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THE INDEPENDENT VOTER

AFTER finishing an editorial which made some reference to independent voters the other day, we sat around pondering the origin of the species. What is an independent voter, anyway, and why does he exist?

Webster's is not much help in the quest for answers to these questions. The dictionary defines a political independent as "one who does not acknowledge an obligation to sup-port a party's candidate under all circum-stances". That's too broad a definition. It bries. That's too broad a delimination ould, for example, cover Jimmy Byrnes and ayne Morse, both of whom are better deribed as "mavericks".

scribed as "mavericks".

By our definition, the independent voter is a free sgent in politics. He may be enrolled as a Democrat or a Republican in order to participate in primaries, but he does not consider himself a cog in the party machinery, and does not feel any loyalty to the party. Hence, he has no struggle with his conscience if this vote in a general election is contrary to his registration in the primary books.

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Dr. George Gallup, who specializes in such
things, says that 9,500,000 voters classified
themselves as independents in 1948. He believes the number is much higher this year.
In any event, the independent vicers are
likely to determine the outcome of the Nov.
4 balloting, just as they did in 1940, 1944,
and 1948.

The political analysts differ when they start explaining why there are so many independent voters. Some say the independents just don't want to think of themselves as belonging to any one party. Others have left their party of choice, because of disastisfaction or disagreement, but haven't yet embraced the oppositioners of the product of the product

In our book, the growth of the species has reflected the deterioration of party discipline and party responsibility. What does it mean to be a Repúblican when the party includes a Morse and a Jenner, or a Dewey and a Taft. Or how can a Democrat reconcile the Humphreys and Byrds, or the Trumans and Byrds.

Each major party-loday has its liberal and conservative wings; neither has a clearcut program, domestic of poreign, that a voter can embrace with full expectation that the party, if victorious, will enact the program. Instead of being run along party lines, Con-gress functions by coalitions. There are signs in the current exampling that a slow but steady realignment of the

hat a slow but steady realignment of the two parties is taking place, the end result of which will be more clearly defined differences of policy and philosophy in all spheres of government. If and when that process is completed, the number of independent voters will shrink, and parties will lose or win elections on the basis of their performance, as well as their promises.

1991. In the Southeast, total income increased 200 per cent.

These figures establish the wisdom of the slogan adopted by Southeastern leaders back in 1929. Balance not only means prosperity in good times, it also provides a brake against disaster in a period of recession. The region is coming into its own after years of being the nation's top economic problem, and those leaders who have had a hand in its development merit bur thanks.

DRIOR to and during the July Republican convention, followers of San. Robert Taft were using some pretty nasty things about General Eisenhover. Some of the remarks, as matter of fact, were about as mean as synhing President Truman has aid recently. There were mary criticisms, but the chief one was that Eisenhower was not a "real" Republican, and that only a "real" Republican. Base Senator Taft could win in November 1988.

ber. The national poils have offered an interesting footnote to those assertions. Without
exception, so far as we recall, the Gallup
Poll shows that Eisenhower is running well
ahead of his party. The latest survey shows
that when undecided votes are allocated as
they have voted in past elections, the choice
between the two parties is evenly balanced.

between the two parties is evenly balanced. But when voters are asked which candidate they prefer, they lean to Elisanhower by a margin of four to five percentage points.

One reason THE NEWS supported General Eisenhower in the prenomination battle was the conviction that he had a better chance of winning than his leading opponent. Current voter reaction as measured by the polis

We see by the papers that Charleston, S. C., is shipping hog bristles to Scotland, and that Scotland, in turn, will ship Scotch whisky to Charleston. That's what we call a square deal.

FOOTNOTE

BETTER BALANCE MEANS PROSPERITY Viewed against the national scene, the bet-ter balance in the Southeast has benefited the region greatly. Total national income increased 194 per cent between 1829 and 1931. In the Southeast, total income increased

BACK IN 1929, a year free of the economic influences of war or depression, 21 per cent of all income in the 11 Southeastern states came from agriculture. Regional experts knew that was too high, began stressing this slogan: "Balance Agriculture With Industry".

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Since 1929, there has been a dramatic change in the economy of the Southeast. Writing in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, William Davin traces the steps.
Today, the portion of total income in the I states from agriculture has dropped from 21 states from agriculture has dropped from 21 states from per cent to 1B per cent. (The national flaure stood still at about 8 per cent during the per cent form of the per cent flat and the per

this period). The drop, however, does not mean that Incomes from agriculture dropped. To the contrary, fold net farm income in the 11 states rose from \$1.75 billion to \$45 billion. What happened was that income from other sources grew much faster than farm income. 1022, they added up to slightly over \$1 billion. In 1951, they totaled \$5 billion—an increase of \$5 billion. Here's how the states rank today industrially:

	Over 1929	Total-1951
N. Carolina	\$ 872,900,000	\$1,078,800,000
Tennessee	609,200,000	755,400,000
Georgia	604.600,000	753,400,000
Virginia	543,600,000	684,500,000
Alabama	472,900,000	601,100,000
S. Carolina	463,700,000	549,800,000
Kentucky	366,600,000	473,500,000
Louisiana	316,600,000	437,900,000
Flürida	214,300,000	288,900,000
Massippi	143,300,000	199,300,000
Arkansas	141,700,000	192,800,000

Southeast ... \$4,749,400,000 \$6,015,400,000 Other sources of income increased, too. Retail and wholesale trade jumped \$2.209. 700,000. Services and finances were up \$18,03,000,000. Transportation and utilities grew by \$1,349,200,000. construction was up \$1,248,500,000. Dividends, interest and rent showed an increase of \$1,849,900,000. and snowed an increase of \$1,549,500,000, and income from unincorporated businesses was \$2,783,900,000 higher. Government pay rolls went up \$3,500,000,000, and there was a \$2,400,000,000 boost in various public and private benefit and pension programs.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

HOMILY ON HORSE-RADISH

WE owe The Wall Street Journal a warm WE owe 'The Wall Street Journal a warm vote of thanks for a most illuminating easy by its staff reporter, Jeanne E. Kaufman, about the horseradish growing industry which centers about St. Louis. As an old horseradish eater from 'way back, we are fascinated by the statistics which the enterprising correspondent compiled for the nation's foremost financial paper.

Madison and St. Chr. Ch. Good, and in nearby Illinois produce 69 to 80 per cent of all the horseradish consumed in not only the United States, but also Cuba. Canada, and Puerio Rico. Last year more than 130,000 sacks, each

States, but also Cuba, Canada, and Puerio Rico. Last year more than 130,000 sacks, each containing 100 pounds of white dynamite, came out of our alluvial fields. While the price is up some this year, usually it does not vary much. Normally it opens at around \$12 a hundred-weight and averages around \$12

\$10. Why is this the horseradish center of the continent? Apparently it is a combination of climate, the right sell and about 300 farmers, with the knowhow. Texas- and California farmers have tried to edge in but their product lacked the zip of St. Louis areà horseradish. Demand is going up steadily, Calls for horseradish jumped about 30 per, cent in ten years, and as much as fifteen per cent in the plast two years. Not all horseradish is used on meats or as Not all horseradish is used on meats or as

Not all horseradish is used on meats or as a seasoning. For although most of it does get bottled or dehydrated for shipment to restaurants, some is used by pharmaceutical companies in mustard plasters and menthol inhalers.

illuminating treatise. But we cannot. It moves us too much that this homely local theme should receive such attention on page one of The Wall Street Journal. To be honest, it fills our eyes with tears.

When she was told that it would take a week to make alterations on the dress she was buying, the customer fumed. "A week! Why, the Lord made the whole world in just six days!" The saleswoman looked her straight in the eye. "True, Madam, and have you taker a good look at it lately?"—Wall Street Journal.

The notel guest eased down into his barber chair. "I suppose you shave many distinguished persons," he said musingly. "No, sir," replied the barber, who always seemed to get the biggest tips. "You are the first one this month, sir."—Christian Science Monitor.

A fellow newspaperman tells us that he is not surprised at the price of pork. "Every pig you run over on the highway." he says, "is a pure-bred blue ribboner and worth several hundred dollars."—Portsmouth (Va.)

The latest count reveals that Washington has as many phonies as Hollywood has falsies.—Memphis Press-Scimitor.

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Why We Switched To Stevenson

The Good Old Days

father's intestines.

Be dammed if I'll be a bookkeeper for Uncle Sam. Be dammed if a man who ain't working ought to get his \$30 for. 25 weeks 'it \$30 per. Darin fool nonsense. And the same goes for that fool business of social security. Cotton at 8 cents a pound, Good old days. Nothing here boys, hit the road. Bed apples at a nickel. Corporation report. Out that due to unstable markets we cannot dividend. Tobacco strippers wanted, \$2 per annual dividend. Tobacco strippers wanted, \$2 per

day.

Preacher wanted, \$1,400 annually and manse.
Kids can't go to town on Saturday. Mud up to the
hub. Good old days. Bacon 11 cents a pound.
Men sit up all night figuring how to hold men down.
Reaction; a tendency to revert to a former or
opposite state of things.

Editors. THE NEWS:

I HAVE been speaking to many people about the coming election and I have met many who are voting for like but who her alshed with the coming election and I have met many who are voting for like but who her alshed with a speak his mind against the present administration is a black scourge against the supposed "free speech" of America.

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—MARY HARMON.

(Buck up, old girl. You haven't been reading the People's Platform. If there is one thing there no shorting of these day, it's people who are will aministration. Eds. The News.

I WISH to thank you for your fair coverage the campaign for Charles Raper Jonas, Repeu can candidate for Congress from the 10th Distr

can candidate for Congress from the 10th Distri-High principles, especially honesty and ab lute integrity, are most desirable in all offic both high and low, and are what this country well as each individual desires and needs.

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I believe Mr. Jonas to be a man of this character, and that he is a man from whom everyone in this country and this state can expect the best he has to give at all times.

—MRS, ROBERT E. FINK.

Editors, THE NEWS:

GOME of the Republicans (not all of them, for some realize what they have profited during the Democratic administration) claim that if the Democratic back in office the United States is doomed. Well, it certainly doesn't seem that Gerral Eisenhower cares what happens to the people of the United States is done to the propie of the Chiled States just as long as he gets given that Gerral Eisenhows.

glorified.

If Eisenhower is such a good leader and cares about the welfare of the United States, he would be out there trying to help our tagen and boys stead of running around condemining the party that made him a General. If he is so great, he should be out there doing what he is supposed to know something about.

MRN. W. BROOKS.

Editors. Thu News:

EVEN though I was somewhat surprised at your
endorsing the GOP ticket, I still admire and
respect the good coverage and the pictures your
paper gives to the Democratic Party.
However Cart along Tryon St. Saturday morning,
Gct. 18. The suggestion it carried was and is very
timely and like myself, many older cittens well
remember the dark days of the past this cart reminded us of.

Sees Stevenson Victory CHARLOTTE

Editor, Tux News;
THE Demoratic Party is the greatest organiza—
Tion ever concerned with the hopes, needs, and ideals of the people. Policies of the party are in tune with the trend of history to exalt human rights. The Republican Party, in contrast, is tied to a reactionary past that precludes future progress. Voting is a solemn privilege, civic duty, and re-

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-MRS. W. W. BROOKS.

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A Man Of Principles

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CONGRESSIONAL QUIZ

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Merry-Go-Round

This Is Eisenhower

An Editorial In The Boston Herald
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Q.—Have Sens. John J. Sparkman (D.A.) and Richard M. Niv.
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Senate, since they are running for
the Vice-Presidency?
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-S. C. McMANUS.

THE Wage Stabilization Board's velo of the mine workers' was boost, thus precipitating a coal stress workers' against the Democratio on Nov. 4.

The stress was a serious political backfire against the Democratio on Nov. 4.

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Yet the man who tillifender to terms, and it was the government that upset the appleart.

Yet the man who tillifender Stabilities Roger Putnam, appointed through ex-Democratic Chairman Frank McKinner, He sent a confidential letter to Archhald Cox, the board's chairman urging him to "afthere strictly" by these standards, the wage increase promised by the mine owners was too high. Putnam has disregarded these standards in part dispute, but that time called upon Cox to Wast. Interna appacently feared was the accusation that the Administration was buying the miner' vote by giving them a full increase on the eve of elections.

Crucial NATO Conference

in is isocuring for a consept way to decime accords, execution To Pirticis want to resbuffle European defense plans, lacken the rearmament pace and fall back on America, tomic arsenal. This would require a free exchange of tomic information among the Western allies. However, Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint hiefs of Staff, has advised the British and French privately that the most part of the private property of the pr

Editors, THE NEWS;

Trading atomic secrets, they claim, would benefit both countries.

What the British will propose at the NATO meeting in December is to lower the present goal of a 8-division Early of the State of the State of the State of State

Politico-Go-Round

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld m publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense. ligious obligation. Nov. 4 will be a sacred day. Emotion will be at a minimum in the privacy of the voting booth. We will remember the recent depression. The tragedy of 1928 will not be repeated.

ROCK HILL Editors, The News:

PEACTION: a tendency to revert to a former or eposite state of things: turn back to the good old days: to cause to move in an opposite, often in a backward direction. Cooks wanted, light work shows weekly. Listen to the mouthings of men in Satonia. A man listens when be earn't-work, He hopes. He can't-go home. Hungry kids grip at a ther's intestines.

Capable Candidate

People's Platform

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Editors, THE NEWS; Now that you have endorsed Eisenhower for President, why not endorse Charles Raper Jonas for Congress?

for Congress.

Here you have a very busy mn, but one too busy to take an active part in cive affair. He is not as the part in the sum of the su

people.

We need vigorous and mentally alert men like Charles R. Jonas in Washington to fight for us against socialism and burdensome debt. We are lucky that he is willing to take the time and interest to run for Congress.

-JEAN K. GILLILAND.

Opera Group Pleased

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Rditors, The Nrws:

YOUR newspaper's excellent help in promoting the

Charlotte, Opera Association's 19230 season
made possible two performances of "Un Travista",
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the possible the provided by members of your staff, Charlottes opera company would
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—MRS. DAVIS ROBINSON

Helped With Cerebral Palsy Work

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Now the record tells me if we want a war let's elect another Democrat President. Have you got sons? Is a husband or brother fighting and dying in this so-called police action in Korea?

He speaks of the depression under Grover. But he fails to mention the panie

Let's wake up and put a man in office who can and will bring about peace and save our great country. I can trust my sons: lives under an allike General Eisenhower. If he says to fight, I'm are there will be cause for it. If he can't act and think for himself what an unit lim in supreme command in Europe. He can unit lim in supreme command in Europe. He can unit lim in supreme command in Europe. He can unit lim in supreme command in the through the can unit lim in supreme command in europe. He can unit lim in supreme command in europe. He can unit lim in supreme command in europe. He can unit lim in supreme command in europe. He can unit limit to the can't be a suprementation of the ca

been closeting himself alons in his office until 3 A. M. writing speeches. It's one thing that has alowed up his campaign. The Serate Elections Committee will try to total up the stupendous cost of the 1852 campaign of the 1852 campaign constituent of the 1852 campaign campaign constituent of the 1852 campaign constituent of the 1852 campaign campaign

MacArthur Votes Will Hurt Ike

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wrote MacArthur asking? If he wanted his name on the ball to but yot no rely. So MacArthur's name remains. As Hall explains it:

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