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SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

MECKLENBURG County's' ABC system, it seems, is the proving ground for both Prohibitionists and control advocates who are presently locked in combat in several North Carolina counties.

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Be received the several north combat in several North Carolina counties and all the guns. Some of the facts and figures are right, some of them are wrong, and some of them are simply misintespreted.

Speaking in Salisbury Sunday, Attorney Francis O. Clarkson of Charlotte, a force-full leader of the Ailled Church League prohibition forces, cited some increases in Mecklenburg County's budget for 1949 and, although he did not say it in so many words, inferred, strongly that the ABC stores were at least partially responsible for the increases. Here is what Mr. Clarkson had to say:

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The County's stiere in 1948	of liquo	r taxes
Was about \$500,000. In the 1949	County	budget
are the following increases ove	1948:	
Rural Police	1	17.733
Poor Fund		15,686
Public Welfare Adm'tn		15,528
Public Health Fund		89.938
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Pend .	1946	1949	Pet. Increase
Rural Police 1	\$132,850	\$170,583.50	11.6
Poor Fund	351,188	351,874.00	.0002
Public Wfare Ad.	139,237	154,765.00	11.5
	300,030	349,968.00	19.23
Aid Dep'nt Chil'n	237,125	278,800.00	18.07

The most interesting thing about these figures, however, is the way they compare with Rowan County, where Mr. Clarkson

was speaking, and where there are, no ABC stores. Here are the Rowan figures, as furnished Two News by the County Auditor and excluding the Rural Police aince Rowan has no rural police department.

Fund	1945	1949	Increas
Poor Fund	\$64,825.56	\$78,619.68	24
Public Welfare	36,885.00	48,379.00	
Public Health	40,865.00	55,582.00	
Aid Dep'nt Chil'	n 14,704.00	17,830.00	21

In each category, Rowan's percentage in-crease for these welfare services exceeded Mecklenburg's. What does it all prove? City Manager-Henry Yancey, in a letter to the Statesville Record the other day, answered

To assume that the increased cost of government in Charlotte is the result of the ex-tablishment of ABC atores is an erroneous as-sumption in the extreme.

There are no ABC stores in Greensboro, yet the cost of government has risen to the point where the Council has closed two fire

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One other point about Mr. Clarkson's figures. Take the Rural Police fund, for example. He cites an increase of \$17,733. Of this increase, \$7,856 resulted from a 6 per cent salary increase and \$5,500 for the recent salary increase and \$5,500 for the re-placement of worn out automobiles. That's \$13,366 of the increase. If the Rural Police-men are so much busier because of ABC stores, their appropriations for fingerprint-ing supplies, clothing, gasoline, tires, auto-repairs, new equipment, laundry, police training, telephones, and other expenses would not be either identical with last year's or within a few dollars of the 1948 figure.

'ME TOO' POLICY IN BRITAIN

THAT the once-mighty Bettlah Conaervative Party is rapidly becoming an English-model of our own "me too" Republican Party was made perfectly clear
by the party's statement of policy and Winston Churchill's major address last weekend.

end. Both documents adroitly avoided any direct attack on the Socialistic policies of the Labor Government; both promised to retain a major portion of the "reforms" of recent year; both took refuge in meaningless bombast and merely promised the voters to administer the program of nationalization more efficiently.

If the party continues this approach up to and through the coming general election, it will parallel closely the various Repub-lican efforts to unseat the Democratic Par-ty in this nation and, in all probability, will be destined to the same miserable failure.

failure. The party policy statement, "The Right Road for Britain", did piedge that it would not undertake any further nationalization of findustry, and vaguely held out the promise to restore to private enterprise some sections of the industries already nationalized. If further promised to remised to restrictions on new retail businesses, and therefore encourage private enterprise.

prise.

At the same time, the booklet promised to retain food rationing, price controls, agriculture regulation, and the national health service.

health service. Expanding the policy statement, former Prime Minister Churchill addressed a great throng at "Wolverhampton on Saturday. He blasted the Labor Government for dissipating overseas assets, for bringing the nation to the brink of insolvency, for placing Britain under a "cramping and disastrous" rule.

"In the last four years they have carried out plans prepared by the National Coalition Government, with its large Conservative ma-jority of which I was the head," he said.

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Then he turned right around again and charged that the Socialist policies of nationalization have proved to be an expensive failure to date, pointing to higher charges for nationalized gas and electricity and to the high losses being incurred by the nationalized coal board, by the British railways and by the publicly owned air-lines.

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In still another reversal, Mr. Churchili
said that "There's no real difference between a full application of the Socialist
system (which his Cosilition Government
had mapped four years earlier, by his own
admission) and Communian. Both are
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OUR BOB TO THE RESCUE

WE note from The Asheville Citizen, the
Associated Press, the United Press
and various other reliable and trustworthy
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sources that Robert Rice Reynolds of Ashe-ville is "considering" running for another termina U. 8. Senator. "Quite a number of people in Buncombe County and in the central and eastern por-tions of the state have personally urged me to seek another term in the Senate and the constant of the County of the County had considerable the County of the The Citizen.

had considerable number of letters from friends and acquaintances," Reynolds told The Citteen.

His law partner, I. C. Crawford, was less coy about 18:

"As I see 18, to stil intents and purposes he 'Reynolds' is running now. I think it's asfe to say hell be a candidate for the Senate next year."

Mr. Crawford seems to be a more forthright man than his legal sidekick. Of course Bob Reynolds is running. He's been facting like a shy wallingwer for several months now, waiting for someone to 'stak' him to chance.

There was a day when the people of

North Carolina would have taken Mr. Rey-noids seriously. But the people of this state have grown up, and it's hardly likely that there'll be any great groundwell of sup-port for our former resident, who betook himself off to Washington for a long spell, and then repatriated himself in the hills of Buncombe.

and use repeated in Buncombe.

It may be that Our Bob figures that Clyde Hoey's swallow tall coat and neckwarming haircut will give him something to lampoon, as he did Cam Morrison's limousines and Russian cavi-a-h. But these times, and we need more are parlous times, and we need more than a glad-handing, jalopy-driving isola-tionist representing us in the U. S. Senate for the next six years.

"Do you stop to admire a little roadside beauty?" asks a travel writer — without reference, of course, to the one thumbing a ride. — Nashville (Tenn.) Banner.

Maybe the world isn't any worse than it used to be. Perhaps you just know more about it than you used to. — Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal.

'The U. S. Now Has Delicate Relations With Russia. Britain And The Senate Appropriations Committee'



Dispatch From The Farm

Rain Barrel Music

(In The Christian Science Mension)

ROR a number of years now this farm has gone

Along rather well without a rain harrel, but each

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and then Fall comes and I haven't done anything

about II. Right now I'm sure that on my next thing

to the village I'll see if I' can find a molasses barrel

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Three isn't anything we need one for, now that

modern plumbing is as complete in, the country as

anywhere else. The washing and battling is as con
sturn on a Faucet. If we caught rain water, we'd

never use it. And still, I wonder if it wouldn't ask

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of our time. I can rememer ween a rain carret was mighty important.

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the thunder, and water was still coming down the spout, Grandmother would have the wash under way. Bow will be showed, policy out with a cost around her shoulders abover, policy out with a cost around her shoulders abover, policy out with a cost around her shoulders down, the cats would lodge, the barn dorn would down, the cats would lodge, the barn dorn would chrash on their hinges and sometimes tear off—but Orandmother would trot back and forth between no never mind. She had boards she would place in position to divert the overflow into kettles and pans.

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It pays to be uninformed some of the time. Here we have been arguing that no real depression or occasion is likely as long as farmers get a guaranteed good price for their product, and Sunday This active the product, and Sunday This active the theorem to the predicting an early end to the present recession. He Predicting as early end to the present recession in the present recession in the however the present recession in the west production of the present recession and The News simulations of the present of th

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COMPROMISE SOLUTION

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James Marlow

his request in detail—eays:
"Our assistance must reach its destination in time to schlere its purpose."
Why the speed? The tilniking goes like this:
This country's allies, particularly in Western Europe, have been trying to recover from the war, with our help.

our help.
They've been making progress but their recovery will remain littery and incomplete so long as they're afraid of Russia.
Says the State Dept.:
"Beneath the confidence that the present degree of recovery has engineered, there is a pervasive fear that the gaing may be sweet away by aggression on the part of the Soviet Union."

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"They have observed how a Com-munist coup d'etat, operating in the shadow of the massed military might of the Soviet Union can over-throw, at one stroke, the demo-cratic liberties and the political in-dependence of a friendly nation."

He was referring to Ozechoelo-vakia, of course. That country's frontier adjoins Russia's. Ozecho-slovakia's own Communists got themselves into key positions in the government.

POSITION CLEAR

President Truman made that point pretty clear in his message to Congress yesterday:

... the nations of Western Europe have not been salte to ignore for themselves. a military defense a military defense to the Communists.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

B-36 Charges Aired Again In Speech

was placing much of its confidence—the B-38.

Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, and the Secretary of AIr. Stuart Symington, it was charged, had ordered the B-36 because Johnson had previously been employed by Flord Collum, and the state of the B-36, while Symington to Collum, it was also alleged that Symington of the Collum, it was also alleged that Symington the Collum, it was also alleged that Symington and the Collum, it was also alleged that Symington and profited unethically at the expense of the lax-payers in manufacturing gun turnets for the B-3.

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These charges naturally shake the confidence of the country in its high officials responsible for national defense, Several weeks have paused and it remains important in the charge and whether they were true.

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siderable couple as to whether the contracts would were re-validated. Murin's tactic in talking to other alphase smin-ufacturers failed. They did not join him. Meanwhile, the reason for his desperation can be found in his own ledger sheets. In 1948 his company showed a loss of \$16,710,720, on top of which it still owes the Reconstruction Pinance Corp. The statement also contains this illuminating officery finan-cial statement also contains this illumination of the saw officet by losses in the commercial airplane program. In other words, Martin's only profit was made from Uncle Sam, and he loss money on one-Government business.

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