

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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#### ATTENTION: COUNTY RESIDENTS

OVER at Chapel Hill, the good citizens who live in and around that university town are preoccupied with the identical problem facing the Mecklenburg County Commissioners, i. e., the roining of the rural areas around the town edges. This week Chapel Hillians overflowed the courtroom where a public hearing was held. There was no direct opposition to zoning, but many people wanted to read and study a proposed ordinance further before it was passed. The Aldermen agreed, held up final action.

action.

The incident prompted Editor Louis Grave of the Chapel Hill Weekly, to write a front page editorial. Of course, most everything Mr. Graves writes is an editorial of sorts, whether it be a sally at Bob Taft on the editorial page or a conversation with a co-de collection page or a conversation with a co-de nPage 3. But this one was clearly labeled "An Editorial", and the story it talls ought to be interesting to Mecklemburgers, and pertinent to the County Commissioners' problem. It said:

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room such use of adjuning land. The lawyer and there was not one and there was not one of the upshot of the affair was that the home-owner and other persons in the neighborhood, whose homes would also be damaged by the intruding business, chubbed the gether and bought the lot from the oil dealer Also they poid the cost of having the real to the state of the state of

in this way. Their nomes would nave been protected.

There was more, but enough has been quoted to show that plaffing and zoning of the Mecklenburg metropolitan area will do more than ensure well-regulated urban growth. It will also—and this should touch a response among rural residents—protect residential property from damaging encroachment, preserving not only the follar values but also the intrinsic worth and utility of homostack!

#### NO CYNIC, BUT A REALIST

L EST you be swayed by those who have—
a napped "cynicism" and "Pendergastism" at President Truman's disrepect for Presi, dential primaries, let us hasten to suggest that the Chile Executive's candor may produce unexpected dividends. Perhaps it will drive home to the American people the brutal truth that they have fittle or no voice in the nomination of candidate for President of the Marcian of the Marcian people the sum of the president of the most and bestir them to do something about it.

We could ill afford to call Mr. Truman a We could ill afford to call Mr. Truman a "cynic", as Mr. Stassen did, for saying that Presidential primaries are syewash, and that he'll get the Democratic nomination if he decides he wants it and to heck with the primaries. We could hardly cast the Stassen stone, for we have said the same thing over and over, in language not quite so blunt per-

haps as that used by the President, but equally clear and forceful.

Why duck the issue? Why confuse it with meaningless and empty pratings designed to full the lethargic and confuse the critical?

Mr. Truman has pointed the reality of consuming the president of the confusion politics in bold black and white. Party leaders, and if the man offered the voters happens to be the popular choice as well, it is by coincidence rather than design. If Senator Paul Douglas' scheme for nationwide Presidential primaries, or some variation thereof, can be worked, out, Mr. Truman's juntiness may be subdued. For it is not only conceivable, but entirely probable, that a clearcut expression of popular opinion in all of the 48 states will create a tide so irrestitible that party bosses will have no alternative but to swim with it.

#### **OLD-FASHIONED CONGRESS**

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And Congress, he notes regretfully, has abandoned its "single puckage" money bill reform, and gone back to the method of passing one money bill at a time. That way the appropriation bills seem less important and get delayed. Clast year none was approved by July 1). Then too, Congress can't keep good track of its expenditures that way.

Mr. Heller has some other suggestions, such as home rule for the District of Columbia, now governed by Congress. He would like to see the Senate adopt the rule of, majority cloture, thus preventing fillbusters. These fast two ideas are political hot potators whose merits are often obscured in heated continuous. controversy.

litical philosophy fits our forefathers' con-ception of what the Government should be".

when the development of the believe these comparisons with the Founding Fathers are meaningles. Would General Washington, the prototype of General Essenbower in the eyes of the latters of the statement of the comparison of the contemporaries of the contemporaries of the contemporaries, who ought to be able to stand on their own record and tit into their own clothes.

# LET THE PATRIOTS REST

A MERICA'S giants of the past must indeed to be squirming in their graves as they are compared to present-day political leaders.

compared to present-day polltical leaders. Senator Taft, for example, evokes the vision of Abraham Lincoln to Congressman, Hoffman of Michigan., The Congressman, miffied by a recent news service description of Senator Taft as he appeared on a TV program—(Taft's "auti didn't fit, his mannerisms were awkward, his replies did not indicate the easy control which is to be expected in a big man")—told, his House colleagues that he recently looked up from his reading and noticed a book on the table.

From The Asheville Citizen

### COMPLICATED

A SMALL order of confusion is in store for those who follow the high road in 1952. North Carolina is issuing no less than 25 different kinds of auto license plates.

Cars of top drawer public officials carry anly one, two, or three digits, depending apon the amount of brass behind the wheel only one, two, or three augus, openans, upon the amount of brass behind the wheel. Highway Department vehicles boast the prefix H. Judges carry a J. Private passell-ger cars run the gamut of numbers up through 909-909, then start all over again with the initial R. W or N before the number. A trax carries a T but if you do your own taxing, a la udrive-it, the license sports

a U.

There are two kinds of bus licenses—one for the hired bus (B) and another for the common old carrier (BUS, running vertical 1/2). A private truck bears the number and TRUCK under it. But, by gosh, there are two common carrier for the second of the common carrier trucks, which is performed to the second of the common carrier trucks, walked S. Trailer licenses come in fours: Z, C, EX and E.

National Guard licenses are so marked.

An M before a number means "manufacturer." The auto dealer has the familiar D as does the motorcycle dealer, whose tag

This leaves only the strange device which carries a P before the number, and, for emphasis, PERMANENT underneath. Which is what we wish we had. Why must life on the high road be so complicated?

In New York a student of human behaviour says the person who thinks he has a tooth ache may be just emotionally upset. Evidently, what the man means is that you should brush your mind twice a day and see your psychiatrist twice a year—Springfield Star.

Governor Shivers tells of a farmer back in Tennessee who took his tobacco to town. And when he returned, his wife asked with what he got for it. "I didn't get as much as I expected to," he replied, "but I didn't get pet

## Soviet Lead In Aircraft Frightening By THE ALSOPS

WASHINGTON

IT IS TIME TO face up to a simple, bleak fact. The Soviet Union is currently outproducing the United States, and by an in-credibly wide margin, in modern combat planes. Since sip power is certain to be the decisive factor if war comes, this is frightening, to prove that it is a fact. The sir but the compact of the compa

First take jet interceptors. So viet production of the MIG-15 jet fighter, plus newer models, reached during the last year, according to most reliable estimates, an annual production rate of the test of the second of a 200 — a really astonishing roduction rate of the older F-84 was 'in the middle industry. Amelyan productions of the older F-84 was 'in the middle hundreds, and of the F-86 in the low hundreds — the very low hundreds in the stream of the first production of the first hundreds and the stream of the first production of the first production of the first production of the first production in the two planes is murder for the F-84s. Thus the F-84 is now considered to the very low production is the work of the first production is still on the increase. Thus, even by the deal of this year, the Sovietius have an enormous six-lo-one advantage, at least in the Jet fighter field.

The comparable figures on jet bombers are hardly more reasuring. During the past year, the Soviets are reliably estimated to have attained as annual production rate of about 750 jet-powered medium bombers. They have approximately 450 such bombers actually in combat group.

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Last year the United States produced considerably less than fifty deceded considerably less than fifty may be such as the such

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support.
Yet the above figures (which the Kremin knows, of course, in fer more precise detail than given here) are very deeply disturbing. By any test, they mean simply that the Western alliance is very far behind the Soviet Union in modern combat, plane production, which is the very heart of war strength in being, and that the West will remain behind the source of the strength o

Merry-Go-Round

Drew Pearson's

# Fight Rages Over Control Of Economy

nomy.

On the outcome of this battle depends the question whether the nation will go dangerously into the red; o whether we will shift gradually over to some of totalitarian systems we have so consistently opposed Europe.

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controls which the Secretary of Defense is supposed to exercise—but doesn't. General Bradley and the Joint Chiefa of Staff are not part of this campaign. It's being led by the procurement arm of the military which is that part of the armbed services nearly wreck the nation. At present, they have adopted the subtle static of warming up to the Budget Bureau, of going over Lovett's head to the Direct of the Budget Bureau, of going over Lovett's head to the Direct of the Budget Bureau, of going over Lovett's head to the Direct of the Budget Bureau, of going over Lovett's head to the Direct of the Budget Bureau, of going over Lovett's head to the Direct of the Budget Bureau, of going over Lovett's head to the Direct of the Budget Bureau, of going over Lovett's head to the Direct of the Budget Bureau, of going over Lovett's head to be budget be budget by done and the world's entire supply.

And despite the demands for aluminum, the Air Force cently released 15,000,000 pounds it couldn't us. Despite—the huge orders of machine tools, also, all three services they controlled the supply of the Budget Budget

Saving The Taxpayers
ONE Congressman who has you

iE Congressman who has worked day and night to keep military toes to the fire re surplus spending is h, tough, fair-minded Eddie Hebert, Louisiana Demo-

on miniary waste is Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas.

Illustrating the way the military throw money around without regard to the taxpayer or civilian economy is a saving of \$455,000 re-cently made by Congressman Hebert in the Nav's purchase of water distilling machines. The incident also illustrates now one ione taxpayer can help save money.

dent also illustrates bow one lone taxpayer can help save money.

The lone taxpayer is John E. Pottharst, of the Meco. New Orleans, who, when he bid low on a Navy contract, yet didn't get the contract, notified watchôog Cospersman Hebra. Brooks Co. of Milwawkee bid 8500,000 higher on the distilling machines than Pottharst in New Orleans. But despite that, the Navy, apparently unconcerned about aaving money, instructed the Army engineers to award the 75 per cent of the contract to the high bidder. The other 25 per cent went for Betinite of Omaha to award the 75 per cent of the contract to the high bidder. The other 25 per cent went for Betinite of Omaha However, when Pottharst of Meco protected to Congressman Hebert, the Navy finally began to have some slight consideration for, the taxpayer's money. As a result, Cleave-Brooks reduced its hid by about \$355,000. This was a slice of about \$2,000 on each water-dutiling unit. So while bidder Pottharst didn't get the contract, he did help. For, in addition to the \$55,000 directly saved on the hid, lethargie Rear Adm. Joseph Jelley of the Bureau of Yards & Docks has finally waked up and 18 planning to squeeze about \$100,000 more out of earlier contracts.



An Unusual Kind Of Farming

## Where Mink Comes From

with the right people. But where do the furriers get the furs that are made into mink coats to grace the backs of the washington women. Some of them come from Missouri, from the mink ranch of Lester Van Leer, of them, properly "pelled" have just been sent off to New York to be made up into coats.

out a little way in the hills from Beaufort. A batch of them, properly "pelted" have just been sent of to New York to be made up into coats.

Van Leer, when he was a farm-boy, trapped along the creeks for .mink but didn't catch many, for they were searce in these parts. Why not raise his thought and the sent coats and magazines said so. He read up on it books and magazines said so. He read up on it woods and magazines said so. He read up on the read of the coats. The third is the coats and decided to have a go a. it.

Four years ago he bought six the little maintain from a ranch in Minnesott. The third is the said was a go of it the would have to go back to straight farming. The kind he bought were known in the trade as Yukons, dark brown, and half-blood silver blus, good colors for mink coats.

Silver blus, good colors for mink coats. Silver blus, good colors for mink coats. When the sent of the sent of

arate pens of their own. At six months they are stull grown.

TPHE HAZARD on a mink ranch is the appear.

A nace of a contragious distenser that will destroy the colony unless that the superior of the colony unless that the superior of th

iris, to be matched up with pells coming in from their parks of the country and made up tho coats year's crop are 36 females and eight males. Next year's crop are 36 females and eight males. Next year's fid algoes well, there will be a bigger crop, for Van Leer is building up his 'berd', with the more, for one man can handle that many if he works hard enough and takes good care of them. It inn't such hard work, any Van Leer. The only heavy easions are at breeding time and pelling times, they can stand a lot of cold, for it must be remembered that they are been breeding and pelling times. They can stand a lot of cold, for it must be remembered that they are lot of cold, for it must be remembered that they are lot of the Wilster and frequently watered in the Summer.

own, but they must be carefully seeded in the winter and frequently watered in the Summer.

INIE PELITING is done when the akins are prime as shown by the creamy white of the flesh under the fur. Finding out about that involves the seed leather glover or a calchidan cage and a lot of is not backward about using them. With a quick single the seed the seed the seed the seed to the seed to

The coloring of the animals is consistent according to their strains, so that the breeder knows.

There is a new mink color out, called Sapphire, a hade of blue, one of those mutations that happen once in a mink's age. It is really classy and it comes high, up to \$50,000 for a coat, but capes citive pelcked up at from \$600 to \$500. How much better the control of t

course in the midst of chaos.

A year from now Senator Tail.

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Linded States, It will not then be a question of neat prescriptions and rales of reckless political abib-boleths. The new President would be faced with the terrible responsibility of trying to maintain the security of the binded States, and he saved with it, in the face of the deal of violent change sweeping the world. At that point a new President might regret having lossed the whole conduct of foreign politics into the tigers' den of politics.

policy for presentation to the NSU.

If there was a chance to save
China for the Nationalists, abort of
sending in American divisions to
police a supply line, it was frittered
away in indecision. That is the,
prospect now confronting us into
Middle East, with the time for decision perhaps shorter than most
of us realize.

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**GOP Leaders** 

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Innone, can sequences.

The Middle East is a perfect II. Unstration. In December of 1850 the National Security Council was given the task of working own observed, comprehenced was given that vital zar, and the vital zar, and the vital zar, and the saignment has not been carried.

out.

NO AGREEMENT YET

It has been found impossible to reach agreement on an over-all policy statement that would guide responsible officials in making day-to-day decisions. This means that improvisation from day to day is almost inevitable, with confusion and conflict as a consequence.

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The tendency is to blame the machine—in this instance the National Security Commil-for this without the machine. Many on the outside are critical because they say that the council members are too busy to give adequate time and thought to reaching important policy decisions through the mechanism of the council members and thought to reaching important policy decisions through the mechanism of the council.

Certainly, the member all have the council of the counci