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BOOST FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

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This recryption was a substantial political polit

tions.

Reorganization Plan No. 2 would have the Postmaster General appoint first, second and third class postmasters—all 21,438 of them. Senate confirmation would not be required. It is the opinion of the Citizens Committee

for the Hoover Report, which has long rec-ommended this change, that this plan is the real McCoy, substantially as recommended in-the Hoover Report, although the Commission's

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lawyers are carefully studying the fine print. It B the Committee's impression that the merit system would be fully retained. Thus the Postmaster General could not make political plums out of appointments even if he so chose, and the Congressmen would have to get their fingers out of what is now a juice plum pudding.

This is definitely good news in the field of governmental reorganization. For two years a bill providing for essentially the same changes has been bottlid up in the Post Office & Civil Service Committee headed by Senator Johnston of South Carolina. We can now expect to hear the cries of disgruntled. Congressmen, as they tear into the plants as they tried, tunn to the plants as they tried, tunn to the plants as they tried, tunn to seasure. The louder they short the more one may realize the extent to which this plan will decrease Congressional influence—most of it bad—In the post offices. st offices.

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The other two reorganization plans submitted yesterday, although of less importance, also appear mentiroins. More jobs,
those of customs collectors and U. S. marshals, would be taken out of politics. And
some 50 customs jobs, some of them
annehronisms dating back to colonial days,
would be abolished. The abolition of useless

would be abolished. The abolition of useless Federal jobs is always in the good news department—in fact, it's strictly big news in itself.
When the President spoke to the Jeffer-son-Jackson Day dinner his announcement that he would not be a candidate for re-election overshadowed one of his statements, which was:

"F am going to send up more (reorgan-ization) plans to Congress soon—to put more of our Federal officials under Civil Service and out of politics."

He should have sent them long ago, but at least he's kept his word. Now the burden is upon Congressmen, who also profess delike for better government. They can prove their sincerity by approving—or merely not disapproving—these plans.

SEVEN YEARS AGO TOMORROW

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SEVEN years ago tomorrow, hundreds of
Charlotteans gathered in silence and
sorrow around the Southern Rullread depot.
It was around midnight, yet he most singuithere were so many bables and young children. It was as if the people correctly sensed
the impact of history and instinctively felt
that they wanted their children to witness
the drama. The train slowed down as it passed
through the station. It carried the body of
President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Most of the men and women watching
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Arzanna and ioano just to wave good-open at a passenger train. It was as if the vibration of the tracks everywhere in America was enough to give one the sense of great loss enough to give one the sense of great loss as the sense of the sen

was while President, his figure is already beginning to stand above controversy and bitterness, and it will not be too long ere it rises seven above party lines. It may yet be a remote possibility, but the pattern is already taking shape. Just as the Democrafs on occasion lay claim for Abraham Lincoln, it is not outside the realm of possibility that the day may come soon when the Republicans may claim FDR as one of their own.

A BOW FOR STASSEN

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A LITTLE BOW for Harold Stassen before he returns to the cloistered halls of Pennsylvania U. that he ought not to have the state of the sta

delegate to split.

After, Nebraska, where he was on the ballot but was beaten by writein candidates Taft and Eisenhower, he should have seen the light. But he stayed on in Illinois. There, in one of his final speeches, he denounced McCarthyism, an issue which he had previously sidestepped.

You're seeker.

You're going out a loser, Mr. Stassen, but can walk away proud that you shook off Jumping Joe.

Legitimate lobbyists—and there are of

Legitimate lobbyists—and there are of course many legitimate lobbyists who per-form a real service for the law makers— have nothing to fear when the light is turned on their activities at Raleigh. Only the lobbyists who prefer darkness rather than light would object to publicity on their work.

A 72-year-old El Paso plumber made his

A 72-year-old El Paso plumber made his seventeenth firp to the altar the other day. His 47-year-old bride is number fourteen out of seventeen tries, all of them, in the words of the happy bridegroom, "good women who didn't smoke or drink." Didn't have, much stamins, either, we'd say.—Carlabad (N. M.) Current Augus.

From The Winston-Salem Journal & Sentine

TURN THE LIGHT ON N. C. LOBBYISTS feat of a bill to legalize slot machines. By checking on the lobbyists back of this bill, the newspaper was able to tell the people of the state just who were trying te get it through. So many protests poured in from good citizens all over the state that the bill

IN ADVOCATING a stronger lobby for teachers while the Legislature is in ses-sion at Raleigh, Forsyth's Representative, Joe King, has helped to turn the spotlight on lobbles.

lobbles.

The more light_the_people can have on that subject, the better it will be for good government in North Carollina.

It was reported during the last session of the General Assembly that a member of a legislatives.committee in an open hearing publicly asset of a lobbyist who was present if it would be all right to report the bill under comideration at the time.

Just how much influence do lobbyists exert on members of our General Assembly? And just how do they do their work?

Answers to these questions would make an interesting story. In fact, there might be many good newspaper stories written on the activities of lobbyists during a session of any

Legislature.

A good example of what could be done
by the press wasaget by a newspaper in Coloracido when lobbyrists swarmed all ower the
Legislature of that state not long ago. The
Desurer Post called the lobbying group "the
third house" and assigned a veporter to give
his whole time to covering its activities.
The first thing he found out was that there
were 112 lobbyists on hand to influence the
state's 90 legislaturs.
One significant illustration of the effectiveness of this reporter's work was the de-

You might get an idea of the hugeness of a billion if you realized that since the birth of Christ more than 1800 years ago, just slightly more than a billion minutes have elapsed.—Hillsboro (Mo.) Record.

The high prices sure are tough. They're making us do without a lot of things our parents never had.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

'What's Going On Down There Among The Mortals?'





People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writers name and address must be given, but may be withheld a publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Editors, THE NEWS:

ITHE Jayrees have just completed a six months

Tourse of model plane instructions for a group
of young boys between ages of eight of the contract.

These clauses bedd weekengthes of the contract of the

Jackson Training Home officials have said their boys are vitally interested in model aviation,

The siving of inventile deliquency is brought about by interesting the young generation is something constructive. The Junior Chamber of Commerce role in this worthwhile activity, as well as the role of other organizations is merely the sensiting up of-a constructive program for youth. Model aviation represents a phase that has proven its worthiness to the betterment of our community and country.

we do not feel it is our responsibility to furnish recreational facilities for such programs. We feel that the Park and Recreation Commission is the organization best equipped to provide for model flying facilities, although we realize that technically speaking the Board may not be obligated to provide them. We shall always be glid to cooperate with the Board and other organization with the technical te

COURTLAND JONES, President Junior Chamber of Commerce

He Didn't Like It Here GREENSBORO

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I DETEST Chariote!!! So I left.

But in leaving (alive, thank God) I beg of you to allow me space to vent in you spleen.

Over four years ago if moved to but the specific of the specific

I found your country clubs peopled with nouveau-riche ex-ribbon clerks posing as the "400", and in their nescience believing they were doing a good and passable job.

But most of all I abhor your radio and television tations — especially the latter. One would think hat with four networks from which to choose the tation could get together and bring the video public in your area decent TV. The local programs are

For Charlotte's Young Airmen e certainly striving for a new low — and they are CHARLOTTE wucceeding in a big way.

Your politics smell — all the way up here. Your politics will do anything to get their names in the paper, especially Mr. Boyd.

The only Queen I associate with Charlotte (and this gal was most certainly not a queen) is a woman named Delilah, (Judges 16). Charlotte reminds me of her — beautiful to look at, but treacherous to associate with at any closer shan 100 miles.

I've left, and I'm glad. Also, I shall stay gone
D. D. MASTERS

Three Important People CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

AS I am shut in trying to recover from a long
A malady I have time on my hands and was
just thinking of three most important people to
appreciate.

One is your doctor, who tries to keep you well, especially when you are lying flat on your back in the hospital and he comes by your bed with a smile and asks how you feel.

Then there is the nurse who gives you medicine and takes your temperature, and is good and kind with a smile. She asks: "Is there anything I can do to make you more comfortable?"

Then the minister comes in your room, shakes your hand, and asks you how you feel and bows his head and asks God to give you strength to bear your pain and to restore you to health . . .

May God bless all of them.
MRS, MAYME BARGER.

Buried Street Car Tracks CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

RECENTLY there has been a great deal of discussion about the transfer of ownership of the city bus lines from the Duke Power Co. to a newly organized company. These discussions cover rates, zones, deficits, assets, and liabilities.

There is one factor that has been overlooked—that is the strept_ear_tracks buried beneath the strace of the streets, most likely a liability. The rails are showing up now in places, and just as soon as the wooden ties, used in most of the track, rot out, and the paving breaks up, it will be the duty of some organization to repare the streets at considerable expense—it is certainly not the responsibility of the City.

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Editorial Appreciated

CHARLOTTE I WANT to thank you sincerely for your editorial page. Especially am 1 grateful to you for the editorial in The News of April 3 entitled: "Here's Your Forgotten Man."

Point 4 One Of Few Real Ideas In Superficial World

By MARQUIS CHILDS

A NYONE WHO deals with the hews from day to day, if his conscience has not been entirely eroded away, must be troubled by the question of values. What is important, and important for the long pull, as compared to the merely momentary and sensa-

merely momentary and sensa-tional Termils for place and pow-tional Termils for place and pow-tenedy years. It is exciting, di-verting, at times even comic. But as the tempo is stepped up. diverting, at times even comic. But as the tempo is stepped up. diverting of this content. We may forget that there is a world to be, won—or lost—in another con-tent that consults would be the thing to the content of our own family fraces. The firings and the hirings made good headlines. Personalities flash making of motional charge or another, flaring up in speciacular headlines.

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IRE core has staged an economic conference at which some impressive proposals were made to expand East-West trade. These are being discounted by a which undoubtedly in large part they are. But to the unemployed in Rily, Germany and in the cotton textile centers of Erises in the Middle East and the Far East they will.

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What's The Meaning Of The Word 'Champion', Anyhow? By ROBERT C. RUARK

New York.

Tam Reading a piece by a colleague name of Frank Connitt
the other day, and was moved to
pilty A This poor fellow is a comwidespread disease in this town. I
was thinking, as my friend kept
using the word "champion" in his
piece about how fine the Glants
this life so pathetic as a true
Glants fan.

They say there is a \$500,000 advance sale of tickets for Glant
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show you that a Glants fan assuredly must be among the mech
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A's into the last hole on the last day.

The Giants fan has a slightly different outlook on life. His big hope, on which he bases investments and his conduct around the house, is that there will be enough lousy ball clubs in the National League to allow the Giants a chance at having their brains knocked out by whichever Amerikans.

can League team lowers itself sufficiently to meet them in the

Bolich Pleaded Poverty To Investigators Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

DAN BOLICH, the No. 2 tax collector who bought \$31 ahirts and developed a special taste for \$3.50 monogrammed handkerchiefs, pleaded poverty when he testified secretly before Congressional investigators.

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Later, when Boileh was called to a public session of the King tax-frand subcommittee, he refused to answer on the ground of self-incrimation. But before he knew that committee-probers had the goods on him, he test-lied freely in private. This column has now obtained a copy of the secret cross-examination.

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Two and a half years ago, this columnist, attempting to expose scindals in Internal Revenue, pointed to Bolich (Dec. 17, 1869) as an acquaintence of Gambier Frankise before the second of the second sec

This was the Deputy Commissioner of Internal Rev ue, later revealed to have spent in five years \$63,000 ore than his Government salary.

Mysterious Financial Friend

GRILLED secretly under oath, however, he talked freely but mentioned no monogrammed shirts or handker-

chiefs.
"I am really behind the eight ball financially," he pleaded. "There is no doubt but that living in Washington I overstended myself financially, and the net result ef it is that I am quite inclined to question as to whether

it was worth even the inconvenience as well as the financial loss."

Bolich also explained his friendship with the mysterious Carl Routzain, 72-year-old Mansfield, Ohio, merchant, who paid Bolich \$400 a month—totaling ever \$30.000.

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"He (Routahn) was a very old and dear friend of the family's and my particular benefactor," the big tax collecte told the investigators. "Air. and Mrs. Boutahn had no children. And with Mrs. Bolich and the standard of the standard was a standard with Mrs. Bolich and I that has would have a home with us for life and could have use of all of the facilities that are ours. ... The commitment was made, not in writing, but morally binding and forever will be, that Mr. Boulcham will have a home with us, which he does have."
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BOLICHS income-tax returns while he worked for the
Internal Revenue Bureau listed only his Government
salary, plus 5750 in 1946, 3750 in 1946, and \$500 in 1946, and \$500 in 1946, and \$500 in 1946 in 1946, and \$500 in 1946 in