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AN INADEQUATE REPORT

A S A RULE. The News does not publish A snonymous communications to the editors. One came to the office yesterday, signed only "N. Brevard Residents," for which an ocception is being made, partly because it is or public interest, partly because it is represented to the public interest, partly because it or public interest, partly because it is public. The follows:

THE WRONG STRATEGY

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Of all the civil rights proposals, the revival of the warting fair employment practices on a permanent and statutory basis is the least acceptable to The South. If Mr. Sout Lucas, Senate Majority Leader, carries out his pledge to flight for Senate passage early in the session, it will surely provide as bitter, protracted struggle which the Administration can not possibly win. In the process, some of the other more moderate measures which many sincere Southerners would little to support will be pushed into the background.

Even, the liberal Washington Post. In outlining a timetable for civil rights early this year, and "A fair employment practice in the second of the second of the presidency of the presidency of the liberal washington times and because it is the most controversial of the Presidency evil rights proposals."

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something about them is dereillét in its duty.

At the same time, the report in question seemed inadequate and, to an extent, irresponsible, in that it made broad, generalized charges about whole areas, with no documentation. Apparently the grand jury accepted statements by witnesses who were in the jury room for other cases, and did not bother to take a look at the areas in question, talk to police, health and sanitation officials, and determine for itself the truth of the allegations.

Hearay evidence is not accepted in a court of law, and it should certainly not be the basis of a sensational grand jury report.

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We are glad to see the grand jury show an interest in crime-bleeding areas of the City. But the jury will be of more assist-ance if it uses its broad typestigative powers to substantiate the charges and to limit their application to the real trouble spois rather than reflecting on an entire area and damaging the reputation of innocent people who live or own property in the vicinity.

Prideral Government in developing their policies.

The constitutional amendment to forbid the use of poll taxes in either state or Federal elections could be submitted to the states. In all probability, such an amendment would be approved by three-fourths of the states and the right of the individual to vote thus be butterseed.

An anti-lynching measure might well figure in the Administration's plans. It would be opposed by many Southerners, of writually disappeared. There is some doubt about its constitutionality, as well.

Real progress could be made in these fields if the Administration were sincerely interested in civil rights. The decision of Mr. Lucas, apparently with Mr. Truman's approval, to get a few preliminaries out.

Mr. Lucas, apparently with Mr. Truman's approval, to get a few preliminaries out of the way and then plunge into the bitter fair employment practices fight indicates the Democratic high command is more interested in building up a vole-getting issue than in strengthening civil rights.

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The most important thing is to go about the civil rights program in such a way that the people of The South, who are most intimately concerned, can co-operate. The chosen method will merely breed more animosity and bitterness, and thus may retard the civil rights program rather than help "it along.

EFFECTIVE ANTI-KLAN WEAPON The Klan cannot thrive in the open. It feeds on anonymity. When its members can no longer hide their identity behind masks, the Klan becomes weak and ineffectual.

THE NEW Charlotte ordinance for-bidding the wearing of masks or hoods any public place will be a simple, but mendously effective, check on any oversive Klan activity in the community.

THE FIRST SNOW

DARLIER there had been sleet, dropping from the cold air high above and peiling the dry leaves outside the window. The earth was warm, and there was rain. By morning the sleet was all gone except here and there in roof crevices and under shrubs.

And then came the first mow.

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Timidly at first, as if uncertain of their destination, came the tiny flakes, drifting flowly down to the wet, soggy ground and nuckly disappearing to make a space for

Then, more boldly, they scurried down in large numbers, blanketing the grass and plastering the windshields of creeping

From The Wall Street Journal

utos. Instruction of creeping lustreless color.

The first snow had gone, as swiftly and one of the sky was dark. A thick as softly as it came.

amion demands.

For it the amateur musicians are taking bread from the professionals' mouths, tends of the basketshall players? These materic games are real competition for he professional teams, box-office-vise, thould they not be banned, too?

And, of course, there are the football layers, some of whose smaleur standing open for question, anyway, except at faryard. Deventy thousand paying such a formal paying the standard of the professioners watched foots pame shelles North arothm at hired Tanker Stations—and Station

effectual.

Mayor Shaw and the members of the Council deserve the thanks of the community for moving swiftly against any possible revival of the Kian in Charlotte. They have given to Chief Littlejohn and his officers a useful weapon which, we are confident, will be used promptly if and when the occasion arises.

grey mass hung close over the cold glisten-ing tree tops as if it had come to rest and to stay a long time.

The small boy stood in the doorway, un-mindful of the chilly air sweeping around his pajama-clad legs and across the living room floor. The snow was here at last, and he babbled incoherently of plans for the day.

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And then came the lull. The flakes grew smaller. They descended slowly and halt-ingly. Finally they stopped.

The grey mass dissolved and a bright warm sun ahone through. The last patches of white gave up the struggle and the face of the earth resumed its dull and lustreless color.

UNFAIR AMATEURS

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I GOAL 802 of the American Federation of Musicians would like to ban, the use of college bands at college basteball games. When the representatives of institutions of learning enter Madison States and the second to the seco

Will-O'-The-Wisp



Allentown Solves Parking Problem

By MICHAEL J. SAADA
(In The Wall Street Journal)

that it will shopping. Heading merchants are providing the answer—out of their own pockets. They're now in the process of expanding the parting facilities they we have been also been as they are the process of expanding the parting facilities they were the process of expanding the parting facilities they were the process of the proces

or the shopper—these past two years.

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by adding concrete runns.

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to stores in edifying sections where parking int's an
accereditie more all the time. In its first two years
ended July 31, some 33.000 cars were parked free in
A 5. 3 to Marine deplember and October that year,
two months of 1946. That's at an annual raje of 27,500
cars.

Average cost of the service to a stockholder store runs about 0.3 per cent of sales—"insignificant when you consider the good will and prestige of such own venience," says G. Edward Leh, member of Leh & Co., second largest deportment store here.

Quote, Unquote

"Chinese music sounds like a medium-sized raliway crash." says a musicologist. Or an American juke
box!—Nashviii (Trean) Basset.

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Treatment of U. S. Diplomats Is Humiliating And Degrading By MARQUIS CHILDS

Small Wonder The People In Hollywood Suffer From Ulcers

Drew Pearson's Income Tax Fraud Worst U.S. Scandal Merry-Go-Round

ONE of the worst sandals in the nation today is incometax fraud and the way certain politices or friends of
politices are able to get away with it.

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show how income-tax fraud is put across.

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uy almost anything those days and Ripps and settilling. Then, a couple of years later, alert Treasury agents
ught them keeping two sets of books, and after long investimental proceedings.

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That case, however, has never been tried. It was sent by the Justice Dept, to Hill for prosecution, but that was as far as it got. U. S. Attorney Hill held a conference with Justice and Treasury men in Birmingham at which he contended he did not have sufficient evidence. In the ned, and with their concurrence, the prosecution of yearity profiters Ripps and Mitchell was sent back to Washington as cheed.

Prosecutor's Partner Is Paid
MEANWHILE, this column, probing the tax fraud, unearthed some interesting facts. Ben Leader, when questioned, admitted he was Hills former law partner; also admitted he received a fee of \$12,000, but made a long speech
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allowed to settle the water bill out of court. In 1842, when
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This is the man who, when charged by the Treasury with income-tax fraud to the tune of \$700,000 minimum, man-aged to southm out of prosecution

Hiding The Cash

Books Disappear

THIS devious method of cashing checks was aimed to the

A T-men off the track and corer up marge amounts measurements in financial juggiller was detected on one set of Mitchell-Rippe books, however, the book erroterously disappeared. T-men had got out a subportan for them, but when they claim back with the subportan, no books could be found. The Mitchell-Rippe defense is that they had to buy jeen. The Mitchell-Rippe defense is that they had to buy jeen. The Mitchell-Rippe defense is that they had do buy jeen. The Mitchell-Rippe defense is that they had do so the back and to you in cash, and at lain strikes. It was on the back and to you in cash, and at lain strikes. It was on the back and they had do so the second that they had decided to respen the case and hoped, in his edd, to prosecute.