FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1950

#### MR. BOYD ON REVALUATION

IT IS ALWAYS a temptation to any newspaper to ignore captious utterances by public officials, or to reply in an equally captions weln. The better way is to attempt, patiently and painstakingly, to allay any public misunderstanding which might result from their pronouncements.

may any public muniforestanding which "might result from their pronouncements. At Council meeting this week, Basil Boyd read into the record a statement level of the statement of the result of the statement giving his objections to a proposed sein-tific revaluation of all propriet which has already to the statement of the state

under close scrutiny.

In the first place, one of the oldest dodges in politics its orial at the "experts' and glorify the "homefolks". The main reason why our property valuation pattern is such a crasy quilt of inequity today is that the last general revaluation in 1938 was done by "homefolks". The tax assessors two property was been supported by the township in the content of the township in the content of the content of

range survey if "homefolks" could do the job better? Why does the City Government rely on national professional societies for approving a large variety of 'technical equipment purchased each year? Why should the City Council hire Chicago engi-neers to analyze our industrial waste and stream poliution problem?

Thally, what guarantee do we have that

Mr. Boyd would accept the verdict of homefolks." Just Jast week, he decided he knew more about parking meters than our own City officials in charge of them, and voted to spend an extra \$3,500 of the people's money to buy what he believed to be a better coin collector.

his second point is simply untrue. Property revaluation is not going to "ruin" anyone. It is not going to ruin" anyone. It is not going to increase the total volume of taxes paid to the City and County Governments. It will eliminate the gross inequities now on the books which enable some property owners to pay less than their fair share and force others to than their fair share and force others to pay more than their fair share. And it will show today's value of property in all Meck-ichburg Gounty, rather than the present unrealistically low value. Whether that value is put on the books at 25 per cent, or 40 per cent, or 50 per cent, or 100 per cent is a matter for the County Commissioners to decide—not the outside "ex-peria."

In the third place, his questioning of the cost can be answered quite easily. Numerous cities and counties in North Carolina and delewine have employed property assessing firms in the postwar period, and the control of the control

Perhaps Mr. Boyd's pronouncement is not worth so much space in these columns. We believe, however, that a thorough and scientific revaluation of all property in Meckienburg County is a vital percequisite to our tuffillment of local government re-sponsibility in the tremendous decade upon which we have just embarked. And we are most anxious that this and other like en-terprises be done competently, rather than rely on such cracker-barrel, moss-back, homespun theories as those voiced by Mr.

#### FARMER BOB DOUGHTON

ALONG about this time every two years, we get around to expressing satisfaction that Farmer Bob Doughton has decided to run for re-election to Congress from the Ninth Congressional District.

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Farmer Bob never seems to want to run. He always gives in reluctantly in answer to the demand of his constituents. And he is not exaggerating when he gives that as 'his reason. His people feel safe when he's in Congress.

Most men his age (88) have lost much of their mental and physical vigor, but not the man from Laurel Byrings. He has defied these laws of Nature, and is still as sprightly as many a man 20 years his junior.

Mr. Doughton's main responsibility in Congress is the writing of the national tax laws. He gets that Job by virtue of his

seniority in the important House Ways & Means Committee. A casual observer might conclude that it is passing strange for Mr. Doughton to have such strong support among the very people who yell loudest about the tax laws he has authored. The higher than they are today had he not whittled Administration requests year after year.

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The seniority system in Congress has many faults. It can elevate a McCarran or a McKellar or a Rankin to key committee chairmanhips, Fortunately, it can also elevate a Doughton, and keep him there year after year.

Farmer Bob will retire one of these days to rest and reliar senior left in the folion of his Laurel Springs farm. But the time is not yet. He is still needed on the job.

### NEW JERSEY MEDICAL PLAN

THE New Jersey Plan—a medical insur-ance program advocated by that State's Medical Society president, who also is a vice-president of the national society—

State's Medical Society president, who also is a vice-president of the national society—does not appear, at this time, to be an adequate plan for providing medical care to those citizens of the United States who need it but cannot afford it.

It does indicate, however, that members of the American Medical Association are trying to work out a program of their own to combat the compulsory health insurance program of the Administration. Here is what the New Jersey Plan provides:

Payment by the Government of health insurance costs for its own employees and for those persons too poot\_to pay their own. Income tax deductions to cover insurance premiums for those who make less than \$5.000 per year.

That is the core of the plan, although there are other provisions concerning the

broadening of health districts into areas large enough to support full-time public health departments and recognizing the doctor shortage (it urges Government subsidies for approved medical schools).

The man who drew it up—Dr. James F. Norton—has not given adequate consideration to the fact that existing hospitalization insurance programs do not provide full coverage for the patient—far from it. Nor is there any provision for the wast area of medical expense not requiring hospitalization.

tration.

Even if the Government did partially pay insurance premiums through income tax deductions, illness would still be too expensive for most families to afford.

And what of "catastrophic" illnesses and chronic illnesses? Dr. Notroiv plan makes no special provision for them.

The New Jersey Plan is not the final answer, but it is a step in the right direction.

From The Charleston News & Couries

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OF THE ironies of the time is that for the jubilating, the feasting, the refershment declaration of "loyally" to a "Democratic" party, a spot (lovely spot) in North Carolina was chosen.

Twenty-two years ago North Carolina was one of the fire Southern states that sacerded, and proclaimed disloyally to the Democratic party by casting its vote for Mr. Hoover, Republican, for President.

South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, were not "disloyal" to the Democratic party in 1923. They voted for Smith, not Hoover.

Twenty-two years after 1876. 50 years ago, North Carolina returned to "Reconstruction," its "Populista" and Republicans combining and defeating the Democratic party, "What Tollowed? The "Wilmington riots Tollowed in the Summer of 1884. Conditions in that city became intolerable,



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with your editorial page, and congratulate you on

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The Piedmont & Northern and Charlotte News have grown up together. It has been a most pleasant association to us, and I hope it has contributed some-thing to the success of your great paper.

—I. R. LAWSON Traffle Manager Piedmont & Worthern Railway.

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4. That we send a copy of these resolutions to newspapers of Charlotte to be published in r open forums and to the Charlotte Merchants solution with the appeal that they take these rections into consideration in their future plans."

-MRS. C. G. SELLERS Recording Secretary

# No Indiscretion Bad Enough To Hurt Stars At Boxoffice

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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# Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# **Tom Clark Wins Supreme Court Respect**

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Russia Fears Atom

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Air Force. The goal is 20,000 fighting planes, half of them swift jets, 00 per cent heavy bombers, and the remainder conventional fighters and fighter-bombers.

Amenders, British and German, Russia is now reported to have an airborne Army of 19,000 men.

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In comparison, the U. S. Air Force totals 17,000 planes, and of them is modibelle.

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tes Father Hugh Lavery of the Catholic Maryknoll of Los Angeles: "(Bendetsen) showed himself a lit-

blood."

Mike Massoka, the Japanese-American war hero, has shown the letter to Senators, many of whom are opposed to Bendetsen's confirmation as Assistant Secretary of War, evoceie'st's since the strong Court of Apoesla opinion written by U. S. Judge William Denman of San Prancisco condemning the Arm's treatment of Jananese-American.

Beardless Dean Acheson

ANOUS WARD, the bewhistered consul general who came the form China a month and already has achieved a distribution of the can walk in and out of the State Dept, after hours without having to sign the admission book.

The other day Secretary Acheson not only was stopped by the guards at the door but had a difficult time identifying himself before he was admitted. Angus Ward's beard, however, is his passport.

Capital Snapshots