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SECRETARY JOHNSON'S SPEECH

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If it were not for the fact that, many informed sources have pointed to gaping holes in our defense lines, it would be comforting to hear Johnson say:

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Aside from the fact that an hour's lag in this atomic age might be fatal, Mr. Johnson has not explained how the U. S. Nayr is to meet the threat of Russia's new smortel submarines which could wreak havoe with our shippling or line up off the coasts and lob atomic warheads into the shoreline cities. He has not explained how

TWERE were two things we didn't like about Secretary of Defense Johnson's "lick hell out of Russis," speech this
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There are, indeed, a number of ques-tions that could be put to Mr. Johnson, questions which cannot be answered with belligerent oaths.

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Secretary Johnson was talking before a gathering of old friends from the University of Virginia aiumni association when he made his speech but he was also talking before the world.

True, the fight-Russia-now group will like it and it does seem to be the Washington fashion nowadays to spice speeches with profamity, but this speech is far from conforting to most of us.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

NATIONALLY known consultants on public education requirements have come up with a prediction that Charlotte will have a population of 300,000 within 20 to 30 years. They added, quite significantly, that "Charlotte has things that attract records"

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We recall a two-inch dispatch three
years ago from a Carolina city quoting the
president of the International Business
Machines Company as asying that a relatively small Southeastern segment of
states will outstrp all other sections of the
United States in economic advance over
the next quarter-century. Charlotte, Atlanta and Richmond are the hubs of this
development.

evelopment. We also recall the estimate by Southern lell experts recently that this city's population will increase by 4.300 persons arously throughout the next fitteen years. These data, of course, are of immediate oncern to Charlotte's and Mecklenburg

concern to Charlotte's and Mecklenburg County's planners, whether public or pri-vate. Much publicity aiready has been given, especially by local governments, to this community's acute needs for more streets, more industrial plants for leasing, more warehouses for distribution, more dwellings and apartments, more achools,

more water mains. Whatever else may be written in com-

ment on these phases of Charlotte's future, this may be emphasized: Investment in real estate in Charlotte and its environs now holds promise of great profits over the longer term. In keeping with this trend of value, the consultants on Charlotte's fu-ture public school needs urged that planture public school needs urged that plan-ning be undertaken at once for purchase of school sites to be needed in 1962 and thereatter—a suggested policy intended to effect savings for taxpayers in a commu-nity where average annual income is rising steadily. Incidentally, with respect to Income, the

Incidentally, with respect to Income, the Boutheast in the course of the past year made a better and the high the past year made a better and the high the sever recession in the conomy dominatine textile industry and sharp declines in the prices of farm products. The measurine Business Week figures that the Fifth Federal Reserve District, which includes Charlotte and its branch reserve bank, had an income index of 220.8 in December, only 22 per cent down from December, 1984, a record year. The national average decline was given as 33 per cent.

Financiers and economists know that successfully bucking a national trend is difficult. Significantly, Charlotte's bank clearings for January, this year, were at an all-time high total for the month.

PAUL GREEN AND SIBELIUS We can't find in Oreen's "folk" background snything that would indicate continent-titls. More likely, Green had in mind the valuable reams of publicity that a Sibelius Overture would provide for the Sesquientennial. If so, he is not the first to be influenced by the newspirin Muse. But Oreen knowlifed in his own witting on the subject, to be aware that historical writing—in music or in prose—is a matter of feeling. Shelius could not have written the magnificent 'Finlandia' If he had visited that land but once (as is the case in his relations with the U. 8.3 nor could Tchaikowsky have written his 'fil20 Overture' from the vantage point of the Conso. There are more than a lew American composers who could probably do a better job with a musical panegyte to America than could Sibelius, though they may lack his greatness.

DAUL GREEN, a Tar Heel who has a schieved considerable stature as a short-story writer and dramatist in the folk wein, left the folk vein in the lurch last month. Looking beyond a host of capable and willing American composers, he asked Finland's signs but underitably great Jan Bibelius to write the music for Washington's Sesquicenteinal Scieberaton.

great Jan Sidenius to white the mixed too washington's Sesquidentifemial Colebration. While such American composers as Aseron Copland and Virgit Thompson kept their silence, Washington Star music critic Alice Tevraman mussed: "It misht even be considered an affront to all American composers and to those of world fame who have made this country their home." Dramatist Oreen, whose fath in American composers has been borne out in the popular and force, whose fath in American composers has been borne out in the popular and composers has been borne out in the popular and consistent that in American composers has been borne out in the popular and composers has been borne out in the following the composers of the control of

From The Greensboro Daily News

SAFETY NOTE

TUCKED away in Robert T. Resister's story in The Greensboro Record on the Democratic regional rasily-at Raleigh was one brief paragraph which got away from politics, oratory and party business and moved over into the realm of traffic laws and highway safety.

If there is any one danger that involves all of us in North Carolina, it is this highway stoll, in which it has been repeatedly shown that speed is a if not the major factor, and the sitchening possibility that some member of our own family may be the next addition to the lengthening list. But that brings us right up against the paragraph to which we referred at the outet as Mr Register sets it forth:

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all the way along."

So with that information, we pose the question which is on our mind: Aren't traffic laws, designed for public safety and protection, supposed to appear of the protection, supposed to appear the way of the protection of the protection of the way of the protection of the protection of the way of the protection of the protection of the way of the protection of the protecti

his greatness.

We think Paul Green is aware of this and would happily forget the entire episode.

miles-an-hour driving but seemingly serves as either pace-setter or escorting accessory before and or after the fact?

Honored and happy were we to have the Veep and his bride in our midst and a mighty fine couple do we take them to be, but even that seems to argue for their self-protection and the saving of the lives of persons who might wish to survive so they can vote for the bridgeroom next time. If the Veep didn't have it in him to speak to the Mrs. about the way she was driving, the escorting patrolman had, it seems to us, the aworn job of speaking to both of their about it.

Looks to us like people as dissatisfied as coal miners seem to be would just call it quits and get a job doing something else and stop fooling other people into thinking they intend to ever be satisfied digging coal.—Omega (Ga.) Neces.

Jack Free Bridges was in Atlanta last week. Jack says they are still way behind with their hauling up there and that cars don't have but two gears—both of them forward—high and fly.—Early County

A pension is something a man used to be more or less ashamed of, and now thinks he can't live without it—Elizabethtown (Ky.) News.



A News Editorial Feature

Dr. Gilmour Urges Health Merger

Charlette News Staff Writer?
WHEN Dr. Moorre Glimour resigned several days
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DR. GILMOUR, in an interview, gave several rea-

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PUBLIC health is not a field where mour-saving though the paramount concern. Dr. Gilmour said sould be an affect with one consolidated department.

But he did point out that the financial burden sould be smaller with one consolidated department with one consolidated department of a country-wide denartment would be more countried, distributed samong all the ettherenist benefit and the financial stutation.

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THIS point, he said, is brought out clearly in the Institute of Government report on the Health Departments. He suggested a complete review of the Institutes report as a guide toward consolidation.

Dr. Gilmour emphasized the fact that consolida-tion of the two local departments, rather than being revolutionary in any way, would serve to put the Mecklenburg County Health Department in the same status as the departments of 96 other North Carolina

counties.

There are only three City Health Departments in the state, he said. Asheville has a department that is senarate from the Buncombe County department. Rocky Mount has a department, but then Rocky Mount straidles the Nash-Edecombe County lines.

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Michigan Governor Campaigns For 'Surprise' Re-election

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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New 'Lost Generation' Has Added Worries About H-bomb

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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Lost Generation, as I saw it from
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had a burch of boys and girls who
had it real good and were maxing
propaganda just to keep the secret
of their violent fun from the old
folks.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Report Shows How Du Pont's Rule Industry

CONGRESSMAN MANNY CELLER of New York is Rep-ing it secret so far, but his monopoly in-stignting con-mittee has a report on the same of the recombine and its control over American Industry which every businessman should read

has ever known.
This sorawling dynasty has become a government unto tiself, bossed by the Delaware du Ponts, whose chemical company slone nets \$120,000,000 annual profits after taxes. The du Pont family, the Tother commanies with assets amounting to close to three bullions and net profits (after taxes) of well over \$100,000,000 a vest.
Here are some highlights from the PTC report:

Minority Control

THE du Pont investment in General Motors stock, worth more than \$500,000,000 at current market prices, was purchased for only about \$47,000,000. Yet between 1918 and 1947 the du Ponts received over \$570,000,000 in dividends from this stock.

Interlocking Trade
THE close-unit relationship between the four firms has
been further strengthened by trade covernants which
ness with any of the four, FTC records show. For instance,
since 1917, du Pont has purchased practically all its cais
and trucks from General Motors. In return, GM, purchases
most of its fabrics, paints, varnishes, and lacquers from
du Pont.

Government In Business
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The Lost Prayer
IT WAS a cold and dreary day. An elderly white-haired
man in clerical garb walked slowly up the stone steps
to the House side of the Capital.
Within the door, he stopped and looked longinging before
him. In a low, impassioned roles, he said, 'This is the last

time. This is the last time.

It was the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, arriving for his final day as chapitaln of the House of Representatives, or the final day as chapitaln of the House of Representatives, or the second property almost every day for 29 cars. Now he seemed forlers and lonely.

Seemed to give the opening prayer almost every day for 29 cars. Now he seemed forlers and lonely. The high seemed to give the seemed to give the seemed to give the last time. It is the last time in the last time in the last time in the last time. It is the last time in the last time in the last time in the last time. It is the last time in the last time. It is the last time in the last prayer as chapitals of the House.

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