "weak" in his home county of Lincoln. Mr. Scher says that the congressman has rarely won his "own" county two years ago. This is political comment out of context. The statement is true as far as it goes but it doesn't go far enough.
For instance, Congressman Jonas carried Lincoln County at the same time that Democratic candidate for the Senate, W. Kerr Scott was carrying the county by over 2,000 votes over his Republican opponent. Thus Congressman Jonas had to run nearly 50 per cent ahead of his "ticket," which he did.

As an independent voter I would say: Does President Eisenhower really want Negroes in Kansas and in Pennsylvania; does Secretary Brownell want them in New York and Nebraska; does Mr. Sherman Adams want them in his home state and the other Canadian border states, where surely with less than a thousand to the state additional Negroes are needed?
We as American citizens have a right to know. Can T. Roosevelt's party meet its obligations?
—A. L. PICKENS

Georgia Dissenter
Shouldn't Teach
Chadburn
Editors, The News:
I'N regards to the article in Sept. 8 News headed "Mother Teacher Will Fight To Keep Georgia School Job," I wish to reply.
She stated in the article that she would not object to her daughter marrying a Negro if she desired to do so. Nothing that she also stated the fact of being a minister's wife as well as a school teacher puts her in the position of a leader in public affairs.
She should not teach children of impressionable minds, and should be sent back to Hawaii where she claimed she was once a missionary.
—R. W. NOBLES

Unhappiness Comes From A Life Of Sin
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I AM sure there are many unhappy people in the world today but I think the ones who are really happy when they go home from a day's work are those who are Christians and have lived their belief. People who are happy are those who have been honest and treated those around them with kindness, who have not done any crooked deal through the day, and have not cheated anyone. People who do these things are not happy. They go home and are cross with everyone because their conscience won't let them sleep.
If people have been honest, fair and square with everyone, they will be happy.
Unhappiness comes from a life of sin. As sure as you read this, everyone on Earth who curses, drinks and sows wild oats will pay for it sooner or later.
Happiness comes to those who have Christ as their leader.
—MRS. MAYME BERGER

GOP's 'Hard Money' Policy Has Home Builders Hopping

WASHINGTON
THE current prosperity—how real, how deep—is certain to become the focus of even louder claims and counter-claims as the political campaign warms up.
The GOP's "hard money" policy, a part of the Republican Party, President Eisenhower being No. 1. Adlai Stevenson and the Democrats intend to try to show not only that it is full of holes but that the base of the present high economic level with over 67 million jobs is precarious.
CAUTIOUS POLICY
With this intense concentration of the economy, the Eisenhower administration must follow a cautious policy to try to make sure there are no sudden sharp turnarounds in the critical weeks ahead. The line must be held in the face of sharply conflicting tendencies.
Prices have been rising at a rate nearly as rapid as at the time of the so-called "communist" buying at the start of the Korean War June and July but set a record, and it is believed that when the average for August is announced later this month, it will again be at a new high.
At the same time, more and more agitated complaints are being heard over the Eisenhower "hard money" policy which, it is charged, has already had an adverse effect on the home-building industry and on construction of schools and other public buildings.
These complaints are not by any means confined to political sources. In a special message to members of the National Association of Home Builders, President Joseph B. Haverstick warns that the tight money market "may well get tighter" and his advice is:
"If your profit margin has been squeezed down to the vanishing point, you may have, out of your production instead of risking a loss from which you may not recover."

ALARMING DROPS
It attributes this to the action of the Federal Reserve Board last spring in linking the rediscount rate which resulted in a rise in interest rates from top to bottom. This means FIA and VA loans figure at 4 1/2 per cent unattractive.
According to the head of the home builders, "As a consequence the FIA-VA volume has been dropping alarmingly."
The home builders, according to Haverstick, have in effect been told to cut back, go out of business in some instances or shift to higher-priced homes. This means, in turn, a cutback for lumber dealers, appliance manufacturers and others related to the basic industry of housing.
"The government and fiscal authorities must face the financial

Democrats Elated
Maine Confirms Trend

NEW YORK
Interest in the election. It has been generally said that the voters are presently apathetic.
With almost a record vote, Maine says this is not so, and that the net favors the Democrats.
Other election factors cited by the Maine experts are:
1. Gov. Edmund S. Muskie has been a vigorous leader in the state's affairs, but has done nothing startling, and has done it very well.
2. Democrats organized their own strongholds, principally in the industrial areas, strongly and well.
3. Gov. Muskie was able to show that he was not a victim of a cropped photograph. It showed him with a CIO leader only; actually he had been taken at a conference with a management representative was present with the CIO spokesman and the governor. The incumbent of McCartyism, a tactic used successfully in the Maryland campaign six years ago, helped the governor.
TEND CONFIRMED
If Maine were an isolated case, Democrats would still be very happy. What excites them is that it is not. It confirms a trend which has been apparent in virtually every election since 1932.
The immediate result will be to silence the few remaining doubters of the Stevenson-Kefauver strategy of heavily attacking President Eisenhower as a Republican chief executive, responsible for the Republican record.
Democrats' strategists here were confident they were on the right track; now they are dead certain.

In Charlotte, Music For The Masses

CHARLOTTE'S passion for culture" is the phrase our favorite egghead used yesterday to describe the growing popularity of the arts in this grimy commercial community. It was intended as a salute to the Charlotte Symphony Society's new membership campaign but the general idea was that, after nearly two centuries of intellectual inertia, the Queen City was finally going highbrow.
Highbrow? Hardly.
Charlotte's brow is actually neither higher nor lower than it was in the time of the earliest Phifers, Polks and Alexanders. It's just that the community's opportunities for the enjoyment of beauty are richer and more varied than ever before.
Fortunately for most of us, it does not require highbrow tastes and cultivation to enjoy the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. All that is needed is a perfectly normal sensitivity to pleasing sounds.
Classical music has been locked too long in the private preserves of the wealthy. As a matter of fact, they have wanted it that way, preferring to keep "serious" music and the other fine arts as household flowers to be sniffed only by the initiated.
That is as foolish as it is dead wrong. The symphonies of Mozart et al may have been written for bluebloods of Europe's ruling class but they are now firmly in the public domain. They are, in a real sense, music for the masses. What is more wonderful is that the masses can find as much pleasure in them as any 18th century Austrian prince.
For this reason, Charlotte is quite fortunate in having such a wealth of gifted performers who can interpret the music of the masters—both old and new—for the entertainment of all. In the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the community has one of its most valuable assets. It deserves the wholehearted support of all.

Iffy Question

THOSE long, tortured Democratic explanations about what Dean Acheson would have done about Suez were he still running the diplomatic show summon up memories of the famed Will Rogers quip:
"Papers today say, 'What would Lincoln do today?' Well, in the first place he wouldn't chop any wood, he would trade his ax in on a Ford. Being a Republican he would vote the Democratic ticket. Being in sympathy for the underdog he would be classed as a radical Progressive. Having a sense of humor he would be called eccentric."
Acheson, too, might have done things differently. But not very.

Why Isn't The Negro Invited To Go North?

Editors, The News:
WE ARE moving closer to election day. I have watched your columns carefully for answers to Gov. G. B. Timmerman's River Bridge Memorial challenge to President Eisenhower to help Negroes secure work at Gettysburg and to Mr. Ralph Connelly's letter to Secretary Brownell relative to Negroes in Nebraska. Could either have been answered during an absence of mine from the city?
These questions should be pressed if necessary by our congressmen and senators. To them should be added a third: Will Mr. Sherman Adams open his, and the other border states, with the shamefully low Negro population or less than one thousand each, to worthy Negroes needing work?
After Lincoln, perhaps no political party was ever so quickly lobbied by the placators as was the Republican Party in the case of the Negro. Why not machine-making jobs for machine-displaced Negroes? Why not nationwide homes and work for Negroes? The South is not a reservation; the Negro is not a government ward. He is a citizen with a right to live and work anywhere in the nation.
Not long ago Fortune started us by revealing that midwest farmers show incomes that rival those of the Suez in case of war. Battle planes have entered Negroes not encouraged to migrate there? The one exception was the disgraceful Kansas Negro heira of a former decade.

'There's Been A Tragedy Here, Too'

IF ANYONE doubts the extreme depth of emotion accompanying the football renaissance at the University of North Carolina he has not visited the campus during the current pre-season drills. There is something in the air, remotely resembling the feeling of exciting excitement that must have preceded the fall of the guillotine's blade when Marie Antoinette's pretty neck was on the block.
It is full of both remembrances of things past and great expectations. But it is mostly full of the fear that everything is not going to be wonderfully well during Coach Jim Tatum's first season back at the Hill.
This terrible anxiety is especially apparent whenever one of Sunny Jim's burly backs is lying prostrate on the turf after being up-ended by an equally burly lineman. When something terrible happened to Quarterback Dave Reed during a practice session recently sev-

Texans Who Aren't Rich

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change and pocketed the fifty as the stranger wiped his hands on the fives, then threw them in the wastebasket. "By the way," said, "how are things down in Texas?"
You see how it is. All of us Texans are filthy rich, and there is no escape from the general impression throughout the country and the world.
These tall tales of Texas rolling in wealth used to be rather amusing, but they are beginning to go a bit sour on us. 7,658,901 Texans who worry about bills and don't ride around in Cadillac.
Odd, isn't it, that the friend who lives two blocks away but whom you never see, suddenly sends a postcard from halfway around the world, wishing that you were here.—FLORINA THRES-UNION.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editors' Note: Drew Pearson is touring the Middle East. During his absence, the Merry-Go-Round is being written by his junior partner, Jack Anderson.
UNCLE SAM is quietly strengthening his military muscle in the Middle East—in case Secretary of State Dulles' peace efforts should collapse. The Air Force is readying tactical squadrons from the Ninth Air Force (Shaw Field, S. C.) to send to the Middle East. Official story will be that the movement of planes and men is nothing to do with the present crisis.
Fleet Beefed Up
The Navy has already beefed up its Sixth Fleet, now has two attack carriers, one cruiser division, three destroyer

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squadrons, and several support ships in the Mediterranean. Army units have also been tipped off that they may be shipped to the Suez in case of war. Battle planes have been prepared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff for any emergency.
Suez Is Sizzling
Meanwhile, the Suez is sizzling. Suez pilots, who guide ships through the Canal, are preparing to walk out Saturday. This would stop Canal traffic, cut off valuable revenue to Egypt. Communist countries have offered to send river pilots to keep the Canal open. It is such a tricky waterway, however, that it would take months to train.
As a possible long-range solution, the west may build a parallel canal through Israel from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Aqaba. Engineers believe it can be completed in two to three years.
Dictator Nasser isn't entirely the strongman he seems to be. He hasn't been dictator long enough to consolidate his hold on the country. Nasser is having trouble with the WAFD, the followers of deposed King Farouk who formerly were in power, also the Moslem Brotherhood, the rightwing fanatics who would like to gain power. Even the starry-eyed university professors and students, who rabidly supported Nasser in the beginning, are becoming disillusioned. They have a feeling he has overpromised.
Nasser's most serious problem is economic. He has mortgaged Egypt's future cotton crops for Red Arm's. This left the country with no uncommitted resources for years to come.

Poultry Scandal

The poultry industry is in a tizzy over the scandal which is being published in this column. 26 diseases can be passed from poultry to people, yet only one-fourth chicken and turkey sales in this country are government inspected.
In an attempt to hush up the scandal, James Gwin of the Poultry and Egg National Board has mailed a confidential memo to poultry processors.
"Please keep in mind that a controversial issue brought into the open could, under certain conditions, ultimately cause more harm than good," the memo advises.
"This is an inner industry matter." Gwin did not permit publication of it in any form.