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Postponement Doesn't Mean Death

We have been impressed from the beginning by the irrelevance of the rumors and speculations attendant to the City's ill-fated plan for erection of a Veterans' Recreation Center...

We are not to be listed among the opponents of the Veterans' Center, and some day we'd like to see one in Charlotte. But the time, we think, is not now...

An Exercise In Futility

WILSON WYATT, President Truman's Housing Administrator, is a lately-arrived bureaucrat, having been drafted, virtually at gun-point, from his private business in Louisville...

Wyatt has spent his months in office patiently explaining his mission to various and sundry committees of Congress. Consider the following dialogue between Administrator Wyatt and Senator Capehart at a hearing before the Senate Banking Committee...

People's Platform Ode To The Tarnished Brass

I QUOTE below a delightful bit of whimsy which, according to Army legend, was dashed off by some carbonic GI a couple of years ago in the far reaches of the Pacific. Authorship of this gem is variously attributed to Evis, Archibald, Holbrook, Pustus Foodie, or possibly Vladimir Snodgrass...

SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI OR TAKE ELEVATOR HERE FOR GROUND FLOOR AND BASEMENT. When bombs explode no more. And we return to what we did. For we say that's washing dishes. The sudden shift of status. In the ladder of success. Might make some worthy gentlemen feel like an awful mess...

The Disillusionment of Mrs. Poston

SINCE the private tragedy of Mr. and Mrs. Warren in Salisbury has become a matter of public concern and has even set the Claghorns to defending the fair Southland against the scorn of the departed bride, we presume it will not be amiss if we raise our own still, small voice...

Moreover, we can recall no more tragic line from all of literature than Husband Poston's: "Hell, I told her if she didn't like the place I'd move to town and get a job. She didn't even wait to take a look around in daylight! This, we think, stands up pretty well against Mrs. Poston's own estimate of the situation, relayed to the press through a New York police officer who probably carries a mental picture of Dixie furnished at a matinee of "Tobacco Road"...

Another Voice

Now That April's Here

IT was Robert Browning, we believe, who once expressed in verse the longing—"O to be in England, now that April's here!" For not even to mauve hills, the bright skies and blue waters of beautiful Italy can be more entrancing than a Britain touched by the magic wand of April...

Very awkward for the builder is the desperate client who wants to move right into the cellar excavation and 'grow up with the house. A St. Louisian, Sidney Salomon Jr., reads as Postmaster General Hancock Jr.'s aide and returns to his home by rail and large however the trains from Missouri to Washington are still returning light.

The Wages Of Sin

WHEN I read an article in Saturday News trying to prove by the Bible that our Saviour wanted men to drink wine, and outlined the world-wide fact that he had drunk wine, I was reminded of the fact that he had drunk wine. I was reminded of the fact that he had drunk wine. I was reminded of the fact that he had drunk wine.

Drew Pearson's • Truman OK'd Arrest of Russian Officer Merry-Go-Round • Presidential Honor

WASHINGTON (Nicolle) fact about the arrest of Russian Naval officer (Nicolle) Redin is that J. Edgar Hoover's G-men had their hands up in 100 per cent before they cracked down on him. The facts were even placed before President Truman in advance. Those attending the White House conference regarding Redin included news-watching Attorney General Tom Clark, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and the President himself. Clark outlined the facts briefly and then asked Acheson: "Now, if this is going to embarrass our relations with Russia, I'll hold it up."

Atomic Patents

DURING the hearings held by the Senate Atomic Energy Committee, the Senators were permitted to learn that patents had been granted to the Government for the production of atomic fission which gave individual corporations the exclusive right to license these patents under the contract.

The witness who brought this out was Capt. Robert A. Lavender, adviser on patents to the Office of Technical Research and Development. He explained that, under one type of contract issued by OERD, the contractor would give the Government with the right to grant sub-licenses. This seemed to some Senators to give an excessive priority which could not be afforded by the Government.

Chairman Brian McMahon asked Lavender if it were not true that the "great bulk" of the atomic patents were "in the field where the outside company has an exclusive right." Lavender replied that the inventions in this field were not of "much importance."

Bertram Benedict More On Coalition

THE House of Representatives is so divided politically that any combination of Republicans and Southern Democrats has an easy time taking control. Not many Southern Democrats are needed. A shift of only 26 votes from the Republican side to the Democratic side when both parties are out in full force, will do the trick, and there are 117 Democrats in the House.

Yellow Democrats

YOU have only printed one issue of your paper that was worth a damn. That was Saturday, 4/8 about Mr. Reece, the new chairman of a Trustful, decent Party. I hope the OPA and New Deal 'bush hell out of the country so you yellow Democrats can learn something.

Atomic Patents

At one time the atomic bill contained clauses very close to thought control, whereby the exchange of any kind of scientific or military knowledge could be considered an offense. This restriction could have affected use of atomic energy for civilian purposes such as running automobiles or power projects. The atomic bill also provided for the most far-reaching censorship ever seen in the United States, so that the "acquisition" of any atomic knowledge could be considered a criminal offense.

