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#### Natural Gas For Charlotte

UP TO NOW, at least, no one has come forward with any expressed opposition to a proposed natural gas pipeline which would pump gas from the Texas-Louisiana fields straight into the homes and industries of the Piedmont. In lieu of any opposition from a notably contentious area, and in the face of good, sound arguments in behalf of the proposal, one can only assume that the project is a worthy one indeed, and that it merits whatever support the public officials and business men of the region can muster behind it.

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has been sketched, finances have been arranged, and a petition has been filled with the Federal Power Commission. The sponsors stand ready to start construction just as soon as the FPC node approval. All they are asking is that municipal sovernments and commerce bodies along the route lend their support and influence to convince the FPC that the pipeline is urgently needed. Several meetings have aiready been held locally at which businessmen heard a presentation of the project, and next week Mayor Baxter will bring it to the official attention of the City Council.

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If suggestions are in order, The News would like to offer one without charge. Some years ago the City of Charlotte became aroused about its deficient air service, and decided to do something about it. The Council appointed a quasi-official aviation commission, gave it some money, and turned it loose. Under the firm leads and turned it loose. Under the firm leads of the commission persuaded the Civil Aeronautics Board and the airlines that the Queen City needed more air service and, by golly, was sogning to have it. Net result: Charlotte's municipal airport which once handled a few EAL plans a day now is teeming with planes from EAL, Capital, and the city is the commission's work prompts the suggestion that the City try the method again in the gas pipeline hearing. This time the evidence in behalf of the project seems even more convincing, and unless the Dixiecrate have curried too much distavor for the South in the nation's capital, our municipal and commercial spellbunders ought to help turn the trick.

## In Retrospect: The Polio Epidemic

NORTH CAROLINA'S worst pollo epidemic crossed the 2,000-case mark for the year last week as school children heard the bell toll, ending perhaps the dreariest Summer of their lives.

With the epidemic's momentum waning, was time to size up its full implications. In the first place, the statistics looked much worse on paper than they really were. Here are the reasons:

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(1) A total of 2,000 cases carried into September sometimes failed to impress the average newspaper reader with the fact that a very large number of these had their funcience many months before. Persons unfamiliar with the disease (especially those in unaffected areas) probably visualized 2,000 children flat on their backs simultaneous. This is the face the truth ultaneously. This was far from the truth.

(2) Three out of four persons afflicted seriously enough to be labeled polio victims

seriously enough to be labeled pollo victims usually achieve full recovery. Compare that with the recovery ratio of only three out of ten for rheumatic Fever.

(3) Medical experts say that the occur-rence of pollo is not, in all probability, in-creasing in the United States; rather, that more pollo cases existing all the time are being reported than ever before.

From The Wilmington Star-News

#### Manufacture At Home

Uninterpreted statistics usually are dull reading but there is one fact—the number of jobs North Carolina products maintain in other states—that is going to pop the eyes of a lot of Tar Heels if it is ever made available.

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With this eye-opening should come a new and deeper realization of the state's unlimited possibilities for new industry.

new and deeper realization of the state's unlimited possibilities for new industry. It is not necessary to recount the state's tremendous wealth in agricultural, forestry, sea food, mineral and other material resources, it is before us every day. Yet, of these hundreds of raw products, how many are manufactured into finished goods instead of shipped elsewhere to provide industrial employment? Tobacco and cotton are about the only products remaining in the state during the processes taking them Yrom the field toward the retailers' shelves. But the examples they teach in domestic industrialization are lost as one goes down the list of less voluminous raw materials. Sometime ago, we heard Senator-nominate J. Meville Broughton tell of entering a drug store in one of North Carolina's largest peanut producing counties and buying a peanut candy but. The peanut in it were grown in that country, but it is the Carolina product had been shipped across the nation, processed and then returned home. Aside from the jobs it helped provide in the West Coast candy kitchen, think of the transportation costs passed on to the consumer.

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Speaking before Rock Hill Kiwanians a few days ago. Thomas L. Robinson, president and publisher of The Charlotte News, ciled the extensive potentialities for new industry in the Pledmont Carolinas. As an example, he pointed to the opportunities for manufacture of refractory brick from kyanite in York County and pyrophylite of

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"It is a pity that we mine these products in the Carolinas and then ship them out to both states to be processed. We need to establish this industry at home," he

He outlined the large number of uses of clays dug out of the Carolinas and shipped

clays dug out of the Carolinas and shipped elsewhere as he appealed for establishment in the Piedmont of an industry which will make dinnerware, insulators and porcelain groducts.

"It will interest you to know," he continued, "that 1,500 ceramic plants in the United States reported recently an annual results of the continued that the property of the continued that the carolinas." He added that, to the best

So the North Carolina polio epidemic, tragic as it was for hundreds of families, looked a great deal worse than it turned out to be. The secondary loss to the state—the refusal of many tourists to risk their children in the resort area — was an un-

the refusal of many tourists to risk their children in the resort areas — was an uncanticipated by-product.

The fact that polo is still listed as a rare killer and crippler of children does not mean that some more deadly virus could not eventually appear on the scene. For the present, however, it may be responsed that the actual occurrence of polio in children under five years of age is decilining. This is the age group in which it had been most prevalent. The widespread agarch to find a cure is still under way, but nothing conclusive has been discovered. In the meantime, the State Health Department, outly render horth Carolina a real service by handing down as full-scale report of the control of the more decided with the control of the more control of the more control of the more decided. We know that as of yesterday 11b had proved fatal. How many achieved full recovery? These statistics, delivered in early 1949, would place the 1948 epidemic in its true perspective.

of his knowledge, there is only one glass bottle and container manufacturing plant

in the Carolinas. Why has North Carolina gone on, year after year, exporting scores of its raw products when they could become the basis for new, greater and diversified industry?

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There is certainly ample finances to erect these plants and pienty of good labor available to operate them. In the Piedmont water power is plentiful and the East, through its ports at Wilmington and Morehead City, provides advantages of deep water transportation southward, northward and overseas.

The failure to realize our opportunities lies in a lack of imagination, and initiative to break away from practices deeply inbedded in our industrial and business systems. We are satisfied with the wealth that comes from the sale of the raw materials and consequently do not have properable and consequently do not have properable materials. Because North Carolina is content with half the possible financial returns, it is no wonder that its per capita annual income is so low in comparison with numerous other states.

Mr. Broughton and Mr. Robinson are preaching an economic gospel as realistic as it is vital to further development of the state.

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Their words could become the fundation for a concerted "Manufacture at Home" movement whose benefits would be comparable to those enloyed from the "Live at Home" theme emphasized a few years ago. What they are saying is, more than anything else, the key to raising the income of the entire cittzenry. When that key is turned, it will not only unlock our industrial problem but solve numerous others, especial social, hindering the state as it strives for the all-around greatness it deserves.

Leaves are those things of which a man thinks in the Autumn that perhaps they should be raked in the Spring, and of which he knows for certain in the Spring that they should have been raked in the Autumn. — Jackson (Miss.) Daily Neus.

Now that there's a bumper crop of corn, here come the police and break up all the bingo games, so there's nothing to do with it but feed it to the hogs. — Lexington (Ky.) Herald.

Were the old days the best? They were for some people. At least they could eat meat.—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

Who Ya Shovin?



People's Platform

# Character In World Affairs

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In Defense Of FDR

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Editors, The News: IT WAS no surprise to see in the People's Platform (Sept. 16) a letter of vituperation against Frank-

DHILIPPIANS 3:14: "I press toward the mark-of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ part of the high calling of God in Christ Motors from old copy books have retirrated the place that character occupies in normal living. But caperinche has done more to impress the importance of character. The forecast is the place that they are not always the same. Unfortunately the inference is correct. That to one of character. The inference is that they are not always the same. Unfortunately the inference is correct. That to one of character. There is the implication that character. There is the implication that of Christian Character. There is the implication that an insistent efforts to live within the range of God-liness and hope all are evidences of character. Minute and hope all are evidences of character. Minute and insistent effects to live within the range of God-liness and hope all are evidences of character. Minute and the character of the people who came to the character of the people who came to the country in the late fifteenin and subsequent central country in the la

Football For The Boys

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what I want is good football, played by the boys who want to play, coached by a fellow who is more interested in making men out of boys than making cash drawers jingle.

### Joseph Alsop

#### Role Is Miscast

# James Marlow

# No Police For Peace

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# Merry-Go-Round UN To Continue The Battle Of Berlin

TODAY the toddling United Nations tugs up its dispers and starts an uneasy session in Paris. The scene of the sessions is jewel-like Challiot Palace overlooking the Elifel Tower.

the sessions is jewel-like Challot Palace overlooking the EME Towers ago Adolf Hiller did a lig in Challot Palace after the Nazi army captured Paris. And if by some remote chance Hilder is alive today, hes probably doning another gleeful like, because his former cisemies have been considered to the property of the pr

Stalin Gets 'Sick'?

FINAL DECISION to throw the Berlin crisis into the UN FINAL DECISION to throw the Berlin crisis into the UN FINAL DECISION to the Western envoys met in the Kremlin with Molotov last Tuesday. The Western powers had hoped that a final talk with Stalin might break the Berlin Final Control of Control Control Final Fin

UN Appeal

TWE United Nations therefore will now become the stage
for the next-phase of the Battle of Berlin. The State
Dept., British Foreign Office and, French Qual D'Orsay
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Meanwhile, the Kremlin is also reported ready for a
"gisantic peace and promagands offensive" in Paris. They'd
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Alben Barkley's Humor

DEMOGRATIC Vice-presidential Nomines Alben Barkley
was asked what he thought about Republican campaign
promises to "stabilize" the farmer.

"Well, I'll tell you," drawfed the Kentuckian. "That
one had me stopped for awhile. I lay awake several nights
abilizing the farmer, Finally it dawned on me

"What the Republicans are planning to do is take the
farmer out of his house and put him in the stable."

Paradoxical Maine

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Tulic Maine election was one of paradoxes. While the
Republicans rolled up a record vote, labor, which genMaine labor leaders succeeded in defeating the Tabb
Bill which would have outlawed the closed shop. It had
been passed by the Legislature and came up on a referendum, by the control of the cont

dum. Not only was it decisively rejected, but its author, Fos-ter Tabb, a farmer, was defeated for the Legislature—de-spite the fact that Maine is generally considered a state of fishermen and farmers.

Merry-Go-Hound

Watsoonsin's bachelor Sen. Joe McCarthy spent his vaWatsoon in the wheat fields at Lefor, N. D., posing as a
hired hand. He got ten dollars and five meals a day for
operating a combine, lost seven pounds even so ... Sen. Erter Thoras. Unlah Demorat, is writing a book on the
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vote a straight Democratic ticket, then went to Boss
thought it over and agreed is might a best portuge
stay in the Democratic camp. As a result, he promised
not to oppose Kefaurer but still wont support him.

Kefauver, who has always stuck by his principles,
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Hull's Receiprocal Trade Treaties.