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Judge Bobbitt's Historic Decision

A GREAT deal more than a \$10,000 appropriation for parks is involved in the important legal victory the City of Charlotte won in Superior Court Saturday. This precedent established out 1900 and 1900 are to the propriet out to the superior Court, should are move one of the great barriers to civic progress in every city in North Carolina—the limited interpretation of Section 7, Article 7 of the State Constitution, which requires the special permission of the voters before municipalities can use general funds for any but "necessary" expenditures. Court rulings of the past have held that parks, playgrounds, libraries, and similar projects are "immoessary" and have reculined as a "immoessary" and have reculined for the superior them.

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Indee Bobbitt set aside the old precedents on the ground that "the law is an expanding science, designed to march with the advancing battalions of life and progress, and to safeguard and interpret the changing needs or a created as not being needs or a created as not being a necessary expense in 1888 does not necessarily apply in this day and time. When the state became industrialized and congested ireas developed, new legal situations came into being

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ly apparent in the matter of parks.

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were no towns in North Carolina sizeable enough to deny children access to the fields and pastures and creeks that are the best of all playgrounds. Today there are a dozen cities in North Carolina in which no open space exists except that provided and from the control of the constitution. Constitution.

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If Judge Bobbitt's decision stands in regard to parks, it will certainly open the way for comparable interpretations in the matter of libraries and similar institutions and services. It will allow municipalities to meet the so-called "cultural and social" phase of their responsibility without going through the involved process of winning approval for a special, ear-marked tax. City administrations will be able to budget appropriations for parks and libraries just as they do appropriations for streets and water plants, to raise the ante in times of special need and cut back appropriations when there is a general need for economy. The forces of progress in North Carolina owe a vote of thanks to Attorney Carol Taliaferro and Citizen John R. Purser Jr., who brought the friendly suit against the City of Charlotte to test the law, and to Judge Bobblit who has once again demonstrated his considerable vision.

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We have always been lukewarm on the moral approach to the evil of gambling, holding the conviction that the sucker who as foolish enough to go up against mack organized rackets as the butter 'n eg lottery, the horse parlor, or the housen poker game deserves about what he yet. We do believe, however, that such rackets about the uprotect of the good as an erganized and highly profitable basts and apawns areas of attendant revils ranging from aron to wholesale murder. The current experience of Louisville is a case in point. In a stark, black headline last week The Courier-Journal announced that the advance guard of Chicago's Capone samp and moved into the city to take over the racing news business and the attendant racing rackets. Police Chief Bissuti has expressed the belief that some of the unsavory characters now infesting Louisville are tied directly to the Chicago's continuous control of the control of the

North Carolina's Number One Need

HE North Carolina Good Health Asso-Lation, picking up the tempo of its drum-beating in preparation for the next meeting of the Legislature, has sent out a sheef of background information on the health of the state. Little of this is new, but it is carefully selected and assembled so that it should persuade the most re-

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The report ranges the whole field—draft rejections, maternal and infant deaths, meetal illness, toberculosis, veneraal dis-mental illness, toberculosis, veneraal dis-mental illness, toberculosis, veneraal dis-mental veneral dispersion of the second of the contra-mental veneral persuada program in a state that ranked 44th in mational per capital income in 1940. It citize the dismal statistics on existing hos-pital facilities. It touches on the short-age of doctors and nurses. It answers, so far as we can see, any conceivable arguage of doctors and nurses. It answers, so far as we can see, any conceivable argu-ment that might be brought up for putting off the medical care program for an-other decade or two. The report is primarily designed to pro-vide volunteer workers of the Good Health Association with pertinent facts to use

as they go about establishing working or-ganizations in every county. But one sec-tion, at least, seems to us to offer an ex-cellent summary of the whole program, and the reason for its being:

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In draft rejection statistics, for each year of the war. North Carolina was between of the war. North Carolina was between the control of the war. North Carolina was been percentage of draft rejections in the United States—during this period 42 per cent of whites were rejected, and 71.5 per cent of combined record of five leading orphanages in North Carolina. Between them they had 1,800 boys and giris called to service, and only 16 were rejected. Less than 1 per cent. 1,800 boys and giris called to service, and only 16 were rejected. Less than 1 per cent. the Mayo Clinic for examination? They received three plain, wholesome, well-balanced measis a day and periodically a doctor felt on the country of t

Is there anyone in the house who cares to challenge the GHA's slogan: "North Carolina's Number One Need—Good Health"?

Another Voice

A Note On Towns And Trees

THE North Carolina Supreme Court was — doubtless sticking to law when it decided that it had no authority to prevent the Coldsboro Board of Aldermen from turning a park into a parking place and swapping shade for concrete. This is keeping the responsibility where it belongs, on the local authorities. The duly elected of the control of that The city may be control of that the city can be control of the control of the city can be control of

'He's Taking An Awful Beating, Folks'



'Nonsense! Gobbeldygook!' CHARLOTTE The Blameless Klan

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they are "deprived of an opportunity" by any "selfith minority".

A few years ago I was talking with a mill worker who told me the mill owners were selling the mill ployee had only to put up a hundred collars in cash, the balance was financed over a long term. I remarked that it seemed a very good idea and my informer agreed it would be if only the folks could get for the selfic of the selfi

hat they could"!
Who would give up a car and whisky just to own
me? I could see what he meant.
—G. E. JOHNSON.

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(NOTE: When the B'nai B'rith, the NAACP, or the Sons of Italy take to hiding under bodaheets, deny civil liberties to "Anglo-Saxons", use the whip and the rope to intimidate American citizens who do not share their faith, and publicly desecrate religious symbols we shall be the first to demand that the Attorney General take action—Eds., Tux News).

Medical Care DURHAM A Sone of the incorporators of the Good Health A Asociation, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and express the appreciation of all of the incorporators for the articles and editorials on the Medical Care Program in North Carollina.

Burke Davis' handling of a rather complicated subject was most excellent.

—GEORGE WATTS HILL.

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Samuel Grafton

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But now, I think, it is the conservatives who are about to look
at each other with a wild surmise. They, too, are going to find
it a little difficult to know what
to say next. With the government
definitely abandoning economic
controls, Mr. Taft will have to
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POSITIONS SWITCHED

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neutral during the war.

Goering's testimony, pieced logether with statements from Foreign Minister Ribbentrop, ex-Ambassador Dicekhoff and a dozen other Nazis comprises one of the most revealing chapters in recent American history. It has been written by O John Rogge, special assistant to the Attorney General and the man who convicted Boss Pendergast of Kanasa City, Governor Lethe of Louisiana and the old Huey Long

machine.
The minute word leaked out that Rogge was writing this report, however, pressure began to pour in on the Justice Pepartment. Many interested Americans wanted the document suppressed—for reasons easy to understand. So far it has been. However, this column has been able to obtain one of the suppressed copies and will publish some of the most important portions.

In view of the dangerous state of our international re-ations today, it seems important that the American people calibe the manner in which a foreign government partly obsoned our public opinion before, in order to make sure t does not happen again.

Suppressed Highlights

H report:

1. The Reader's Digest, largest circulating magazine in the United States, was being used to some extent by the Nazis. It actually paid \$4500 to Lawrence Dennis, self-styled head of the American Pascist Party, and one of those indicted for sentition.

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2. Sosthense Sehn, head of the giant International Telenes & Telegraph Co., was being used by the Nazis for

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2. The Nazis altew in March 1960 that John L. Lewis

was coming out against Roosevelt in the November election, though Lewis's own coal miners did not know it until six months later.

4. James D. Mooney, vice-president of General Motors, had told Nazi agent Westrick that he would try to sell Roosevelt on getting along with Germany-even after Hitler Roosevelt on getting along with Germany-even after Hitler Coughlin wrote a letter to the German Consul in Detroit aksing German support for Coughlin's war against the Jews and Roosevelt. An emissary of Coughlin's, Leo T. Ribbentron.

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These are only a few of the many startling highlights of Hitter's desperate gamble to keep America neutral. If he had succeeded, if the United States had not gone to he aid of England after the fall of France, the story of the wars outcome might have been entirely different.

Plot To Defeat Roosevelt

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the suppressed report dealing with Nasi attempts to
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Roosevelt. He even had the same idea in 1944, which was
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Accordingly, Ribbentrop's American Committee was again on the job, this time headed by Colin Ross.
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