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THE COST OF MUNICIPAL GROWTH

WHEN you add up the various bond proposals that will be put before the people of Charlotte in December, the total comes to a whopping \$17.8 million, big enough to jar the average taxpayer right down to his heels. But when they are examined in the light of necessity and when their relation to the local tax rate is analyzed, the total doesn't bulk quite so large.

The \$7.5 million school bond issue will be assessed against the County Government, and will be reflected in the County tax rate. With school facilities so far short of minimum needs, there is simply no alternative but to approve this bond issue.

The City Council proposes to ask Charlotte voters to approve \$8.7 million in "necessary" bonds for the sewer tax. The \$7 million will be used in revenue-producing bonds (\$3,750,000 for completing the Sugar Creek disposal plant and enlarging the Irwin Creek plant; \$1,250,000 for extensions and improvements to the present sewer system; and \$2,000,000 for extensions and improvements to the water system).

Water and sewer bonds are repaid by revenue from water bills and the sewer tax. The cost of equipping the disposal plants to handle industrial waste will be repaid over a period of time by industries that dump waste into the system. Hence, this \$7 million portion of the issue will not show up in the city tax rate.

The remaining issues proposed by the City (\$500,000 for continuing the grade separation program, \$1,000,000 for streets, \$2,000,000 for the city hall, \$1,000,000 for non-revenue-producing, and must be repaid over a period of time by regular debt retirement funds.

In a slightly different category is a proposed \$1,600,000 for building a new public library. Half of this amount will be issued by the County Government, half by the City. Carrying charges will show up in the tax rates of both governments.

The City of Charlotte and the metropolitan area of the County have shown remarkable population growth, most of it since the end of World War II. And, in contrast to big

cities in the North, Charlotte is growing laterally, with individual homes rather than big clusters of tall apartment buildings the rule. Lateral growth means better living, but it adds to the cost of all public services. Cumulative needs would not be so great had the City and County been able to proceed on an orderly basis to provide public services. Both were unable to afford them in the depression, and wartime restrictions from 1941 through 1946 caused further delays. The problem is to catch up with back demands, and keep up with the ever-growing demands.

In the coming weeks, the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will expect a detailed breakdown of each proposal so they may know precisely what they're being asked to vote for. If the need can be substantiated, and we have no doubt that it can, we are confident that the expansion program will be approved. The people of this community have often demonstrated their full confidence in investing in their future, and there is no reason for this confidence to be lessened at a time when the community stands on the threshold of its greatest era.

REBUTTAL
SENATOR McCARTHY has called General Marshall a "front man for traitors" and Senator Jenner has called him a "living lie". Gen. Walter Bedell Smith was General Eisenhower's chief-of-staff in Europe during World War II. Currently he is head of the superspersed Central Intelligence Agency. His deputy is Allan Dulles, brother of John Foster Dulles. Eisenhower's foreign affairs adviser.

The week General Smith, testifying in the McCarthy-Benton libel suit, was asked to comment on the character of General Marshall. He said: "That is like asking the mole hill to comment on the mountain. Of all the great men I have known in the State Department, know of no one that exceeds, and few that equal him, in the characteristics of loyalty, honesty and integrity."

ONE WAY TO GET AT THE TRUTH
IN ORDERING Solicitor Basil Whitener to investigate the possibility of perjured testimony in Superior Court this week, Judge Zeb V. Nettles has called attention to one of the major defects in our judicial system—the tendency of witnesses to take lightly their duty to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

THESE AMENDMENTS MERIT SUPPORT
THERE hasn't been much publicity about them yet, but North Carolinians will be asked to vote on three amendments to the State Constitution in November. One of them, the other two are inconsequential. All merit the support of the voters.

PIANO IN THE DARK
READING about Arthur Kleiner, who has been billed as the only piano accompanist in the world, we were reminded of the days when there were as many piano accompanists as there were silent movies. Mr. Kleiner is music director of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. He has made a specialty of playing silent movies, and he does it pretty fancy.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch
THE pianist player Trummer, when they were playing silent movies, he was playing when the Marjorie were landing to save her honor he played Light Cavalry Overture, and when the fellow and the girl made up he played Trummer again, only more so.

Truman Just Gave A Little Back-Platform Talk' The Full Story Of Stevenson Nixon Funds Not Publicized



THE PRINCIPALS IN THIS CASE ARE GIVEN TO CHILDREN BY THEIR PARENTS. THE NIXON FUND IS BEING RUN BY THE NIXON CHILDREN. THE STEVENSON FUND IS BEING RUN BY THE STEVENSON CHILDREN.

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Jiminy Byrnes Is An Old Sorehead

ONE of my kinsmen, Col. Joseph Alston, was governor of the great state of South Carolina 140 years ago. His first cousin Willis Alston from N. C., was chairman of the Ways-and Means Committee at the same time, and just about 100 years later another cousin, Claude Kitchin, was also Ways-and Means Committee chairman. I served in the Army at Greenville, S. C. in 1917 and Columbia in 1940, and for all these reasons am very much interested in the welfare of South Carolina and the Democratic Party there in particular.

I would like to know why Governor Byrnes would desert the great Democratic Party and sell out to the so-called Democrats for life. For any one voting for him is no longer a Democrat, but a "radical", especially after living on the Democratic Party for more than 50 years and receiving most of all the honors any party could bestow on him.

Everyone who knows about Byrnes knows that the main reason he is deserting the party is that he is still sore that when the Southern Democrats demanded that someone other than Henry Wallace be put on the ticket as Vice-President the convention gave it to our great friend, Harry S. Truman, instead of Byrnes. So he and the governor of Texas, after getting their state of non-Democrats placed at the convention, after crying to get this done, turn against the party.

Now, my governor, you cannot see the error of your stand and return to the party that made you and support it. I hope that the real Democrats of South Carolina who should ever ask for another honor) do to you as I would Governor Shivers of Texas, beat the daylight out of you, as we did to old man F. M. Simmons for deserting the party in 1928 when he came up for re-nomination to the U. S. Senate. Another thing, I hope you will remember a remark that a Senator once made (a reprint) out of the cold cash for your stand.

WAS HOEY 'RIGHT' OR 'WRONG'?
I REFER to the letter by John R. Graham, in your issue of your paper, Mr. Graham stated that Senator Hoey was right only five times and wrong sixteen times in voting on twenty-one "key issues".

First I ask Mr. Graham if he himself decided whether Senator Hoey's vote was right or wrong or whether someone else decided. Second I ask Mr. Graham if he considered Senator Hoey's vote on the Taft-Hartley bill. He is the N. C. citizen's viewpoint. What viewpoint of the people of North Carolina are members of the CIO, and who is Senator Hoey supposed to represent when he casts his vote as the Senator from North Carolina?

I am a Republican, but I believe that Senator Hoey has been a great Senator for the same reason I so sincerely believe Charles R. Jonas will be a great Congressman when he is elected. Senator Hoey because he has done what a Senator is supposed to do.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

HERE is what the politicians reported to Eisenhower last week. The Taft-Hartley bill, which would give Republican, though his brother, Charlie, would have a tight race for governor. In West Virginia, Rush Holt, a prominent coal miner, is being supported by the Republican party, while others predicted Chapman Revercomb would lose to Senator Kilgore.

John L. Lewis Negotiates
THE big steel companies, and particularly U. S. Steel, I haven't been renowned for pro-labor sympathies. But John L. Lewis can chiefly thank them for the generous new contract he got from the coal operators, giving miners a \$190 daily pay boost, plus extra welfare benefits.

The Full Story Of Stevenson Nixon Funds Not Publicized

WASHINGTON
THE principals in this case are given to children by their parents. The Nixon fund is being run by the Nixon children. The Stevenson fund is being run by the Stevenson children.

In neither instance has the whole story been told. That is to say that a great many more people have been answered in both cases. It is also another way of saying that the lines of influence in business and finance. This is not a matter of arbitrary separating the one from the other.

Conover Stevenson in listing the uses made of the political fund first disclosed failed to include the expenses of his own trip to New York to speak at the Herald-Tribune Forum and the cost of Christmas gifts for children in Springfield. One of his aides says that this would amount to about \$100,000.

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Corruption, Dishonesty Abound - Politicians Must Be Watched

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