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'Okay—The Wraps Are Off'

Court Consolidation

Boyd Plan Meets Mixed Reactions

PREROGATIVES DO NOT A SENATOR MAKE

AS THE 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 full authority over all local legislation.

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 official need be neither pious nor pusillanimous in reaching compromise.

COUNT US OUT ON THIS DEAL

CHAIRMAN CLEVE DAVIS of the Mecklenburg 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.

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 places to large public buildings, such as schools and recreation centers, that offer better entry and exit facilities.

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 it.

died showed the per man cost higher than that of the County Police, despite the fact that the duties of the Sheriff are limited to court services, keeping order in Superior Court, and supervising a city County Jail.

ADD UP THE OUTGO FIRST

CONGRESSMEN roared approval when President Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address, announced "secret understandings" and took the wraps off Chiang Kai-shek troops in Formosa.

quested, three out of the past five years. Or perhaps they recalled that these economic troubles do not mesh with their campaign promises to slash taxes.

THE WATER RAN RED

THOSE who have combed the waters of High Rock Lake, many miles below where the flow of tributaries emptied into the lake, during the past few days have noted how muddy the rising water was.

drew on through the rain I thought more and more about the relation of muddy water to poverty.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Speeders Worse Than Drinkers

Editors, The News: I DO not wish to get into this argument between Mr. James A. Rader, appearing in People's Platform Jan. 27, should be answered.

Re Skrzyszewski

EDITED WITH regret that The News, by its insertion of an editorial from a Richmond newspaper elaborating at length on the vagaries of Polish grammar and idiom, has thus commended a commendable rivalry with another Charlotte newspaper to a field in which the latter, by its many commendable and accurate news items, has established a substantial monopoly.

Remember The Maine

Editors, The News: I ESTEEM the 50 years ago next Sunday a week, on Feb. 15, 1898, in a beautiful landlocked harbor of one of the most beautiful islands in the world occurred a tragedy that shocked not only the people of our own country but the entire world—the destruction of the U. S. Battleship Maine.

Infected Blood Plasma

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON PRESIDENT Eisenhower confided his mission about Seoul. Taft, the other day in a private conversation with one of his long-time Army friends.

Ike Figures Out Truman, But Not at All

brilliant, but I'm inclined to think he's unpredictable. I never seem to know where I stand with Ike. With Truman, you always know where you stand. But with this other fellow, never. His name—as you can guess—is Drew Pearson.

Mixed Loyalty

SEN. Bill Langer of North Dakota is the new chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Operation Smack!

MOST distressing fact about "Operation Smack" was lost in the news headlines and Congressional furor. It was the discovery that Chinese troops were in some cases three stories deep in the ground. They have set up a system of fortifications such as never before in the war.

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