THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

The Separate Court Is At Stake

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1946.

E concerted effort of the lawyer-poli-Test concerted errors of the lamb trackers of Gaston and Mecklenburg to svoid a contested election in the solicitorial be has failed, and it is now certain that Mecklenburg's Ben Whiting will face Gas-Basil Whitener in the primary. We been baffled from the first by the

have been baffled from the first by the assumption that there was some virtue in the effort to prevent the voters' of the two counties from having a voice in the selection of their chief law enforcement officer, and we're delighted that the deal under which Mr. Whitting, in announcing his intention of staying in the race and making a real fight out of it, has stated the basic issue. He believes, and the Mecklenburg bar agrees, that the election of a solicitor from this county is essential to the success of the effort to establish a separate superior court in Mecklenburg. From the electronic of the success of the effort to establish a separate superior court in Mecklenburg. From the electronic in our opinion, that has been the overriding consideration, and Mr. Whiting's stand has our unqualified endorsement.

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Since the campaign promises to be an active one, it is perhaps inevitable that it will become a battle of personalities Mr. Whitener, taking over the solicitorship

when the death of John Carpenter, has established a notable record in the office, clearing up the crowded docket for the first time in many years. We certainly do not question his competence, although since his candidacy stands as a threat to the separation of the court district and as a guarantee of the continuation of an unsavory political arrangement, we are bound to oppose him.

Mr. Whiting has all the necessary personal qualifications for the office—integrity, ability, experience. At a time when it is extraordinarily difficult to find good men willing to accept the comparatively meager salaries afforded by public office, his candidacy unquestionably represents something of a personal sacrifice. His willingness to undertake it is, perhaps, his best recommendation.

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We confess to a passing regret that the election will have to be fought along county lines, with some of our good neighbors in Gaston convinced that Meeklenburg is using its larger population to take over an office that properly belongs to the other end of the district. But we are, as we have said before, convinced that the election of Ben Whiting will lead directly to an overdue judicial reform of great benefit to the citizens of both counties.

Jimmy Byrnes And The \$64 Question

JIMMY Byrnes apparently found a pre-Jabricated deadlock awaiting him when he arrived in Paris for the meeting of the Foreign Ministers. He is, by his own ad-mission, pessimistic over the chance of reaching any sort of solution acceptable to America and Britain on one hand and

America and Britain on one hand and Russia on the other.

Even if the one-time Allies still maintained the unity of the war years, the peace settlements would be difficult enough. Britain and America, generally speaking, want to keep things pretty much as they were before the war. Russia wants territorial alterations favorable to herself and her satellites. Today, with something kery much like a diplomatic guerilla war going on in the United Nations Security Council, nobody at Paris is likely to approach these differences in a spirit of weet reasonableness.

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Behind all the dickering in New York and Paris there lies a Set question: Do Russian territorial demands represent an homest desire to protect her own borders or are they part of an expansionist scheme lawolving eventual world revolution? It seems incredible that Mr. Byrnes, after all his face-to-face conversations with Russian leaders and with all his sources of diplomatic information, deesn't know the research and with a deeper the contract of the contract diplomatic information, ucessive and answer. But it is clear that he doesn't, and

his uncertainty explains the tight-rope performance that is rapidly earning him

performance that is rapidly earning him a reputation as an appeaser.

If Mr. Byrnes had the answer the problems of Tripoil, of Iran, Manchuria, all the other danger spots, would still be difficult but they would not be insurmountable. He could address himself to them in positive fashion, resisting the Russians if he were convinced of their desire for world conquest, co-operating with them if he werenit.

nt. The tragic thing is that American un-certainty tightens the lines of conflict with Russia, preserving and strengthening what might have been minor differences, reviv-ing the world of power politics. And, since it really is one world, the division of opin-ion in Paris undermines the UN Security Cuntal in New York Council in New York.

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And beyond that there is the danger of our new national tendency to place our bilm draith in UN. The theory of world organization, which we have steadfastly refused to make a fact, has become what Justice Roberts calls 'an anodyne'. It buils us, and we dream soft dreams of peace while little Jimmy Byrnes wrestles with the hard realities of war.

And time slips away, the area of conflict grows larger, the answer to the \$64 question moves toward a dark certainty.

Post-Mortem On The Bond Election

The have accepted the verdict of the bond election as final, and have no desire to perform an elaborate post-mortem But some of the statements of public officials concerned have a peculiar interest.

Mayor Baxter, for instance, makes an excellent point when he attacks the strange bond election law of the state as a deter-

bond election law of the state as a deterrent to progress.

That odd law, providing that for certain
ron-essential" projects a vote not cast by
a registered voter is a negative vote, strikes
us as a rather remarkable perversion of
the franchise. It has the effect of placing
a tremendous barrier in the path of such
facilities as libraries, airports, parks, civic
auditoriums, etc. The theory, we presume,
is that the voters of North Carolina mumicipalities have demonstrated an irregeonatbility in the past, and it has become
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sponsibility in the past, and it has become the State's duty to protect them against themselves. We'd like to see the legality of that statute tested in the Supreme Court, not because we have any frustrated desire to reopen the dead issues in Charlotte's bond election, but because, here and elsewhere, the vote against registration will be an important factor in future, unrelated elections. Registration, after all, hardly seems a proper basis for determining the desire of the majority of the voters, being simply a preliminary part of the process of casting a ballot. Suppose, for instance, a citizen who registered in the recent bond election, and planned to vote for all the projects on the list, fell ill on election day and was unable to go to the polis. Certainly seems of the process of the process of the list of the world have no right to expect his vote, which he couldn't physically east, to be counted in lawor of the bond issue. Why will be the process of the lawor of the bond issue, which is count against it? Has been or a lower of the count against the will be comed a positive factor in the election, guaranteeing a vote cast in his name and against his wishes. That, in our curbstone judgment, would corre as an excellent basis for a test case. That, in our curbstone judgment, would

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But, far more pertinent, and more disturbing, than any warmed-over controversy on the vote against registration, was for the vote against registration. We have a superior of the results of the results

conscious. And yet, it too falled to bring out the voters.

Like Mr. Glichrist, we regard this as the most disturbing manifestation of the bond issue. It is not surprising that the voters were not moved by an atrustist cappeal to make a financial sacrifice for the common good. But neither could they be moved by an appeal to their selfishness, a call to take positive action to protect themselves against a tremendous tax increase. We are reminded, watching paralysis creep over our democracy, of the disillusioned poet of the disillusioned Twenties who 'prediced that the world would end not with a bang, but with a whimper.

Another Voice

Eye-Rubbing In Asheville

EVERUIDING

TO CENTLY the City of Raleigh conducted a referendum on a \$100,000 bond issue failed of passage. There, then, would Raleigh get the money? I subbod our eyes, gapped (audibly, that and strained at the page again when read the following in no less an advoit than the Raleigh News and Observer: There is smother source from which the specific hinds can be obtained and funds that source—the profits of the Wate State of the Wate State

'I Ain't Got Any Traditions'



People's Platform

The State's Minority Vote

MOST Tar Heels will agree that our democratic system of government, our liberty, is our dearest possession. But the shocking fact is that most of use the state of the state o

year.

--MARY PRICE, Secretary
Committee For North
Carolina.

Reds And Redcoats

NEW YORK
TO the legislature of the United States of America:

Great Britain is now using the "RED" scare to hoodwink you into giving her four billion dollars. Do you men believe this propaganda, that Englishmen will really become siaves of Moscow (by becoming Communists) unless we give them that four billion? Perhaps the real truth is that she is trying to get us to pay the cost of maintaining her struck great with the struck of the struc

Why don't you MEN insist that she use the Why don't you MEN insist that ahe use the the billion dollars which she has invested in the United States. Re: Representative D. Reed's report). Twice we won a World War for Britain and immediately thereafter she shows her ingratitude. Why don't we ever learn?

Do you think for one moment that you could give four billion dollars he Great Britain without give four billion dollars he Great Britain without give four billion dollars he greenments and estroying our trade in Bastern Burope. Iran and China, while we sit back and consider giving her six billion dollars; all under the guise of improving our world trade. Just what is wrong with us. Won't Blistein makes all have to Increase her we.

Russia makes all haste to increase her war forces, while the Communists in our midst urge us to destroy ours.

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Will the money that is to be given to Russia
be used in an attempt to destroy us?

The last time it was "scrap iron." Will it be six
billion dollars the next time?

when, oh when, will Americans WAKE UP!
In case you grant this loan it will be time for

-LILLIAN FRIEDA FREY

(NOTE: Let's be sure we've got this straight. There'll be two lights if the British are coming by see, and one light if the Russians are coming by land? —Eds., The News).

The Small Heritage

WE can expect the atom war in our time. T. D. Kemp tells us that capitalism after the First World War was unwilling to pay the terrible price necessary for permanent pence, and Drew Pearson tells us that capitalism. Uncle Sam that is, is less that the people ought to be told, and this I have now done.

w done.

Mrs. Roosevelt seems to think that a common guage might deafen us somewhat to those drums of hate that periodically beat upon our ear. We might, conceivably, arrange something like this without

conceivably, arrange something like this without getting hurt in our (gulp) pocketbook, but would not this price, even, be too great for the end?

In other words, suppose that only an average of one thousand citizens are left alive, per nation, after the atom war. They would at least have their own native language left to them intact. Being a fair man, however, I am forced to admit that there is something to be said for both sides.

—A. E. BASSETT.

P.S. Please tell your readers that alcoholic beverages are not only habit forming, they are also expensive, I mean gruesomely.

DAYTON, O.

Enriching Thought

DAYTON. O PECENTLY a devout man told me he never had menough money to go to Palestine and visit the Mount. He said that those who did go saw nothing but the hillside.

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He visited the Mount through the spirit realm and the group that was there 2200 years ago was called the spirit realm and the group that was there 2200 years ago was called the spirit realm and the spirit real works a historian wrote a minister in Dayson that the ten tribes migrated to England and Jesus was not a Jew.

H's immaterial, who preached the sermion or where. The thought has enriched the world to this day.

-F. M. KIRKENDALL

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—therwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will wighhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tue News.

Marquis Childs

POWERFIII, WEAPON

Jobs-For-All Delay

WASKINGTON

Colff members of Congress who worked hardest for its adoption are beginning to wonder what has happened hardest for its adoption are beginning to wonder what happened hardest for the happened by the happened by Fresklett Turman, and yet no section has been taken, and yet not not have and you with the safe, and seen of whom shall be a perthe president, by and with the safe, and seen of whom shall be a perthe president, by and with the safe, and seen of whom shall be a perthe and to formulate and recommend, to appraise programs and interpret seconomic developments, to appraise programs and to formulate and recommend
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The total is far below original
expectations. But even if the number of jobs should increase, as the
Veterans' Administration predicts,
forever. There are about 1.500,000
veterans not now classified as unemployed who soon will be looking
for job opportunities,
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thead, the Predictive Economic
Council could serve an important
function.

salled for under the bill. POWREFUL WEAPON While it is true that the Full Employment Bill was pretty badly watered down by Congress, those Employment Bill was pretty badly watered down by Congress. The could be a powerful policy-making weaprounder to be the law the Preddent is recurred to but be compared to the even in its present form, it could be a powerful policy-making weaprounder to compare the control ing recommendations for promoting useful employment. For those able, willing and seeking to work." Advisers would help the President prepare this report, and he is empowered to zend supplementary rareport in the president property. The control is a report, prepared with changes in economic trends occur. Such a report, prepared with thanges in economic trends occur. Such a report, prepared with the recommendations. But it would be hard to ignore them since, if the President's predictions were proved the recommendations. But it would be hard to ignore them since, if the President's predictions were proved to be control to the province of the prepared to be control to the province of the prediction was provided to be on the spot. The provinces of the prediction was the by Leon Henderson in February of 1937, At that point, business recovery seemed to be assured. President Roosevelt Bertram Benedict

The Price Of Cotton

WASHINGTON

IN the current fight in Congreat to weaken the powers of
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other investments for the form
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prominent. Cotton growers blame
OPA for the fall of cotton prices
on the cotton exchanges by a
cent a pound furing a single day
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margins required for dealing in
cotton futures.

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The part played by cotton in the national economy can hardly be overestimated. Almost one-fourth the first played by the control of the United States, lives on farms growing cotton. Cotton is second only to wheat as a cash crop in the United States, and until recent years was shead of when the country of the cotton prices.

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December, 1923, the price
was away up again to 29 1/2 cents,
but this rise was due to low production from the ravages of the
ers benefited. Then the price tell
steadily until the average for 1931
was only 8 3/4 cents.

Under the Agriculture Adjustmen restricted in order to Solter
the price. The Bankhead Act of
1931 imposed a tax of 50 per cent
of the market price on the ginning
pating in the acreage restriction
program.

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of 1938 authorized loans on cotton at 53 per cent of the parity from a cotton at 52 per cent of the parity only slightly because yield per acre was riang.

WORLD WAR IF PRICES

After the outbreak of World War parity price formula rose sharply, and Congress in May, 1941, raised the loan rate on cotton to 83 per cent. In 1944 to .22 1.2 1942 the loans at the latter rate part of the control of th

Drew Pearson's Pearson Pays Tribute To Harlan F. Stone Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

IF I were to choose a leading American of 1986 as an inapiral atton to my son, I think I would pick the man who died in harness this week as Chief Justice of the United States. I would choose him not only because of his great attainments, only because he rose so high from such humble beginned that has day and that last failtering opinion, Harlan Fiske Stone kept his zest for living.

Despite sedate years on the Nation's highest court, there was a lovable, hopsing quality about Chief Justice Stone. In one of the court, there was a lovable, hopsing hadden about the book case to boy's dream—a secret button which caused a book case to swing saids, revealing a hidden door. This hidden door led to a secret passageway from the Chief Justice's study to his dining room.

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Infarctedum Stone
In fact there were a lot of things about young Harian Blone
that meticulous parents might not approve. Some of his
neighbors even though this name should have been Harleguin,
for he led so many youthful night-shirt and ducking parties
that eventually he was expleid from an agricultural college.
I would pick Harian Blone as a model for my boy,
despite all this because thortly thereafter he managed to
harness his exuberance and worked his way through Amherst
by peedling typewriters, selling finaumance and tutoring

other students. He paid his college expenses every cent of

the way.

The way proved—as Douglas MacArthur also demonstrated by standing first in his class at West Point—that a boys start in college sets the pace for what comes after. Stone served for three years as president of his class, attained Phil Beta Kappa in his junior year, managed the Amhers' Blu Beta Kappa in his junior year, managed the Amhers' Blu Classmates "the member who would become most famous." Perhaps calvin Cooliges, who was one class behind Slone, remembered that record when Collidge—suddenly catapulted around for a new Attorney General and finally selected his old college-mate who had worked so hard and done so well at Amherst.

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Later, Stone worked his way through Columbia LawEdition and finally was grounded single forced theremond, and finally was grounded single forced theremond. And during all the fame that followed, Stone
never forgot those beginnings, never was too busy to help
youngsters who, like himself, struggled to finish college.

Stone The Teacher

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O'ND of these was William O. Douglas, a pennilees law student at Columbia when shone was dean of the law school. Most busy college executives would have given Douglas a five or ten-minute pep talk; but Dean Stone devoted two hours to telling Douglas of his own problems in setting through college and in advising him what to do. This week, that same William O. Douglas, now a Supreme control of the college of the college of the college has not teacher when he was stricken on the bench that old teacher when he was stricken on the bench put to the college of the college

Justice at Mrs. Stone's Monday "at homes." He was a source of inspiration to young artists, young writers, young musicians. Once, after listening to behind the property of the stone of th

Stone The Pupil

let em do let!" may, wnether I like it or not, Goddessil, Undoubtedly those worfs were in Stone's mind when, in his famous dissent in the triple-A case, he said:

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