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IRREGULARITIES COMPOUNDED

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Chairman C. S. Britti's call for a special meeting of the board this afternoon indicates that the mistake will be rectified. Whether the damages can be repaired is, however, a different question, which will not be answered for some weeks.

What the board did was to reject the recommendations of State Republican and Democratic chairmen for county election officials in eight western counties, and substitute other appointees. This action has brought forth protests ranging from charges that't was "lilegal" to allegations that it was "pure dictatorahip."

Section 11, Article 4 of the State election laws reads as follows:

The State chairman of each political party shall have the right to recommend three electors in each county for such offices and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Elections to appoint said county board from the names thus recommended."

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The law is hardly an exact science, but the wording of that statute is perfectly clear. Under the circumstances, it is difficult to reconcile Mr. Britt's action with Covernor Sociét statement that Britt had consuited Mr. McMullan "informally" prior to the board's action. Had he done so, the Attorney General would certainly have told him, as he has since done, that the procedular had been supported by the state of the state of

"It is mandatory that the State Board of Elections appoint members of the County Board of Elections from the names submitted if within the time prescribed."

There are other interesting angles to the

1. If the rejected nominees have been guilty of incompetence, failure of duty, fraud, or any other "satisfactory" cause as

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western counties settles the immediate
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should make known to vaccinate the case in the best American tradition of justice.

2. The combination of coincidence has thrust the controversy into the coming Senatorial primary battle Governor Scott is stronely supporting Senators Frank Graham. The new State Board of Elections is made up of Scott appointers. Seven of the right counties involved voted for Charles M. Johnson in the second primary last years of the second years of the second years of the second years of the second years of the years of years of the years

the State Board last Saturday.

The whole thing was hisply irregular, and was not calculated to build public confidence in the new Scott-appointed Board of Elections. Election irregularities should be exposed and corrective measures taken whenever and wherever they occur. But irregularities on the local level should not, be compounded by irregularities at a higher level. be compoun higher level.

CLEANING UP OUR CREEKS

FIER many months of delay, the City Council at last has an engineering report on the industrial wastes which have cluttered up Charlotte's creeks, giving off offensive odors and creating health haz-

ards.

The question now before the house is,
"What's to be done about it?"
The riport predicted that the City Govermment will soon have to spend a large
sum of money for expansion of the sewage disposal plant even if there is no
change in the present ordinance forbidding
the dumping of industrial waste into the
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One of them—that raw waste be put into the sewers without pretreatment— may be impractical. Some of it is so con-centrated and potent that it would prob-ably disintegrate the concrete pipe.

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The other recommendations propose that the waste be pretreated at the plants to reduce the biological oxygen demand. This is an engineering term, measured in parts per million. The Bo.D of waste determines the amount of forced acreation needed to break down the impurities in the waste.) One would require pretreat-

ment to reduce the BOD to about 600 parts per million; the other would reduce it even further, to 400 parts per million.)

There was a fourth alternative which may be more logical than any of the others. And that is to continue forbidding industries to put the state of the sewage system, but require them to preferat waste dumnzed into stream so thoroughly that it will not be a health hazard or a nuisance.

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TONY'S TROUBLES

THE State Highway Patrol chief, C. R. (Tony) Tolar, has a knack of hitting the news wires in an unfavorable light.

Shortly before his appointment, a cou-ple of Scotland Neck officers claimed Tolar tried to "fix" a traffic ticket by asserting he was soon to be appointed Patrol Chief.

Patrol Chief.

A few weeks ago a discharged State
Highway Patrolman blasted Tolar, charging that he spent more time looking after
his own private busies han atterdings
to the State's affairs.

And now a Beaufort County grand jury
has indicted him for reckless driving and
improper use of his stren at a funeral.

According to the stories from Washington,
Tolar refused to stop when flagged down

by officers controlling traffic at a Feb. 28 funeral. Instead, he turned on his siren and sped through the congestion.

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Tolar has said he was investigating a wreck report (which may have arisen from the accumulation of cars for the funeral) and that he didn't know until he reached williamston that he had zoomed through a funeral throng.

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Tolar is no desk-lockey. On the contrary, he is a hyper-active individual who likes to get in his car and whip along the highways, nabbling speeders and law violators and hauling them in just like any private in the ranks. Even so, he deserves no special immunity. If the Beaufort court deearh jut on his brakes for him, his boss, Governor Scott, should do so.

TARZAN'S CREATOR PASSES ON

WHEN Edgar Rice Burroughs died last week at 74 he had lived to see his brain-child, Tarran, born, prosper and then go on to whatever celestial reward awaits Ape-men.

Tarzan was quite a fellow—gifted with brawn and brains and tree-swinging tal-ents usually reserved for monkeys. A vis-tior to an African jungle wouldn't be at all surprised to see the half-naked young surprised to see the half-naked young man hurtling through the trees and believing at the top of his voice to a herd of friendly elephants. That's how real Burroughs made the Ape-man.

And for a white-mean.

And for a while—perhaps a decade—the ackyard arbors of many an American come suffered irreparable damage from oungsters who could make swinging about mong the dried grape leaves almost as setting as a tour through the deepest

found themselves unequal to the pace set by Tarzan.

And in all, however, the benevolent ruler of the lungles was a good influence. He stood for right: opposed wrong. But Tarzenii died before his creator. He was too many the stood of the s

Hey, Your Lease Is Up!



Collected By Bill Sharpe

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A Stern Warning

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Weather Vane News
(Prie Ivey, Twin City Sentinel)
Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler was approached one
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give me the 50 cents, I will tell you how I propose to use the mones."
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(Mrs. Thre Davis, Zebulon Record)

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Defense Secretary Johnson Knows How Tough He Can Be

By MARQUIS CHILDS

Drew Pearson's Senator Kerr Takes 'Protection' Steps Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

BIBLE-quoting Bob Kerr of Oklahoma is really rolling up the bulwarks to protect his oil and gas lanterests. Sen. Kerris oil and gas lands are valued at a payroximately \$100,000,000 and his gross income is around \$14,000,000. The clinicous from his Kerri-McGoe Co. last year was \$1218.

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