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Charlotte's Two Community Colleges Can Make Money For Mecklenburg

EVERY clock in Mecklenburg is chiming high noon for Charlotte's fledgling community college system. In every sense, it is the hour of decision for higher education in the richest, most populous county in North Carolina.

revenues and fatten the consumer market. Mecklenburg industrialist Oliver Rowe, a staunch advocate of community colleges, makes an even more intriguing point. Says he: "It is conceivable that the industrial development brought about through the efforts of one outstanding educated man during his lifetime would bring to the state and this community more revenue than the total cost of these college buildings."

If the voters turn down the state's offer of matching funds will be right back in the colobers where we started. The choice is ours.

If our children mean anything at all to us that choice must be for community colleges next Tuesday.

THIS is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Mecklenburg County. Charlotte and Carver Colleges have lived a threasure existence for years in the backyards of local high schools. By using public school classrooms in the late afternoon and evening, they have already educated thousands of young people who have been willing to struggle along with shockingly inadequate equipment and facilities. In their present state, however, they simply cannot do the job that must be done.

After a long, hard battle in the 1957 General Assembly, state funds were made available to Mecklenburg and two other Tar Heel counties for community colleges—but only on a matching basis. Mecklenburg can receive its share only if it raises at least an equal amount of money at home. County Commissioners have wisely put the question before the voters. If the bond issue is approved next Tuesday, Charlotte and Carver Colleges will have their matching funds and an additional \$400,000 to purchase and prepare sites for the two institutions.

In addition, plans are in the works for a multimillion-dollar state bond issue for higher education in North Carolina. Mecklenburg's share for Charlotte and Carver Colleges would be substantial.

SELDOM have Mecklenburgers been offered a more attractive proposition. It is a chance to make money for this community by investing in human resources.

Thousands of young Mecklenburgers cannot afford a college education today because they just don't have the money to attend a dormitory-type institution. By educating these people at home in community colleges we can train them for better jobs and higher incomes. This will, in turn, stimulate the economy, raise the per capita income, increase tax

It is an economy measure any way you look at it. For instance, it's an opportunity that will save about half what we are now spending per pupil to build and expand a state dormitory-type college. There are 32,000 students in state-supported institutions around the state today. An additional 30,000 to 60,000 students are expected by 1970. Where will we put them?

It is interesting to note that about 24 per cent of the state's high school graduates live within 30 miles of Charlotte. But there's not a state-supported college within 90 miles of Charlotte.

The need for an economical institution of higher learning in Mecklenburg is tremendous. This is already one of the South's largest population centers. Furthermore, it is a young, growing area. It is the perfect spot for a large, state-supported, four-year college or university. Mecklenburg can have that great university some day. But it must start the ball rolling next Tuesday. A resounding vote of confidence in community colleges would indicate to the governor, the General Assembly, the Advisory Budget Commission and the State Board of Higher Education that here the demand is for higher education in Mecklenburg.

Furthermore, an affirmative vote on Tuesday will give Mecklenburg a superb community college system tailored precisely to the needs of this county. In the words of John Angus McLeod, historian of Mars Hill College: "To be permanent a college cannot be built. It has to grow. To thrive it must be indigenous to the area in which it is planted. To be strong it must send its roots far into the soil and withstand the winds, flood and droughts. To serve fully it must identify itself with its constituents, sharing their aspirations, their struggles, their successes."

THAT is all Charlotte's community colleges ask—a chance to serve fully, to identify themselves with Mecklenburgers, to share their aspirations, their struggles, their successes. They deserve the chance.

Charlotte's Tycoons Have A Duty, Too

"BUSINESS," Gen. Robert E. Wood once said, "must account for its stewardship not only on the balance sheet but also in matters of social responsibility."

It was more than casual eloquence by a famed U.S. tycoon. The man who once headed Sears, Roebuck & Co. and founded Allstate Insurance Co. continued to teach the lesson that the modern corporation had a new role—that of a responsible corporate citizen, contributing in a variety of ways to the general welfare and improvement of the community from which it derives its livelihood.

It is more than a little significant that a touring exhibit of the paintings commissioned by Allstate for its policyholders' magazine came to Charlotte's Mint Museum of Art today to climax the Mint's own experiment in corporate solicitation. While the paintings are being displayed here, the community's business and industrial leaders will be asked to donate a few much-needed dollars to the

museum's modest but uniformly excellent program.

Few cultural enterprises in Charlotte are more deserving of business support. Privately concerned with the visual arts, the Mint is also a center for all related arts. It enriches the community's cultural heritage, of course. But it is also a source of plain, unpretentious enjoyment for thousands of citizens. It is one of those small but vitally important institutions that make Charlotte a happier place in which to live and work—a matter which should be of intimate concern to local industrialists.

There is a broader social significance in this marriage of capitalism and art. It has given the people at large access to a great wealth of cultural values available only to the privileged few. In Charlotte it has made the heritage of the elite the bright light today of the common man. That, too, is worth preserving. We hope Charlotte's business and industrial leaders will be generous.

From The Raleigh News & Observer

IT'S PERSIMMON TIME AGAIN!

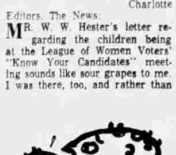
DURING the time when the early fall wind was changing from a cold, ponderous puff to a sharply whetted knife, boys used to go hunting for persimmons. The proper time for seeking persimmons is still that period when the wind is insouciantly rambunctious but hasn't discarded his pulled-out-the-brass-knuck, and commenced ardent vandalism.

Despite popular belief, the persimmon (or date-plum) is not always astringent until frozen, nor does freezing make all the fruit edible. There are some boys, even today, who are said to possess the same inexplicable genius for finding ripe persimmons that older men possess for ascertaining what is a mushroom and what a toadstool. The trees, usually neatly round-topped with gnarly drooping branches, often range from 50 to 100 feet. It requires an athletic superman to shinny, wiggle, and claw to the top. The fabled expert who makes it to the top and then shows a mouth as puckered as if he had swallowed all the onions in creation looks to the fellows on the ground much as Enoch Arden must have looked when he finally returned home and found another pup in the parlor.

The sweetly ripe persimmon is usually yellow with a pink check on the sunny side. It is a curious up-side-down Jack-O-Lantern with a pink flame. Although there are countless natural seedlings, the old date-plum has received scant horticultural attention. Many contend that its hardwood is excellent for interior finishing. But most of us is just as well that the wayward darling is still furnished largely unnoticed. It is the one natural wonder that is withstanding all the pressures of conformity. It is nature's yellow-headed orphan. It has not been conformed to a juicy (or sour) level and the first flutters of frost. It has never worn a top-hat on a menu nor been immortalized at the supermarket. It was made for boys who need a sweet excuse for tramping the woods and fields when study is too much of a good thing.

An earlier patrol shouted, "Millions for defense!" That, however, was when prices were lower. — MATTOON (The Journal Gazette).

When atomic war comes, the chances are all for it will be cremated equal. — ELBERTON (GA) STAR.



People's Platform Children in Politics? It's The Very Latest Issue

Two-party political system in North Carolina. The second day I heard some Republican candidate or spokesman begging the voters to vote for their candidate regardless of their political affiliation.

Yes, I have not only learned the full and complete meaning of "double talk," I have likewise been treated to a double dose of "double-talk" in a political ward, but I do have some notion when I am being hoodwinked and taken for a ride. Moreover, I know when I go to the supermarket or small grocery store that my food prices have increased far out of proportion to my meager wages.

When I see large numbers of textile plants closing and growing public utilities, I know better when told I "never had it so good." I resent being told by these Republicans that unemployment is a thing of the past when I see my loved ones, friends and neighbors out of work for month after month.

There is an old saying, "Fool me once, shame on you; but fool me twice, shame on me." Brother, I have had it, and I don't intend to be taken in by Republican oratory and be fooled again. These Republican men pleading for voters reminds me of the boy who murdered his father and mother and then appeared with a plea for mercy because he was an orphan.

Oldsters Can Learn Much From Youth

REGARDING Mr. Hester's present attitude about children being present at the "Know Your Candidates" meeting, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, I was not at this meeting, but feel that adults could learn much from the children of today and feel that we, as adults, should be proud to see them take an interest in politics.

Childish Adults Criticized, Too

I AGREE with Mr. Hester. Children should stay out of politics including childish adults who can't stand hearing a Democrat criticized.

Kids Ought To Be At Home Studying

CHILDREN should be home studying and not all over town along Democratic political rallies.

Democrats Let Living Costs Increase More

THE Democrats continuously urge us to vote for David Clark, by way of melodramatic housewives on TV and by mass distribution of Clark comic books. One of the main talking points has been the "high cost of living."

During the seven years under Truman and a Democratic administration, the cost of living rose nearly 50 per cent. During the six years under the present Republican administration, the cost of living has risen only nine per cent.

Mr. Jones has played a vital part in helping to restore the integrity of the dollar in his work on the important House Appropriations Committee. We are indeed fortunate to have a man of his character and ability representing us.

Fool Me Twice, Shame On Me

ALL MY life I have heard the term "double talk" without giving it much thought. However, during the current political campaign I have realized the full and complete meaning of double talk. One day I heard some Republican candidate or spokesman, on the radio, begging the voters to vote for their candidate in order to establish a good strong

washed after, repeat after, ballots are counted; when he proposes that the people of this community are less able to choose a candidate than is the General Electric Co. we say that in effect General Electric is trying to disenfranchise the men and women of this area.

Unbelievable as it may seem, Cordner proposes that this program be financed as part of the cost of doing business. In other words, in the long run the people of this community will be paying for the program themselves.

To us in the labor movement this tactic is an old one. We know it as "bribe-taking." In the international field it is known as "Nasserism" as defined in the current issue of the Harvard Business Review as "an outstanding example of cynicism in the managerial strategy." I urge the men and women of this community to vote as they see fit and in numbers that will convince General Electric management that these Fascist-like tactics have no place among the free American electorate.

Mecklenburg Should Return To Heritage

MECKLENBURG! How mighty thy voice that reaches far beyond the Tenth to the corridors of Congress. How imperious you will that decides the fate of your neighbors. How powerful your voice that draws the murrain of the Catawba. Your emences foreshadow the grandeur of moun-

Critic Of Bar Would Boost JP's Powers

I FEEL impelled to say a good word for the justice of the peace, especially since for a while society is using him for the whipping boy for the court's evils.

The bar, in its court reform program, proposes to abolish the J.P. system without replacing it. The J.P. system is as old as law itself.

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Cordiner's Proposal Blasted By Carey

WITH THE election still days away, there is a plan to convince the voters in this area who elect liberal candidates that they "knew not where they spoke."

DYNASTY CRUMBLES

THE then Gov. Warren maintained in power in California a whole Republican dynasty which continued at his last election. Now it is headed it, it began to quarrel and divide when he came here to the chief justice of the United States.

Just at this moment, with his home base slipping, a powerful challenger for national Republican consideration has arisen in the form of the two biggest states, New York and California.

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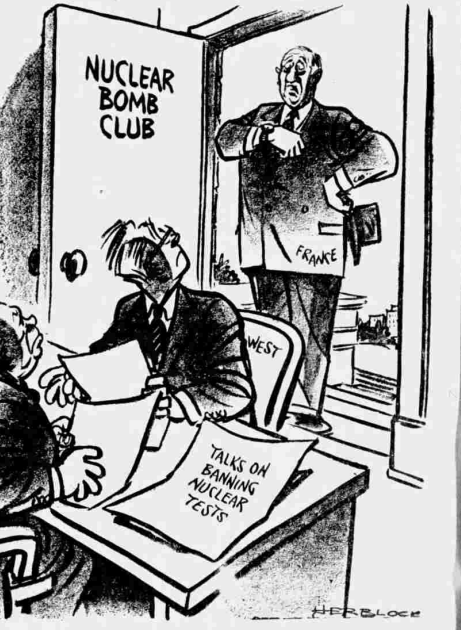
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A Fading Star? Nixon's Luck Runneth Out

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON MORE THAN campaign nerves lies behind Vice President Richard M. Nixon's outburst against the press which is accompanying him on his final effort to stem the Democratic tide.

Everywhere he looks the political situation is working against his ambitions and is out of his control. Nor has he any training for this type of adversity for he has made his meteoric rise largely on the coattails of two fabulously popular men: Earl Warren in his home state and President Eisenhower nationally.

What Nixon sees in the immediate future has been widely reported. It is a Democratic trend which could be reduced by the reassertion of old voting habits in the actual balloting, but is most unlikely to be stemmed.

A really substantial Democratic majority in the Senate will even minimize the vice president's only constitutional responsibility, which is to reside over the Senate and State Department. In a recent narrowly divided Senate, his has been an important power. With voters so sure, the Democratic leaders won't worry much about where the vice president stands.

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among them, only to discover that there, too, the old GOP foundations are shaken and the potential party powerhouses are few. It is hard to believe that there are many Democratic "sleepers" in this area who will be coming to Washington after Nov. 4, but all observers out must look ahead.

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