

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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A Crisis And An Opportunity

ESTABLISHMENT of a Legislative Commission to study a problem is a standard method of postponing positive action without offending too many voters. It may be that Senator Ferguson's bill calling for an intensive investigation of the educa-tional problem in North Carolina will serve tional problem in North Caronia with arti-such a purpose now, enabling the Degisla-ture to abandon the South Piedmont Teach-ers pay schedule, affect some sort of com-promise, and still hold out hope for future relief?

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Nevertheless, the Ferguson Bill strikes us as an entirely sound piece of legislation. The matter of increasing teachers' pay is, as we have long argued here, fundamental—no other feorm is possible without it. Yet we are convinced that low salaries tell only part of the story of the disintegration of the North Carolina educational system. Mrs. Frequency, the only woman in the Senate, proposes a "comprehensial and of organization, supering-presented attention, transportation, but of teachers, vocational detaction and any other problems relating to the over-all education program in the state." This would be accomplished by a 25-m em be r commission, appointed by the Governor with 15 members drawn from non-educational groups, and supported by an appropriation of 325,000.

The measure will certainly be subject to amendment. For one thing it conflicts with the proposal for study of the merit-rating system which is already under consideration. It may be this would come two years leady for a full-time and presumably expert executive secretary, is insufficient. But it will be difficult, we think, for any

member to quarrel with the intent of the Ferguson Bill.

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And cocasion to aeriously examine the functioning of the State school system since it was established almost fifteen years ago. It has grown tremendously in that period, and it has created all the usual problems attendant to growth. Moreover, like any governmental organization, it has created its own tradition-minded bureathracy at every level. The evidence of failure on a good many count of the state of the s

weaknesses of organization, curricula, and method.
Preserving what we've got—particularity when what we've got has already suffered serious damage—is no answer to North Carolina's educational problem. We take great pride in our reputation as a progressive people, but progress involves movement, forward movement. The Ferguson Bill points the way.

No More Presidential Greetings

OVER a year ago, when President Tru-man urged the 79th Congress to ex-tend the draft for a full year, his request spread something like panic through that spread something like panic through that august body. The genilemen on The Hill juggled the issue for months and finally came through with a compromise that ap-peared to have all the political evils of simple draft extension and none of its vir-tures. Now the President has requested that the present draft law be allowed to expire at the end of this month, and we have no doubt the 80th Congress will be more than

at the ein or this mount, and we have and doubt the Stot Congress will be more than pleased to comply.

Nobody, we suspected, till weep to see the Nobody, we suspected, till weep to see the Nobody we suspected, till the substitute for the formy to maintain its authorized strength of 1,070,000 through voluntary endisterength of 1,070,000 through voluntary endisterength of 1,070,000 through voluntary endisterents, perhaps, but its experience these past twelve months has demonstrated that the soldiers produced by a peacetime draft are perhaps a little worse than no soldiers at all. There are two reasons for this. First, the Army had had the cream of the nation's manpower during the war years, and all those who served then were exempt. This left only the pleysical and mental misfits who could be brought in under lowered standards, and those who had, by virtue of their youth, missed out on the shooting war. The result was an occupation army faced with an impossible assignment, meeting the heavy responsibilities of police

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duty with immature and irresponsible personnel.

But the greatest handicap of the peace-time draft was the climate in which it had to operate. The patriotic drive of the war years was gone, the man in uniform was no longer a potential hero, but an unwelcome reminder of a past, and a future, most of us prefer to ignore. The post-war draftee knew this better than anyone due, and he had a tendency to act accordingly

draftee knew this better than anyone else, and he had a tendency to act accordingly. Now we shall have to meet our occupation responsibilities, and maintain our defenses, with a professional army made up of volunteers who have chosen the military as a short- or long-term career. This, as the Preddent observed, leaves a good deal to chance, and to the persuasiveness of the recruiting service. It is clear that Mr. Trucation to his repeated requests for universal military training, which would back up the professionals with a huge, partially-trained citizens army.

At any rate, it seems to us the Administration and the Congress had little choice but to follow the proposal outlined by the President, and suggested, we presume, by the heads of the armed services. And certainly we are all entitled to heave a heart-felt sight of relief now that the malis will no longer carry those letters beginning. "The President of the United States sends greetings..." Peace may be an illusion, but it's a pleasant one.

The People's Choice In '48

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The people of the United States eventually elect their Presidents, it is true, but their choice is severely limited by the small group of professional politicians who dominate the two malor parties. Before a man can become a candidate he must be the control of the cont

holds up his end through his financial support of the Republican machine—a total of
\$13,000,000 in contributions since 1933 according to Mr. Longmire.

Mr. Tatt makes no secret of his presidential ambitions, and it is clear that he has
the inside track with the Party. "Tat's ultraconservation and isolationism fits the
temper of the big Republican contributors."
Mr. Longmire observes. Moreover. Mr. Tat's as skilled and expert operator at the grass
roots level; he is generally believed, for instance, to have most of the Southern Republicans' nominating votes already in the
bag.

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Taft's only serious threat. Mf. Longmire believes, comes from Governor Dewey. Mr. Dewey retains considerable rank and file support, but insofar as the Party organization is condermed, he is an outsider looking! m Senator Vandenberg has counted himself out: Honest John Bricker has made a deal with Mr. Taft: Hargid Stassen's liberalism would never be acceptable to Joe Till Searly yet, but Mr. Longmire settimate of the situation is probably as sound as any. The cystal ball, the tea leaves, and the handwriting on the wall all indicate a contest in '48 between Harry Truman and Robert A. Taft. Although there may be reason to doubt if "contest" is the proper word.

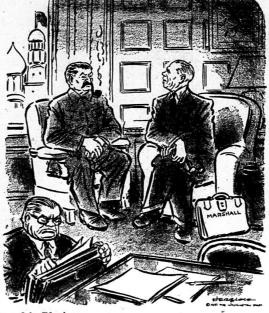
Another Voice

Ode To A Sleepy GI

WITH Walt Whitman would "rear a large to stoke the furlarel-covered monument, high above the rest," to the lowly private of the Marine Corps who yielded to a commendable impulse and dumped a bucketful of sand on the bugler. Vicarious sufferers the world around will applaud this one-man revolt against the tyramy of airm clocks—human and mechanical.

Of all the vaunted advances of civilization, none is more hollow than the insistent blare of an airm clock on a frosty Winter morning. For those of us who have grown soft in civilian ease, there is nothing to be done but to muzzle the in-

'Heard Any Good Radio Programs Lately?'



People's Platform

Our Courteous Cops

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A N item appeared in the Let's Fix It column recently with a suggestion from Mr. Frank Jones,
Charlotte relate to the control of the column recently of out-of-town visitors regarding our parking
system.

system. His theory was along the same line as the notice which was placed on a Charlotte car by Forest City Police Dept. The front of the summons is left blank, but the notice on the back reads at 7 would appreciate your observing our parking system—Thanks!—Police Dept. Forest City, N. C. "

(NOTE: The system used in Forest City has now been adopted by the Charlotte Police Department, out-of-town drivers receive a polite admonition, not a ticket.—Eds., Thir News).

Air Base

Editors. The News:

InDIVIDUALISM was never tolerated in the Army I and it still holds true concerning the Army Air Reserve program. A unit of this program was being conducted at Morris Pard with unit in was terminated partly due to the lack of time of was terminated partly due to the lack of co-operation wif the Charlotte City Officials. This was explained by a representative of the Fourteenth air Force Headquar-Charlotte Chapter of the Army Air Reserve.

By this we mean out of the seventy Army Air Reserve Bases in the United States, it is understood that Charlotte was the only city charging the Unipropriated by the Army Air Forces during the war, turned over to the City, and saked for its use sgain for establishment of peace assurance in which we are to the people, ready to protect you and you'r loved onto in the charge ready to protect you and you'r loved onto in the class of a national emergency at a very onen proven that filer who went through months of training at an expense of thousands of dollars is practically worthless if he su unable to fly the minimum number of hours required by the Air

Fore Authorities and Coul Aeronaulic Authorities by core to maintain fiving proficiency. Just as a retured country occtor could not perform a major operation with the newest and most advanced surgical instruments. Bit can be sufficiently advanced surgical instruments affect con with the changes in the aviation field which is so rapidly advancing and surveyance alone is not enough and actual participation of operation is effected in the facilities available at Morris Field are adequate enough to allow a Reserve program in this area to grow into one of the finest, if not the same and the survey of the same and the same and

Nothing In Common

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Week. It is too late now to call for brotherhood. We can't have brotherhood until we have things in combination of the complete of the control of the complete of the complete

purposes.

These two kinds of people can't have unity and brotherhood. The opportunity for brotherhood has passed and gone. You can no more mix disloyal and loyal people than you can mix oil and water.

—MRS. J. D. BIGGERS

Editors, THE News:

AT this time I would like to express my opinion, as well as those of my friends, whom I have heard speak regarding the pictures of the "Interactions" that have been running this week In your news-

that have been running one many other intersections here in Charlotte that should be brought to the City Council's attention, such as the railroads that have us cut off on both sides of the city, out of the council o

The People's Platform is auxiliable to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications for the property of the property of the poper possible, and on only one side of the paper, label and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon require the will withhold the whiter's name—Editors, Tus News.

Marquis Childs

Unsurprising Crisis

WASHINGTON,
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the present crisis is that any
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Harold Ickes

Republican Dilemma

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Drew Pearson's : Greek Situation Is Worse Than Reported

to Congress.

They report:

1. That the Greek countryside is now almost wholly in the hands of Greek guerrillas, a situation almost as bad as when the Germans held the towns and the Greek guerrillas ruled the countryside.

2. That half a million extra people have now field to Atlens to excape of the verifiable civil war and the influx into the cities, the fields have not been cultivated nor crops collected.

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It in the front were withdrawn, the Government of Government in Greece is considerable.

However, it also remains a basis fact that the over whelming majority of the Greek people—probably severy when the Government of Gov

British Mortgage On Greece

a policy of letting the American public longs in the problem of th

from General Benny Glies, U. S. commander in the Near East.

Centifemen. he said, "I have noticed that you have been writing political news. You are war, correspondents. You are a part of the U. S. Army and you have no right but to reflect the opinion of the high comman war of the write nothing critical of British New York Times Co. State of the Co. State of the Work Times Co. State of the W

Behind Lilienthal Fight

MoST people have husbed up the fact that one backstage
reason for the die-hard opposition to David Lilienthal
as atomic energy chairman is his religion. However, Robert
beverett, Secretary to Senator' Time Stewart of Tennessee, let
the cat out of the bag while arguing with Charlie Brewton,
Secretary of Senator Little 1881.

Brewton had maneuvered Everett into a position where
had little apparent reason for holding out against
Lilienthal. Finally, in desperation, Everett bluried out the
ruth.