TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1950

SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE

I OOK back a little . . . to less than a lundred years ago. If a river had riess. Ricoded a city, made thousands homeless—they would have ablvered in the cold, scraped food wherever they could, many would have died, If a fire had flared up in a city, burning homes, injuring, many—they would have stared at the sakes of their furniture, tended their own burns as best they could, lapsed into despair.

what was missing? The answer stands out like a sore thumb: the Red Gross. Since 1864, when it was formed in Geneva by akteen cognities. The Red Gross has been an ever-present, ever-reliable friend at the scene of disasters—evelulding businesses, rebuilding homes, rebuilding homes, rebuilding homes, rebuilding homes, rebuilding homes, rebuilding homes, republished from the first phase of the emergency; and long term aid, such as extended medical care, repairing or rebuilding homes, replacing home furnishing, farm equipment, livestock and poultry, height pointers, replained mouth of the manufacture of the many functions of the sprawling for new jobs—is but one of the many functions of the sprawling for new jobs—is but one of the many functions of the sprawling for new jobs—is but one of the many functions of the sprawling for new jobs—is but one of the many functions of the sprawling for new jobs—is but one of the many functions at the Red Cross.

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organization known as the Red Cross. Unfortunately, the public has come to take the Red Cross for granted. Soms-times it even gripes when Red Cross service is not all that the unfortunate might hope for. The public seems to have accepted the Red Cross and its many services as a sort of God-given, celestially-financed checking account and first sid station.

sort of Goo-green, the station. Too many of us forget that the Red Cross is totally dependent on the public for financial support; it is supported enirely by voluntary contributions of individuals and organizations. The government doesn't help.

REMEDY FOR 'RUNNERS'?

SURE enough, as our traditions declare,

S any citizen-in-good-standing of this
land has a right to run for office—any
office, providing he pays the filing fee.

That fee, at the moment, amounts to
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sought. The city or county or sawe-targoverning body of which the candidate hopes to become a part—keeps the fee for election expenses much to run for office. The can be a candidate for the U. S. The can be a candidate for the U. S. The can be a candidate for the U. S. The can be a candidate on the state will get your name in the paper and on the ballot and in years to come your grandchildren can remark "Gramps was a Senatorial candidate."

While many a candidate entering a political campaing with almost no hope of winning does so because he honestly wants to do something about government, there is flourishing amongst us a coterie of perennial "unners", men who can afford to pay the nominal filing fee but who have no more chance of getting into critice than the village kind.

Every year or so you'll see their names on the ballot—running for governor or

sheriff, or other major office. It gets to be a joke Laughing at these egoistic pub-licity seekers doesn't, however, keep them from making a mockery of some of our elections.

It is enabled to carry on its work only through public contributions and the assistance of thousands of volunteer workers in co-operation with a trained professional staff. For every paid staff, inember of the Red Cross, there are 99 volunteer workers. Here are some of the Red Cross achievements during the past year:

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—225,515 persons were assisted in 330 domestic disaster relief operations.

—2,000,000 or more servicemen received Red Cross help, some of it financial, in working out personal and family prob-

lema.

-300 chapters participated in the Red Cross National Blood Program.

-1,113,120 persons were trained in first aid, water safety and accident prevention.

-128,284 persons received home nursing instruction.

-19,000,000 children took part in Junior and Red Cross work. and Red Cross work.

It would take many volumes to give de-tailed accounts of the work of the Red Cross. And it would be unnecessary for very few of us have not seen the Red Cross at work, many of us have been helped by the Red Cross.

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Tomorrow—or on the days to follow—you will be approached by one of the approachestly 3,500 volunteer ised Cross campaign workers. They will want you to do your part in paying for the service the Red Cross provides.

Charlotte has been asked to contribute \$105,000. Charlotteans should do their part; there is no worthier organisation. Through no other organization can you get so much for so little.

The British, it was revealed in the re-

Parliament.
When you become a candidate for Par-liament, you are required to deposit 150 pounds (\$420). If you fall to get an eighth of the vote, the pounds go into the gov-ernment's kitty.

It is doubtful that England has a corps of gentlemen who scamper down to the

of gentlemen who scamper down to the filling office every time an election comes up. Not in this day of austerity, any-way....

Perhaps, in this case, it might be wise to emulate Engiand; perhaps doubling our own filling fee and returning half of it if wole would make our ballots a little leas crowded and thin out the ranks of the "runners".

Many of those associations or corpora-tions or federations or boards which re-

uons or referations or boards which re-ported complained mightily, declaring that they did not believe they were legally bound to do so but, were complying only because the Justice Dept. Insisted. It is not difficult to understand why lobbying groups might not want the pub-lic to know how much they are spending to sway Congressmen.

sway Congressmen. But we believe the average citizen feels that, although he cannot afford to maintain a lobbyts in Washington, it is good that he knows to what extent the associations and corporations and federations and boards can afford it.

The Federal Regulation of Lobbyting Act — under which these figures are made public—is a valuable anformat of the association of the control of the con

-under which these figures are made pub-lic-is a valuable safeguard of the people

LOBBYING BILL IS HIGHER

NOT ONLY does the weekly grocery bill add up to more these days, but it's costing more to influence legislation than

Washington in 1949. Exactly how this tidy figure, spent by approximately 236 organizations listed as lobbyists in the nation's capitol, was allocated was not revealed in a recent tabulation by the Congressional Quarterly, but that \$7500,710 was spent by various bustness, protessional, citters and employee meas, protessional, citters and employee presented by the Depth Link the various Congressions until "wite right" seems beyond question.

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And the price is going up. Here's how the lobbyists reported in 1947 and 1948: 1947—149 organizations reported spending \$5,058.357.

-206 organizations reported spending

8.191.838.
This year's figure is close to \$3 million tore than that of 1947, near \$2 million tore than that of 1948.
Who spent the most? These are the figures of the top eleven spenders:

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VISITORS

WORD comes from a deputy sheriff in Witti county that he had Ku Klux Klan callers recently. They were supposedly from Gaston County and had burdened themselves with a so-called unloward situation in this neighborhood. There are several things about this which rather in the first place, we believe that the officers of our county are perfectly carpable of handling local malefactors. They are able to do so without calling for the maintaine of some self-appoints; white means the comment of the commen

im.

We hope he told them to "get the hell"
ome and tend to their own business.



Farm Price Support Program

If You Ate One More Egg A Month

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move heath of the Government under loans and price guarantees is \$50.000 a day.

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People's Platform

Motorist's Prayer

Editors. The News

WHILE in New York I received this prayer, in the
form of a tract, at Trinity Enlescopic Church.

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Believe that it may do some good if placed in a

conspicious spot in your worthwhite Charlotte News.

—ALFRED E. MENNELL

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That no man can be but when I pease by:

Office of every kind.

That will distort my vision and be-fog my mind.

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Schools Limited In Methods Of Audio-Visual Instruction By HENRY C. MCFADYEN

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By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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Drew Pearson's Farmers Hold Key To 1950 Elections Merry-Go-Round

Merry-Go-Round

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Radioactive Congressman
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Capital News Capsules'
GETTING tough with Nasis-Ins

North Carolina, his home state: "Bither come up with something better than the Brannan plan, or alog standing commissioner of agriculture, is on record for the plan.

Fear Income Drop

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Tighter drawn curtain—Another blow to good veen East and West: The Czechoslovak Government and an edict requiring anyone writing to a person abte the letter personally to the post office along within the property of the post office along we sender reveals his identity.