WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1953

PREROGATIVES DO NOT A SENATOR MAKE

A STHE LONE Mecklenburger in the N. C. Senate, Fred H. McIntyre wields as much power over local legislation as all four of his House colleagues combined. He has decided to exercise this power independently, retaining, as it were, the velo authority over all local legislation.

In arriving at this decision, Mr. McIntyre has repudiated the delegation "unit rule", adopted in 1943, under which the four Mecklenburg Representatives and the single Senator abilded by a majority caucus vote on local bills. Mr. McIntyre gave no reason for his decision, except to say that it was his Senatorial prerogative which of course it is.

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In any event Mexichening County, rather
than Senator McIntyre, stands to lose if he
chooses to exercise his prerogative in
arbitrary or capricious fashion. Prior to
the adoption of the unit rule, Mexichening
representatives often fought among themselves, angrily and in public. Divisions on
local affairs carried over into state legislation, until the Mexicheniurger became the
laughing stock of the General Assembly and
lost a goodly portion of their influence.
After nearly 10 years of standing together,
our county representatives now wield considerable influence in the councils of the
General Assembly,

A SENATOR MAKE

Shall this Influence now be destroyed because Senator McIntyre elects to ignore his House colleagues!

Somewhere along the way the Senator seems to have missed the fundamental dictum that most legislation is the result of compromise, and that the public efficial need be neither pulsant nor pullianimous in reaching compromises. Strong convictions are fine; a measure of sithbornaus may even fine; a measure of sithbornaus in the site of the legislator to put across his views by joulcand persuancies than it is to buildone his opposition.

If Senator McIntyre has any mandate from the people of Mecklenburg County, except to represent their best inflerests, we are not aware of it. We do not recall that any local issues were debated publicly in the yellow of the site of the property of the prope

COUNT US OUT ON THIS DEAL

CHAIRMAN CLEVE DAVIS of the Meck-lenburg Board of Elections merits the backing of the Mecklenburg delegation in his effort to exempt this county from one of the election law changes proposed in Raleigh this week.

Among the profilions of a bill introduced at the request of the State Board of Elections is one requiring any precinct with 1,500 or more registered voters to be subdivided. Since 17 Mecklenburg precincts have that many voters, 17 new precincts would have to be created, making an unwieldly total of 90.

of 90. Chairman Davis got on the right track after the jam at the polls on Nov. 4. He shalyzed the trouble occurately. The delay resulted mainly from the use of a single book to record names. He solved that by installing a card index system that can be divided into as many alphabetical sections as necessary, so that several lines of voters, instead of a single line, may be formed to check names against the list.

He also noted that many voting precincts in homes and other small buildings were not capable of accommodating large groups of voters. So he began planning to reduce the number of precincts and move the voting piaces to large public buildings, such as Achools and recreation centers, that offer better entry and exit facilities. Finally, he asked permission to test voting machines, and earl facilities. Finally, he asked permission to test voting machines for the first time. Mr. Drivi program for speeding registration and voting process, including a smaller machine, and alonger period process, voting and voting proceeding, multiple lists, bigger voting red precinct, multiple lists, bigger voting red precinct, multiple lists, bigger being for registration before big elections, hould cam the trice in populous Meckenburg.

should turn the true in pro-lenburg. The change proposed by the State Election Board, on the other hand, would not help this county at all. Hence it is highly important, in the interest of efficient election machinery, to exempt Meckinehurg from this provision, and we trust that the local delegation will do so.

COUNTY POLICE PLAN DIES A-BORNING

AS MARK ANTONY said about Julius Caesar, we come to bury a proposal to abolish the County Police force, not to praise

The project, advanced originally by State Sen. Fred II, McIntyrs, was pegged to a false premise, i. e., that better law enforce-ment could be had at lower cost by letting the High Sheriff of Mecklenburg and his coterie of deputies enforce all N. C. laws in the county area.

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We did not believe that better enforcement would result, because the Sheriff is elected and the deputies are appointed by politics. Good law enforcement and politics, like oil and water, do not mix. Moreover, the County Police Dept. ranks with the best in the South for efficiency, the South for efficiency.

Nor did we believe that the cost would be lower. A subsequent study of the Sheriff's

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budget showed the per man cost higher than that of the County Pelice, despite the fact that the duties of the Sheriff are limited to serving papers, keeping order in Superior Court, and preserving a tidy County Jail.

Apparently a goodly number of Mecklen-burgers felt the same way, and told the legislative delegation so in unmistable language. For yesterday Senator McIntyre said the proposal had been dropped.

In adding one last spadeful to this interment, we would remind our legislators once again that City Councilmen and County Commissioners are elected to administer local government. In all legislation affecting their areas of responsibility, their opinions should be weighed most carefully. To do otherwise is to subvert the democratic process that elected them and that holds them responsible for their stewardship of local government.

ADD UP THE OUTGO FIRST

CONGRESSMEN roared approval when.

President Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address renounced "secret understandings", and took the wraps off Chiang Kaishek's troops in Formous. But the hand-claps were slow, sparse, week and mostly Democratic when the President uttered this economic fundamental:

"A balanced budget is an essential first neasure in checking further depreciation in he buying power of the dollar ... "Reduction of taxes will be justified only as we show we can succeed in bringing the dudget under control ... "The succeeding the con-trol of the control is the succeeding the con-trol of the control is the catent to which expenditure of the catent to the cat

Perhaps Congressmen recalled, with ringes of conscience, that they appropriated one money than President Truman re-

quested, three out of the past five years. Or perhaps they recalled that these economic truths do not mesh with their quantum pains promises to slash taxe.

At any rate, the President unequivocally staked out a position with which Taxs Nava is in complete accord. If the proposals of New, Daniel Reed of New York and his cut-lar depreciation would be inevitated to the proposal of New Participation, as the President emphastred, many of the Administration's specific programs will be presented at a later date. Neither Congress nor the executive branch now know what their economies and obligations will add up to dollarwise.

Congress should busy itself with this addition problem now. Then, when the sum of expenditures is known, and compared with revenue, intelligent tax revision can begin.

From The Lexington Dispatch

THE WATER RAN RED

THOSE who have combed the waters of it. High Rock Lake, many miles below where the flow of triplutaries amptied into the lake, during the past: few days have noted how muddy the rising water. The many who looked on it was just muddy water, many who looked on it was just muddy water. Rev. Garland Hendricks, kaeshee of country preschers up at Gardner-Webb Jumier College, explains something of this in two paragraphs of a weekly letter he writes for

to poverty.

"Then I saw another farm. The fields were green. Terraces held the water and turned it into the proper claims! out the proper claims! out the proper claims are considered the roadside ditch it was not quite as red. The dwelling house on that farm was a painted modern building. The yard was landscaped, with green grass and shrubs. Then I could understand more fully how true it is that when we allow the rains to bleed the fertility of our land we are thereby robbing ourselves of resources which God put here for us to esloy."

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'Okay-The Wraps Are Off'



People's Platform

Speeders Worse Than Drinkers

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Mr. James A. Rader, appearing in People's Platform

Jan. 27, should be answered.

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Remember The Maine

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Editors, The News:

LEST we forget, 55 years ago next Sunday a week, on-Peb. 15, 1898, in a beautiful land-locked harbor of one of the most beautiful islands of the period of the period period to the period perio

world—the destruction of the 'U. S. Battleship Maine. Frast mas of the people of the U. S. were naturally in symmethy with the Cubans, but our Government treat properties of the Cubans, but our Government treat our warships, on a friendly mission to Harvans.

10. Monday eventual, Jan. 24, 1888, the Battleship Maine was ordered to proceed to Harvans by Maine was ordered to proceed to Harvans which was nowed by the Spanish authorities to a bony in that harbor without any unusual incident.

11. On the day of arrival the usual salutes to the Spanish flags and the Spanish admiral were fired, and efficial visits were exchanged between the off-ment of the Companies of

Speeders Worse Than Drinkers
On Feb. 15 the usual routine was strictly observed, and at 8 o'clock in the evening the chief engineer reported that everything was secure.

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Court Consolidation

Boyd Plan Meets Mixed Reactions

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and then remain, in court until, their cases are called, usually first difference session would permit them to have some rest after work. But, if cases could not be docketed for the afternoon, as all-day court might work a greater work. But, if cases could not be docketed for the afternoon, as all-day court might work a greater their court time. Solicitors from Lane of the City Court and Ray Bankin of the Court court of years and the Court Court agree that it is almost case will run. Testimony cannot be limited to a definite time, nor can a law-gree just and the court to be good memporarily until persona in part of the court to be good memporarily until persona in part case arrived. One point in favor of court country and could cause the court to be good memporarily until persona in the could cause the court to be good memporarily until persona in the court country and the court to be good memporarily until persona in the court court of years of the court to be good memporarily until persona in the court to be good memporarily until persona and the court to be good memporarily until persona and the court to be good memporarily until persona and the court for t

Congressional Quiz

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Q-What are the tax stands of Chairman Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) of the House Ways and Means Committee?

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Ike Figures Out Truman, But Not Taft WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Eisenhower confided his misgivings about Senator Taft the obserday in a private conversation with one
of .his long-time Army friends.

The and his friend were discussing the
General's spectacular victory Nov. 4, when
the friend brought up the subject of Harry
Truman's role in the campaign.

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