

The Wind In The Pines

SOUTH CAROLINA, having shaken an eleven-man field of gubernatorial candidates down to manageable proportions, will now proceed in somewhat calmer fashion to choose between Judge Thurmond and Dr. McLeod. The alarms and excursions attendant to this quadrennial process were as fearsome as ever, and few South Carolinians paused to ponder the ironic fact that the proud boasts and violent charges of the candidates were in fact that the next Governor of South Carolina, whoever he may be, will be pretty much of a figurehead.

Occasionally, when a major issue divides the state, South Carolina substitutes factionalism for party conflict. This insures discipline of a sort, with members on opposite sides engaging and assuming responsibility for putting through or turning back a legislative program. It is no accident that South Carolina's General Assembly is most productive of sound legislation in those years when violent contentions rocks the state. A deskbook keeps the members in Columbia into the hot months of Summer.

On Observations From The Bench

JUDGE FELIX ALLEY celebrated Sollicitor Whitener's marvelous feat of clearing the Mecklenburg criminal docket by delivering a short address on the weaknesses of the North Carolina judicial system. The trouble, or one of them, is that juvenile delinquents are largely immune to the discipline of the law.

assume their proper responsibility for disciplining and training their errant offspring. We go along with Judge Alley's suggestion, at least to the point where he recommends a return to the public whipping post in extreme cases. And we wonder, as we frequently do, whether anybody ever pays any attention to the profound observations handed out so freely by North Carolina jurists. These off-the-cuff addresses from the bench often contain a great deal of wisdom, based on long judicial experience, but we can't recall offhand any that were ever incorporated into law.

The Little Flower's Poor Manners

AMERICANS, we gather, are viewing Fiorella LaGuardia's double-take at the Prague airport with mixed emotions. The Little Flower, you will remember, alighted from a plane hot and dusty and a delegation of Czech greeters presented him with a tall schooner of the country's famous pilsener. Gratefully, the L. F. beamed and quaffed, but halfway through he stopped, scowled and demanded to know where the beer had come from. Bringing back the scowled explanation that it was made of low-grade barley, that there wasn't much of it, and that, after all, beer is part of the national diet, Mr. LaG. threatened darkly to resurvey the UNRRA allocations of grain to Czechoslovakia.

of the ablest public officials America ever produced. The valuable thing about the Little Flower's boorishness is that it is constant. If it had been the Czechs who happen to be downtrodden at the moment, he is no less rude to the Russians, who happen to be riding high in Czechoslovakia. He has never hesitated to insult the Congress of the United States, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Supreme Court, or the voters of New York City who kept him in the mayor's office until the town had been cleaned up and the citizenry exhausted.

Another Voice

Sheriffs Get Up Early

MAYBE it is part of the usage of their training and, on the other hand, maybe they got to be and continue to be that way because of a delusion that they must have been appointed to that body hereabout for the past couple of days that sheriffs bestir themselves very early in the morning. That being also the necessary condition to producing an afternoon newspaper, it is happily inevitable that we should see how it works. Sheriffs just get up early.

them, and maybe still baffles them. Too, there is not unlikely to be talk among them about whether the office of sheriff, as we have known it in North Carolina for near three centuries now, may not be better off than it is. They may then or there this or that new and well-schooled agency, centralized in Raleigh, may not be about to go to take over the entire burden of keeping the peace in the state. They wonder and they refigure themselves with their recollections of what about the hotel lobbies there are skilled agents of other agencies to whom the detection of criminals is a scientific business, and they seem very efficient, indeed. But the office of the sheriff is not there. They set up too early. Elizabeth City Advance.

If that fellow in China will get to the other end, we believe we can pull the weed out from this side.

Peculiar Cloud Over France Laid To Bikini Blast

Paris—The Puy du Dome Observatory reveals that an intensive three weeks study of a mysterious cloud over central France indicates it originated in Bikini, but is not dangerously radioactive.

Observatory officials disclosed that the cloud, which about 2,000 feet in the air, has been persisted 20 times.



Frank P. Graham

Toward Nobler Attitudes

(Note: The following is extracted from the commencement address delivered to the University of North Carolina's Class of 1946 by President Frank P. Graham—Ed., The News.)

TOO long has the South been the dependent colonial province of a financial industrial empire reaching from Boston to Chicago. Rising now to something like independence and power is a new industrial region reaching across the Old South from the Chesapeake to the Gulf. What the South does agriculturally depends, in intelligent part, on what the South does educationally. What the South does through educational leadership depends, in vital part, on what our universities do in basic researches in all fields, in co-operation with agricultural industry, business, labor relations, the professions, and in the general fulfillment of the economic, scientific, cultural, and spiritual needs of all the people of the South.

Need For Research

Indispensable to the most fundamental and useful research are scholars and teachers of the highest caliber in character, mind, training and dedication. Necessary for them is a salary scale for decent living and good work, library resources, research publications and laboratory equipment, and a retirement program with the present 4 per cent participation raised to 5 per cent and the age limit of participation unreasonably from 60 to 65 years as recommended by the Board of Trustees.

Nobler Attitudes

In this region of the Old South, where human slavery made its last stand in the modern world, industry makes first beginnings on virgin soil. We have the lessons, in the tragedies of the one, and the opportunities, in the power of the other, to make a civilization, distinctive and rich in a deeper sense of human personality and in social relations to be worked on the basis of freedom and justice by friendly folk who live under the Southern sun in a pleasant land between the mountains and the sea. We have the opportunity not only to install the best machinery seen on all sides and to utilize the new techniques of our agricultural, textile and engineering schools, and our liberal arts colleges and universities, but also to develop with intellectual freedom nobler human attitudes than have yet characterized the history of any people.

Southern Lag

The responsibility of the State and the Nation to make appropriations for research as an investment for the welfare and progress of the people. This responsibility has been accepted both by the Congress and the State Legislature for agricultural development, State, regional, and national welfare and development require public appropriations for research in the fields of engineering, industry, business, the fundamental sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities. Research in the pure sciences is fundamental to research in agriculture and industry, and agricultural and industrial progress. Research in the social sciences is necessary for the social maturity of the people and for the betterment of the citizenry. Research in the humanities deepens and enriches human satisfactions and provides the cultural foundations and directions of our modern world. No people concerned with their present welfare and future advancement can afford to neglect research in the social sciences for both fundamental and applied research. In North Carolina and all the other Southern States we have lagged too long to the damage of the state, the region, and the Nation.

Great teachers, librarians, and laborators, patient and able, are needed to meet these needs. In a community of scholars devoted to truth, goodness, and beauty, and dedicated to make them increasingly

Quote, Unquote

THERE is a field of opportunity for women in local affairs. They must be interested in all community problems, but there are some that are better able to deal with, such as education, hospital service, and infant and child welfare.—Alice Bacon, British MP.

NEVER again will people live in a world divided by barriers of mountains or oceans. We are living in a world of united nations with little time-space.—Sen. Wayne Morse (R) of Oregon.

We Americans can well afford to stop gorging at the table of the general and fast-food restaurants, help those whose daily diets are less than a thousand calories in order that they may be given a chance to survive.—Rev. Dr. Earnest F. Tuttle of Evanston, Ill.

The American people will be forced to resort to strike if that is necessary to prevent inflation.—Dr. Alonzo P. Myers of New York University.

The formation of a world federation of states seems inevitable in the future.—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese delegate to UN Security Council.

Marquis Childs Fantasy Or Reality?

IN every session a certain number of screwball bills get introduced in the Congress. Some of these are often measures put in as a gesture to pacify some group or other, or as a pressure for further action with no expectation that they will ever be seriously considered.

The resolution introduced by Rep. James W. Trimble of Arkansas would be the fantasy of the hour. It is a resolution which would be for long to come to seem merely a fantasy of the hour.

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Peter Edson Protocol On Whales

NOTE: Peter Edson's NEA Washington column will appear in this space for a month while Samuel Grafion is on vacation.—Eds. The News.)

IF YOU have the dog-days feeling that romance is dead and Washington is a very dull place indeed, you'll find it in the fact that what was approved and the Senate ratified without dissenting vote, a new international protocol on pelagic whales.

A pelagic whale is one that lives in the open sea. Large whales, such as the blue whale, are not pelagic. Flying whales aren't covered by the protocol.

But on the front pages overlooked these important things, but don't be deceived by this particular article. It doesn't give the etiquette for ceremonies of state when whale meat was nor does it designate which one sports first.

ITS A TREATY

Seriously, this whaling protocol is a treaty as drafted last Fall in London by representatives of the U. S., U. K., Australia, South Africa, Canada, France, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, and Norway. There, plus Russia, were the only countries of the world.

Reminding you that the Department, Dr. Irvin G. Garrison of the Fish and Wildlife Service, is the U. S. representative to the American authority on whales, and half a dozen other experts representing the Government.

The conference was called by the British. Whaling was practically suspended during the war. The last shot had been fired, the British Food Ministry decided that whaling should be resumed. It was decided to permit the British to whale in the waters of the United States. What was wanted was more whale oil, so they could make more margarine, so they could increase the British butter ration.

It was the British Food Ministry that proposed the restrictions could be taken off whaling, they and the Norwegians could

measured and solemn. This is the first time that a foreign enemy has carried war to the shores of the United States. It was the new President, of a more awful kind than the world has ever known, who first demanded fearful sacrifices from the American people.

IT CAN HAPPEN A hot question fantasy? Yes—but if the atomic armament race goes on, it can become reality.

Congressman Trimble says he was reading the Constitution one night when it occurred to him that no provision is made for another government in the event of the destruction of all the chief officers of the existing Federal Government. The framers of the Constitution could hardly have been expected to foresee the age of mass death. The framers of the Constitution did not intend to provide for a choice of battle. There was section, but only incidentally and not as a calculated part of strategy.

Now that the framers of the Constitution have foreseen the great concentration of our economic and political life, that concentration is the direct result of the vast new techniques of power stemming from the internal combustion engine and, now, atomic fission. The power of economic decision is so concentrated in the few hands and the power of political decision in Washington, that it is hard to see how a modern State could be waged if one center or the other were destroyed. For modern war with its intricate technology, necessarily based on a great industrial complex, requires instant over-all coordination. Our industrial concentration in a few centers makes this country peculiarly vulnerable to attack.

Anyone who thinks Congressman Trimble is dreaming up unnecessary alarm is not only ignorant of the fact that a committee on underground sites named by the War Relocation Authority is now surveying natural caves and man-made caverns, such as mines, in order to find those that would be "vital industrial production and other military purposes."

Government Hideout

In this instance, they would be used for the storage of atomic machine tools and critical raw materials. While we are studying ways to hide our machines, our minds might also find a safe place to shelter a substitute government.

Drew Pearson's Wives Are Inspiration To GPs In Europe

We Want Portuguese Bases

IT has been widely publicized in the press that the giant American shipyard at Groton, Conn., is making a good-will visit to Portugal. However, another matter coincident with the visit has not been publicized.

The Portuguese Government has recently turned down the American request that we lease the Azores Air Base for a permanent base has been under way, but a considerable hesitation the Portuguese finally gave us a flat no.

When the first trainload of wives arrived at Bremerhaven and took the long, slow trip down through Germany, funny things began to happen at every station.

Senate Is Headache To Byrnes

MOST people would agree that Jimmie Byrnes had enough on his mind as it was when the necessity of checking up on the U. S. Senate but one night before Congress adjourned he was called to the Senate floor to face the Senate.

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