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Downtown Parking Facilities

A talk before the Rotary Club this week, City Traffic Engineer Herman J. Hoose observed that downtown parking facilities in Charlotte are inadequate, and added: "Parking facilities mean big business for the city's merchants and business in general..."

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So far, the City Council has left the Planning Board's recommendations on the table. Time is short, and the problem is urgent. Unless the Council can come up with a better parking plan...

There's Music In The Air

A CITY, as Charlotte has, grow to be a metropolitan center for two states; new industries may spring up around and about it; its business men may become exceedingly prosperous...

Concerts to follow will be presented by The Revelers Quartet, the Indianapolis Symphony under the noted Fabien Sevitzky, Swedish Tenor Jussi Boerling, and the Philharmonic Piano Quartet.

Within three weeks the 1948-49 season of Charlotte Community Concerts will begin. Charles L. Wagner's widely respected opera, Paris performance of the Soviet "Mighty Vainshinsky" delegate of the mighty Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Happy Muttering, Mr. V

WHAT might once have been diplomatic thunder echoed through the luxurious Palais de Chaillot in Paris on Saturday, Sept. 15, just five days after the convening of the United Nations.

Perhaps such arm flailing and fist-pounding were familiar to Reichstag audiences a decade ago in Berlin; but the 1948 Paris performance of the Soviet "Mighty Vainshinsky" delegate of the mighty Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

And what was Mr. Vainshinsky saying? He was handling down, among other things, the tremendous pronouncement that Esso Marketeers, a naughty U. S. corporation, was engaged in despicable war-mongering. Towering over the Assembly hall an exploding Jimmie out of Alameda Lamp, Mr. Vainshinsky spat out the sin of the accused. Esso, he hissed, recently published "a map of the Third World War, Pacific Theater of Military Operations."

From The Greensboro Daily News

It's How Many Won't

HASTENING to concede that Doc Gallup is a far more experienced pollster than deponent — who from his youth up or down, as you may prefer) has held that when a man intended to vote for a candidate, it is not what man's own business there is still a question in this quarter as to whether the recent poll of North Carolina showed 44 per cent of the voters favoring Truman. It is the opinion of the electorate.

Some of you may recall the polls preceding the Democratic primary of last May. Most of these — and lots of the ballots were assigned — put Charles M. Johnson so far in front for Governor that the Democratic slacker would have given odds of 5 to 1. The unpolled and untrammelled countryside, in the language of late Opeta Dick Neal of

fic snarl, mounting vexation and irritation among motorists, and a tendency to shop where parking is available.

The Charlotte Planning Board has already made an exhaustive study of the question, and its solution is before the City Council. The Board urged the creation of a Parking Authority with power to acquire property in the main business district, and either operate municipal parking lots or lease them to private operators.

State law already permits cities to set up parking commissions, but the Planning Board thinks that a special enabling act for major branches out where the traffic is heading. Mr. Roesser wrote the new type of store, he added, "was more flexible in location and operation, and at least it could offer parking room."

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Special Elections

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By ALBERT COATES
PRESENT VOTING REQUIREMENT. Article VII, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution provides that no county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall contract any debt, pledge any faith or loan, or incur any tax to be levied or collected by any officers of the same except for the necessary expenses thereof, unless by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters therein.

The Proposed Change in Voting Requirement. For the vote in the last clause of the foregoing proposition—"unless by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters therein," the proposed amendment would substitute the following—"unless approved by a majority of those who shall vote therein in any election held for such purpose."

To illustrate the meaning of this proposed change: Under the present system 1,000 voters are registered "qualified voters" are held to be "registered" voters. 500 voters must cast their proposition voted on in order to vote. If in 500 votes are cast for and one against it, the proposition is voted out, because 500 voters are not a "majority of the qualified voters."

Under the proposed voting requirement, if 1,000 voters are registered and 251 for and 250 against it the proposition is voted in, because 251 are a majority of those voting. Similarly, if only 100 of the 1,000 registered vote, and 49 for and 49 against it, the proposition is voted in, because 49 is a majority of those voting.

Issues Involved in the Change.

It is obviously more difficult to levy a tax or incur a debt under the present voting requirement than under the proposed voting requirement. Try to put it another way, it is obviously more difficult for people to get what they want through a tax levy or a bond issue under the present than under the proposed voting requirement. In still other words, the present voting requirement makes it easier for people to get the services they want. It is for the voters to say which is the wiser policy, and this policy will be decided on Tuesday, Nov. 2, by a majority of those voting rather than by a majority of those registered.

Reasons cited for and against the change follow the usual pattern of a referendum campaign. One official wrote in opposition to the change: "My observation has been that in elections called for approval of a bond issue or a tax levy, a very small majority of those who vote is carried by only a majority of those who vote, then we

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'Day In, Day Out, Him And His Muscles'



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have a bond issue authorized and saddled upon the tax paying unit by only a small proportion of the people. I think the present arrangement is better and fairer. If a majority of the people do not want bonds issued, then I think a minority should be permitted to authorize it. Another writes: "I do not think it would be wise to change the voting requirement in elections on necessary expenses. There are so many pressure groups today just waiting for an opportunity to further some pet project...

Officials favoring the change write: "Hot priorities increase registration. Special elections bring out a small percentage of the vote. Any proposal starts out with two strikes against it. 'Voters may register under the present system, but they do not show up at the polls through forgetfulness, desire, bad weather, sickness and the like and their absence from the polls counts as decisively against a proposal as if they had taken the time and trouble to cast their votes against it.'"

Under the present system a measure by registering and failing to show up on election day. For example, I know of an instance where a register in an election to provide a supplement to teachers' salaries was personally opposed to the supplement, but he took his registration book to a baseball game, where he registered almost everyone in sight. These citizens failed to show up on election day, and their failure to do so counted as a vote against the supplement. It would seem to me that the more democratic way is a vote of the majority who actually appear at the polls."

Most of the representative citizens in a certain area moved for betterment of schools, even though for a great many of them, it meant additional tax. There was a small minority group in opposition to the movement that succeeded in registering a sufficient number of people that did not vote in the election to defeat the movement, although the election carried by five or six to one. This is a specific case of where the old stood the way of the majority of the people.

Quote, Unquote

I read in a Georgia paper that a woman shopper at a men's store had a rather long and interesting conversation through a crowded eighteen-inch aisle, she then got me and knock off a twelve-foot garage door.—Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.

The mystery about the fire on an Illinois farm disappeared with the confession of a thirteen-year-old girl that she started them. The news service kept up the suspense until she spelled her first name Womet, Wamet, Janet, Juanita and Juanita in one day.—Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal.

It is safe to say the nation is awash with perspiration.—Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.

Merry-Go-Round Ickes Volunteers To Stamp For Truman

WASHINGTON
HONEST Harold Ickes, who sometimes wields a meat ax and has been known to make marks on a concrete pavement, not along pretty well when they met at the White House this week.

Probably Ickes could have said the same about some of Truman's remarks. But Truman added: "I was reminded his ex-convict about an incident which Truman had completely forgotten. It was in the early days of the Truman Administration when Ickes had been in the Supreme Court to recover the submerged oil lands of California, Texas and Louisiana for the Federal Government. Nevertheless, the suit was brought and won."

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Joseph Alsop
Terrible Power

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There is only one big businessman, Colonel Robert R. McCormick, who is not in the convention and the Republican Senate. The redoubtable Colonel forcibly intervenes in the business of the Republican Party. He is a man who is likely to help re-elect this year.

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But McCormick wanted Senator Robert R. Taft and not Dewey. He is a man who is likely to help re-elect this year. Dewey is a very good man. He is a man who is likely to help re-elect this year.

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