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Truman

Harry S. Truman perhaps was a courageous and outspoken president, but his trip to North Carolina this week gave no indication of this.

He described the trip as one to bring votes for the Democratic Party, but if the party takes as many equivocal stands as Mr. Truman, the party will surely lose votes.

His non-committal policy shown out strong when talking about civil rights and Paul Butler, and the fairly obvious political pandering for votes in saying that the Democratic Party welcomes all people, which is indicative that Mr. Truman welcomes people such as Orval Faubus which Chairman Butler was not so willing to admit. If the current Tritman philosophy were to hold true, the Democratic Party would turn into a thing that would mean all things to all

The two-party system depends eventually non divergence of point of view, and if this divergence is not achieved, the United States may as well have a one-party system devoted to the platitude of better government, They have something like that in the Soviet Union and the thought of this should not appeal to too many Americans.

The Democratic Party will have to decide before long on how it stands on civil rights. It had better adopt a strong civil rights platform, stronger that that of 1956. It should be a platform that should challenge the reactionary Southerners to stick to its provisions or get out. If they get out, then and only then does the Democratic Party have a chance to consider itself the party of the people - all people whether black, white, gentile, or lew.

Finland

The fall of the 19th post World War II ever. government in Finland is again indicative of the role that economics has to play in world politics.

Finland's governmental fall was a direct result of the Russian witholding of needed trade from this country due to the viewpoint of its prime minister.

The economic issues in the world today are taking a more important role than ever the baby moon into an orbit before.

The United States, for instance, is finding from earth. that the idea of freedom is not as appealing to the people of Southeast Asia as the idea of being assured of a meal the next day. And it is on this that the Communists are capitalizing.

The time for the United States to realize that military defense and pious statements are not enough to insure freedom for America and other peoples of the world is now. There must be a concrete aid program to meet the economic offensive that Russia is waging. Without this, the United States stands only to lose.

Christmas Decorations

Graham Memorial has gone whole hog on Christmas decorations and the end product books very nice:

The production of the gigantic wreath on the from of the building took quite a bit of effort, and those putting in the effort are to be congratulated.

Best Dressed

Why is it that the winners of "best dressed" contests usually receive as their reward, a wardrobe of clothes?

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The World News In Review

"I'm Right Behind You, General"

Ed Rowland

The top news this week, and also the grimmest, was the Monday fire in Chicago which killed 90 students and 3 nuns teaching them in a parochial school. It started in the basement of the school (exactly how is not known.) and raced up a stairwell to the second floor where most of the pupils were waiting for the dismissal bell to

The fire's suddenness caused fire officials to look for possible arson clues, but none have been turned up. The fire chief theorized that a sneak smoker carelessly tossed a cigarette butt into a pile of waste paper which caught fire.

The fire was the third worst school blaze in the United States in the last 100 years. It brought on a flood of school inspections across the country as officials sought to prevent a recurrence of the fire. Three schools in New York City were closed as having fire hazards.

Another fire, this one a forest fire racing across the mountains of Southern California near Malibu Beach, was almost completely under control late this week after burning more than 20,000 acres of the most picturesque scenery in

Officials here also suspect arson, although concrete evidence to that effect has not been found. Thirty or more homes, a few of them mansions owned by movie and television personalities, were destroyed. No lives were lost, how-

At Cape Canaveral, the Army was making plans late in the week to try a shot at the moon with its rocket Juno II carrying a 30-pound satellite in its nose. The Air Force probes earlier in the fall, which failed, were aimed at putting a man-made object in orbit around the moon, while this one may send around the sun millions of miles

The launching missile itself is a Jupiter-C missile topped by three stages of small sergeant rockets. Dr. Werhner Von Braun said the rocket will be aimed at the moon but that chances of hitting it are extremely slim. He said it was hoped it would soar farther into

In the civil rights field, Arthur Flemming, Secretary of Health Education and Welfare, made a call for reopening the 13 southern school shut down to avoid integration. He figured that more than 16,000 pupils were missing their regular classes due to the locked

He said reports submitted to him show that pupils in the substitute private schools are not getting anywhere near the same quality education they should have. He added that local groups are coming to realize that integrated

schools are better than no schools,

called a tool of the NAACP and the Communist Party by Virginia's Gov. Lindsey Almond.

And in Alabama, the Civil Rights Commission began its long-awaited investigation of voting discriminations in six counties during the week, and voter registration files have been subpoenaed.

ernor-elect) John Patterson has said the files are confidential in formation and not subject even to court-ordered inspection. An appeal to the federal courts would probably take years to resolve.

At least one county official declared the commission would get none of his county's records unless Patterson said okay. And one more county had its records impounded by a state judge to prevent the commission from getting

In the somewhat chaotic world borderline of renouncing its alli-

and that they would exert pressure for their reopening.

State Atty. General (and Gov-

of foreign affairs, Iraq is on the

Moonglow

Joe John

Sidney Porter, who had become famous as O. Henry-writer, suffered the inevitable fate of all human beings. He died. Now some group in Texas, pleasantly named the Texas Heritage Foundation, has petitioned President Eisenhower to posthumously pardon the world-famous author of bank embezzlement charges. He had been convicted in 1898 by a Texas court.

The Foundation, headed by a retired general, claims that "there exists today abundant evidence of his innocence, and his conviction was surely on circumstantial evidence." Carl Van Doren, in the 1943 edition of the Dictionary of American Biography, stated that the bank of which O. Henry was the teller "had been managed very loosely and the loss of not much over a thousand dollars seems to have been due to him only in a technical sense." Thus it is quite possible that O. Henry was probably not in actuality an embezzler, but more an impractical man who lacked considerable knowledge of

financial affairs. So what? did not hinder in any way the fulfillment of his lasting achievements; in fact, the incident was quite likely the most significant factor in their inception. His questionable flight to Honduras and his subsequent experiences there became the foundation of many of his most celebrated literary offerings, including the excellent Cabbages and Kings. Confinement for O. Henry was no intolerable hardship, for he was accorded all sorts of privileges. Then too, it

Forty-eight years ago, William was in prison that the famous knack for expression was nutured, developed and employed. And the man was an obvious failure as a bank clerk.

It is doubtful, moreover, that one of a thousand people who have at one time or another become acquainted with the short stories of O. Henry was aware that the man was a "jailbird." Even less of these would have been seriously disturbed. Is not art, art and talent talent no matter its origin?

The list of great men of letters who have had their difficulties with established law is not short. It reaches back to Francois Villon, the extraordinary medieval French lyrist, and advances steadily to Ezra Pound in our own time. Even the more questionable abilty of Caryl Chessman has staved off his imminent death sentence for several years. O. Henry, therefore, although perhaps not a powerful a genius as some, is in no mean company. If he was innocent, it matters not now; the man has been dead for a half-century; il is his work that lives; it speaks The fact that he was convicted for him; his life is inconsequential

Why, then, dig into a man's grave and, by exposing to ridicule once again his human failings, do him more dishonor than any honor that might be achieved with clearing him of an antiquated charge? I am certain that the magnamity of the Texas Heritage Foundation may be turned with much greater usefulness to other pursuits. Let the sleeping dog rest in peace. It is the prowling wolves that must be dealt with.

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ances with the West and joining revolution that overthrew the prowith the Nasser Arab bloc or western government, the nation the Soviet sphere. Since the July has almost officially abandoned

Ron Shumate

The author of a letter in yester-

day's paper stated that he was

disgusted with the intellectualism

Granted many articles appear on

this page which are filled with

large words, flowerly phrases and

the like. Granted also that many of

these are "too deep" for the aver-

BUT, if people were the least

And of all the forgotten faces.

interested in improving their vo-

of this editorial page.

DE GAULLE

I will readily admit that many

of these "intellectual" articles

are above me. And I will also ad-

mit that I do not attempt to learn

the meanings of many of these

words. But the fact remains that I

do make SOME attempt to learn

SOME of them. My roommate and

I spend from 15 to 30 minutes al-

most every night going over the

words each of us has learned dur-

Intellectualism

the Baghdad pact.

State department officials have said they do not know yet whether the shift in sides had occurred or not. They have been unable to get clear-cut answers about the foreigs policy of Iraq.

The Iraqi foreign minister declared in Cairo this week that the new trade agreement between Iran and the U.S. constitutes a direct threat to Iraq.

Also in the middle east Israel and Syria have had border trouble again and the UN will be asked to settle the matter. Both the United Arab Republic and Israel have accused the other of precipitating the artillery exchange early in the week. In Finland the government fell

late in the week as a result of Russian economic pressure on the nation. The government had been fermed of a coalition of five parties excluding the Communist party, which controls 20 per cent of the legislative seats.

Russia refused to buy Finnish products and the pressure exerted on the merchants and manufacterers of the nation caused the government to fall. No word is yet available as to what will be done.

And as to the Berlin crisis, which has cooled somewhat from the threatened war two weeks ago, the Allies were seen to be pursuing a "go-slow" course of action. The Russians have announced that they have turned over all control of the city and its corridors to the west to the East Germans. The Allies came back with orders to its troops still in the city to protect the vital arteries to the outside.

The Allies are expected to confer more about a policy, and no decisions have been made yet except that they will remain at all

we do not know as we see them

during each day, and, when we

have a few spare minutes, look

them up in a dictionary. But I do

not wish to set my roommate and

myself up as examples. I am

It would seem, to some, that

those "high-brow" editorials are

written with the intention, of the

writers, of impressing friends and

aries. But this is not necessarily

Those who have such vocabul-

aries use big words almost auto-

matically. They use such words as

easily as us "ordinary folks" use

smaller, more-easily-understood-to-

But there is still the fact that

many articles are written by

"ordinary folks" for "ordinary

folks." They may be easily read,

more interesting (sometimes) and

all that. But 'They Don't Make

People Think, And if people don't

think when they read the articles,

The letter writer, who happens

to be a good friend of mine, also

stated that he is "nervous" when

he writes something for this page

because he is "afraid some of the

words" he uses "aren't big

enough." This is a negative atti-

tude. Why should someone be

afraid to write something for this

reason, when he communicates

verbally ith others everyday? He

doesn't seem to be afraid to talk

to people, so why should he be

If he desires less intellectual

editorials, why doesn't he write

some himself? If he thinks edi-

torials should be more simply

written, why doesn't he write some

I do not mean this to be deroga-

tory in any way to my friendship

with the letter writer. He stated

his views, and I am stating mine.

His letter was simply written. My

article is also simply written. Just

note the absence of intellectual

words. This is because I do not

have an intellectual vocabulary.

But that does not defer me from

cpinion verbally, so why should I

be afraid to express it through my

writing? But again I am digres-

Editorial writers should not have

to conform to any set method or

style in which to write their arti-

cles. They should state their opin-

ions as best they know how. If

they wish to express them in sim-

ple fashion, fine. If not, fine.

Things seem to have gotten along

so far, so why not leave them to

make it the rest of the way?

afraid to write to them?

simple ones?

the-non-intellectual words.

what good are they?

foes with their wonderful vocabul-

digressing.

Pip's Quips

When the State Student Legislature meets next week and begins its business, undoubtedly the question of whether the N. C. Delegation of the SSL represents what the students think will come

Controversial issues will be discussed and the stands taken probably won't please everyone. However, it must be allowed that the delegation be accepted as representative of the group who had the most interest in applying for positions.

Pringle Pipkin

All students had a chance to apply for the committee. If you assume that the delegates were chosen fairly (I think they were), then it follows that delegates represent the different viewpoints roughly (radical, liberal, moderate, conservative and reactionary) proportionally to the number of students who applied.

To be truly representative the UNC delegates could be elected, but since there are 39 members of the delegation, this system does not seem too

Consequently, if you feel that your ideas and opinions were not voiced by the delegates, then, when the SSL delegates are chosen next year, you should apply and make an effort to have those who feel the same way you do to apply also.

There is some question as to what the proper attitude of UNC delegation be. Should the delegates attempt to represent what they feel is the general opinion of the students or should the delegates. attempt to lead and shape student opinion?

I think that the majority of the delegates feel the latter attitude and that their action will generally be "liberal." The "moderates" and "conservatives," who tend to think of themselves as composing the majority of the student body will be unhappy, will complain. (I feel this contention is correct though the majority is not by a large mar-

Their unhappiness really won't be justified. This group of students too often takes a negative attitude and too often is content to let the "liberals" control policy making committees without making a determined effort to see that their own viewpoint

Mere complaints are not enough; some action

This article is not intended to be a defense of any action which the SSL delegates may take, but rather it is meant to show that those persons may not be pleased with the results of this year's delegation might take efforts next year to see that their ideas are represented.

Letters

Today was a black day in the history of our

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Today Dr. Erkenbraaker hurled an eraser at one

of two dogs who were barking during his lecture on Egyptian hieroglyphics. This was an act of gross inhumanity.

Dr. Erkenbraaker threw the eraser at the straw-

berry colored dog. He did not throw the eraser at the more common variety of Black and white dog. This was an act of gross color discrimination. All liberal minded students of the University

must rise up in one shout of protest against such heinous inhumanity and discrimination. Or liberalism will surely die forever on our

Something must be done about this.

We must send a telegram. Chuck Nisbet

Just what is the lowdown on the proposed constitutional amendment which would give the student government the power to select our head cheerleader? The student legislature has approved this amendment, but in no way has it supported its action with basis or reason. Does the proposal possess any merit whatever? Evidently it does not since we lack information about it. This may be an attempt to hoodwink the student body. Our right to vote and elect our own head cheerleader is at stake. The legislature is hastily willing to take this right away from us and is just as hasty in leaving us uninformed on the reason why. The legislature is there to do some things for us students, but not everything. We can choose our own head cheerleader. We have done it before and we can again. Are we capable to elect our student government leaders, but incapable to elect our own cheering leader? Our abilities are not that inconsistent!

This scheme does an injustice to our intelligence. I hope the students will think about, then vote according on this proposal.

John R. Whitty

Editor: I would like to compliment Mr. Roy B. Goodman on his letter to the Editor, of November 26, 1953.

I am sure that everyone was very pleased by Mr. Gans' editorial on the subject of independents in the last election, and it is my opinion that unless the two parties on this campus put forth some hard-working candidates in the Spring election, that this campus will have a large number of independent candidates elected.

I was very impressed by the election of Dewey Sheffield. I think that he will be heard from more on this campus and that the parties on this campus would be wise to try to get him join, as he will prove a great asset to the party to which he be-

I had never met Dewey until the campaign, but he made a lasting impression on me, as I am sure that he did on many, many students on this campus. as was clearly shown by the large vote which he received, in the past election.

I feel sure that I can say that the two political parties on this campus clearly have their job cut out for them in the Spring election, if they expect to capture many positions.

Ronnie Bull

Letters

cabularies, these articles could be ing the day. This is helpful to both

Alone

a stone, a leaf; an unfound door; of a stone, a leaf, a door,

Naked and alone we came into exile. In her dark womb we did

Which of us has known his brother? Which of us has looked

O waste of loss, in the hot mazes, lost, among bright stars on

Thomas Wolfe, LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL

not know our mother's face; from the prison of her flesh have

we come into the unspeakable and incommunicable prison of

into his father's heart? Which of us has not remained forever

this most weary unbright cinder, lost! Remembering speechlessly

we seek the great forgotten language, the lost lane-end into

O lost, and by the wind grieved, ghost, come back again.

heaven, a stone, a leaf, an unfound door. Where? When?

prisonpent? Which of us is not forever a stranger and alone?

To Mr. Patrick Marnane;

From your letter I wasn't sure exactly what you were criticizing besides the YMCA, the Quarterly, "beat" magazines, and everything except letter writing but in case you are criticizing the Spectrum, as a member of its editorial board, I am inclined to write you a few opinions of my own.

Your criticism of the YMCA implies that the people there can't manage the Student Directory either, and this may provoke them from their silence on the subject of Spectrum and CURRENT BUD-GET PROBLEMS. This is good-I'd like to hear them talk.

The Quarterly, to be sure, is a nice conservative safe journal, (copies by subscription), and we need this along with the Davy Poplar Tree. Naturally, they must restrict themselves to poems and essays written by miss PHOENIX, who has been published in eleventy seventy DIFFERENT literary magazines throughout the ENG-LISH speaking world and who has recently published in ENGLAND where she now lives. This is why we need a student magazine called Spectrum. You must know that people who write things who will

be published according to the standards of the Quarterly live in ENGLAND. Or was it Australia?

Spectrum should be an exciting very much to Jim Hausmann.

No opportunity to establish an outlet for creative ability should be ignored. Especially when there is a place for a Spectrum or any other magazine of this type. It is my hope that Spectrum will remain independent, and thereby retain the freedom to express itself. Only in this way can an art form expressing my opinions in print. mean anything at all. Creative I am not afraid to express my these days, has to be slight-"radical," and it progresses because of the freedom that allows it to be so.

T. CRANE JR.

magazine, and it will be "beat" if you think so, "good" if you like It, reasonably priced if you buy it, (no duty on naturalized student manuscripts), and published whether you like it or not, thanks

I hope, Patrick, that you like the magazine-I may even send you a copy. According to Tom Sawyer, (good old everything-bythe-book-Sawyer) we ought to have a duel-let's make it ink bottles at five paces under the YMCA

Graduate Student