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# A New Force In The Chamber

CHARLOTTE'S Chamber of Commerce temberable campaign for 1948, which starts tomorrow, is not a routine affair but worth of major importance for this community and the region it serves. This is not merely a drive to increase the membership of the old organization for boosting Charlotte. It is the beginning of a program to make the Chamber a new force in the business, civic and social life of this civic and social life of this

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This new Chamber has been formed under the far-sighted leadership of J. Norman Pease, its president, in response to the challenge of the times. The demand for it has been demonstrated repeatedly in recent years with Charlotte's rapid growth as the commercial, industrial, financial and as the commercial, industrial, financial and distribution center of the Pledmont. In the last two years particularly we have had daily evidence that a tremendous change is under way here.

Although the signs of progress are visible on every side, few of our citizens are fully aware of the magnitude of the development that has occurred or of the enormous execution, that is in Immediate prospect. As

ment that has occurred or of the enormous expansion that is in immediate prospect. A special section of The News today tells that story in articles, photographs and advertisements. And a stirring story it is. A story of record building construction, record postal receipts, record bank clearings, record incomes. A story of projects competition of the project competition record incomes. A story of projects com-pleted, projects in progress and projects in blueprint.

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The Chamber of Commerce has, of course, done much to promote this growth but it now is being called on to play an unprecedented role in planning, research and direction in the industrial, commercial, cultural, social and cive life of the Chartense of the commercial or t

lotte region. As the city has grown, the functions of the Chamber have multiplied until today it is an organization with 26 committees working under the direction of four groups in organization affairs, industrial affairs, commercial affairs, and commercial affairs, and controlled affairs, and committee and national councilior delegates.

Evolved through practical experience to meet specific needs as they have arisen, the Chamber organization has become one of America's principal instruments for planning and affairs, and an impressive testimonial of the American genius for working together on a voluntary basis. The program of the Charlotte Chamber offers heartening evidence that the planning and promotion agency of private enterprise is ready and able to meet the new responsibilities which 1486 has brought.

As in all democration is the all-important element in the Chamber. Charlotte's organization for the new times now is complete except in one detail. It has the program, the vision, the opportunity and the leadership. It needs only a larger membership to support the expanded operations of the coming year.

Thus the membership drive, which will extend through the next three days, posses a large challenge and holds out a great promise to every member of the bühness community.

# In Our Governorship Tradition

A N OFFICE carrying a great deal of A prestige, despite its moderate pay and limited authority, is the Governorship of North Carolina. One reason for this is that for 50 years, either by happy accident or well-managed succession, the office has been held by men of a high type. Few other Southern states have managed to avoid "Governor" troubles, and in many of them the condition has become chronic.

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As far as this newspaper is concerned, there isn't a more important principle to be upheld in the election for Governor this year than the maintenance of this tradition of sound government by men of known ability and experience. All talk of "rings", "crown princes" and "machines" notwithstanding, North Carolina has fared extraordinarily well by sticking to a seasoned candidate and voting do wn the Johnny-Jump-ups and the irregulars. The result has been progress, progress within the means and the philosophy of the state, but steady progress.

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And by that method of determining a choice, as yell as by the reverse, a process of elimination, it seems to The News that it should come out positively for Charles M. Johnson, as Democratic nominee for Governor He is a man of known ability and experience, with years of practice in the identical affairs with which as Governor. It is some of the general apprehension score or later within the next few years fiscal conditions may be somewhat less rosy than they are now, there seems to be an additional reason for electing a man who knows as well as any person in the State how to deal with fiscal problems.

Mr. Johnson stands out in a field of candidates that includes at least two others who have demonstrated the character and capacities that would make them active the contract of the major of the major and candidates is a public office-sector for additional in a public office-sector for activities.

whom North Carolina need offer apolocy. They represent a wide range of experience in legislative and administrative affair only page 10 miles of the commission of the state pepariment of Agriculture. Ocar G. Barker comes from a Senate seat in the General Assembly, R. Mayne Albright has held the directorabil pot the State Employment Service, but he differs from the aforementioned in that his experience has been limited; nor has he sever been elected to public offers.

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It is on this point that Mr. Johnson's major claim for consideration is based of all the quadidates, he has had the most experience, in the general field of State Covernment. In addition, as State Treasurer, he has acquired and demonstrated a special grasp on fiscal management, which is no large part of the Covern but first of the Covern but for the covern covern but for the covern but first and error what Mr. Johnson knows from long familiarity, and there is a chance that their administrations would not command the prestige that his would enjoy with that real ruler of North Carolina, the Legislature.

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We repeaf, Candidate Johnson may take pride in the quality of his opposition and North Carolina may take astifaction in the fact that it has a clear choice of one who stands the test of that comparison. With Johnson as Governor we believe the people of the state may be assured of a continuation of the tried policy of conservative progress. It is a policy that has brought North Carolina far.

# Soup, Onions and Contentment

Now IS perhaps as good a time as any of felicitate The Atlanta Journal on the sound judgments and rare entertainment displayed on the page opposite that of its editorials. familiarly known as the opp ed page.

The occasion for this is just an average group of the Journal's bright fellows. Morgan Blake has a piece refuting the slander that he has fallen off the wagon and explaining that his aurprising energy is due to vitamin pills.

Ernest Rogers confesses that he once, alone in his home, slurped soup to find if it would taste better, but has never had the courage to admit this breach to members

Olin Miller contributes a dissertation on the thesis that those who have difficulty in going to sleep should just imagine that they are blankets, relaxed over a clothes-

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Even the cuilings from other newspapers reflect this fine trend. For instance, a quoted paragraph from the Memphis Commercial Appeal notes that a graduate student is heading the "Wallace for President" group at a Southern university, and as the lad evidently didn't learn the right things in his first four years, the prospects now appear dim.

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Those who scoff at the importance of these subjects are misguided creatures who, we fear, although they may appear to

have no bad habits whatever, probably in secret beat their wives.

It is increasingly important in these technological times to preserve a sense of balance by paying proper attention to such things as soup slurping, thinking like blankets, and, as Mrs. or Miss Daniel advice, eating onlons to "promote contentment in this too troubled world."

DUMB CLUCKS — America has had enough experience to know that conditions become progressively worse after each conflict. If international watersmen had as much aense as nature gave tiltie green applies they would reafter the futility of modern warfare, Of all the dumb clucks on earth today, the worst are those who are setting their selfish aims above the peace and welfare of the human race—Lafayette (La.) Advertises.

People usually want a little more than life gives them, no matter how much they get. Or to put the same idea more pesimistically, no matter how little a man wants out of life, he usually gets less. — Kingsport (Pann.) Times.

A man not a million miles from here took his wife to a psychiafrist. When asked as to her condition he replied, "Well, she's quite a bit better but the psychiatrist has gone completely nuts." — Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.



## People's Platform

# Investigate, Think And Vote

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By MAUDE WADDELL (Laureate of The Confederate Memorial Association)
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The South will kneel at your graves today,
with a prayer that your lips have said.

The peace of God enfolds you now, Who have heard the battle's roar. And the love of God surrounds you there. Beyond time's champlas shore.

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For the dear Lord Christ gave you His grace. And brailed your wounds for His own that blied.

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California and Texas. Sen. Moore was able to afford a \$25,000 contribution to Sen. Pappy O'Daniel's radio fund in 1944

Stewart Alsop

# New Tune In Trieste

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That is just a brief bird's-eye view of the most skillfully organized lobby which has ever wrapped California's Sheridan Downey around its little finger. More about the lobby which plans to have its cake and est it too—Arabian and tidelands oil—will follow soon.