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### **NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS**

Now that the State Board of Elections and decided to follow the law in making appointments to county election boards, it can move along to the next item of business on the agenda—a thorough investigation, of the charges of misconduct which allegedly have been made against election officials in eight western counties.

Governor Scott says that Chairman Britt has a file of affidavits and other papers "here inches thick." Chairman Britt says the information has been turned over to the Attorney General, and that the State Bureau of Investigation is al-ready at work.

Good If irregularities have taken place in those counties, or other counties, the State Board of Elections should crack

The law provides, however, that public hearings must be called in the counties in which the irregularities happen. Offi-

#### A LONG STEP FORWARD

THE City Council moved a long step forward this week when it asked the Federal Government to set adde temporarily a portion of the \$300,000,000 urban redevelopment fund in case Charlotte decides to proceed with a slum clearance program. The Council asked that \$700,000 be reserved. That figure is based on the estimated redevelopment cost of \$70 for each of the city's 10,000 slum dwellings, and seems reasonable enough.

of the city's 10,000 stum dwellings, and seems reasonable enough. The reservation of funds does not commit Charlotte to a definite project. If merely assures that money will be held available until such time as (1) the N. C. General Assembly approves the necessary enabling legislation, and (2) the City makes a final decision on sium clearance. If the General Assembly Talls to act, or if the City decides not to narticipate in the program, the money will be released to some other municipality.

TOUCHE!

TIME Raleigh News & Observer, which I has dedicated itself wholeheartedly to the re-election of Senator Frank Graham, was considerable lirked by Candidate Willis Smith's offer of free legal assistance to the election officials of eight western counties ousted (and later reinstated) by the State Board of Elections.

The capital daily took nearly a counties ousted in the large language several rather safe implications, more several rather safe implications.

1. That there are no attorneys in the eight counties "able and willing" to defend the rights of their own citizens:

2. That Wh. Smith's fetting up business, even if the service is free;

3. Tithak Mr. Smith's action was "prompted by his seal as a candidate for the United".

#### SPRING FOR A DAY

A T SOME HOUR during the night or the early inoming Winter packed up and went North leaving only a soft chill at dawn and sunset as a lingering reminder that he would be back next December. But when the sun climbed out of the rim of haze around the horizon it was Spring. Never mind that the trees were still black and bare in the churchyard. Never mind that a topocat still felt good going to work. Never mind that you still kept a low fire during the evening. It was Spring and anyone who would deny it was a spotiagort.

sport.

Office acquaintances meeting on the street agreed: "Look's like Spring's really here, doesn't it". And they passed a conspiratorial smile as if they had known all

From The Twin-City Sentinel

cials accused of misconduct must be given an opportunity to testify. They can not be removed—as—he State Board tried to remove them—on the basts of unvertified and unpublicated charges flied by disgramted voters.

Following its meeting Thursday afternoon at which the board rescinded its county officials recommended by party chairmen, this statement was issued:

The State Board of Elections has a duty to perform and it is the purpose of the board that we have fast elections. The board has a wine have fast elections. The board has a mile authority to take such steps as may be necessary in order to guarantee to the people of North Carolina that we have fast elections and that expresses who time the election is as wilfully shall be dealt with according to lew."

The board will have the full support of all the people of North Carolina if it car-ries out that pledge without fear or favor— so long as the board, itself, acts within the law.

Urban redevelopment proposes the purchase of alum areas by the City\*Government or one of its agencies, the clearing and improving of those areas, and the resale of the property to private builders who will redevelop it in accordance with a general plan for the area. In some cases, a part of the property may be used for public purposes—a site for an auditorium. or a park, for example.

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In a part of the property may be used for public purposes—a site for an auditorium. Or a park for example to the incurred in the buving and reselling of the land. The Pederal funds, anatched with local funds, are used to meet that deficit. This is slum clearance at its best. It removes permanentive from the faces of U S. cities the unshirtly unliked which add greatly to the cost of sovernment while contributing little in the way of takes. And it gives new hope and inspiration to the slum dwelfers who can look, forward to better housting elsewhere.

States Senate rather than his zeal as a lawyer to rectify all wrongs without fee."

The News & Observer, could have saved space and kept its dientity at the same time by concentrating on Point Three. Of course, Mr. Smith's action was promoted by his candidacy. He suspected, as other less interested persons have susdected, that his arbitrary, high-handed, sliegal action of the suspected persons and the suspected has been supported by the suspected of the suspected by the suspected has been supported by the suspected has been supported by the suspected his support of the suspected his suspected his support of the suspected his support of the suspected his suspected

the while that it would come.
It did.
And it was easy to imagine bluebirds in
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the hedge girls in jaunty skirts and woolmasters.

the naked trees, spindly daffodils along the hedge, sits in jaunty skirts and wool-soft sweaters. The late March breeze sweot the streets clean of debris and cleared Winter's mold from memory. The brillian morning sun patterned the fresh street with sharp shadows. There was a new mysterious eje-ment with all that made it almost tand-tice with the street with the street of the street was a tree to the street large rolled a long convertible automobile, its top down, a girl at the wheel with her hair loose and tossing.

It was Spring all right, for a day-any-

If you've got a cold, don't go to work

'Wolf! Wolf!'

News From The Capital

## Barden In Center Of School Fight

session.

Graham Barden, third district representative, branded by Gardinal Spellman as "a bigot," wound up voting on the same side as Catholic members of the House Education and Labor Cognititee.

Barden, known by his close friends as "Hap", and by others as "Judge," explained the switch this week.

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BARDENS bill, incidentally, was quietly approved by a subcommittee, 10-3 last Summer. Two days later, he was stracked by Spellman and other Catholic leaders. He now has in his office three volumes, each shout five inches thick, of articles from the Catholic preas 'containing the most victous type of villifleation."

groups as the Committee on Federal Aid to Education and the Protestants and Other Americans.
United were formed to wage full-scale propaganda
battles with the National Catholic Welfare Conference and alled units.

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was studying late at ingel! He now averages integer of the property of the pro

## **Fuss Over Secret Files More** Important Than Mere Politics

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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On the immediate and practical side, the efficient functionings of the Pederal Bureau of Investiga-

tion would be impaired. Even though he is reluctant, and prop-erly so, to give public testimony on matters of public policy, the Senate committee should call on PBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for his opinion on opening the files.

FRI Director J. Edgar Hoover for his opinion on opening the files. There can be little doubt what that opinion would be. The Issue man and the control of the files of the fil

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## Public At Last Willing To Face Problem Of Perversion

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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thin its discoverer, or submit to but the bondies that cloaks a homosexual, that places him basi-ally apart from his fellow, his scarred soul calls out for company. So his inclination is to aurround travel in packs, as do most divertened in packs, as do most divergents from an accepted status. When a man or woman is sus-epithle to easy blackmail, he is a tremendous risk in a position of the highly placed State Dept. executive who crowded that 91 he many homosexuals that 91

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# President Truman Big Business Friend

"I REALLY should be in bed," he said, snorting vigorously from a bad cold. His attitude was that of the soldier performing a deed above and beyond the call of duty. is you've got a cold, don't go to work feeling sorry for yourself. Antitiphate the fact that you may spread your cold to five other people, and that, like a chain letter. they'll spread it to 25; and before you know it, the whole town will be coming down with your cold because you feit noble about going to work rather than stay in bed. work was undoubtedly very neces-But he was sneezing germs all over the office. He was coughing in public places. He was breathing contagion into the at-

COLD GERM A CONCEALED WEAPON

mosphere.

Other human beings were inhaling the germs and "viruses that he had exhaled from his respiratory passages." "Everybody's got it." he says. "It's one of shows things going around." These little epidemics don't have to make the rounds—not if people stay at home when they are sick.

"She had a low, low neckline" was the only description a merchant could give of assuman who unloaded some bad checks on him. Maybe he'd better charge the whole thing up to experience and set aside a small sum for the Federal Government as an amusement tax.—Greensboro Daily Ness.

Trouble with us here in this county, we just don't have enough votes to interest state and national politicians in "doing things" for us.—Fernandina (Fla.) News-Leader.

A pessimist is quite frequently a fellow who is worried over what he went and did while he was an optimist.—Memphia (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal,

month ago, but no members have been named to get its going.

2. Big business gets an increasing number of orders from a continuous activation of the continuous activation of the continuous activation of the continuous activations are buildled on the ground of speed and emergency. But since the war, the time-honored American system of connectives been largely side-stapped.

3. The oil lobby received the acrest hessing of President Truman for the Kerr natural gas built. Insiders explain Truman's bosition as resulting from two factors: (a) contributions from the contributions from the oil box.

The President has not healtsted to kick big campaign contributions in the test in the past. However, in this case, line campaign monthy pressure operates through Consone Seriator from Texas, and Bos Kerp himself. When asked about this, Bible-quotine Bob blandly replies: "Why, President of the Control of th

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tow manufacturer Levis Marks.

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To American Activities Committee has never been able to confirm a word of Jordan's changes assume Harry Hopkins. This column also checked confidential military records, found that Jordan made only one complaint about Russian simments to superior officers. Calling attention to the adminishments to superior officers. Calling attention to the short of the confidential control of the control of th

CEN. OMAR BRADLEY, the chief of staff who was frained as a foot soldier, went down in a submarine the other day. With him—at least to the submarine—went his pilot. Mal. Alvin Robinson, who will fly or follow the General anywhere—as long as it is up and not down.
But when Bradley and Maj. Robinson reached the side of the sub, Robinson backed out. He didn't like the look of

coid.

They accept invitations to be a fourth at bridge because they don't want to break up the party, but the upshot is 'hat three others come down with a cold.

Of course, there are people who think that a cold is something that "just hap-

pens."

They cough and spit and breathe into the faces of other people. They send their children out to play with other children regardless of whether their children are in the first, middle or later stages of a