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People's Platform Teddy Roosevelt: A Knight In Shining Armor?

Rock Hill, S. C.
The News:
THEIR'S quibbling shenanigans
... at the corner of 4th and
S. Church, quoting Menck
to prove that Teddy Roosevelt was
not a great shakes as a President is
the getting the NAACP to give
Kasper a character reference.

Year "historical inclusion" is
started toward a limited view.
Your research failed to send you
to Pulitzer Prize winner Arthur
M. Schlesinger Jr. in "The Crisis
of the Old Order." In the Harvard
University historian writes:
"The Progressive era was an un-
precedented time of popular edu-
cation. The muckrakers in press
and magazines disclosed the tech-
niques of political and business
corruption. And political leaders
sought to show how honesty and
integrity was provided the remedy.
... The greatest of them all in his
public impact was Theodore Roosevelt
of New York. Roosevelt trans-
formed the imagination of the
American middle class as did no other
figure of his time.
... His capacity for moral indignation
was unlimited; his energy cascaded
everywhere.
... He stirred the conscience of Amer-

which the Russians came out de-
cidedly second-best.
You used the word "refurbisher."
This is a poker term, meaning
an effort to bluff with four
cards of the same suit while five
of the same suit is required for
a flush. The correct spelling is,
therefore, "four-flusher." D. I. C.
K.
... "When" that error would never
have gotten by the proof-reader.
— R. C. PAGE

Editors' Note: Reader Page,
right on both counts, was the
pot. It was Russia, not Germany,
and the spelling of the poker
term makes a threeflush out of
us. Pacing Dick Young.

A Posthumous Hit For Triple-O Joe?

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
MR. J. R. Cherry in the Nov.
27 People's Platform reported
that Joe McCarthy, the "pro-
fessional patriot," was vindicated
in the Annie Lee Moss case. If
Annie Lee is a Communist it is
we do not know. At most, she
was a bush league, so score one
hit for Joe out of hundreds
of smears. The FBI needs the
big ones—the couple that was
executed.

Joe McCarthy did vastly more
harm than good. Once he had
our country almost divided, im-
plying that he was not allowed
to expose Communists. At last
the people came to their senses.
Joe died almost a forgotten man.

My real purpose for this letter,
Mr. Editor, is: Why must we
depend on Mr. Cherry for the
news behind The News. His
report is certainly newsworthy.
Will you add to it, explaining
the Subversive Activities Control
Board? Is it trustworthy?
—ROBERT ALEXANDER

Editors' Note: The Subversive
Activities Control Board was
created by the Internal Security
Act of 1950. The act was passed
over President Truman's veto.
Mr. Truman objected particularly
to the registration provisions
of the act which he called "not
merely ineffective and unwork-
able (but) a clear and present
danger to our institutions."

For Green's Sank, A Note Of Thanks

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I WISH to thank your paper—
most especially Ronald Green
—for the fine article about "Sut"
Alexander and the appreciation
dinner honoring him by his
friends.
—MRS. "SUT" ALEXANDER

United Fruit Policies: 'Point Four In Action'

New York
RE: Drew Pearson's Nov. 16
column.
United Fruit believes that its
social and labor policies have
been a pillar of strength to the
economically backward countries
where we conduct our agricul-
tural operations. Our
countries (25 of them), our hospi-
tals (12 dispensaries (12))
all attend to that. So do the
modern houses we build for our
big, sprawling family of nation-
als. So do the labor policy
which seeks earnestly to seek
out what is right—and then do
it. A recent objective study of
United Fruit to be made by the
Planning Association develops
the fact that the company has
been leaving within the produc-
tion area more than \$7 for every
\$1 in profits withdrawn.
Random facts such as these
make us out to be a "Point IV
in Action" type of company.
—E. S. WHITMAN
Director, Public Relations
United Fruit Co.

Maybe Christmas Is Unconstitutional

Redfield, S. D.
Editors, The News:
ENCLOSED please find a copy
of a letter I have sent to
Chief Justice Earl Warren. As
you can see, this letter is a
satire on the Supreme Court's
"historic decision" of May 1954.
When I lived in Greenville, S. C.,
I read The Charlotte News
regularly and I thought that it
would enjoy my sense of humor.
The letter to the chief justice
follows:

By the time the Essex finally
showed up, the crisis had cooled
off. The big carrier steamed
around
definitely for
12 days, then quietly departed the Far
East.
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launcher had been fired at Formosa,
it still hadn't reached the port of em-
barcation in the United States.

Drew Pearson's 'Military Courtesies' Delayed U. S. Arms

Editors' Note: While Drew Pearson
is news-gathering in Mexico, his column is
being written by his assistant, Jack Ander-
son.
WASHINGTON
THE long-suppressed story can now
be told. How military protocol and
a desire to get the proposed
reinforcements from reaching the For-
mosa Strait at the height of the Chinese
Communist threat.

Ordered By Ike
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"With all due respect to the
profound wisdom and righteous
decisions of the United States
Supreme Court, I humbly submit
the following request for your
consideration.
"Please declare the Christmas
holiday unconstitutional. It vio-
lates the clause in Amendment
Fourteen which reads: 'No state
shall deny to any person within
its jurisdiction the equal protec-
tion of the laws.'
"The power to set aside cer-

tain days of the year as legal
holidays is a power vested with
the state. Every state in the
union recognizes Christmas as a
legal holiday, but I know of no
state which recognizes Yom Kip-
pur or Passover as legal holi-
days.
"In other words, the Jew is
being denied equal protection of
the laws granted to Christians by
the state inasmuch as the state
recognizing the Christian reli-
gion, but not granting equal
recognition to the Jewish reli-

"If necessary, please send fed-
eral troops to see to it that no
Jews are deprived of their con-
stitutional rights by being dis-
cussed entrance into the banks and
other public offices on Christmas
Day.
"After all, all men are created
equal regardless of race, color,
or creed."
—WALTER H. UNBUE



A Nostalgia Cocktail 'Prohibition' In Chapel Hill

By ROBERT C. RUARK

Perhaps I had youth on my
side, but I cannot seem to re-
member any tearing hangersover
from honest white male. For one
thing, enough of it made you
sick. For another, it was not
complicated with a lot of artifi-
cial flavoring and other junk.
The same applied to grain alcoh-
ol, if it came from a decent
source. You might suddenly suc-
cumb to momentary paralysis in
a mid-stripe, but you generally re-
covered.
SMART-ALECKING
I cannot say why, at that ten-
der time, the young found it nec-
essary to drink. Perhaps it was
emulation of parental boozing
except neither one of me drank
— perhaps it was just smart-
alecking. All that I know is we
did and certain dormitories and
fraternity houses achieved a curi-
ous prestige according to how
much corn they consumed.

After it took me a long time af-
ter drinking became legal to quit
feeling guilty about it. Apart
from the Saturday night stuff in
the fraternity houses, most of my
social tipping had been per-
formed in the back seats of cars,
surreptitiously in a booth at the
shady hamburger joint, or in the
shadow of a tree outside a dance
hall. Or snatched from under a
blanket or a slicker at the foot-
ball games.

LET 'EM RAVE ON
THE FRANK DRYS
but it seems to me that the bil-
lions of dollars in taxes and em-
ployment that the reversal of Mr.
Volstead's little whim has reaped
is a little better than seeing the
cream go to the Capones while
the customers went blind or cra-
zied. Several lesser jobs, including am-
bassadors, were created. Secretary of
the Navy Tom Gates may be asked to
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UNC 'Men Of Distinction'
Had A Curious Prestige
I suppose the people in the big
cities tipped in imported sugar-
cane gin — or hand-down stuff
that bore imported labels, and
later sent you raving — but about
all we knew down South was sim-
ple alky, home-brew, and corn.

What Mobility?

Yet the Army and Navy have been
beating the drums about their mobility
to fight small wars. Of the American
firepower that was mustered to meet
the Formosa crisis, the Navy supplied
less than 10 per cent. The crisis was
over before the Army got any signifi-
cant reinforcements into the area.

Headlines & Footnotes
Negro leaders are planning to cam-
paign next for integration of public
housing. They will argue that federally

Will Charlotte 'Let Them Eat Cake'?

THE school of Charlotte's hungry
pchool children continued to hang
heavy on the community's conscience
today.
It should.
That such conditions exist in North
Carolina's "wealthiest" city is shame-
ful.
That satisfactory solutions are blocked
by red tape and legal peculiarities is
worse.
Obviously, the answer must be found.
The community has a moral, if not a
legal, obligation to care for its needy.
That obligation is particularly inescap-
able where children are involved.
This is not "coddling" or paternalism.
It is not a question of giving hand-outs
to underserving adults or setting up a
dole. It is a question of how a society
can insure the survival of its members

by helping those who can't help them-
selves.
Admittedly, some of the parents of
these children are worthless. So, what?
Kids are still going hungry. It's the kids
we're interested in at the moment. Their
worth is considerable. So is their poten-
tial. So, too, is the necessity to help
them get the nourishment they need.
After all, these are economic assets
we are dealing with, not liabilities.
Our investigation has uncovered the
problem. It has not turned up a wholly
satisfactory solution. That will depend
on the ingenuity of the community as a
whole and the depth of its devotion to
the common good.
It is certainly not a matter that can
be filed and forgotten after a round of
official tulle. "Let 'em eat cake" was
a nice enough bon mot for its day. But,
somehow, it hardly fits the occasion.

The Rare Tonic Of Old Towns Runs Out

FROM Greensboro, William D. Snider
laments the passing of olden graces
in Salisbury — where Adlai Stevenson's
grandfather, the vice president of the
same name, found in 1872 "the most an-
cient looking town I ever saw."
"In cutting down 's great trees and
disemboweling its old houses," Snider
writes, "it destroys a part of its heritage
which not a dozen service stations or
supermarkets can replace.
"A young Adlai Stevenson I, fresh out
of the newness of Illinois, might revisit
Salisbury 100 years hence, not at all
at its ancient" qualities but rather on
the fact that it looks exactly like Keokuk,
Ia., or Kalamazoo, Mich."
His lament reminds us of a fleeting
weekend visitor, a vicar out of the rug-
ged Macbeth country of Inverness at the
northern tip of Scotland. He stopped by
nearing the end of his first visit for 21
years to this country, and between ques-
tions about the Loch Ness monster he
talked of changes since he last touched
the New World.
They were remarkably few.
A decline of friendliness? No, indeed.
"I have been astounded, as always, at
your magnificent hospitality."
The great hurry? "Your hurry is a
myth. Of course you do spend a lot of
time doing nothing, deciding where to
go or what to do. But so do we; so does
everyone."
There were, however, two things.

"You never hear locomotive whistles
blow anymore. When I was here 20 years
ago, my most vivid memory, everywhere
I went, was of the train whistles blowing
at the crossroads. Deisel horns don't
have the same tone."
No, the signal change, he said, is the
decline of friendliness in the towns and cities.
"They all are beginning to look the same,
and if you were dropped by parachute
into Norfolk you could hardly tell it from
Chicago."
We wondered at his examples. But
yet here are two testimonies from de-
facto resident Adlai Stevenson I's from the
detachment of time, of 86 years. Our
Scottish friend is from the detachment of
time. There are many beauties and con-
veniences about the sleek modernity and
the glass canyons which are transforming
the cities. But this change is also stereo-
typing them, sapping their uniqueness.
Salisbury has lost these offer today
a rare tonic of refreshing age.
But soon they, too, will be museum
pieces in memory.

Life In America

PARL Wilson reports, in case you
missed it, that the State Department
has cracked down on a band which had
plans to market a recording of the STRAN
SPANGLED BANNER CHA CHA.

There may some day be some
research on how continuous dis-
turbances by the "Hiss P. D. Roose-
velt" forces have affected our
thinking and reaction to the men-
tion of the name Roosevelt. Per-
haps some of this hue has discolor-
ed our thinking.

Cod-Liver Oil Pills Before Waterloo?

THE folks proclaiming our destiny fill
the world like locusts.
The Marxists tell us that since our
economy is capitalistic it is destined to
collapse into rubble and ruin.
Historians of the Spender-Tovynbe
school tell us our civilization is living
on borrowed time.
The Freudians can "explain" our em-
erency action as being driven by our ar-
bitrarily ill-controlled by nambly-
pamby super-egos.
Now, as if we didn't have enough of
these people telling us what we are
bound to do, say, think, and feel, along
come the vitamin and mineral people
saying the same thing. "Your school
marks, your I.Q., your S. A. and your
chances for making J. V.," writes one
Ruth West, a journalistic nutritionist,
are controlled by vitamins and vitamin-
complexes.
Depressed? Do you have feelings of
"prehesion, suspicion, instability, for-
getfulness?" You must lack niacin.
Tense? Nervous? Unable to relax?
You must lack calcium.
Unable to study or make friends?
Lack of iron is the villain.
All this set us to wondering how, in
the long, dreary centuries before the

rise of vitamin research they ever
managed to have a civilization. If Demosthe-
nes had known about skim-milk (high
calcium content) he might not have
been run mar down to a great orator. If
Julius Caesar had had his niacin in plen-
ty, he might not have contracted power-
madness; but perhaps if Constantine
hadn't had plenty, somehow, he would
have been too suspicious of the Chris-
tians to become the first Christian Ro-
man emperor. Also, the possibilities are
too high to enumerate, but we wonder
fervently to what feats of vitamin com-
plexes we owe the quirks, the contribu-
tions, of Charlemagne, William the Con-
queror, Henry VIII, Louis XIV, Napoleon,
and all the rest. Would the course of
history have been altered if someone
had slipped Bonaparte a cod-liver oil
pill before Waterloo, or William a shot
of iron concentrate before Hastings?

And, of course, we lesser mortals:
Wherein have vitamin deficiencies and
excesses altered the path of our lives?
Rather than accept our vitaminiferous
or mineral deficiencies, we are of a mind
to have our symptoms tested and plot our
futures with niacin or B1. But not now
please — we are due on a Freudian's
couch in just five minutes.

Young Would Have 'Remembered When'
Editor, The News:
I ENJOYED your issue of Dec. 1. You
carried an essay on the con-
troversial character, The e o d r e
Roosevelt, our 26th president.
Although I was not in existence
during the time of Teddy and his
"big stick" I was not of voting
age and do not feel qualified to
express an opinion on the merits
or demerits of his politics.

COONS, INSIDE STRAIGHTS & CRAPS

COON hunting — southern style —
has been added to the curriculum
of a "hunting school" being sponsored
by the North Carolina State College Ex-
tension Service. The school, to be in
session one week, gets under way the
end of this month in Southern Pines, N.
C.

Blending, or "Craps shooting, for Juniors
and Seniors Only, an insight into the
Vagaries of Little Joe."
The possibilities appear to be unlim-
ited.

Other courses to be offered as part
of this slightly novel excursion into the
realms of the higher learning (Tuition,
room, board guides and dogs: \$175. In-
clude quail, deer and pheasant shooting.
When we last heard, 18 students, in-
cluding one coed, had enrolled.
We have been privy for many years to
courses in "snipe hunting" instituted by
jokesmiths on some of our Virginia cam-
puses, and the inquiries into the inner
mysteries of wrestling and dishwashing
once available at Columbia University
(and possibly still on tap there) had en-
gaged our rapt attention. But coon hunt-
ing, and quail, deer and pheasant shoot-
ing, as outlets for the academic urge
strike us as more than slightly bizarre.
Maybe ere long we'll be witnessing
courses in Parker I (How to Bluff) and
Poker II (Inside Straights, Their Use and
Abuse); "Mixology — the Science of

One of two women riding on a bus
suddenly realized she had failed to pay
her fare. "I'll go right up and pay it,"
she declared.
"Who bother?" her friend replied.
"You got found with it—so what?"
"I've found that honesty always pays,"
said the first woman virtuously, and went
up to pay the driver. When she returned
to her seat she exclaimed, "See, I told
you honesty pays: I handed the driver a
quarter and he gave me change for 50
cents."—HIGH POINT ENTERPRISE.
The Federal Trade Commission has or-
dered a crackdown on trickery in price
advertising. It has no jurisdiction over
political advertising. — FORT MYERS
NEWS-PRESS.
Art critics bemoan the fact that today
there are no great painters. Come, come.
Some of the women do a pretty tidy job
—MIAMI HERALD.



Is It For Real?

... Young men followed him
in the service of the common-
wealth as they had followed no
American since Lincoln.

To Mecklen Teddy Roosevelt
might have been a gigantic charlat-
an but to Schlesinger "Theodore
Roosevelt, indeed, was more com-
plexed than he sometimes
seemed. He sensed with brilliant
insight the complications of Amer-
ica's new industrial might.
With all the boisterousness of his
personality, Roosevelt sought to
awaken the nation to a recogni-
tion of new responsibilities.
From the start of his presidency
Roosevelt was engaged in battles
to vindicate the national will
against its boldest domestic chal-
lengers—the trusts and combines,
the court favorites of earlier Re-
publican rule.

What would have happened to
America had not Roosevelt fought
off the trusts? The earlier Roose-
velt's younger friend Henry L.
Simon pointed out "we now look
to executive action to protect the
individual citizen against the op-
pression of this unofficial power
of business.
Like the character in "Arsenic
and Old Lace" I say we owe a
debt of our appreciation of one
of the great Presidents —
Theodore Roosevelt.

Editor's Note: A. R. SCRITZ
in "Crisis of the Old Order,"
also writes: "He 'Roosevelt' gal-
lantly led the mounting
discontent with which Americans
were contemplating business rule.
By offering this discount release
in uniform, he no doubt re-
duced the pressure behind it to
accomplishment." And: "Roose-
velt was never against the trusts
was neither very consistent nor
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I noticed that you made refer-
ence to a meeting in Portsmouth
at which T. R. was arbiter be-
tween Germany and Japan. I
have always understood that ar-
bitrating was for the purpose of
formulating a peace treaty end-
ing the Russo-Japanese war, in

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