

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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More To Be Pitied Than Censured

THERE is a strong temptation to chide
the harrassed Republicans for the ir
failure to carry out the exuberant plans for
wholesale reduction of Federal expenditures they used as hait when they were
casting for votes last Summer. The temptation, however, should be firmly put aside;
leaders of the GOP should be congratulated, we think, for belatedly coming to grips
with reality.

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Even lone - suffering tax - payers must recognize that Chairman Knutson of the House Ways & Means Committee was at least energing from never-never land when he announced this week that all prospects of his cherished 20 per cent across-the-board income tax reduction had gone elimenting. Originally Mr. Knutson seemed bent on cutting taxes and then cutting the budget to conform. Cooler heads have now prevailed and the Republicans are reconciled to trimming income to fit expenditures.

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The difficulties are enormous. In order to-reduce income taxes by 20 per cent it would be necessary to lop at least \$8 billion of President Truman's \$375 billion budget. This might seem easy enough at first glance, but, as the Republicans soon discovered, it can't be done without reducing appropriations for national defense.

We have been subjected to such a constant barrage of criticism of New Deal spending for social purposes most of us have come to believe that these activities account for most of the national budget.

The hard fact is that they now account for less than ten per cent of it; the remainder goes for meaning the following the follow

The Filibuster Question Again

THE Republicans, as a matter of Party policy, are bent upon eliminating the filibuster in the Senate. Hearings are being conducted this week before the Senate Rules Committee on various bills designed to limit debate through a simple majority

southern Congressmen, among them Senator Hoey, are fighting the limit on debate, as is their custom. Their stated reasons vary somewhat, but all of them agree that the fillbuster is a necessary parliamentary safeguard for the rights of the South. When a clear majority of the Senate aerees upon lecislation—such as the Fair Employment Practices Bill—which is repurant to the Southerners they are now able to turn back the majority by an oratorical marathon that ties up all Senate business.

However worthy the cause in which it is used (we have a good many reservations about FPEC ourselves) the fillibuster is a dublous weapon. Obviously it is undemo-cratic, and no amount of highflown argument against the injustice of limiting debate can alter that fact. The fillibusterers do not debate, they kill time—reading duil statistical reports into the record or, as in the case of the late Huey

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Long, discussing the merits of various types of potlicker. Moreover, it must be noted that the fillbuster has been, for many years, the exclusive property of the Southern Democrats. We can't recall a New England fillbuster. or a West Coast fillbuster: always

crats. We can't recall a New England fill-buster, or was the oratorical barrace is laid down by the gentlemen from south of Mason and Dixon's line. The explanation for this lies in the one-party system, which cuts the South off from full participation in any political party. With little real influence in Democratic councils, the Southerners age not able to swing their Party into line against such essentially non-partican legislation as FEPC and must light their battlets on a sectional basis.

But we find the fillibuster most deplorable because it stands as evidence that the South has never quiter rejoined the Union. When our Representatives fight against the passage of legislation clarify acceptable on an oversehelming majority of the thint of the county of the cou

In The Cause Of Brotherhood

CHARLOTTE has four distinguished CHARLOTTE has four distinguished guests today, visitors in a worthy cause. Attorney General Tom Clark will speak tonight at the annual Brotherhood Week dinner sponsored by the North Carolina Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. His first assistant,

olina Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. His first assistant, Lamar Caudie, will be a guest of honor. Former Governor J. Meville Broughton will present a Brotherhood Award to Prestent Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina.

There have been hose provided a more timely topic. The four Southerners who will discuss it here tonight — three Tar Heels and a Texan — have broken many a lance in the cause of racial tolerance. And they have waged their crusade, for the most part, in their native region where tolerance, unfortunately, still has some rarity value.

If they are of a mind to do a little summing up at dinner tonight they will find much in the Southern scene to depress them. They will have to take note of the revival of the white primary in Georgia and Alabama. They cannot ignore the first lynching of 1947, a peculiarly bruat one that took place only a little more than a hundred miles from here. But on

the credit side they will also note signs that, even though the battle is far from won, the South is still fighting. They will note, for instance, that Homer Loomis who came to Atlanta secking a fertile field in which to plant his fascist ideology, has been convicted by a jury of white Georgians and sentenced to a year in Jail.

The balance, we think, was struck by constructive the control of the control of

Another Voice

The Vindication Of Lili Marlene

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I ILI Marlene was the sort of girl back to home who would appeal to the heart of any soldier-even, also, a faithless one. Her sweetheart might be wounded, captured, dead. He might be gallivanting around with some bewitching foreigner far away. Never mind—Lill remained true to him. But Lill's young man seemed to be a Nast. One heard the song about her and then stopped; in the middle of whistling it. One thought of Lill's soldier occupied in bombing coventry, teroriting the people of a French village, shooting down civilians in But them Lills seemed well not of him. But Lills seemed well not of him. But Lills seemed well not of him. But them Lills seemed well not of him. But them Lills seemed well not of him. But the lille six the stopped of a French willage, shooting down civilians in But the lille six the stopped of a French will see the stopped of a French will see the same that of collaboration with the Nazis. The home of collaboration with the Nazis. The home of collaboration with the Nazis. The song, of course, was the stopped of a French will see the same that the tune and a French music publisher. has just been cleared of collaboration with the Nazis. The song, of course, was table the stopped of a French will see the same that the tune and a French music publisher. has just been cleared of collaboration with the Nazis. The song, of course, was table the stopped of a French will see the same that the tune and a French music publisher. has just been cleared of collaboration with the Nazis. Now comes the snap pending of wheth age cleared of collaboration with the Nazis. Now comes the snap pending of which great the tune of collaboration with the Nazis. Now comes the snap pending of wheth age cleared of collaboration with the Nazis. Now comes the snap pending of their own girls and they sage, to dream of their own girls and they sage, to dream of the winds. Now comes the snap pending of their own girls and they sage, to dream of the winds. Now comes the snap pending of their

'I Did It With My Little Hatchet'



People's Platform

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value in your state. As a sponsor you surely are to
be congratulated.

If the Charlotte News issues similar publications in the future, we would welcome an opportunity to DONALD B. ARMSTRONG, M.D.
Second Vice-President, Health and Welfare, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

NEW YORK
THANK you for your tabloid report on health conadditions in North Carolina. It is both honest and
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I congratulate you for a fine job well done, and am confident that it will be a means of starting fast changes for the better.

—EDWIN F. THAYER, Publisher, Tide.

WANT to thank you for the complete report on the Good Health movement in North Carolina. I have looked it over thoroughly and the diltin and to wish you will will be diltin and to wish you well with your newspaper work. -FRED C. HUBBARD, M.D., Wilkes Hospital, Inc.

Merit System

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Giliots, Tex News:

I AM a regular reader of your articles, and I have found them to be very interesting reading, especially a superior of the control of the

NEW YORK be for the Negro. By doing this, one is able to judge those tests by color, race and creed.

Then too the ment system seemingly is being prepared in order to weed out the Negro teachers, wherein it should be for the weeding out of both and the scarcity of the white teachers. For there are poor teachers in both Negro and the white reaches I would be glad to see this system put to work as soon as possible.

I just wanted to mention some of the things you spoke of in your article that I think should have been read over and double checked before publishing.

(NOTE: The goal of the metit system is to resurd more efficient teachers in all the public schools. We see no danger of unfair discrimination; the best guarantee against it is the traditional fairness of the state public school system, one of the few in the South to establish a complete equalization of teach-ers' pay-Eds. The Nrws).

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chair contend that profits are not sufficient to just and the presented before the PCC is disverting of relay traffic from the Charlotte relay office to other mechanical offices, thereby affecting the employment of approximately 150 employees. The employment of the e

More than 150 signatures were secured on this petition.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications be accorded to the control of the contr

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Harold Ickes

More On Third Term

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Drew Pearson's: Atom Bomb Ushers In Buck Rogers Era

WASHINGTON

T is difficult for the average person to understand the amazing vistas opened up by science during World War II and resize that the unbeliable era of Buck Rogers fantasy. The most obvious development was the atomic bomb. Not as well known but perhaps even more fantasite are the numerous secrets of the earth which the bomb's inventions. Not as well known but perhaps even more fantasite are the numerous secrets of the earth which the bomb's invention of the scientists have been working on a project for setting of a controlled chain reaction in the crust of the earth. This project is described by the scientists are for off the earth would be made to burn in a slow but continuous stream. Simultaneously, these scientists are reported to be preparing on the stream of the set of the same and the set of the same of the set of the same

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WHILE Senator Bob Tait of Ohio was opening fire on the
melopreal trade program, another prominent Republican
was firing from the opposite direction—right inside President
Truman's private office.
The second Republican was Eric Johnston, scrappy HollyThe second Republican at the White Bouse not only to
recommend retention of reciprocal trade, but to uncork
some views of the coming General Conference, as which time
the USA will sit down with seventien other nations to from
white the Conference of the Conference of Commerce and frequently mentioned as a GOP Presidential
dark horse, emphasized that have General Trade Conference
will succeed. He strongly urged Truman to do just the
reverse of the Tait policy and work for the mutual lifting of
restrictive tariffs on international trade.
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Johnston argued that all nations will have to learn to sacrifice some trade advantages to gain others, and no nation can expect aiways to get the best of the bargain. In the

long run reciprocity works out for the advantage of everybody England, for instance, Jehnston told Truman, sells Scotch whisty cheaper in New York than in London because of the advantage it geins in the exchange of other goods, looking to us for leadership, we must continue to take the lead in world co-operation, the movie cara declared. President Truman's reaction to this unusual Ballon. He was almost speechiess. Though Johnston is known for his forthright, theral ivers on forcein affairs, not since Franklin Roosevelt was alive had the President's office heard such two-fitted philacophizing.

Lilienthal's Daughter Reveals Secret

DURING the height of last week's ruckus over his confirmation as head of the Atomic Energy Commission. Dave Lillenthal received a "top secret" message. It was a valentine from his 22-year-old daughter, Nancy.

Inscribed on a heart surrounded by bursting atoms, the valentine read:

TOP SUPPLY TOP TO SUPPLY TO SUPPLY

entine read: TOP SECRET
Subject: Atomic Information
From: An Admirer of Long Standing, World-Shaking
Division.

Division.
Though Senators may rant and rave
And commentators hiss,
When Gollath snaris at Little Dave,
Just remember this— When Gollath snaris at Little Daw; Just remember this— Urasium supreme within my heart. The simulation of the simulation of the Tim amitteen with a nuclear dart, Just say that you are mine. For many years I've kept the secret (Not giving it to Russia). For many years I've kept the secret (Not giving it to Russia). When J see you, I'll huzzah, Delweck, ust there can be no fission As long as we're alive. Here now is My Secret Mission— I love UZSB!