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The Vote Must Be Representative

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How many citizens of Charlotte are
the completely satisfied with the way
their City Overnment is operated?
Breathes there a man with soul so dead
he has not at one time or another complained bitterly when he received a tax
notice, bumped over a hole in the steet.
Heard his children report with the complete of t

It is possible, but it is not probable unless there is a representative vote in all pre-cincts. A certain percentage of the votes in Charlotte can be organized and delivered; unhappily a few can even be bought. These, you may be sure, will be east. They are not sufficient to carry a normal election, but they can swing an election which, does not attract independent voters in appreciable-numbers.

numbers.

The campaign that preceded Monday's primary was lethargic. There have been no heated controversies, no really effective stumping. Incumbents who are standing for re-election have contented themselves with reviewing their records; 'their opponents have relied upon general statements of page and the standard of the standard page. The property of the standard page and the standard page

nas stimulated little public interest.

All of which adds to the danger of a light vote on Monday—a vote in which there will be no expression of opinion from the majority of Charlotte's cittizens. If that happens the vote will prove nothing except the organizing ability of those who are elected. The City Government resulting from such an election might be a good one, but more probably it will not be.

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probably it will not be.

That's the risk the clitzen takes who doesn't bother to go to the poils on Monday — and it's a heavy one. While the poils are open each of us holds the power of government in his own hands. If we do not exercise it we can only take what the politicians care to give us. It will be two more years before we have another chance to translate our complaints into action.

The First Sign Of Recession

WE don't know exactly how liquor fits into the economic scheme of things, but certainly it must be classed as a non-essential commodity. There is, therefore, some general significance in the fact that consumption of the stuff has declined tremendously in the past few nonths—enough to justify the statement of the distillers that no far as the var concerned the tillers that so far as they are concerned the recession is already here.

Here are a few samplings from a United Press roundup:

Liquor sales in New York State dropped from 2,422,046 gallons in February, 1946, to 1,285,696 gallons two months ago.

From 242,94e gainons in February, 1996, to 1285,866 gailons two months ago.

In Chicago liquor tax collections dropped 424 per cent in the month of March alone. In Washington the District ABC board reported that revenue stamps for 317,435 gallons of liquor were sold in March as against atamps for 657,149 gallons in the same period a year ago.

Liquor seless in California are off 50 per cent over a twelve-month period.

Liquor revenue in Geogria declined from 31,562,44.55 in March, 1947.

The downward trend, reflected in both gallonage figures and revenues, is general in all parts of the nation, United Press reported. The booming nightchibbs of the way

ported. The booming nightclubs of the war years are closing by the score; empty bar-

stools are visible in all directions. Six hundred asloon keepers in Chicago alone have allowed their literase to lapse.

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The stool of them cheeful in the interest place this is evidence that the tremendous national jag of the way years was a temporary thing, brought on by the tensions which drove many a citizen to drink and the prosperty which made it possible for him to procure as much of the stuff as he wanted. We have not become, as many feared, a nation of drunkards.

But the figures are good news for students of economics as well as for those concerned with the social problems of alcohol. The first break in prices always comes in the area of luxury trade. The liquor people, taking full advantage of wartimes shortages, appear to have scalalled down the line they now face the problem of high inventories at a time when their customers, caught by the pinch of rising costs, can no longer afford to buy their product.

There is every reason to believe that the pattern established in the liquor market will soon be evident in all the others. The old, free-spending days are very definitely over and painful though the transition to a more stable economy will be, all of usproducers and consumers silke—will be far better off once when made it.

The Teachers' Lobby Is Defensive

FORMER Representative Sam J. Ervin
Jr. of Morganton is a careful and methodical man. When he turned in his expense account to the So uth Piedmont Teachers, whom he served as lobbysit during the last session of the Legislature, he even included an item of 15 cents deposited in marking maters. The testers in parking meters. The total, plus his gen-erous fee, came to \$5,432.81.

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Taking note of this, The Elizabeth City Daily Advance expresses doubt as to both the priopriety and the practicability of the teachers' lobby. The Advance is inclined to think that the pay raise granted by the Assembly would have been just as large if Judge Ervin had stayed home, and that the Legislators themselves would, have granted it with considerably better grace. In general was reconsiderably better grace.

In general we are included to agree that lobbying of any sort is far less effective than its sponsors are led to believe it is. We do not, however, go along with the agguent that the teachers were out of bounds wen they retained a lawyer and sent him to Raleigh.

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On the same day The Attonne expressed its disapproval of the teachers' lobby, the Secretary of State reported several other lobbying expense accounts recently filled with him. One Raleigh law firm listed fees from the North. Carolina, Industrial Loan Agencies, the American Reciprocal Insur-

ance Association of Kansas City and the North Carolina State Optometric Society, Inc. totaling \$4,616.85. Three labor unions, the American Enka Company, and a transfer company also listed salaries and expense accounts for their lobbysts.

These, of course, are but a few of the private organizations that had full- or their lobests of their lobests of their lobests of their lobests of Raleigh How germastic they were we don't know, but few would argue that their employers were guilty of any impropriety in sending them to bend the Legislators' ears.

This is an imperfect world and it appears that lobbying is here to stay, as much a part of representative government as the Legislators' leaf. It might be argued therefore that a teachers' lobby is not only proper but essential. Most of the argued therefore that a teachers' lobby in reducing taxes and they do not balk at the idea that gesential public services might be cutralled in the process. If the 'cachers are also interested in improving their personal finances, they are no less interested in Improving the public school system, an action which would benefit the 'cachers are also interested in improving their personal finances, they are no less increased in Improving their personal finances, they are no less increased in Improving the public school system, an action which would benefit the cachers' lobby might putter or provider who Nastard this buttiness of presuring the people's representatives in the first place.

Another Voice

Hair To Match A Mood

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People's Platform

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-ALEXANDER SPRUNT JR. Southern Representative, The Audubon Society.

For Henry

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There were no doubt those who said, in His day, that Christ expressed some very fine sentiments in His Sermon on the Mount, but that He displayed very poor taste in soling up on a mountain to deliver it. Still it lives on.

—A. E. BASSETT.

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Samuel Grafton

Some Price Fallacies

We might lead off, for example, ith the favorite notion that overwith the favorite notion that over-melming production is the answer to high prices. Well, it is, but only if it swamps the market and pro-duces a recession, which is exactly, what we are trying to avoid. That is the direction in which we are now heading, with a production level II per cent above that of the new level in per cent above that of the second of the contraction of the con-traction of the problem as if IF were the cure. PRODUCTION OK

ROAD TO RECESSION

Stewart Alsop

Western Dilemma

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Drew Pearson's: Adm. Cruzen Real Hero Of Antarctic Trip