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The Dusty Splendor Of The Courthouse

THERE are traces of charm in Reporter John Jamison's reports of county officials doing business with the county and of salaries of other officials being increased under the guise of automobile allowances.
Consider, for example, the case of Drainage Commissioner Chairman W. D. Alexander. He readily admits his \$40-a-month automobile allowance isn't for his automobile because he doesn't drive it himself and only occasionally is it used in performance of official duties.

New Life For A Tradition Of Greatness

ON FEB. 1, 1971, while the University of North Carolina resided in an era of deep spiritual desolation, a student chalked on the blackboard:
"This old University has busted and gone to Hell today."
The incident was recalled to a Chapel Hill audience this morning by William Brantley Aycock as he was installed as chancellor of that same university.
Why was the disillusioned youth so terribly wrong? Chancellor Aycock offered an answer.
"The University did not die," he said, "because within this tiny village and throughout this deeply distressed state, there were laborers and watchmen still imbued with the undying spirit of Davie, Caldwell, Awain Mitchell, Phillips, Ruffin, Manly and others... The growth, development and progress of this institution became a thrilling and inspiring story of vision, courage, sacrifice and dedication manifested by countless men and women under... able leadership."

Nothing To Inherit

FOR A few fleet weeks it was warmly reassuring to have states rights back in the headlines instead of Asian flu, fluoridation and the missile program. Issues our ancestors had no opinions on for us to inherit. Then came the satellite situation and here we are having to think for ourselves again. It isn't fair.

Nothing Important But The Principle

THE election of newsmen from a meeting of Charlotte's airport advisory committee was a relatively minor matter.
The public's business to be discussed in secrecy merely included a proposed helicopter service, construction of a \$35,000 building to house Civil Aeronautics Authority personnel, and the inadequacy of fire protection for civil aircraft here.
Nothing very inspiring and, as somebody said, newsmen were "liable to get all mixed up."

DRESS RIGHT

A theatrical vehicle came into being when the head of the Business Education Department of Hempstead High School in Nassau County, New York, asked the institute to prepare a fashion show. Its message was to be "dress right" with a non-commercial approach. Students of the school, trained by the drama department, rehearsed and actually did put on a style show for boys and it made a hit. Teachers, businessmen and parents were enthusiastic over the production and the show was repeated.
In Buffalo, where the "dress right" plan for high school students has been in operation for a year, the principals, teachers and parents all agree that in-school behavior, diligence and attitude have shown definite improvement.
Teachers and parents who have come out in favor with better dressed male students have noted a change in character and a different outlook on life by boys who take pride in their appearance.
Appearance of the girls never was a great problem, the educators say.
We can see no need for such secrecy about the speed of our latest jet bombers. Let's ahead and announce the speed of the breakers of the sound barrier. Within a few days Russia would break the truth barrier and announce that her bombers will travel twice as fast as ours.—LEXINGTON HERALD.

rubber-stamp their firm signature to a report made up by non-professionals who have secured the audit contract by political influence.
The proper method of selection of an independent auditor is by a committee of citizens who have to connect with the auditor or the county government and the auditor selected should not be restricted by a fee fixed in advance. The auditor's fee is incidental compared to the amount of money for which he is responsible. Government is big business.
I hereby offer my services as a member of a committee to select an independent auditor for next year. Any volunteers?
— JOHN C. BENNETT

Can Natural Majesty Be Improved Upon?

Editors, The News:
PERHAPS the most beautiful aspect of natural landscape in Charlotte is about to be destroyed.
Eastover Park as it now stands is reminiscent of the great parks of England and its great trees are a reminder, at least to this writer, that there was a silent majesty in the world long before man came to invent the word to describe it.
The prospect now is that, instead of a park unique in the system and of truly adult appeal, we are to be provided with another stretch of concrete designed to attract tree trunk carvers and wrecking-bar welders from far and near.
Can there not be one spot in the city left "unimproved" by the not always knowing hand of man?
Name Withheld By Request

The County Suffers From Sloppy Audits

Editors, The News:
WE THINK that Mr. Busby has stirred up some healthy interest in use of public funds and has thereby rendered a valuable public service.
This writer is not surprised at disclosures of recent date. It has been a long time since Mecklenburg County has had an adequate audit. The price has been bid down so low that the successful bidder the audit contractor to the low bidder the commissioners have very effectively discouraged the one ingredient that makes an audit effective — the auditor's independence. The price has been bid down so low that the successful bidder cannot possibly make an audit up to professional standards without doing the job at a large loss on time and materials. Result is a misleading audit report year after year with an occasional flare of interest as we are now having, and then a lapse into indifference again.
The problem of misleading audit reports is not confined to Mecklenburg County. It is general practice throughout the entire state due to mistaken reliance upon controls whereby the audit contract and the report must be cleared through the Local Government Commission. Approval by the LGC is meaningless in most cases, as some accounting firms will, for a price.

Nothing Sacred In Two-Party Plan

Editors, The News:
I AGREE with your Tuesday's editorial caption, "The South Must Preserve A Principle," but potentially disagree that the stated principle deserves the importance which you assign to it. The principle, so you say, is the preservation of the two-party system.
The South must preserve principles and teach lessons far more important than the two-party system. It must do its best to preserve the principle of constitutional government against the vic-

John Hester's Blows Were Above The Belt

Editors, The News:
I WOULD greatly appreciate this opportunity to say a respectful avowal to People's Platform pundit John W. Hester of Pittsburgh. For nearly five years in the late 1940s and early 1950s Mr. Hester and I exchanged views on preserving these principles. Manifestly, the ruling cliques of both major parties are doing a miserable job of "preservation."
If the southern people will stand fast and, as a whole, dedicate themselves to the preservation of the great principles stated herein, they will be preserved for themselves — and I hope all Americans — whether there be two parties or 221.
— J. R. CHERRY JR.

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exact opposite ends of the political and ideological spectrum, but I never called him a "fascist," and he never called me a "Red."
And to add to the evidence of his nobility of character, I may recall that he wrote me personal notes of a most charming and generous nature, which convinced me that I had his complete confidence.
The next day there may have appeared a violent blast against something I had written, but we both knew that neither of us would rush into print with our "mutual admiration" epistles, "off the record." I sincerely mourn his loss.
—HARRY GOLDEN
Editor
The Carolina Israelite

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

ONLY a year after President Eisenhower's landslide victory, word has gone out in Republican congressmen from Congressman Dick Simpson of Pennsylvania, chairman of the GOP Congressional Campaign Committee: "Vote your district point of view and never mind White House orders."
This means a widening rift inside the Republican Party and an increasing difficulty in passing any administration program.
As congressional campaign chief, Simpson is largely responsible for electing a Republican Congress next year. He has warned GOP candidates that the ride on Ike's coattails is over; that his political popularity has dropped drastically.
Get Elected
"Sure, this may mean a party split, but we're politicians. It's our job to get elected," he has told subordinates privately. "There aren't any politicians

It's Slow Riding On Ike's Coattails

in the White House. We have tried it their way, and we are losing ground."
He pointed out that three Republican veterans—Congressmen Jim Taborn of New York, John Vorys of Ohio, and Les Arends of Illinois — are in political trouble at home for supporting the President's foreign aid program. Three will probably face primary opposition from anti-Eisenhower Republicans.
Julius Klein has issued this statement in reply to a Drew Pearson column of Aug. 27:
"Mr. Pearson's statement that Herman T. Abs, prominent German banker, was last August 'encompassed in a suite at the Carlton Hotel' in Washington to lobby for the return of German property, is the most flagrant non-truth Mr. Abs has not been in the United States since January when he was a guest of the New York Citizens' Budget Commission.
"Mr. Pearson returns to Abs as a banker 'under the Nazi regime.' Good Germans, as well as bad, had to live under the Hitler rule. Some died fighting Hitler

while others, like Chancellor Adenauer and Abs, survived to bring about a new Germany which is considered one of our strongest and stanchest allies.
The Principle
"Mr. Pearson is right when he assumes that I favor the return of German assets in error when he implies that I am lobbying for or having a paid assignment to work for return. Am registered with the Department of Justice to work on the return of German property... incompatible with our avowed principles. Moreover, he fails to recognize that violation of this sanctity has a direct effect on the United States investments abroad, which include a minimum of thirty billion dollars in private foreign investments in the United States. It is a reciprocal two-way street for us and the entire free world..."

Court Decision Based On Greed And Politics

Route 6, Charlotte
Editors, The News:
FOR almost two hundred years America has been struggling forward, and always to the ultimate goal of freedom, security and peace. Through the years, step by step, man fought his way upward. Man fought for freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from dictatorship, freedom from anarchy.
As the wilderness gave way to progress, laws were made to make secure the voice of the people, for the people by the people. Today, the people have little or no choice in the making and enforcing of a law. As time passed, these laws were altered and changed. Men, in the early days, asked God for guidance. He gave them the law that would enable them to enact laws for the benefit of man then, and for future generations. This was our Constitution, a law enacted to protect and make secure the freedom of everyone.

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