WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1953

POLITICS, PORTS AND PUZZLES

THE RESIGNATION of Col. George W.
Gillette should clear the way for the
North Carolina Ports Authority to get

down to business.

For the past several months, the authority has spent much of its time on politics. There was a split, along political lines, over keeping Cologel Gillette as executive director of the authority. And that side issue became the most important item of surfaces are considered to the control of the color of the col

Last week. Chairman A. G. Myers of Gastonia, a strong Gillette backer, resigned, apparently because he had loss the stage for Gillette to hand in his resignation at the Tuesday meeting of the authority. The resignation will take effect on Dec. 31.

Once Gillette is out of the way, the Ports Authority will have no alibi for its failure to build up thriving business in the new Morehead City and Wilmington port facilities. Hitherto, apologists have complained that Gillette was an engineer, not a promoter. Special talents were needed to drum up shipping business, it was said.

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Special talents, yes. Also intelligence, hard work, persistence, and patience. It is not easy to build up a new port in the face of stiff competition from Norfolk,

Charleston and Savannah.
Getting a new port on its feet is somewhat like working one of those puzzles with two or three little steel balls that have to be dropped into place at the same time.

A successful port must have (1) an ample volume and a steady flow of exports and imports, and (2) frequent and regular boat schedules. Yet shippers will not route their products through Wilmignton or Morehead City until regular schedules are available: and shipping lines will not add N. C. ports to their routes until there is something to ship. Trying to get the shipments and the schedules to fall latto place at the same time is a very

the shipments and the schedules to fall into place at the same time is a very difficult task. Beyond that, foreign commerce departments in North Carolina banks must be built up so that shippers will not be forced to go through New York (inancial houses.

The people of North Carolina have Invested heavily in the Wilmington and Morehead City port facilities. They have every right to expect the Ports Authority to stop playing politics and start building business. If it fails to do so, Governor Umstead will have to step in and provide more aggressive and more vigorous leadership than he has shown so far.

STILL BEATING AROUND THE BUSH

THE Institute of Government's study of school comolidation in Mecklenburg County ended with this concise summary:

"In an essentially adolescent community, apidly growing in size toward metropolitan aturity, it is importative that plans for turne educational development be made terms of the geographic area, in terms all the children, and in terms of total

resources."

That should have been a signal for the two local school boards to put their heads together when planning schools, especially in the urban fringe area, so that the new buildings would conform to the pattern of metropolitan growth.

However, only one major step toward closer co-ordination was taken. Last year the county school board retained the services of the Engelhardt firm, which has advised the city board for many years.

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Dr. Engelhardt makes recommendations only. He does not make decisions. And the county school board continues to shy yeary from placing schools near the city way from placing schools near the city though the county is because the city school system. Just say week, County Commissioner Sam deNinch combained that "the county is gared to build a school less than five dities from the city," a slight exageration, but nevertheless to the point. Yeaterday the city board named a special committee to study this "no man's land" around the fringes of Charlotte and to confer with county school officials. This

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cooperation between the two boards. We hope so.

But we suspect that our school boards are still beating around the bush. The only real solution to the local school administrative problems is a full consolidation of schools under one board. In that way, buildings can be planned without regard to meaningless boundaries and the needs of all the children cared for without favoritism or discrimination.

GOOD CITIZEN

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UNTIL his illness two years ago, R. M. U (Mac's Mauldin was the perfect school board member. He spent long hours at the job, was interested in every phase of school activity, looked ahead always to the future needs of the schools. His activity was curtailed after his illness, but his interest and his real never, waned. This spring, for example, when the city school authorities were under attack for putting "fat" into new buildings, Mr. Mauldin rose to the defense while other board members remained silent.

He has now resigned from the city school board to make room for someones who can give more time to the work. He deserves a "well dones" from the community he has served so faithfully and so well.

DIVIDE THE KITTY AND LET 'EM GO

MILLIONS of Americans subscribe to the proposition that certain powers now exercised by the federal government should be relegated to the states. The present administration is pledged to carry it out. President Eisenhower mentioned specifically that authority over public lands, water-power development and minority rights might be vested in the states. Drought aid to farmers, urban redevelopment and public housing have been mentioned as other fields the federal government may weathe.

ment and public housing have been menthened as other fields the federal government may vacate. This commendable theory of government sounds fine until this practical question is raised: Where will the states let the money to exercise their new responsibilities?

The federal government taxes income, corporations, excess profits, oil, gasoline, obacco, liquor, estates, gifts, telephone calls, telegrams, transportation, admissions, imports. It is considering levying a manufactures' excise tax, comparable to the sales tax, which is the one remaining majors source of revenue that the ederal government has left to the states. Faced with a deflicit, the federal government is unlikely to relinquish its tax sources. Already income, corporation and pasoline taxes are paid to both federal and

state government. In some states other tax fields are duplicated. Taxpayers have no desire to broaden the duplication of federal and state taxonion in order to finance limits. The surface of the state of the state

BLACKOUT ON KINSEY

IN Time magazine's press section it was I reported recently that a number of American newspapers decided that summaries of Dr. Kinsey's report on women were unfit to print. In San Francisco, Philadelphia, Raleigh and some other places, editors decided they could not break the news to their readers.

This seems to us one of the most remarkable developments in modern American and journalism. None of the most remarkable developments in might be true; others said they just didn't believe their readers could bear to face the facts.

First Touch Of Frost



People's Platform

Evening Prayer Appreciated

MIAMI SHORES, Fla.

Editors, THE News;

WHILE driving through Charlotte last week 1 bought a copy of The News, and being a bornagain Christian I was delighted to see the Evening Prayer on the front page.

Prayer on the front page.

Hearty congratulations on this fine testimony.

How I wish there were more papers like yours,

May the Lord richly bless and prosper you,

MRS. JESSIE P. ROWE

Charlotte Good Convention Town RALEIGH

Editors. The News.

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Crusade Against Waste MONETTA, s. c.

Editors. The News:

OUR entire economy reels under a deuble burden. first of relief, then of huge but necessary administrative costs.

Now we must keep constantly in mind that private waste is to blame for these conditions and that we must not blame the government. In simple humanity the government must continue its paternalistic functions until waste-induced powerly, is removed. To do otherwise would be most instance and instance

mouman and unsafe.

But in spite of the gigantic private waste and its terrible effects there is still strength in the nation to regain our world leadership. Our nation is not sunk as yet. We can again command the admiration of the world, as once we did, if we but stop the waste.

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Those Fussing Democrats CHARLOTTE

say, "I told you so."

It has been my good pleasure to vote for the Democratic ticket often But my heart and soul is not mortgaged to the party hy any means. If it were, Id have had a change of heart after all the corruption of the seven years of the Truman Administration of the seven years of the truman to the seven years and proceed at the Chicago convention.

No. I am not so hidebound but what I, toods would have joined with the countless thousand of Democrats all over the South to vote for a change of parties so that "the government by the people for the people and of the people should not perish from the earth."

RAIL CONNELLY

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Atomic Power And Democrats PORTSMOUTH, OHIO

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AS a charter subscriber to the Democratic Digest,
A I was glad to see one of your editorials reprinted in it.

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Congressional Quiz

Planned Investigation Of Air Transport Lobby Now Unlikely

By MARQUIS CHILDS

Transport Lobby Now Unlikely

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Happy, Diligent Spaniards Will Become Staunch Allies

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I HAVE SPENT quite a bit of time in Spain lately, and it of all the coverees, I think I can furnish one. This is one swell country—full of tough, practical, hard-minded people, despite a late of the second of the second

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Republican Strength Waning In Kansas

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