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TV Teaching: A City Rightly Wonders

THOMAS A. Edison used to say the shortest route to the intelligence runs over the optic nerve. The lesson was not wasted on Charlotte's City School Board yesterday...

Dr. Thomas Clark Pollock of New York University said recently: "It now seems clear, however, that television offers the greatest opportunity for the advancement of education since the introduction of printing by movable type..."

Growing Charlotte's New Chief Tailor

FOR a soft-spoken man, George E. Wilkinson said a meaningful mouthful following his election to succeed Spencer Bell as chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

Community needs, with a satisfactory resemblance to the effective chairman it had in Spencer Bell.

'Political' Governor Gets No Thanks

A group of local teachers is rather disdainful of a new ally in their fight for higher pay hikes than Gov. Hodges and the Advisory Budget Commission originally recommended.

ers, parents and press of North Carolina, but primarily, bless them, by the teachers themselves.

From The Smithfield Herald

WHAT'S OUR STATE REALLY LIKE?

WHAT is North Carolina? The Chamber of Commerce will say it's "Variety Vacationland." Book publishers may say it's a state that writes more books than it buys.

brightness of sea sands," writes Mr. Pierce, "and ends with the loneliness of the Smokies reaching in chill and cloud to the sky."

People's Platform Heating Installation Code: Mecklenburg 'Must'

Editors, The News: I FEEL that it is high time to say my piece about the residential heating installations that are being done in Mecklenburg by a bunch of jacking-job artists who call themselves heating contractors—year-engineers.



"Well, it's really very simple... If the furnace won't work, you'll just have to light those artificial logs in the fireplace."

It is really difficult to say where the blame should be placed. First of all, the city and the county should take a bow and be soundly whacked on the backside while in the position of a code for heating installations in either government, city or county.

This lack of regulation poses a serious threat to the safety of our citizens, as well as to the value of their property.

Next in the rump-kicking line comes the architect-engineer who goes to elaborate detail in drawing dodges and do-ods to be meticulously followed by the foyer and around and about the corners, designs a sheet metal flange that Michelangelo couldn't fabricate, and then says not one word in his plans or specifications about the quality or workmanship in its installation.

Next, behold the home-owner, John Q. Himself. He has saved, scrimped, borrowed and banded in order to acquire his very own dream, a home of his own.

Now comes the villain of the piece, one of our leading citizens, General Jubilation T. Contractor. He is a plumber, and your noble rag about his mighty plans to develop and construct the new heating plant for the city.

THE world moves. There are at this stage what we call the Eastern and Western powers. It is Eastern culture that broke up the barbarous Middle Ages—the rule of the church.

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Collect in taxes from the people of the United States \$600 million dollars and give it to the industrial-weak Eastern nations for the purpose of influencing their control of the deposits within their boundaries; pledging military action (in other words, world war) in case Russia also tries to get control of Near Eastern oil. This includes a two-fold policy—financial and military.

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We might ask what is the fundamental principle and basic motive of nationalism and give the only answer: Self interest. In the final analysis self interest is economic. The greater left in the human heart and mind the motive to eat in the sweat of the other man's face.

Let's remedy the condition before it gets out of control. We had better keep a check here at home while we spend so much money and time in the Middle East.

Our government need not leave it all to industry to take care of the unemployed, its population is increasing at the rate of two million people a year. Therefore, we feel it's too big a job for industry to find jobs for these people at such a rapid increase.

We can have another unemployed army if some action is not taken. Then it will be too bad for our nation as a whole if we have no one with money to buy the goods from our markets. For those overseas can't buy.

We should take care of the goose here at home who lays the golden egg, that keeps the wheel of our industrial power turning for progress for all.

We need more jobs, not less jobs.

— J. A. GRAHAM

Then it is correct to say that if this oil belongs to the nations in whose territory it exists, the ultra-right of the United States using the Republican Party as their instrument and the U. S. government as the executive power to eat the bread out of the faces of the industrially underdeveloped nations.

Justification for all this is that if this oil becomes available to Russia it would enhance her military power. But we are not at war with Russia. The only visible result is the enhancement of the wealth and power of American multimillionaires.

—HOYT EAVES

Care For The Goose And The Golden Egg

Cheraw, S. C. WE, the working people, would like for our government to explain all the unemployment in our land.

We have all noted government statements that we have so many millions employed today. Yet you will also note that nothing is being mentioned about so many of our people being out of work. Yet we have those who approve of giving jobs to others while our own people go without jobs. The question is why this policy and who are the ones responsible for these conditions.

As a worker in the ranks of the unemployed would like to warn those who are responsible in taking note of our people who need jobs to provide a living for themselves and their families. Do they mis-

understand the seriousness of the plight of the unemployed?

We who mingle and go from place to place in search of work know of the rumblings among the people who are out of work and of others here in our fair land being given jobs.

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Katharine Hepburn Hope Didn't Help Film Comedies Are Unfunnier Than Ever

Charlotte I WAS recently led to motion pictures on the pretext of seeing entertainment classified as comedy. One film was a Bob Hope-Katharine Hepburn fiasco about the Iron Curtain, but the most recent happened to be a hit-comic about psychiatry. The latter was called "rollicking comedy" by a local scribe.

Certainly none of the so-called hit breakers would dare stand comparison with "The Philadelphia Story," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "My Man Godwin," "His Girl Friday," or even an earlier Hepburn film, "Woman of the Year." Evidently Hollywood has lost the Capra or Preston Sturges touch.

"Oh Men, Oh Women!" is really funny, then the next time I read a review of a comedy playing in one of the local movie palaces, I'll stay home and have a ball laughing over my income tax returns for April.

— DAVID M. ALEXANDER

Where Was Janitor When Saloon Burned?

Lincolnton Editors, The News: HAVE been taking your paper for years, by carrier boy, and I sure do enjoy reading it, especially the editorials and People's Platform.

In your issue of March 1 there was a letter from Mrs. Mayme Barger, relative to the liquor business, and she said that a certain minister got down on his knees and prayed that a certain liquor place be destroyed and when he was praying the place was burned.

I would like to ask Mrs. Barger, when the church janitor was at this time? Lincoln County is a legally dry county and of course everyone in North Carolina knows what has happened to the block-ade in this county in the last four months, and there are still plenty of them here yet.

The solution of the liquor problem is like Mecklenburg and other counties that have ABC stores. Then another fellow was named in People's Platform and says that a certain minister, didn't have a cross of thorns on his head. Next please.

— J. P. LONG

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON THE State Department deftly considered it from the record released to the press, but Ambassador Henry Byroade admitted to senators recently that he never heard of one of America's best friends in the Middle East, Prime Minister Bourguiba of Tunisia.

Supposed To Know Byroade was formerly assistant secretary of state in charge of Middle Eastern affairs, then ambassador to Egypt.

Never Heard Byroade acknowledged that he had not heard of Bourguiba.

"I cannot understand it," Humphrey shook his head. "He is one of the most prominent leaders and one of this country's best friends in the area that was under your jurisdiction."

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Dulles out as a Marine Corps recruit dresses down a Parris Island sergeant. That was when Dulles hastily sent a reply by hand to Johnson's letter to the press the fact that the letter was en route.

'We're Still Wrestling With It'



Case Of The Uninformed Ambassador

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, asked the question about Prime Minister Bourguiba. But Byroade didn't know who he was.

"You were assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern, South Asian, and African affairs, were you not," asked Humphrey incredulously.

"Yes sir," said Byroade. "You mean to tell me the committee you don't know of Prime Minister Bourguiba?" snapped the senator.

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