

**Jack Blythe Is Clearly The Choice
 Among Contenders For State Senate**

AS a general rule, The News steers clear of primary campaigns for local offices unless there are several candidates who are so strikingly dissimilar that the nomination of one over the other would pose a "clear and present danger" to Mecklenburg County.

The three-way race for the Board of Democratic nomination for State Senator in this county fits that classification. There are three candidates:

The incumbent, Fred H. McIntyre, Former Sen. F. J. (Jack) Blythe, Mrs. Marvin L. Rea.

It is the reasoned opinion of The News that the nomination of Mr. Blythe is more than desirable; it is indeed a necessity.

IN HIS first term in 1953, Sen. McIntyre compiled a record that disqualifies him for re-election.

1. Singlehandedly, he sought to abolish the efficient County Police Dept. and transfer its functions to the Sheriff Clyde Hunter. He finally gave up the idea after it met the solid opposition of rural residents, the four-man House delegation, the two Charlotte daily newspapers and the MECKLENBURG TIMES, and four of five members of the Board of County Commissioners. Only Commissioner Ernest Brown voted for the proposal.

2. He repudiated the "unit rule" under which the four House members and the senator from Mecklenburg County had ironed out differences on local legislation in caucus in order to present a united front to the Legislature. Mr. McIntyre announced that he would use his senatorial prerogative to exercise a "veto" power over local legislation, and did so later in the session.

3. Mr. McIntyre told the Mecklenburg representatives he would oppose a county zoning bill approved by the County Commissioners and by the Board of the County Planning Board. The bill was not introduced in the face of this opposition.

4. He also informed the House members that he would kill an enabling act authorizing the zoning of the perimeter area of Charlotte. This bill had been proposed by the Charlotte Planning Board and endorsed by the Charlotte City Council, and was supported strongly by three Mecklenburg House members. There was no point in introducing it after the senator lowered the boom on it. Residents of the fringe area, now helpless in the face of unregulated commercial encroachment, may thank Mr. McIntyre for their plight.

5. Mr. McIntyre introduced a bill to make the Park & Recreation Commission posts elective. There had been no prior public discussion of the proposal, and it was immediately opposed by both the City Council and the Park & Recreation Commission. Mr. McIntyre pushed the bill through the Senate, but the House delegation let it die in committee after the vote of protest from back home.

6. He succeeded, over the opposition of the House members, in exempting Mecklenburg from a statewide "home rule" bill that would have strengthened the autonomy of local government by giving the Board of County Commissioners authority to fix the salaries of the sheriff, clerk of court, register of deeds, and county treasurer.

7. For weeks, he turned a deaf ear to an enabling act that would have permitted Charlotte to clear away the muck of its slums under the U. S. urban redevelopment program. Toward the end, he said he would support the bill, but under such rigid limitations that it would have been ineffectual.

8. Rep. Ed. Herron put through the House a special bill that would have authorized the State Highway Commission to use surplus funds to help Charlotte finance its grade-crossing program. Sen. McIntyre was unable to get the bill out of committee in the Senate if, indeed, he made any effort to do so.

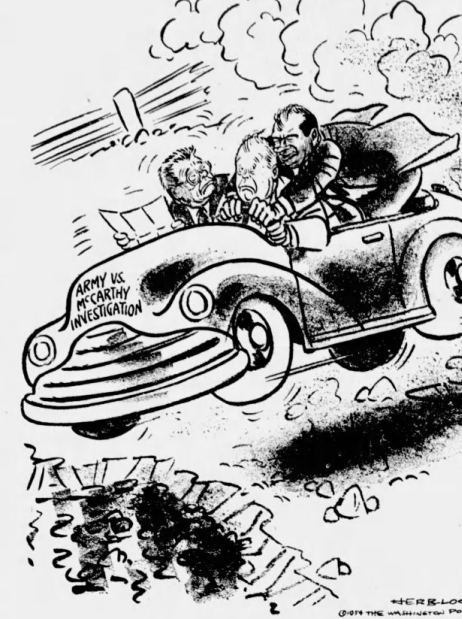
Other than being out of step with the House delegation and local government officials on these issues, Sen. McIntyre seemed to hold an exaggerated concept of his senatorial prerogatives. He thought of himself as privileged to dictate the terms of local legislation.

Chaperones Handled A Big Job Well

AND mother, we met Mount Vernon and the White House and the Bureau of Printing & Engraving and... In over 300 Charlotte homes Sunday night, excited voices told of the wonders of Washington, a six-hour caravan, and a five-hour parade of 29,675 children. Parents listened patiently at thousands of post cards and heard details over and over again. Their children were back from a four-day trip to Washington. They had left at 7 o'clock Thursday morning and had returned promptly on schedule at 7 o'clock Sunday night.

The trip had been a reward for sixth graders and a sprinkling of fifth graders who had served as student safety patrol workers in Charlotte schools. And as tired voices prattled on, mothers and fathers looked at each other and said: "How would you have liked to be in

'I Took A Back Seat, Didn't I?'



People's Platform

Letter 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.

**Job Is Sought
 For Man In Jail**

Charlotte
 Editors, The News: SOME of us who try to present Christ to the prisoners in Mecklenburg County jail each Sunday, have located an individual there whom we would like to describe for the consideration of anyone who might be interested. Born and raised in a cotton mill town, he worked as a mill-hand until he was 31 years old. He is now 42, and while he has worked at his trade off and on for the past 12 years, most of that period of his life has been spent in jail. He has been jailed for many different things, but is not a mean fellow at heart and has harbored no one physically. Recently he made an acknowledgment of his sins and repented his belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. He did this in the jail in the presence of his fellow prisoners. He has expressed himself as wanting to lead a new and a Christian life. He has learned to change and to undertake to change those things that he can.

**Flowers Stolen
 From Cemetery**

Charlotte
 Editors, The News: I'M boiling mad and I guess there are many like me. I want to know who could be so low that he would steal from the dead. What must go through his mind as he lifts a beautiful flower from some grave that has been put there with such sorrow and loving care?

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

WASHINGTON
 DEMOCRATIC attempts to hear Ray Jenkins, the man they had picked as supposedly impartial counsel of the McCarthy probe, land McCarthy's investigation of Fort Monmouth as a great public service. Jenkins' statement was in the face of a fiancée's testimony that she had been found at Monmouth, also in the face of exhaustive surveys written by the New York Times and the Washington Post, and the staunchly Republican New York Herald Tribune, calling the Fort Monmouth probe a tenuous if not a farce.

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Careers Of McCarthy And Stevens Are On The Block

WASHINGTON
 I TOLD it's probably the best word to describe what to expect now in the Senate hearing on Sen. McCarthy's new with Pentagon officials. Secretary of the Army Stevens by a cold decision has made this a finish fight.

McCarthy has tried to minimize the importance of the hearing, calling it a baffle and a circus. Now that it's due to go on to the bitter end, his political life may be at stake.

Stevens was willing to put his public career on the block. He refused to agree to shorten the hearing by letting the whole business disappear from public view once McCarthy had testified. If he had agreed, witnesses who have done so behind closed doors with the public, the press and television cameras excluded, would have a transcript of what they said would have been given out.

**Director Stern's
 Role Is Praised**

Charlotte
 Editors, The News: MR. Agnew's article about Central High's Honors & Awards Day in the May 6 issue of the Charlotte News failed to give credit where credit was really due. As a Central senior, I feel that a great deal is owed to Jack Stern, director of our fine band. It was he who originally thought of the "dime scheme" to finance our Honors & Awards Day regardless of any obstacles which may have arisen. But, I am sure that without his sincere effort, Honors & Awards Day might not have been assured so quickly. As a Central student may I say "Thank you, Mr. Stern!"

Jenkins Anti-Jewish Speech Reported

So Churchill was emphatic in telling Admiral Radford that England would not intervene in Indochina. It was when Anthony Eden flew back to Geneva with this news on April 25 that a chain of diplomatic reaction started against the conference which Dulles had described as a "merry-go-round."

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McCarthy's Fifth Column A Problem For Administration

By DORIS FLEESON
 WASHINGTON
 THE MEN and women responsible for curbing the policies of the Eisenhower administration are now on clear notice that they can no longer stop on green grass without wondering if there is a McCarthy bog underneath it.

THE ROULETTE WARNING

A red flag of warning went up when the contents of Ambassador Robert McCarthy's turned up in McCarthy's hands. State Department security officer Scott McLeod, McCarthy's friend, has accused McCarthy of leaking the contents of a secret memorandum he was responsible—but that file was McLeod's responsibility. The era of McCarthy's appointment was in flood tide, however. McLeod stayed on—with what encouragement to McCarthy's admirers in the government can readily be imagined.

INFORMATION PROTESTED

As a law, therefore, those thousands of "top secret" rubber stamps in use along the Pentagon in some suspenseful. The Eisenhower Cabinet and administrators go to their desks each morning without any assurance that the senator is not breathing over their shoulders, privy to their most secret judgments, even their private qualms.

THE QUESTION ON CAPITOL HILL

It was in part his reflections on the situation that led Harry Truman, that experienced politician who was President nearly eight years, to warn soberly last week that McCarthy is a public danger.

THE PRESIDENT IS RESPONSIBLE

The President is responsible for the administration of the entire executive branch. If McCarthy's principle is observed it is impossible to have orderly government. Not only does the President have to be master in his own house, but the whole house of government becomes one which has no master.

THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES

President Truman believes President Eisenhower is not sufficiently resisting legislative encroachment on the Presidency. McCarthy, of course, is a symbol of that. What he has now disclosed is that he is much more. Congress is least works in the open. McCarthy, obeying an angry impulse he must now wish he had resisted, has afforded a private glimpse of his operations as a private strategist of terror.

STEVENS WAS WILLING

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STEVENS, SIMPLY BECAUSE

Stevens was the witness, nailed him to the chair day after day with the same questions. As the days passed, McCarthy has been acting like a man who thought he was surrounded by a mob of men.

HE REPEATEDLY INSULTED

He repeatedly insulted Stevens was lying and belittled the secretary of the Army and more so accused Joseph N. Welch, known to Stevens and Adams, of breaking agreement, which Welch said never existed.

ONE THING THE ADMINISTRATION

One thing the administration can be sure of so long as McCarthy is forced to spend all his time at the hearing. He will have time to bang away at the administration from other directions, as he did in the past.

Finally, at the point that the United States and Great Britain began pushing hard for an Asiatic pact which would stop Communist aggression from going beyond Indochina.