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THE CURTAIN OF SECRECY

POR reasons that are easily understood, the records of income tax fraud investigations remain secret until an indictment has been returned by a Federal grand jury. Intelligence agents of the Bursus of Internal Revenue make their investigations, complete their cases, and send them along to their district intelligence office. There the case is reviewed and, unless found lecking in evidence, sent to the chief intelligence officer. He in turn reviews the case and transmits it to the office of the general tax counsel of the BIR.

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It is here that the vast majority of income tax cases bog down. The St. Louis Port-Dispotch recently added up figures for severally pairs and found that only ten per cent of the cases sent up from field offices result in final criminal prosecution. The others are either permitted to die a natural death, or næy settled in icvil illigation. Those that are settled by an out-of-ourt agreement, and they are in the majority, never come to light at all.

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fair to the taxpayer if an investigation by an over-zealous agent, subsequently proved full of flaws, became public news.

At the same time, tax doding its just as vicious a practice as many of the offenses covered by regular criminal and civil statutes. And the tax dodger merits no more immunity from public scrutiny than a-citizen against whom a warrant is signed or a civil complaint filled.

We do not know at what point in the tax investigation process the identity of the culprit and the amount of the government's claim should be formed to the culprit and the amount of the government a claim should be formed to the culprit and the amount of the government's claim should be made public. But that it should be formed to the culprit and the amount of the fact that curtain and the culprit and the substantial terms of the curtain and the culprit and the culprit and the culprit and the curtain and the culprit and the

favoritism extended to influential taxpayers.

And they have a right to know when the big
fish are slipping off the hook.

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IT SEEMS as though the U. N. negotiators
In Kores may be splitting hairs, perhaps
with the view of achieving further military
gains, rather than stopping the war now.
The chairman of the U. N. armistice subcommittee said yesterday "the U. N. will not
consent to anything that will permit military
pressures to be relieved on the enemy and
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pressure to reach agreement on other agenda tlems, therefore the U. N. "completely re-jected the proposal".

Certainly bargaining strength should be maintained in order to achieve further agreement on matters such as the exchange of war prisoners. At the same time it must be emphasized that the primary job of the ne-maintained in the primary job of the ne-agreement on matters other than a cesse-fire is likely utill that cesse-fire is likely that the primary forces in Korea, just as there may be a tendency to prison for further military gains on the assumption that we now have superior military forces in Korea, just as there may be a tendency later on to initiate use of the military machine the free world is now building. Thege desires, however, should be checked. It is ultimately more desirable to stop the war. The present proposed buffer zone is acceptable in most respects to both sides, and a cesse-fire on the present battle line, which practically parallels the proposed buffer zone.

WEEKLY EDITORS' OUTLOOK FOR '52 Carolinian varied considerably as to personal preference, although Ike was the favorite. One Tar Heel out of four warms the Cose Tar Heel out of four warms the Cose Tar Heel out of four warms the control of the Cose Tar Heel out of the Cose Tar Law 1997. The Cose Tar Law 1997 was the Cose Tarlong the Cose Tarlo

WE KNOW of a learned man who of firmly believes this country should be sovered by an oligarchy of newspaper columniate. Perhaps fortunately, such an eventuality is unlikely. Editors and writers do not always know what the "people" want or think; weekly editors, however, are supposedly closer to Main Street trends than their compopilitan friends. So It's interesting to note how the weekly men, who were polled by Publishers' Aurillery, see the '32 Presidential election shaping up.

For one thing, they certainly don't over-

Presidential election shaping up.
For one thing, they certainly don't overestimate their own powers for influencing
the election. Over 2.000 repiled to questionnaires and their combined opinion is:

1. We want lize, but 2. Taft will get the
GOP nod, and 3. Truman will win.
Two out of five see Truman staying on
at the White House. One-fourth believe
Eisenhower will be elected, and one out of
five thinks Taft will fachieve his goal. No
other candidate received a significant vote.
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However, only 8.5 per cent personally favor Truman's re-election. Eisenhower led with 30.4 per cent, Taft polled 27.7 per cent, with Stassen, Warren, Paul Douglas and MacArthur trailing in that order.

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Over two-thirds of the participating North
Carolina editors think Triman will be reelected, 222 per cent foregas@mg_an Eisenhower victory. Over half the South Carolinians see a Truman repeat, 21.4 prediciing election of Eisenhower, 11.9 Taft, 3ad
4.8 MacArthur. No North Carolina editors
gave MacArthur a chance, and only 2.8 saw
a Taft victory.

From The Greensboro Daily News

WOMEN DRIVERS

HE American Automobile Association, in a manner which all males will conside unfair and subversive, has exploded th myth about women automobile drivers.

Its latest survey shows that women drivers, not only learn to drive faster; they drive better; they have fewer accidents and they went take nonsense from a car—or a back-seat driver, for that matter.

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These unhappy statistics came to light in an article Sam Boal wrote for the New York Times magazine last Sunday, and here is the most danning statistic of all: Men drivers have 2.8 accidents for every million milles driven. The figure for womer drivers is 1.7 per million milles. Mel's accidents cost \$5.77 per 1,000 miles; women's only \$2.58.

per J.000 miles; women's only \$2.08. These figures do contain one half-way heartening fact for the males. They show that a man's principal diving error is excessive speed; a woman's is turning. There, we males can say with some satisfaction, is our vindication. The gal-driver done ways at friends out the driver's window when she doesn't mean to turn: she does dry her fingernalis and point them to the lett instead of in the air when she intends to

nation's drivers are women. This means, as we see it, that when a woman driver wavers down the road at an intersection trying to make up her mind about turning (and how to signal for it), in most cases the unfortu-nate driver behind her is a male. If he's smart, he knows what he'd better do; he'd better stop his car completely while she makes up her mind.

Truman will succéed himself, want the President to win again.
We believe the weekly editors' conclusion—see want lie but well get Truman—securately reflects the thinking of a majorily of the public. If Eisenhower support continues to Storage but Truman is re-elected accertholass, we can thank our two major publical particules for the election of a President the majority of the people don't want. We will solve the majority of the people don't want. We will solve the majority of the people don't want. We will solve the majority of the people don't want of a boott it when estithful What can we do about it when estithful is set us wanted Presidents are to be used to be a second or the work of the second of the work of

And since most of the time he is smart, he does just that. Becaue he does, women don't have those horrible accidents men have every right to expect them to have because of their turning quirks.

Which is all the consolation we can find in these largely dismal statistics.

The News' columns indicate that by now nearly everybody in the country has been entertained either at a birthday party or a, family reunion.—Elizabethton (Tenn.) News.

Eleven horses have died of sleeping sick-ness in Broward County, bearing out a diag-nosis reached by certain Gulfstream Park pa-trons.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

Time was when a fool and his money were soon parted. Today it happens to every one.—Carlabed (N. M.) Current-Argus.

Now If That Fellow Runs-



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name taust be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Symphony Society Appreciative CHARLOTTE

As president of the Charlotte Symphony Society, A system to express my appreciation to you for your additional to you for you have been most cooperative in granting some space and your cooperation has furthered you have been most cooperative in granting some your work immeasurably. We especially wish to comment on what a fine job Mack Bell has done for us.

It is most gratifying to have your interest, nd indeed encouraging to the Symphony Society in its effort to provide a Symphony Orchestra for harlotte.

-MRS. CHARLES M. HASSELL President, Charlotte Symphony Society, Inc.

Reader Likes Spaugh Column CHARLOTTE

Editors. The News:

WOULD like to take time out to write you a letter and tell you bow much I, as well as our entire family, appreciate the column that is on the back of your afternoon Charlotte News, written by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

We read this constantly and I think that this is one of the finest things that you have in your paper. It creates a lot of interest, and it is cer-tainly on the right track day by day. It is some-thing that we all need.

It is really a comfort and a joy to read this column and I certainly hope that you will know that we do appreciate your having this in your paper and that it gives us this pleasure.

T. M. BARNHARDT JR.

Radio Hillbilly Shows

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

THE lyrical hodgepodge, currently being thrust
upon the public through the medium of radio
as music and entertainment, is regretably indicative
that human appreciation for the finer things in
this respect has become seriously dulled.

Typical of the tuneful mediocrity common to the trend are such intellectually revolting programs as "Hill Billy Star Time" and "cine" which are by far and large a conglomeration of silly saccharin sentimentalism. discordant instrumentalism, interspersed with flamboyant and generally un-

related comments by a record jockey that makes a bad situation worse by spasmodic and unnatural cackles supposed to resemble laughter and an er-rant diction that would make an educated parrot have nightmares.

Equally provocative of intellectual nausea is the monotogous practice of announcing the title of some cofny ditty, after which it is at least six times repeated by the vocalist, and again at the finish of the rendition.

Evidently the "chatter-jockey" can't think of anything intelligently appropriate to say, or labors under the misapprehension that his listeners are either hard of hearing or too utterly stupid to com-prehend without such repetition.

If this sort of broadcasting finds a justifiable measure of popularity, well and good, but for goodness sake let it be presented with some appreciation for reserve, diction and refinement that will appeal to instincts and emotions that are above and beyond the primitive.

-A. W. BLACK.

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FOR many years have been trying to write elters to the different newspapers of the two
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to there, but I myself have gotten a "kick" out of
doing so. Anyway. I think it is now time for me to
retire and let someone else take over, so Mr.
Editor this is my last one.

In this letter, may I express my own views off two subjects I am indeed proud of your progressive city, Charlotte, Would it not be grand if George Washington could come down the main street in Charlotte in his large, beautiful whitele drawn by those six beautiful horses back in the long says Would be not use different shaded and deverbs in describing the "internal mul-holes" be came in contact with

Secondly, it would do me so much good to know that the good people of the two Carolinas would take more interest in our political affairs. Oh, Shame on us! In the last election here in North and South Carolina only one out of sixteen men and women voted. That doesn't sound much like true democracy, does it?

So my last word of advice to all Carolinians is —go to the polls and cast your vote every time it becomes your duty to do so. —KIMSEY O. HUSKEY.

Arizonans Argue About Beef, Not '52 Presidential Candidates

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Short Cuts, Whizzeroos And Gimmicks Have Softened Us

By ROBERT C. RUARK

stat.

This, I believe, is the capsuled criticism of what's been happening to the country in recent years—
so much contrived ease and luxurious convenience and fussy gadreering that a certain softening of the moral fibers is almost inevitable.

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Eisenhower Likes Bridge, Grandchildren Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

NEXT to his grandchildren, what General Eisenhower enjoyed must in Washington was glwing bridge with control of the control of

Does drong players to take an hour off every day to give you lessons. To take an hour off every day to give you lessons. The has been a stated winning. "I think! I had better arrange for symmy! to Allen. Parks and play cards," he remark of with President Truman was highlighted by the General's view both on peace and the difficulties of the job in Europe. Been the state of the pob in Europe. The state of the pob in Europe. The state of the pob in Europe is the pob in Paris simil his from the state of the pob in Paris simil his from the policy of the pob in Paris simil his from the policy of the greatest issue in the world and that we can achieve peace only through strength, the General added something to this effect. "Every time I look at the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of my grandchildren. I know how everything the in United States of the picture of th

important."

Truman added something to the effect that he would
go to but for Eisenhower on whatever he needed to do
the job in Western Europe.

After Ike left town, someone asked George Allen:

"When do you think Eisenhower will announce his intenfions."

"You know I don't badger Ike about politics," replied Allen in his Mississippi drawl. "I just play cards and joke with him. But if I were to go way out on a limb, I would say on the second ballot."
This somewhat inconclusive cod ran, but only at the last minute. He cannot leave Europe until sometime next Spring. The rearmment program is dragging and he feels the cannot launch apolitical career until he has the job reasonably well under way.

Whether Republican politicians, now eyeing the Tatt Whether Republican political care on the second ballot—in other

words until the last minute before the Republican convention—remains to be seen.

However, Eisenhower did reveal to at least one friend during his Wanten des to the seen of the desired to the seen of the seen o

Truman's Cronies

RATHER sadly, President Truman told new Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney that "friends" had let him

down.

The comment came after the President urged Hooster
Banker McKinney to clean house in both the Democratic
Party and Administration. "I might have to step on the
toes of some of your friends, Mr. President," McKinney replied.

it exercises over the most intimate financial affairs of the public, should be a studed of integrity. But the dishouses the control of the co

"I'm loyal to my friends," said Truman, then unhappity added: "But some of them have left me flown. You have my complete confidence and do what's needed for the good of the Party, regardless of whose toes you step on."

GOP And Tax Scandals

THE cue has gone out to Republican speakers across the country to fan the flames of the Internal Revenue scandisk into a hot political messes of the Internal Revenue and the properties of the Country to fan the flames of the Internal Revenue and the GoP relieved to the Country to fan the flames of the Internal Revenue Bureau, who requested resassignment as painstaking research job, which will be sent out for the confidential use of Republicans. This eight-page research public places to the case histories of 37 officials who are linked directly or indirectly with the internal Revenue sendals. It also gives helpful hints on how to slant that the flower in the flames of the flower places are the flower places of the flower pla