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### MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES STILL UNDECIDED

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RALEIGH — When the members of the North Carolina General Assembly first came to Raleigh early in January, they were painfully aware that they would have to wrestle with three major issues—schools, regats, and inglor—plus a confusing soortman and the second of the second o

sumption on the premises and substitute the package sale principle.

FMIER has been some progress toward a runt nost book of these refrendium. The House of Representatives bowed to the Governor's whites and adopted two separate bills—one providing for the referendium, the other increasing the State gaso-line tax by one cent. But when those bills reached the Senate, they were given unfavorable committee reports and a substitute Senate bill approved which would provide for the \$200,000,000 road bond issue that the gasoline tax increase contingent: upon passage of the bond issue. The Senate went so far as to include in its bill the recutrement that the ballots must state that approval of the issue means an immediate increase in the gas tax.

Whether, or not the House will accept the Senate version is uncertain. Perhaps there will be a compromise. At any rate, a final threat the senate version is uncertain. Perhaps there will be a compromise, and the property in the senate version is uncertain. Perhaps there will be a compromise, At any rate, a final state that approve issue still before the General Assembly is, et coffse, schools, it has stirred up nitter battles in committee and on the floor, and there will be other ragged tempers before it is finally decided.

Education forces are striving for two obfectives: (1) State financial assistance in building school houses, and (2) higher teacher salaries. An interesting tug of war has developed over these two.

lic election on the question of issuing \$50,000,000 in bonds for school buildings. The Senate bill provided that a ch County would receive an equal amounts—\$500,000,-regardless of the number of school children, its accumulated needs, or its ability of the school children, its accumulated needs, or its ability of the school children, its accumulated needs, or its ability of the school children, its accumulated needs, or its ability of the school children, its accumulated needs, or its ability of the school control of the difference, and changed the silocation method. That action caused consternation among the higher teacher salary proponents, for their best hope of getting more money was from using that-postwarf reserve rund.

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Simultanusly, the Joint Appropriations of the school forces, was voting to use \$26,000 of the \$350,000,000 reserve rund for higher teacher salaries, furnishing enough money to establish a \$2,000-\$3,100 salary scale for standard certificate teachers. This is the scale saked by Oovernor Scotl, who hopes that Federal money will make it possible to increase the samount even further.

The action of both these committees ran counter to opinion of some House members, including the its possible to increase the sepant at all but be retained for its original purpose—to protect the State appropriation schedule against possible loss of revenue dub to a business recession.

That objection, however, was overcome in the House Tuesday when a resolution to keep the reserve find intact want down by a sizeable majority. The House definitely wants to spend the money but must decide between using it for teacher salaries or no means final, since the Senate may stand frim against spending the money for any purpose.

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TWO other Scott proposals appear to Thave smooth sailing. One would increase the Highway Commission personnel by adding two more members in each division, or a-foot of thirty. The would be appointed to regular four year terms. The other twenty would serve at the pleasure which Scott has shown deep and determined interest is the expansion of the Utilities Commission to five members, and the employment of technical and professional assistants. Both probably will be approved.

proved.

All in all, the Governor's program is far from lost. He has been soundly beaten on only one proposal—the liquor referendum.

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The resistance is still noticepble, but it is growing weaker.

If, in the final weeks of this embattled session, 800 to opponents manage to raily their forces, turn their backs to the insistent pressure groups, reject the remaining "Go Forward" measures, and go back home, it will only postpone the question for two years. For it is becoming increasingly obvious that the 1950 elections will provide the declaive test for Scott and his new, more dyname philosophy of State Government. — C. A. McKnight.

#### MR. MARSHALL, DÜKE POWER PRESIDENT

A quiet spoken Charlottean has attained a climax in a career marked by exercise of notable abilities in industrial management. He is E. C. Marshall, advanced by the Duke Power Co. directorate to the presidency of this great system operating over the Piedmont Carolinas.

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In the earlier years of the company, Mr.
Marihall was a trusted pupil of the late
James B. Duke, whose vision and aggressiveness set in motion economic influences
which have been a prime factor in this
area's growth Mr. Marihalli service with
the Duke organization is another of those
climbs by business executives from humble
starts to places of leadership.

Long a vice-president of the Duke or-ganisation, Mr. Marshall succeeds to the presidency in consequence of the elevation of George C. Allen. of New York to the newly created position of chairman of the board. Mr. Allen will maintain contact with the Duke affairs, but Mr. Marshall in the future even more exactingly than in the

past, will be "the man on the job," in top management of the company.
"Far back in the history of Carolina industrial progress, Mr. Marshall came in 1907 to Charlotte for duty as auditor with the former Southern Power Co., a Duke subsidiary.

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These days the executives of the Duke organization, including Mr. Duke the Internation, including Mr. Duke the Internation including Mr. Duke the Internation of the International Interna

### A BIRTHDAY SALUTE TO GOVERNOR COX

THE Atlanta Journal, a strong driving force for progress not only in Georgia but throughout the entire South, was purchased in 1299 by former. Governor James M. Cox of Ohio. In these past ten years Governor Cox and his able associates have made The Journal a tremendously enterprising, courageous, and successful newspaper.

On this birthday anniversary of "The Governor" as he is affectionately known to all his friends; The Charlotte News sa-lutes him as both a distinguished publisher and a great public servant.

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Entering today upon his 80th year, Governor Cox can look back upon a fine record of accomplishments, some of which he modestly outlines in his exciting autobiography, "Journey Through My Years," published three years ago. When only 28, after a rugged youth as a farm boy, be began his

colorful career as a newspaper publisher in Dayton Since then his brilliant success as a newspaper executive has enabled him to acquire papers in Springfield, Ohio, and Miami, as well as in Dayton and Atlanta.

Miami, as well as in Dayton and Atlanta. Newspaper work, however, has by no means captured all the time of this accomplished American. Elected twice to Congress and three times Governor of Ohio, he made a notable mark in politics. It is hard to believe that almost 30 years have elapsed since Warren O. Harding defeased Governor Cox for the presidency, Little did the voters realize that they were putting in the White House a weak man who would out the worder realize that they were putting in the White House a weak man who would will be the worder that th

### How About An 'Oscar' For This Guy?



People's Platform

# The Plight Of The Landlord

Editors. The News:

NOR some time I have read and heard over the
radio all kinds of abuse heaped upon the neads
of the landsdork. Like the old proverbilal step-mother,
becomes one. Nevertheless, he is usually a hardworking man who is thrifty enough to save ord
his earning until he has enough to build a house for
someone die to the hin.

Picture, if you can, what Charlotte, or any other community would be like without any landlords or rental property yet he is at the present time taking a beating that will be remembered a long time and may cause others in the future to invest their savings in something which will be more profitable and less

increase.

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tice and it is not justice to choke hish back until
is completely bankrupt and his property ruined
m lack of repair. -CLARENCE E. COLLINS.

Dr. Morgan's Meetings

CHARLOTTE

Editors. The News:

J. WISH to express the thanks of the congregation
of East Avenue Tibernacle ARP Church, and
so my personal thanks, to you and to your staff,
also my personal thanks, to you and to your staff,
Conference held in our church March 20-23. Mr.
Mack Hell handled reports of JV. Morganis means
in a very effective way; and also, we owe to Mr. Dick
Young Jr., city editor, a shorer won' of thanks.

We know that you have many claims upon the space in your valuable paper, and that you are making a sincre effort to serve the whole community. We feel that the week which Mr. Morgan spent here, expounding the Bible in our church, was made much more effective by the reporting of his sermons through the columns of your paper. We deeply ap--E. N. ORR, D.D., Pastor.

-R. R. HARPER.

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Legacy Of Idealists

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Joseph And Stewart Alsop

## Rough Road Ahead

WASHINGTON
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his first test as Secretary of
State representing this country on
the very highest level of international negotiation. Ernest Be vin
and Robert Schuman are officially
coming to Washington for the
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will be his first test, and, it must be added, none could be more difficult. During the last year, while nobody the state of the state

#### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# Underpaid Diplomats Is U.S. Problem

This increase was tied to the bill boosting the President's pay check. For last year all other Federal employees had been given a raise—but not U. S. diplomatic personnel abroad. Some of them, beginning on a salary as low as \$2,000, can barely make both ends meet, and are supposed to keep up proper appearances as representatives of the great United States.

A bulletin recently sent to these employees quoted Sen. Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts as saying: "Americans in the foreign service need to have great pride in their country, And it should be a pride that shows through, that reflects the true worth of the American way of life."

He Who Gets Spanked

His target was race-baiting, rabble-rousing Rep. John Rankin, of Mississippi, who had just delivered a speech singling out Israel, along with the contingents of Europe, Asia and Africa, as a "sinkhole" into which we are "pouring" relief funds.

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This Is Not Backstage News

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