THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1953

### A BETTER PLAN FOR POLICE STUDY

TNHE Charlotte Civil Service Commission's in resolution asking the Council to relieve it of the sasignment of studying the police department was quite in order. So was its suggestion that the study be made by a special

As we noted some days ago, it wann't in the best interests of the Civil Service Com-mission and the City Manager for them to conduct a study of a department in which both are deeply interested and closely iden-tified. Inevitably such a study, if it were at all tified. Inevitably such a study, if it were at all therough, would lap over into areas in which the Commission and the City Manager have some official responsibility, if not direct jurisdiction. And it might prove embarrast-ing to the Commissioners and Henry Yan-cey to be jut in the position of making suggestions that could be construed as being critical of past performances and actions and attitudes.

We can easily understand why Councilman m Smith, in his original motion, suggested We can easily understand why Councilman in Smith, in his original motion, suggested is method for the study. It is quite evident it he was interested only in setting owner to see the fee council could have future income. He had no thought of turning the grantened upside down, and there is no evice on the record, despite implications on Councilman Basil M. Boyd to the concey, that Mr. Smith was trying to do that ut it is no secret that, for a long time, city Police Department has been some-

thing less than a big, happy family. It is.inevitable, of course, to have a certain amount
of dissatisfaction, and to find personality
conflicts. But it is also quite probable that a
department of this kind, which has just sort
of grown up through the years without very
close attention from the City Council, could
be helped materially by a friendly examination by a special committee of laymen who
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There are personnel matters, the most efficient use of equipment, administrative procedures, salary scales, retirement programs, fringe benefits, working conditions—these and other things that ought to be looked at from a new perspective by people who have some experience in similar affairs in private business and industry. Beyond that, the Civil Service Act itself ought to be studied closely with a view to determining the validity of the criticism, often voiced in the past, that the local act is too week and that the Commission has too restricted a scope of suthority.

### ON BEDFELLOWS AND SURPLUS COMMODITIES

As THE SEER SAID, politics makes Astrange bedfellows indeed. Imagine the Democrats yelling about a "give-away" program, and Republicans supporting it. Yet that is precisely what happened in the Senate this week when Prealent Eisenhower requested wide authority to use government-owned agricultural surpluses to combat famine abroad.

Brannan Plan on an international shouted Sen. Richard Russell of e most monstrous give-away in ent's history," said Sen. Albert

the governments insurely, said out, activation force of Tennessee.

And in reply, Republican Sen. William Knewland of California defended the request, saying the commodities would be used to "meet sainly or other law and cope for the Casiman Cilifornia logo, of the House Agriculture Casiman Cilifornia logo, of the House Agriculture of the thought of the Casiman Cilifornia logo, of the House Agriculture of the matter."

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Both are emotional issues, in that they stir prejudices among U. S. voters. And whether a policy is good or bad to a particular Con-gressman all too often-depends on whether it has been suggested by the leadership of his party.

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doubtedly there are spots on the globe's to surface where, a few shipleads of surplus U. S. commodities would do more to bolister the cause of freedom than the equivalent of in arms or dollars. For that matter, there may be some hungry mouths at home.

But the mer fact that the stores of sur-plus commodities are so vast that the Presi-dent is thinking about using them in for-eign famine areas is just one more solid piece of evidence that something is dras-tically wrong with U. S. farm policy—and that has been true under both Democratic and Republican administrations

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While Congress is debating what to do with farm surpluses, it ought to consider ways of avoiding them. That'd make all of us taxpayers happy—Democrats. Republicans, Dixiecrats, Shivercrats and Eisenhowerites.

### PEAS IN A POD-THAT'S US

So THE BOSS says:

"Well, why don't you take a new slant?
Why don't you write an editorial approving of the heat wave? Be clever. Be original.

Be clever, he says, when all the sizzling rays of a blistering sun are focused on our Ivory Tower until they have saturated the sound-proofed walls that keep out the noises from the shimmering street far be-

ection and tobacco shoot skyward; that the man of the house has a perfectly good excuse for not mowing the lawn or cleaning out the attic; that oldsters can don their bathing suits and play in the yard sprinkler with the kids without having the neighbors lift their eyerbowe; that the businessman can get away with wearing his shirt open, and all that boll amnably hot. Hot as you Note. It's hot of how with being original, cleaves, and and he heck with being original, cleaves, or different. It's hard enough just being.

noises from the shimmering street far below.

Be original, he says, when the shirt collar is limb and when even a short walk to the water cooler is a major undertaking.

Be different, he asks, when the office radio madeningly sports a cool 70 degrees from WMIT's transmitter atop Clingman's Peak, and a silken-voiced announcer talks. He probably means for us to point out that plump folks lose weight in torrid temperatures; that laundries and sir-conditioned theselers and sellers of electric fans and sait tablets do good business; that vegetables and

### From The Asheville Citizen

#### SPOILED WATER

AKE JUNALUSKA is a pleasant body heard about its activities. The Commission Lead of water standing blue against the sky and framed by mountains in one of North Carolina's most picturesque settings. But the 150-acre lake, says the Hayr Decign, the 150-acre lake, says the 150-

innocent-looking waters a veritable pesthole for swimmers. And so the swimming area of the lake has been closed.

As in most cases of water pollution the area immediately affected is not at fault. Untreated domestic and industrial sewage reaches the lake after rains through its tributaries. For the time being, at least, Lake Junaluaks is lost to its residents and Summer visitors for recreational purposes. Remedial steps of course will be taken. Yet the Lake Junaluaks problem is the North Carolina problem in microcosm. Year by year streams and lakes are becoming ever more polluted in the absence of a really vigorous smitstin program. The spediation of these valuable water resources, which goes on apsec, can become a North Carolina tragedy not contrived by malie or in any large part by greed but rather by inertia and delay.

ream Sanitation Commission as suc-a whole or in part to half a dozen which had been serving at one another as the sanitary conscience another as the sanitary conscience

Paris fashion experts say that American

We always had a deep respect for the mocking bird until a few nights ago when one cut loose in the middle of the wes mills hours with every song he knew. Now we're in favor-of giving the boys back their air rifles—Omega (Gd.) News.

Culture is what makes us think we'll like something we know we won't.—Tripoli (lowa)

'You Got Any More Firecrackers?'



# People's Platform

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

# Students Bored By Bible MOUNT HOLLY

Editors, The News:

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I find the Bible very boring, but lately I have been contained by the Bible of the Bible and contained by the Bible of the Bible and several others. These stories, many of them found in other religions too, are made easier so tended the bible of the Bible and a section of the bible and says a morning prayer. Every morning at school after the bell has rung, the attendance checked, etc., our teacher reads a little out of the Bible and says a morning prayer. Often during the reading says a morning prayer. The present of the bible and says a morning prayer of the special prayer of the special prayer. The present of the special prayer of the special prayer of the special prayer of the special prayer. The special prayer of the special prayer. The special prayer of the speci

and good.

I think that what the students need instead of words out of the Bible is better influence from the teachers and other people that they meet.

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# Capital Punishment Is Wrong

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Editors. The News:
THIS is my final protest in regard to the recent
I Sing Sing slaughter. I know that I am eternalty right. The death penalty is always wronged
the goddess of justice. In the process, the Rosenbergs became martyrs. They were lynched undercolor of law. Uncle Sam must have felt strong and
save and righteous as each helpless victum was
strewther the Supreme Court was in recess, Justice
Douglas, acting by virtue of a 1925 statute gave the full
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more witches to be put to death.

My duty to Caesar in no way affects my citizenship in the realm of the spirit, Capital punishment is immoral. I have tried to present it in some of its ugly horror.

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### A Way To Kill Interest

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PUBLE advocates of Bible classes in the Public

I. Schools seem directed by one of two motives.

Some have an honest desire to spark an interest
in The Book which have not a single seem of the control of th

that the constitutional fathers sought to guard against.

This is the danger 26 noble Baptist minuters want to forestall. The danger in Charlotte has not yet reached any proportions of inquisition, but state-anctioned indoctrination, like a cancer, must be eradicated in the early stages before it takes hold so strongly that removal would be fatal to the whole structurer at number of churcher than the state of the structurer of of

Spiritual Freedom Continues
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P. C. BURKHOLDER

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

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## **Vet Lobby's Pressure Tactics** Paid Off In The First Round

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

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As approved by the House in passing the Second Independent Offices Appropriation June 17, these funds came to about \$555 million — the amount most recently requested by VA and the veterans

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The House did sustain elimination of \$300 million from VA funds, despite an attempt by Chairman Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass.) of the Veterans Affairs. Committee to restore that amount to funds for compensation and pension payments.

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However, veterans organizations regard the bill as a victory as far as hospital and medical funds are concerned. House floor action confirmed, they say, an earlier success in blocking any curtailment of hospital services tals year. The pressure from veterans organizations was apparently bunched off by speeches made on the-flours.

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Leaders of the Big Four-American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and American Veterans, and American Veterans of World War III - urged their members to "wire, write and phone" Congressment, oppositing and said the veterans' response was tremendous.

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On June 3, possibly because of the flood of appeals from veter-ans, a policy meeting was held in the office of House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Mass.), CQ was told.

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

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Washington

When German crowds faced Red Peoples

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logs into the tracks of tanks, burned the
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to act. In speech after speech, both John Foster Dulles and the President himself decried the static policy of the Truman Administration, said the cold burs swinds and the liron Curtain.

B. The United States now has on hand 266,561,000 pounds of butter sequired at the taxpayer's expense, which probably cannot be dumped on our own market without ruiner's expense, which probably cannot be dumped on our own market without ruiner in the state of the state of the taxpayer's expense, which probably cannot be dumped on our own market without ruiner in the taxpayer's expense, which probably cannot be taxpayed to the taxpayer in the taxpa

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