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An Area Of Disagreement

AS it was bound to, the anonymity with which the Fact Finding Group of North Carolina Physicians chose to cloak its survey is already serving to discredit, its survey is already serving to discredit, in part at least, its findings. James H. Clark of Elizabethtown, chairman of the Medical Care Commission, charges that statements issued by the Fact Finders are entirely erroneous on two counts and he adds: "If the survey was based on such wholly unfounded statements this will tend to discredit any conclusions to be drawn therefrom."

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Nevertheless, the unvey should not, be lightly dismissed. There are 2.688 physicians jubs state, and 1.240 of them took the time and trouble to make a positive statement of their attitude toward the Good Health Program via the Fact Finders' questionnaires. Even if unsigned ballois are disregarded (signatures were requested but not required) there are still 351 practicing physicians represented in the poll.

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The survey at least served to indicate
a major area of disagreement among the
doctors themselves. They are virtually
unanimous in their support of the overall
provisions of the Medical Care Program,
but they are not in agreement on the need
for another four-year medical college. Of
those replying to the Pact Finders' poll.
781 voted against establishment of the
proposed medical college college
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The proposed medical college college is a miportly of the state's practicing physicians,
but it is a sizable one.

We don't think any member of the Legislature will accept the results of this survey at their face value, and we don't think any member should. But there are indications that the Legislature will formally request Dr. Elias Faison of Charlotte, now identified as chairman of the Fact Finders, to turn the ballots over to some official to agency for checking and further evalu-

ation.

That, certainly, is a proper enough procedure. The Legislature needs all the competent professional advice it can get as it goes about its task of implementing the Medical Care Plan. Many responsible medical men-perhaps a majority—believe that the four-year medical college is the cornerstone of the whole program. The Legislators have had the benefit of their advice from the beginning; it is certainly in order that these physicians who hold dissenting opinions should have an opportunity for a hearing.

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By their secrecy and their timing, Dr.
Falson and his colleagues have laid themselves open to the suspicion that their principal purpose is to block establishment principal purpose is to block establishment in the control of the control o

The Checks And Balances

GOVERNMENT by checks and balances is a wonderful and fearsome thing, and nowhere can it be seen in greater glory than in the Old North State.

There is, for instance, the case of the town clock. The Mayor of Charlotte, after town clock. The Mayor of Charlotte, after being duly prodded by Miss Dorothy Knox, columnist, decided there should be a clock on The Square. The matter was discussed, and the Council indicated its agreement. Then, however, a check fell neatly into place; the Attorney General of the State of North Carolina ruled that the people of Charlotte can't spend their money for anything so foolish as a public chronometer.

The Attorney General, of course, was acting in accordance with certain laws passed years ago by nervous Legislators who feared the citizens of the various municipalities would spend themselves rapid-idly into bankrupley. This motive, we suppose, is worthy enough, but it hardly fits, into the standard definition of democracy.

For, after all, what business is it of the North Carolina Legislature's if the people of Charlotte want a clock and are willing to pay for it? Why should the gentleman from Pasquotank, or even the gentleman

from Mecklenburg, ever be involved in this matter at all? If Charlotte's Council-men guess wrong they will have to answer at the polls, but the gentlemen from Pas-quotank and Mecklenburg will not.

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In this and in many other cases the restrictions of the Constitution, the statutes
and the various city charters are patently
absurd. And the result, of course, is to
place an added burden on the Legislature,
accounting for those strange Saturday
sessions when local legislation whitzes
through the mill while a couple of members doze in their chairs to maintain the
fiction of legality.

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We are pleased to note one direct attack on the chains that bind the cities—the bill, now past the House, that would remove the constitutional requirement for, a vote against the registration to authorpte all but, "essential" municipal expenditures. This section, narrowly interpreted by the courts in the past, has cost many a City the libraries, parks, auditoriums, etc., its citizens wanted and were willing to pay for.

This is, perhaps, a small beginning but a good one. We need certain checks and balances, of course, but at the moment we've got too little balance and too much check.

'To Improve Living Conditions'

WE are pleased to see that J. E. Barrentine, who fought along with THE
NEWS for passage of a slum-clearance ordinance for Charlotte, is campaigning now on a broader front. As President of the Boards, Mr. Barrentine is urging the General Assembly to pass a statute extending major provisions of the Charlotte ordinance to all cities of over 10,000.

The law suggested by Mr. Barrentine, and scheduled for introduction in the near fu-ture, would set minimum standards for all -inside running water, tub or shower, inside toilet, electric lights, adequate heating facilities in all rooms, ade-quate floor and window space.

Of course such a law might not be en-Of course such a law might not be enforceable now—as Charlottes ordinance is not. Scarcity of materials, excessive costs, and rent ceilings have combined to make unreasonable any effort to require landlords to make major alterations in present buildings. But the law could be made to apply immediately to all new commade to apply immediately to all new commade to apply immediately to all new combined to the contract of the contr

The slum clearance law is number one on the North Carolina realtors' "program

of progress," but there are others of con-siderable significance. The realtors also seek to encourage municipalities to main-tain closer supervision of subdivisigns in order to prevent the construction of nar-row streets; to encourage the establish-ment of playgrounds and parks and to clear slums wherever possible in construct-ing such facilities; to launch an educa-tional program designed to train tenants to the construction of the construction of the con-tional program designed to train tenants to an order to the control of the con-trol of of the conin auequate maintenance of both public and private property; to have municipalities take over, maintain, light and improve all existing streets under central authority.

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This adds up to progress, indeed, and it is most encouraging to find the realor's encouraging to find the realor's the provention of the provent

Another Voice

A Harbinger Of Normalcy

A SHY, as sparse, as almost imperceptible as snowdrops, the rewards of victory and the bounties of peace reveal themselves, and many a citizen, noting the Board of Trade's recent announcement that liof Trade's recent announcement that licenses are no longer required for the manutacture or supply of umbrellas, must have
felt a litting of the heart, a throb of grateful pride. It did not, at the time, occur to
us that one of the freedoms we were fighting for was freedom to make umbrelas
without permission but this has, turned
out to be the case and everyone is duly
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of the umbrella-making community, will
have been interrupted by a brief service of
Thanksgiving, and somewhere in the recesses of Whitehall the team of selfless
men and women who until the other day

handled the machinery, no less delicate than precise, whereby the applications of umbrella mongers were assessed at their true worth, is rather wistfully being dis-banded.

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the evening, nor the tattoo which the rain
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our progress the heartening, its glacier-like momentum—The London Times.



People's Platform

Preventative For Crime

Editors, The News:

I can city. And to make the condition even worse, nothing specifically seems to be done about it except to punch the criminal after the crime is committed, and this remedies nothing. Surely, Charlotte with all test intelligence and religion, is not willing to throw its intelligence and religion, is not willing to throw up its hands, in despair, and say there is nothing it can do about crime and the criminal tendencies of certain elements in our community.

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We, the members of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Charlotte and Mexemburg County, deplore the Current wave of crime that is sweeping our city, and bringing suffering and death seems of the County of th

milities, having authority from the leaf to it, etc. Such a committee, having authority from the milities, having authority from the milities, having and authority and the shole and report its findings and make its recommendations to the City Authorities, could mean much for the alleviation of this cancerous condition that is ealing at the very heart of the moral life of the City of Charlotte, and point the way to the prevention of mort city.

-REV. JAMES F. WERTZ, President,
The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

THE following petition has been forwarded to members of the Mecklenburg County Legislative Delegation:

We, the following members of Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church of Mccklenburg County, Citizens of and voters in said county, do hereby express our conviction-that liquor stores in the city of Charlotte would be highly detrimental to the welfare of our county, far outweighing in evil effects the benefits to be gained from the taxes thereon:

Therefore, we do hereby respectfully protest against any election on the liquor issue for the City of Charlotte alone, since the traffic will inevitably concern the County as well as the City.

CHARGOTTE "Gallon Law" allowing an individual to bring into dry territory that amount of liquor.

—SIGNED BY 77 MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

Theory Of Guilt

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here are a good many Americans, in Govern-and out, who don't love Chiang Kai-Shek, o, cartels, or the Standard Oil Company of New

-D. M. H.

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

Senator Soaper Says:

IN faraway Argentina, rural constables hereafter are to ride jeeps. In New York City, too, a big police shake-up has been announced.

An Indianapolis lady dates herself by chasing masher with a hatpin. One assumes that the cad I sung out "I Love My Wife, But Oh You Kid."

One by one the gift bottles of perfumes are being opened, and we await that delicious sensation of being unmanned, as guaranteed in the ads.

Word of wisdom from a veteran fire fighter, in the matter of hotel fires: Never open a door if the handle is hot.

About the Russian dream of domesticating the elk, we can only feel that if it succeeds a fine old fraternal order will never be the same.

Marquis Childs

The Original Sin

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WHEN Adam ate of the fruit of the free of knowledge, many troubles began. From this moment, fear and suspicion bedeviled to the free of knowledge and the free of knowledge of how to split the atom. In the hearings into the confirmation of David E. Lillers commission, you could a confirmation of David E. Lillers commission, you could a confirmation of the free of th

Suspicion feeds on suspicion. It an appetite that grows with eding. That is one of the tragic spects of Canada's discovery of a oviet esplonage network reaching to Government departments and

into Covernment expartments and the military services.

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Our Oil Reserves

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CAPACITY PRODUCTION

Drew Pearson's: Marshall Moves Fast In State Department Merry-Go-Round

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Think his has made an excellent, fast-moving start as
Secretary of Sate. Rowser, they still have their fingers
crossed. Too guany "new brooms" have come into the State
Department before. They rarely sweep out the corners,
seldom get the dust out from under diplomatic rugs. In
his brief tenure, however, Marshall hass

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(3) Pledged his firm belief that the State Department is civilian agency and should be run by civilians, not brass-ats. To this end, Marshall has told intimates he will bring o generals or Regular Army men into the State Department. (4) Moved to solve one thorny United Nations head-ache—the atom bomb. Without appearing to do so, he's eased tension on the red-hot atomic-energy issue, so long debated in New York.

Diplomats Agog

SEGRTARY MARSHALL'S breathtaking pace has set the Composition of the Comp

bluntly clear that the United States regards the latest olish elections as a syke, sent him trotting on his way, arashall was equally declaive on the Chinese crisis, landed haymaker on Chiang Kai-Shek's chin by announcing the Committang fight the Communists, How To Prune 1,000,000 People

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sell of Michigan broke in on the New York Republican:
"All right. I'm willing to be educated," he said, "of foot' want any nonessential employees sponging on the taxpayers. But suppose you tell us where all of them are.

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"Do I understand the gentleman clearly?" inquired Din-gell acidly, "Does he want the United States Army to employ aliens?"

Committee colleagues roared while the New Yorker groped for a reply. Dingell went on to explain that most of the civilian overseas jobs, including Military Governat work, had to be filled by "tried and true" Americans for security reasons.

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