#### **NOW WE ARE 133,212**

FTHAT wind-rushing sound you hear is a law tast sigh of disappointment that was heaved today when 133.12 Charlotteans discovered that they did not add up to 130.000 Charlotteans. Somehow the city had become convinced that it contained 150.000 reads 150.000 reads 150.000 made 150.000, didn't it?

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a normal growth of 30,000 made 180,000, didn't it?

Well, yes, and then again no There appears to have been a considerable error in the estimates of the number of people residing in the peripheral grea. Mr. Chester Whelchel, who supervised the censustaking in Mecklenburg County 'and did a bang-up job of it), suspēts, without knowing for sure, that there were no more than 10,000 persons in that frings. Several large new housing developments lay athwart the city-county line, and what the casual observer took to be evidence of city growth was in part county growth. Nevertheless, the 1159 census discloses—what we all had suspected: that we live

in a growing community. Figures for the other cities of the Carolinas, some of which already have been announced, will extainly show that Charlotte has not only held but has increased its predominance as the big city of the two states. In all probability, its rank among the cities of the nation at large will bring it a few numbers up the list.

Mapy people maintain that growth is not especially desirable in itself, that the city is large enough already. We cannot hold with this attitude, much as we agree that there are factors more important than mense, too, but as a measurement of intrinsic worth and the value of services and financial resources, money is about as reliable an index as there is. By the same token, a city growth is in itself nothing to bring about, but itself nothing to the control of the complete of the control o place in which to live and de

We must not overestimate Russia's need for more time to recuperate from the last war and we must not underestimate its atteristh. The men of the Kremlin are wise enough to know that the first rule of warfare is surprise. They will not do what we expect them to do.

The President, speaking Saturday in St. Louis pointed out that "we have tried to dissuade the Soviet leaders from their militaristic course, so costly to their people and to ours, so antagonistic to the pursuit of peace."

It seems probable now that the only way Russia can be dissuaded from war is to prove to them that it would not be to their advantage. The proof is best provided in a Western war machine equally strong.

#### BEAR IN THE WOODS

WE PROBABLY needed that reminder from President Truman last week that the Russians "have preached peace— but devoted their energies to fomenting aggression and preparing for war". The notable lack of dramatic crises in the past few months has no doubt convinced. morable woman would be a many of us that all is quiet on the East-West front.

West front.

Regrettably, that doesn't seem to be he case. The Russians still have the argest peacetime army in history—and o far as the American public can determine from the scanty information we get trom behind the Iron Curtain, they're uniding bombers, tighters and submaines fairly rapidly.

rines failty rapidly. It is a summary in the same rines failty rapidly. If they aren't getting ready for war they're wasting a lot of time and material that could be devoted to automobiles and refrierantors, which, we understand, they need. Assuming them that they are preparing a fighting machines to fight, it would be valuable for us to know whether their preparations are defendive or aggregate. The Kremin has indicated or aggregated to the form of the preparation of western defenses as an aggregate movement. And the party line has always referred to the Atlantic Pael as the Atlantic War Fact. It may well be that the Russians are convinced we're on the verge of loosing the forces of hell over Moscow and

The fact that we have no plans for ag-ression would not deter the Russians

wided in a Western war machine equally atront.

Arms races are not pleasant. They invariably lead to war. We have often agreed that the greatest efforts should be made to brins an end to the piline up of armaments. But one side cannot ston an armaments are: it can only love!

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### THE CATAWBA

HIGH in the Smokles a rock bubbles. Thorst a mercury-like trickle that leaps with key vigor over clean pebbles and down mosey cataracts, tumbles through the wooded valleys out of Yancev and Mitchell and McDowell to join in blue beauty at sprawine Lake James, stretching into long Lake Rhodhiss, slowing as it moves through the gentier hills of Alexander and taking on the color of the soil as it spitts Catawba and Iredell, Lincoln, Gaston and Mecklenburg.

Early in June the startling daylight of

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### PROMISE OF ACTION

HE Asheville conference on booling liquor produced information that identified with the campaign.

The new direction of the drive to stop a hipments of liquor into dry areas is looseness of the Federal law poverning with the besoness of the reason for a hipment of the free liquor stamps.

the issuance of liquor stamps. Indirect the present law, the stamps ening dealers to sell sta-paid liquor are and with only a curroor prior investigajord the dealers so licensed. As a result, y dealers who finant State laws with abligments are able to obtain stamps in own manues or under a fictitious see. In the absence of any follow-up ingiation, of course, the way its cleared shipments to any area, dry or wet.

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who met in Asheville were assured
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the evening makes dull metal of the slow-flowing water. A weather-worn rowboat turns latily in the causal current, sprout-ing fish-pole antennae. The whisper of the rolling water cushions chipring notes from new birds. An outboard motor buzzes and music excapes, thin and filtered. from a yellow cottage window. In the shadows of the trees a quiet wind stirz pine needles. Yellow - eyed automobiles move slowly across the sithouetted bridge. From the river's center come the hollow plop of jumping fish.

umping fish. But the Catawba isn't Charlotte's river. But the Catawba isn't Charlotte's river, though it seems so in Spring. After an interlude on the edge of Mecklenburg, the river gathers strength and pours into South Carolina, gaining strength from numberless creeks and streams for its in-evitable joining with the mother sea.

Identified with the campaign.

The new direction of the drive to stop the bootlegers holds promise that something will be done. Little or nothing has been done by local law enforcement officers who take a most tolerable view. to judge by their lack of activity, of an intolerable situation. Therefore, the traffic will have to be blocked at its source. It should not be too difficult to enlist the silt of some Congressmen in tightening the Federal stamp law so that some meaning will be given to State laws, pertaining to liquor.

'Well, Now We Can Worry About The Heat Again'



### People's Platform

# All-Time Low In Editorial Support

primarily on the grounds that we don't approve of Graham, we continue to believe that nothing could be more logical. We are against Truman's leadership. In the continue to the season of the control of

## Stalin Hands Lie Old Line, **Reds Want Communist Europe**

By JOSEPH ALSOP

# Gals With Ideas Of Millet Should Be Conked By Mallet

By ROBERT C. RUARK

#### **Drew Pearson's** Merry-Go-Round

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Yet, on top of the fee from Ralph Stanfield, the Con-seman also enjoys a neat arrangement whereby he put his ared servant on the Congressional payroll.

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