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HOME RULE — HOW IT WORKS

PERHAPS our readers will understand home rule better if we bring it closer

to home.

Under present state law, the salaries of elected County Government officials—the County Chairman, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, etc.—are fixed by the General

Assembly.

That doesn't mean that the whole Legislature considers the question. It means that the members of the Mecklenburg delegation introduce a bill setting new salary figures, and then 'weatch it go sailing through with hundreds of other local bills.

The General Assembly never acts upon the legislation, except in the most perfunctory, 'voice-vote fashion. To all practical purposes, our five-man legislative delegation

is the General Assembly.

Now . . . a measure has been introduced
in the current General Assembly by Rep.
Regan of Robeson to change all this. It
would take the General Assembly out of
this field of local legislation entirely, and
turn the authority over to the County Commissioners.

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Our Mecklenburg delegation, however, is planning to have Mecklenburg County excluded from the measure. That will mean that the authority over the salaries of our local elected officials will remain with the Legislature, whereas in most of the counties it will be restored to the local governments where it belongs.

Home rule? That's how it works—or doesn't

CURTAINS OF SECRECY SHRED EASILY

The Wake Senator, more naive than youth-ful, thought he had protected his committee members from "embarrasment" when he announced a six-to-four vote in favor of car inspection—without telling how any member voted. But Woodrow Price of the Raleigh Nexe & Oherever had found out how each man voted, and proceeded to read the list.

CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE

PEORE the last sounds of the Firemen's Retirement fund dispute die way, it should be recorded here that Rep. E. M. O'Herron Jr. and Councilman Philip Van Every showed a good deal of courage in standing firm against an increase in the City's contribution to the fund.

In our opinion, they were both right, and the four legislators and five Councilmen who approved doubling the City's contribution to the fund did a disservice to the taxpayers and to other employees of the City Government.

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Elsewhere in today's Naws, Mr. O'Herronsets forth his position clearly and forcefully.

He stands on the report of the actuary that
the fund would be sound for the next two years without the extra five per cent, pro-vided that no one retired in that period before reaching 65. Meanwhile, there would be time to work out a more permanent solu-

And he was right, as committee members subsequently admitted.

Were Pou Balley's reputation the only thing at stake, the little incident would have been ignored. His secrecy ruling got wide-spread attention because it volated the tradition that public business should be transacted publicly. Furthermore, the mere fact that the auto inspection bill was voted upon secretly stirred suspicion and mistrust all over the state, may even result in the ultimate defeat of the measure.

Before the week is out, the fate of the auto inspection bill may be known, if it is killed, a good measure of the responsibility will weigh on the Wate Senator whe showed such incredible skill in mismanagement.

a second at Tuesday's special Council meet-ing, duplicated Mr. O'Herron's proposal. The plan that was approved incorporated the freezing of retirements for two years, but added \$80,000 to the City's contribution in that period.

Tuesday's session was highly confused, mainly because the Council did not understand completely what the legislators had told the firemen. It is possible that the Council would not have voted the extra 800,000 dividend for the, fund had Mr., O'Herron been here to explain his position.

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The taxpayers haven't heard the last of this controversy. It is destined to flare up two years hence. Meanwhile, other municipal employees will be agittain for plushier retirement systems. Since the taxpayers will have to pay the bill in the end, it is in order for them to know who voted for and who voted against the samon have to pay that the samon have the pay the

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From The Raleigh News and Observer

frustration and despair as to what do to stop traffic law violators seems worldwide. And worldwide suggestions how to cope with them deserve con-

eration.
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ted by a young American with North
relian ethnecidens, comes a possible "last
ort" raport. Speaking of the traffic and
thing problems, which appearing are as
is there as in Raleigh, that paper passes
from another distant point a desperate,
maybe effective measure. It says:

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The Parkway in March. A few weeks and the laurel and rhododendron will be splash-ing their colors. The native azaleas will stage their annual color riot. And then the tree buds will burst into the rich green that will cover the earth until the biting winds come again.

LAST RESORT

ment, so that dignity might be preserved.

Oh! Oh! Ther's the loopbole! It may be a good thing to guard the girls and preserve dignity. But if we are going to secure safety by shaved heads of any other method the same rules should apply to all, all the time. In this case, however, some difficulty might be presented as to what to do with the baldheaded. The perfect plan seems yet to be devised.

Abraham Lincola commented on the large number of the poor whom God had made, but it was several administrations later that a politician happened to think of the cerol-lary—'And they all have wotes!'—Kingsport (Tenu.) Time.

There Ought To Be A Monument



People's Platform

Likes TV Guide-And The News

Editors, The News:

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television guide.

I have long wished that one of the papers would print such a concise and handy schedule, and I am glad that you are the one which did. This adds greatly to my enjoyment of the excellent programs which WBTV offers, and will increase my already high opinion of The Charlotte News.

CAROLYN P. CANSLER

Health Edition Interesting

Editors. The News:

WE wish to thank you for The Charlotte News of Feb. 27. The section "Good Health—A Report to the People" was particularly interesting.

ELLEN R. BLACK, Business Manager

Smith's Immigration Stand Upheld CHARLOTTE

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Editors. The News.

AffER reading Harry L. Golden's letter in the
A March B edition of The News I should tell the
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on the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. I take
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hor feels this way, as North Carolina votes proved.
It's a blessing he is in our Senate.

After reading the McCarran Walter Act—anyone can write for it—I see no reason for any
polyal Americans to be confused by it.

Our country has been "the great melting pet"
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want the McCarme Walter Act on the books be-cause it would bur their overtees counsides from cutering and the most overtees counsides from cutering who had already entered by fraud. I prefer to be-lieve that once again the man in the White House had been duped into siding with our pro-Soviet enemics, just as two gentlemen in the Senate were likewise guilible enough to become accessories in the plot.

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What does the McCarran Act stand for?—
complete codification of the immigration, pasaport and naturalization laws, the first complete revision that the property of the standard property of the inequilies and plug the loopholes in our out-moded regulations. This statute was not hastily framed, but was the product of four years of research and many months of public hearings.

Who is against the bill! Clarence Pickett, a fanatical paciflist, executive secretary of the American Friends Committee for the Protection are Friends Committee for the Protection of the American Committee for the Protection Worker, addressed a meeting of the AmericanSussian Institute, cited as Communist by the Attorney General. He also protested the Supreme Court decision upholding the conviction of 11 top Communists.

Many Protestant churches have protested the bill and that is difficult to understand. If atheistic communism wins in America the churches will be first to suffer.

trins to suffer. The following organizations—all we good Americans know what they stand for—were for the bill: Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Justice, Insulgration and Naturalization Service, the American Revolution, of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Good of the American Control of the C

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CHESTER, S. C.

Editors, The News.

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Get Right With God

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Senator Byrd Standing Firm **Against Hasty Tax Reduction**

WASHINGTON

DURING most of his 20 years in
the Senate the senior Senator from Virginia, Harry F. Byrd,
has felt that his was a lonely voice
crying in a wilderness of waste, extravagance and debt. With a new
party and a new President in power he is still the voice of con-

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That, in the stern Byrd view, will not do at all. Such a redecise would almost certainly result into would almost certainly result 1554. As the Senator has pointed to the President, the bugget for fiscal '54 is a Truman budget for fiscal '54 is

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Photographer Finds African Models Unduly Co-operative

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

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