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The News' Platform For 1950-50

- 1. Organization of an Urban Redevelopment Commission.
2. A \$10,000,000 school building program for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.
3. A scientific county-wide revaluation of property.
4. Maximum feasible consolidation of the City and County Governments as recommended by Institute of Government studies.
5. A public housing program based on facts gathered in 1950 census.
6. Formation of a civic promotion group similar to Winston-Salem's Committee of One Hundred.
7. A new city auditor.
8. 500-odd policemen for unobstructing traffic congestion.
9. Improved air transportation facilities.
10. Positive action to clear Charlotte's creeks of contamination and pollution.

TEN-YEAR PLATFORM-VI

A CONSIDERABLE amount of planning and promotion for Charlotte's future growth goes on quietly all the time, but in a rather spellbound way. Official agencies of the City Government—school board, planning board, engineering department, and the like—are constantly making future plans for the city and telling the people about them. Unofficial agencies—the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association, the League of Women Voters, for example—also engage in this time in promoting various projects.

public questions in behalf of the public good. Winston-Salem has such a group—called the Committee of One Hundred—its organization, philosophy, and past activity are described in a special article elsewhere on this page by Peter Ivey, editor of The Twin-City Sentinel.

MORE DEFICIT FINANCING

LAST JANUARY, President Truman submitted a budget to Congress for fiscal 1951. Mr. Truman revealed what had happened to last January's budget. Expenditures will total \$43.3 billion, an increase of over \$2 billion. Receipts will drop to \$37.7 billion, a decrease of \$1.5 billion from his estimate. The deficit will be \$5.5 billion instead of the \$5.7 billion he projected.

and assuring higher receipts from taxation "in subsequent years." He warned sharply against tampering with any of his recommendations, domestic or foreign. Not all members of Congress subscribe to this Fair Deal theory. But sincere economic advocates—men like Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia—are in a small minority. Others join them in yelling for Congress, especially at the beginning of a session—but desert the ranks when log-rolling times come around. And their cries are no more convincing this year than they were in January of 1949.

There are two ways to balance the budget—decreasing expenditures and increasing revenue. The latter is out of the question at this time. Communism doesn't go to vote substantial new taxes in an election year. Nor is there likely to be a major reduction of expenditures, especially in the defense field. On the contrary, the natural proclivity this election year will be to spend out more than usual.

The danger in all of this is that frustrated economic advocates of all degrees of sincerity may pounce upon the foreign aid program as a convenient appendage for Congressional surgery. Foreigners don't vote.

BRAINS VS. BRAUN

WHEN it was announced last week that six Wake Forest football players had been granted a scholarship, it was expected, there must have been some on other campuses of the state the fervent apology, "There but for the grace of God go I."

work, they shouldn't play football—or they shouldn't be in college. The football produces good scholarship football—the kind you like to watch on Saturday afternoons. But there are disturbing indications that the national victory over communism depends on college football to such an extent that academic bars are being lowered at many institutions.

TRI-CITY CO-OPERATION

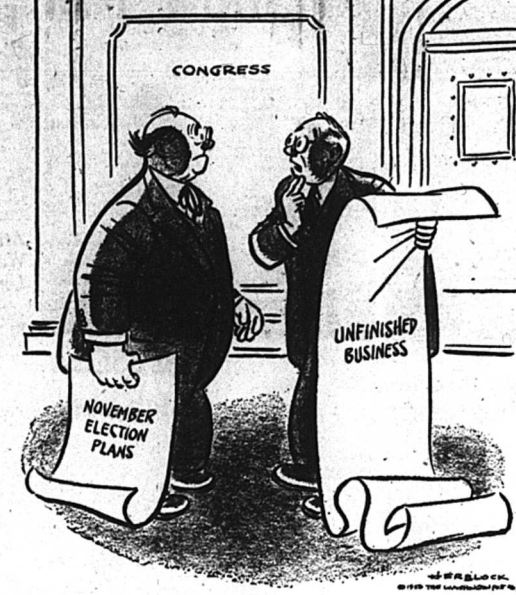
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE officials of Winston-Salem, Greensboro and High Point are working together to present a strong case in favor of the "Tri-Cities" area as a site for the proposed U. S. Air Force Academy.

Greensboro and High Point which will lead to the more rapid development and greater prosperity of all three cities and their intervening and surrounding hinterland, and settling ultimately in the emergence here of the greatest metropolitan area in the South. That there should be a certain degree of rivalry among these cities with respect to the bidding for certain commercial and industrial facilities is natural. But there are many programs and projects concerning the three cities which could serve the interests of all much better by working in full unison than by competing for them.

Christmas in Alaska

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'Maybe We'd Better Do Our Campaigning Right Here'



Adequate Policy For Asia To Require Taking Many Risks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States must be prepared to take many risks to secure an adequate policy for Asia, according to a report by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The report states that the United States must be prepared to take many risks to secure an adequate policy for Asia, including the possibility of military intervention.

Potent Civic Organization

Winston's Committee Of One Hundred

By FITE IVY (Editor, Twin City Sentinel)

ONE of the 10 plans in The Charlotte News' platform for the next ten years is "formation of a civic promotion group similar to Winston-Salem's Committee of One Hundred." Perhaps the people of Charlotte should know more about the Winston-Salem organization.

Community Pride Is Enemy Of School Consolidation

By HENRY C. MACFADYEN

WHAT I will say today will apply to the city of Charlotte. It is being used only every other year. Let's make it more personal. If you are a teacher, you know that the high school with only four or five teachers, what are they missing? They are missing the things that a high school should have.

Quote, Unquote

The new flagpole is up on the Post Office grounds and will be dedicated to the memory of the late Senator James H. Hargis. Erection of the pole cost the Government a "pretty sum" of \$8,000.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON (AP)—Drew Pearson, the American Navy should be pleased to state that the American Navy has a very good record in the past few years. He has brought a very smile from his old Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson.

Retentor Necessary—HST

WHERE recent White House visitors found Harry Truman, the President, concerned about the nation's housing shortage, the Senator, the father, worried over Margaret's slumping.

Hoover Change Should Amuse Stimson

In the end, the Hope family went. Hastily, he got together a piano player, a cowboy singer, a dancer, and with his two young boys, they left for Alaska, staged seven performances in two days.

Watching Big Business

IT HADN'T garnered many headlines, but one of the most important probes on Capitol Hill has been the monopoly investigation of the House Judiciary Committee.

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