

## THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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### TAX QUESTIONS REMAIN UNANSWERED

THE Mecklenburg County Commission-ers seem to be satisfied that the many alterations in property tax worksheets brought to their attention last week were seither improper nor extra legal.

prought to their attention last week were eighter improper nor extra legial. The explanations for the penciled changes on the worksheets do not, how-ever, answer all the questions that were raised during the discussion.

1. Are the Commissioners sure that the reductions did not depart from, in some legree at least, the yardsticks for prop-erry worth originally laid down in the Dole-Layer-Trumble countywide revalua-tions.

2. And what about the far greater number of property owners who did not protest their assessments? Is there res-ton to believe that they are paying more han their proportionate share today be-ause they did not hound the assessors for reductions? 3. County appraisers said they are

### NEW YORK'S PROBLEMS ARE CHARLOTTE'S

THERE is a lesson for everyone in the recent New York mayoralty cam-

hesion.

The campaign focused attention on the weakmasses of the intertopolis. Giant New York is sick, dankeroudly 5.00.

The economic cost of its traffic jams are estimated at more than one billion dollars annually.

Its airports, as well as its streets and highways, are crowded.

Its transit system is bopelessly snarled. It is a dirty city, bedevited by slums and the streets of the streets o

nd crimes
It is nearly bankrupt.
And the city does not have the political
nachinery to cope with its problems.
Why is the city deteriorating? Colmnist Marquis Childs summed up one
f the big reasons this way:

"The upper bracket wage-earners for the most part do not live in the city. They come in to their jobs in the morning from the far-flung suburbs in Westchester County, New Jersey and Connecticut. They go home in the evening, indifferent to the weaknessee of the shabby, shakey giant."

What is happening in New York is hap

pening in other cities. The problem is simply less acute, less massive, in smaller

about 18 months behind in adding new property to the book. Does not the loss of revenue inherent in this delay call for some fast, dramatic action to wipe out the backlog and keep the books up to

the backing and keep the soots up to date? The old three-man board of appraisers didn't suit the City, the present system of placing assessments under an assistant tax supervisor apparently hasn't worked much better. In either case, has the system been at fault? Or the people within the system? These are some of the questions that remain unanswered. Commissioners McNinch and White have been appointed as a special committee to continue the study of the County tax system. We direct their attention to these questions, in the belief that they must be answered fully and promptly if public confidence in the fairness of county tax assessments is not to be impaired.

communities.

It is happening in Charlotte.

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Merchants already feel the pinch of
the traffic jam.

Adequate transit service becomes increasingly difficult as residents move
farther and farther into the country.

City tax officials feel the loss of revenue as middle and high-income wagecarners move from the city in which they
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earners move from the city in which they work.

The city's blighted areas remain because a legislature dominated by rural law makers has refused to permit the cities to carry out effective redevelopment. The common property of the following a continuous particular to the common property of the luxury of rivally between county and city governments? How long can it afford to send to Raledh legislators like Sen. Fred Mechntyre and Rep. Arthur Goodman who are blind to problems of noning and slum clearance? How long, in brief, before there is a major frontal assault on all the civic lifs that are the concomitant of rapid growth.

### LOOSE TALK IN HIGH PLACES

SECRETARY of State Dulles' rebuke to
Air Force Secretary Harold Talbott
was richly deserved.
Reporters present at a news conference
in Madrid quoted Secretary Talbott as
revealing plans for storing atomic bombs
at newly-acquired bises in Spain. He said
they would be reserved for use against "a
common enemy".

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(Talbott now denies he said any such
fining. However, the Associated Press, the
United Press, the New York Trans and
British newspapers all carried substantially
the same account of the news conference.) \* Mr. Dulles' rejoinder was quick and to the point. The United States has no-plans for storing atomic weapons in Spain, he said. If and when such plans are worked out, they will not be announced to the world.

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Any other course would be foolhardy indeed.

Secretary Talbott's brand of loose talk

defeat its own purpose.

It needlessly stirs up the Russian people and gives their propaganda experts a perfect opening to charge the United States with having aggressive intentions. It dismays the people of central and western Europe who are already fearful that, in the event of war, their territories will be overrun again by Soviet ground troops while we are waging awar of aerial retailation.

And it is public notice to the rest of the world that the United States expects a third World War, and is devoting more time to preparing for it than it is to avoiding another war.

There are many good reasons for having atomic weapons at bases in England. In Spain, in North Angel and the Spain and the Spa

#### THE BEST LAID PLANS, ETC.

HE HAD PLANNED it all very carefully.

Then days of delayed vacation, to be spent in the yard during the warm, suny days of October. Shrubs to be moved, flower beds to be rearranged, honey-suckle and weeds to be pulled.

But especially careful was he to start off slowly and easily, in order to avoid soreness in muscles ounsed in tapping typewriter keys or handling the shears and paste.

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It worked out fine. The first day or two, he worked short hours at the very lightest tasks. Then he tackled the flower beds with mattock and spade And as the days fibled by the began rooting, out, "lifting, and moving the bigger shrubs—some of them with huge balls of dirt around their foots."

Foots.

And all without a single sore muscle. By the end of the vacation—the day before he was to report back to work—he felt tough and trim and quite proud of himself for his foresight and care.

Then it happened. The kids started it.

They were frisking on the horizontal bar

in the back yard. Chinning themselves. One little fellow made it twice, another three times. The neighbor's boy, with a mighty effort, pulled himself up six times and started to walk off with the honors.

Our well-conditioned gent recalled his freshman college days when he spent nearly every afternoon in the gym. He stepped up to the bar. One, two, three at first with no effort ... four, five, six ... slower and slower he rose ... seven ... and with a final great heave that left him exhausted ... e-lg-bt. He won the contest. But when he rose to catch the bus the next morning, the folly of it all was painfully apparent. Bisepen that he hadn't used in digging or spading ached dully. The band of muscles across the solar plexus gent out showers of sparks every time he moved.

So back to work he dragged himself,

So back to work he dragged himself, wiser and repentant.

Worst of all, the kids weren't even

From Wallace's Former And lows Homestead

### DRY SPELL

DO YOU say "drouth" or "drought,"?
We were raised on a "drouth" & fellow who says or spells "drought" sounds to us like a stray from the east, not a corn belt man.

But we notice that many radio menhave been corrupted by eastern example, and the foreign word "drought" is creeping into farm use.

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It reminds us of the time when schoolna arms from New England talked Iowans
nto mispronouncing the name of their
native state as "lowah" instead of the corect "loway."

New England has conquered on the

pronunciation of lowa. There are only a few of us left who stick to "Ioway." And anaybe we are just fighting a rear-guard action in favor of "drouth."

But we're still holding on. In Wallace's FAIMER ASD JOWA HOMESTEAD, We spell it "drouth" and say it that way. If any foreigner wants to know what the word means, it means a real dry spell and we hope we never have to use it again about

Britain is finding a Big Four parley harder to make than a daily double.— St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

'The Lamb Is Still There. It's Just Been Integrated'



# Aid To Education Debated

Carolina was estimated at \$2,940 by NEA.
Association officials point out that this does not represent "an that this does not represent an amount paid in 1925-39; yet, in terms of dollar values in 1935-39; today's average teaching salary value purchase only \$1,543. Good of the same mag runds
while others say that federal aid
rings federal control of education
nd should be avoided

spring, in addition to the regular protest met and the reg

building badly-needed classrooms.

In the other will be those who had been been been maintained been given by the states and localities to provide their own tunds.

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By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

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### Defense Dept. Gets Out Of **Step On Policy Statements**

By JAMES MARLOW

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#### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

DESPITE reports that the President plays cold with "anyone handy around the chib." each fourness is carefully asked to the chib. "each fourness is carefully asked to consisting of one sension," one representative and one out-of-stown visitor. A recent fournome included Congressman Lea Arends, Republica of Illinois. Missouris Democratic Sen. Six bromagnia no ceasions, which was not been consistent to the constitution of the

the President, playa golf there are more Secret Service men around than there are caddies. Evaluated one S. S. agent; "We keep mightly bury on that golf coura." On the control cadding the control cadding the control cadding to get course and the course and the course and the course and the course about the course about the course about.

Outlawing H-Bombs

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RGUING inside the National Security

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proposed that we outlaw the hydrogen and

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Chefs of Slaff said he was willing to see

armies use baby A-bombs and atomic ar
tillery, since they can be used on strictlymilitary targets. He would outlaw only

"block baster" which could blow up an

busters which city block. may be the fly in an otherwise sensi-

**Washington Pipeline** 

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onomy wave — which hits ng. For years businessme government figures to cha terations. Now these su need by budget-pruning.

### Diplomatic Pouch

AMERICAN troop morale in Korea is a now at its lowest point since the truct. One reason is that GLs are stuck in Korea, can't get to Japan on turlough. The conomy program has forced the Air Force to cancel predictally all flights carrying GLs back and forth to Japan for a change of scenery.

In order to please Generaliss he American embassy has promerican troops who man Sprill wear civilian clothes aff