

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

THOMAS L. ROBINSON Publisher  
J. E. DOWD General Manager  
B. S. GRIFFITH Executive Editor  
C. A. MCKNIGHT (On Leave) Editor

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1954

## Fluoridation Helps Your Children

There are many mouthfuls of sound and sparkling teeth in Charlotte. The dental health of the entire United States has improved markedly during the past decade. One of the big reasons for the improvement is the increased fluoridation of water. City after city—they now number over 1,000—has on the advice of medical experts started fluoridation in recent years.

Scientific tests have shown that fluoridation reduces dental caries in children's teeth by as much as 60 per cent. In neighboring New York communities controlled and exhaustive checks on fluoridation have been in progress since 1945. One city has fluoridated. The other does not. The rate of dental decay is about 50 per cent lower in the city that fluoridates.

Fluoridation thus belongs alongside pasteurization of milk, chlorination of water and vaccination as a sound and desirable health practice. But some people object to it, on grounds ranging from charges that it constitutes "mass medication" to the one that fluoridation is "communistic."

Occasionally fearful politicians disregard reason and medical advice and give to the strident voices of the minority. That's what happened in Greensboro last

week. By a vote of four to three the Greensboro City Council decided to halt fluoridation and call for a referendum on whether fluoride should be returned to the water.

We do not believe the anti-fluoridationists will find much support in Charlotte. We believe Charlotte's city councilmen will put more stock in the opinion of organizations like the Charlotte Dental Society, which last week unanimously reaffirmed its advocacy of continued fluoridation, than in the opinion of those who shout "communistic," "poison" or such without supporting evidence.

Fluoridation has been endorsed by the American Dental Association, American Medical Association, American Public Health Association, National Research Council, American Nurses Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Hospital Association and other responsible groups. It is of no particular benefit to adults, but it is helping our children to grow sounder teeth than their elders have.

Thus fluoridation helps to keep down the bill of your dentist, who has more work than he can handle now and welcomes this scientific aid. Fluoridation is safe, beneficial and desirable, and Charlotte is fortunate in having the program so well established.

## A Good Scrubbing For Dirty Linen

AMERICA'S comic book industry has decided to wash its own dirty linen. After a rising chorus of protest about lurid covers and blood-and-thunder contents, the producers of these colorful pulps have organized a program of self-regulation and appointed Judge Charles F. Murphy of New York chief censor.

The action was long overdue. Not all comic books are bad, of course. But for years, the horror and terror wing of the industry has given the entire business a black eye.

Whether Judge Murphy's office will actually be able to police the comic book scene effectively remains to be seen. He has already poot-pooled the idea that comic books might affect juvenile delinquency. He has also said there will be no crackdown on crime comics—for crime, he said, is a part of American life. One wonders just how sweeping this "clean-up" will be.

The problem boils down to one of simple taste. It is essentially the same problem that arose last April when publisher William M. Gaines appeared before a Senate subcommittee investigating "sadtistic comic books and their impact upon adolescents."

Mr. Gaines boasted to legislators that he introduced horror to the playground. "I don't think it does them a bit of harm," he added.

The publisher was shown one of his own magazine covers depicting a man with a bloody ax standing over a woman and holding her severed head in one hand.

Was this good taste? senators asked. Yes, he replied.

Then what, asked the shocked senators, would he consider bad taste?

"It would be bad taste if the head were held higher with the blood dripping out," he said.

This is the sort of thing Judge Murphy must contend with. It is an extremely broad and serious responsibility. He must be concerned with the first attempts of children to discipline their minds to some ethical center.

This discipline is, to a certain extent, a matter of habit. The development of these moral and aesthetic habits begin in very early childhood and here is where comic books can play an important role.

As Irving Babbitt has written, one cannot wait until the child has reached the age of reason until he is in a position to do his own selecting because, meanwhile, he may have become the victim of bad habits.

"This," says Babbitt, "is the true prison house that is in danger of closing on the growing boy. Habit must, as Aristotle says, precede reason."

## Take Your Choice

KENTUCKY... is also a state where remembering people's names is considered the key to political success. (Republican Sen. John Sherman) Cooper constantly forgets names. He forgets to shake the hands of the voters whose names he forgets.

—Stewart Alsop in This News, Sept. 2

Cooper... owns a bone-crushing grip and he seldom forgets a name, a face or a problem.

SATURDAY EVENING POST, Sept. 18

## The Case Of The Conscientious Cop

There's more than meets the eye in the ruckus stirred up in New York when a conscientious cop insisted on enforcing the law against bingo. It is the symptom of an ugly disease.

Despite the fact that bingo games were often operated by professional gamblers and some allowed children to play, it had been the police department's responsibility to look the other way when religious and charitable groups sponsored bingo parties.

In Brooklyn, however, Deputy Chief Inspector Louis Goldberg began getting complaints that people were becoming obsessed by the games and were gambling away money that ought to go for groceries. He promptly visited several churches, synagogues and the Knights of Columbus, told them the bingo would have to stop.

The protests were loud and emphatic. Mr. Goldberg was firm.

Several clergymen complained that enforcement of the law would deprive them of funds needed for religious and charitable work.

The telephones at New York's political

command posts began to jangle.

As a result, Mr. Goldberg was charged with "insubordination" and was demoted and was transferred to another post.

Disheartened, he applied for retirement after 36 years on the force. The political deck was perfectly stacked against the inspector. New York's Mayor Robert Wagner supported the police department's handling of the matter. He added that bingo would have to stop—until the law can be changed. Most Democratic and Republican politicians favor the change. But for the cop who saw his duty and did it: Not a single good word from a single leading politician.

The officer made the mistake of enforcing the law as it was written—not as some politicians saw it.

It brings to mind the words of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover last November. He declared that there are altogether too many indications these days that law enforcement officers are "handcuffed by political influence."

No community can have good law enforcement or good government when such is the case.

From The Greensboro Daily News

## THEY OUT-TALK MEN

SOUTHERNERS don't talk so fast but in the long run they talk more than Yankees. The RICHMOND NEWS LEADER finds that Richmond has 6.15 calls per day per telephone whereas Chicago has only 4.10.

Which do more talking—men or women? The NEWS LEADER took a poll of 12 men and 12 women. It was 12—12. The men all voted for the women and the women all voted for the men.

A secretary said she had to "wait for hours to take dictation while her boss gabbled on the phone." The boss said, "That girl hangs on the phone all day."

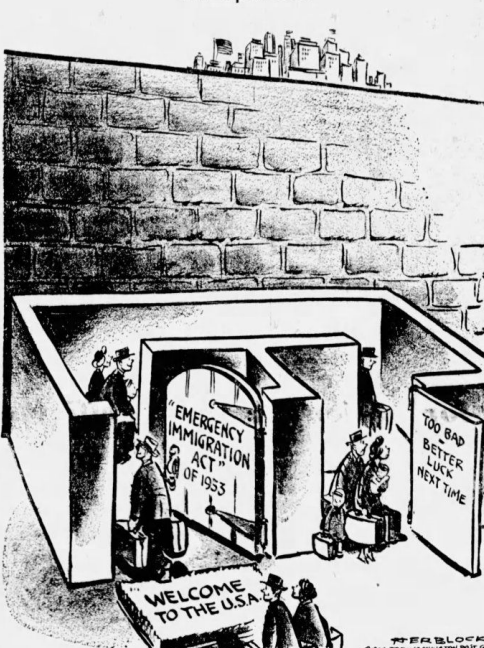
We vote for the women 12 times on the phone fidgets to get onto something else. A woman just settles down.

In eastern North Carolina a salesman was trying to sell a radio set to two bachelor brothers who lived out in the country. The salesman pointed out to them that a radio was just the thing to bring them entertainment they needed to entertain their dull lives. "We don't need a radio," they said, "we're on a party line now."

One guess as to which sex they were listening to.

Perplexed wife, at dinner table to angry husband: "Monday you liked beans; Tuesday you liked beans; Wednesday you liked beans. Now all of a sudden on Thursday you don't like beans!"—LARMER (Mo.) DEMOCRAT.

## The Open Door



## People's Platform

### Ed Scheidt Praised For Safety Program

Charlotte  
Ed Scheidt, director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, the new commissioner is doing a grand job and certainly deserved the pat on the back you gave him on the editorial page Sept. 15.

I have just recently returned to the state after an absence of about two years and can certainly notice the difference.

Before I left North Carolina, motorists were driving like maniacs and the accident rate was sky-high. Now almost everyone observes the speed laws and highway fatalities have dropped sharply. It's now safe to venture on North Carolina highways.

We all owe Mr. Scheidt a debt of gratitude for making it possible with his fine safety program.

—MRS. JOHN BIRKS

### Law Hovers Like 'A Huge Spider'

Charlotte  
RE YOUR editorial, "Workmen's Compensation Inadequate." As a workman I am gratified to know the editors of the great paper agree to vent their well-handled-out for total disability provided by our North Carolina Compensation Act is a shameful situation for a democratic state. There are other sections of this act too, covering major injury requiring hospitalization and expensive surgery, to repeat. Because of loopholes the law is ineffective and does not provide any compensation whatever to the great majority of workmen in our industries.

I believe you will agree the whole business should be repealed.

It is under Section 97 of the act that workmen are treated to the laughable and awe-inspiring oratory. Only a workman seeking compensation for rupture could appreciate the terms.

"Gestures of law," "iniquitous condition," "hereditary condition," "industrial integrity," "industrial travesty."

These phrases aren't too well received by workmen, especially where compensation is involved. The jargon is somewhat uncomfortable. It gives him a feeling that a huge spider is hovering over him to investigate the possibility of fraud.

Now, the last straw: "Based upon the findings of facts and conclusions of law filed in the above styled case is hereby affirmed and adopted, denying

compensation to the plaintiff."

Enlightened, the victim learns through this directive that the law has knifed him in the back before the doctor had a chance at him.

Should our next legislature give the taxpayers a break and knock this law in the head?

—A. P. KENDALL

### American Women Need To Relax

New York  
Editors, The News: THREE other day I read in the paper where a very learned doctor said that cigarettes and "coffee breaks" were giving ulcers to American ladies. I think this is ridiculous. What gives ulcers to the ladies in the United States—and gentlemen too—is not the coffee break. It is hurry, hurry, hurry and worry, worry, worry and never under any circumstances do we feel very confident with the record that he has made in Washington that the votes of this district will not let him down in November. I know his opponent in Rockingham, N. C., as a lawyer. He has never been in national politics before as far as I know. I see no reason why the people would want to make a change because he is a Democrat. Charles R. Jonas has got the experience.

Let's think this over by Nov. 2 and send Charles R. Jonas back to Washington, for we need men of his caliber.

### Charles Raper Jonas Has The Experience

Charlotte  
Editors, The News: WE ARE approaching another general election day. In 1952 the voters of the 10th District proved by their vote that they were not satisfied with the Democratic congressman from this district, by electing Charles R. Jonas by a large majority.

Let's think this over by Nov. 2 and send Charles R. Jonas back to Washington, for we need men of his caliber.

—L. L. CHILDRESS

### Preserving The Gains

## Gov. Umstead's Burden

Editorial In The State  
race relations, regardless of what the statutes say.

If the methods of North Carolina are to be roughly discarded and the hasty program of out-riders prevail—which seems all too likely—we may gain nothing but a sorry and unworkable law and lose a dynamic and beneficent spirit.

Agitators rarely find that an accepted program is as much fun as intransigency and there is danger that they will make it impossible for leaders of both races to work together in the state.

So Mr. Umstead and his committee not only face the problem of school operation, but the more difficult one of preserving the gains we have made in genuine good will.

Disappointment and despair are even more difficult to overcome in view of the fact that no significant amount of representation with a 100 per cent pro-Eisenhower voting record.

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

WASHINGTON  
NOW that Joe is finished with the Senate committee, he will have to go back to wrestling with the Internal Revenue Service over his income tax problems.

Real story behind the McCarthy tax case is not that Internal Revenue plans to collect \$25,000 in back taxes, but how Pearson's detractors are trying to sidetrack a criminal investigation.

Ordinarily, in a case like McCarthy's, the revenue service would assign a "special agent" to investigate the possibility of fraud. For example, Tax Commissioner Andrews had a brush with a Negro number, looked up the Negro's tax returns and found he had been paying suspiciously low taxes. Andrews immediately put a "special agent" on the case.

In McCarthy's case, however, Andrews not only failed to turn it over to a "special agent" but left it in the hands of a

relatively inexperienced regular agent, Francis J. Boyle.

Francis J. Boyle is a young man, Boyle frequently got stuck on simple questions of procedure and had to go to veteran agents for advice. He was audacious in the way he handled McCarthy's tax returns and financial records, but made no "special" investigation.

In the end, Boyle claimed there was no criminal case against McCarthy. It may have been purely coincidental but, about the same time, Boyle was audaciously promoted to be an alternate squad chief, bypassing several senior agents.

Friend Of McCarthy's  
Commissioner Andrews, top tax collector for the nation, had previously been frequently in his home in Richmond, Va., and introduced him to an audience as one of our greatest living Americans. Andrews has no intention to turn over McCarthy approximately 2,000 copies of other people's tax returns without a majority vote of the McCarthy investigating committee.

## Tarzan Of The Apes Turns Into A Decorous Do-Goooder

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK  
I am sure upon today, for I have seen a hot flash from Hollywood which informs me that Tarzan of the Apes is being streamlined for the first time in his magnificent 35-year movie history.

In his newest effort, Tarzan will play without Jane, and is all fouled up with the United Nations, and to jungle disease. This ain't my boy, or even Johnny Weissmuller's boy. This is dreadfully different.

With all the shifting values in a changing world, I cling to Tarzan. Every night when I lay my prayers, I ask the Lord to make me a good boy, bless Mommy, bless Daddy, and for heaven's sake, keep an eye on Tarzan, who has been my mainstay ever since Elmo Lincoln played him.

ME TARZAN  
In a world in which everybody talks too much, Tarzan's magnificently succinct: "Me Tarzan, you Jane," proved completely that a lot of jabber was unnecessary if you had your business, which was swinging through trees with a broad leaved tree over arm. Tarzan didn't have to talk; when they think they're talking to a herd of elephants and a platoon of aces and did for the village. Tarzan's limitations on whether he could stomp a mauler on the far side of the Congo.

Used to goose-pimple all over when he propped one foot on the neck of a vanquished foe and let out a boot fit to wake the dead. I cursed the wicked Swahili traders that were always plotting against him, and the witch doctors that were always standing over his trussed body with a dirty great stick in their fists. I used to regard Shor, the lunatic, and Numa, the lion, and Tantor, the elephant, almost as household pets, and I used to get so darn mad at that Korchak, the big gut that I just had to go out and swing through a few trees to cool off.

This tree swinging led to a great

many compound fractures, in my opinion, to Tarzan. I was "Doolittle that Tarzan. A n can't read his paper around h for the sound of snapping bone I built a few houses and learn to throw a lasso and shoot a b and-arrow and throw a spear. I was a good boy, not one will packed up one day and took for Tarzan's hometown, and vastly superior to Tarzan's actor. It strongly occurs to me day that I know a lot more about the old dark district than Tar effects, tea-drinking, cool pushing, escalator-riding, Um Nations hum.

Tarzan used to eat his m raw, "tearing it in chunks y his fangs from the still-puls flesh of his quarry." I was "chewed the head off of." Then "wiping his greasy fing on his hand. Now he's a do-gooder, and I don't like it. I getting so you can't clobber Tarzan unless the United Nations moving in.

But I have a germ of an s for a sequel to the new, str line of Tarzan. He's bound to fed up with the U.N. and all nonsense he'll be let in for, an want to see a picture call "Tarzan Rocksides."

In this he'll turn loose the mals on his former buddies in and he'll get a elephant personally pick up the whole curly canon and leave it. I know the wicked Swahili traders looking for the hide of the Sol Lesser, his producer, and w his sticky fingers on the near of that Korchak, the big gut boy's back in his tree, speak no English at all, let alone R sian.

## Eisenhower Prestige Heavily Committed In Fall Elections

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON  
ONE THING is already crystal clear. President Dwight D. Eisenhower's name will not be on the ballot in this election up to his neck.

Getting the President in up to his neck is, indeed, the heart and the Republican campaign strategy. This strategy makes two assumptions. One is that the President is immensely popular. The second is that this popularity can be transferred from the President to any and every Republican candidate.

After state after state, the Republican candidate is hard at work picturing the election as a sort of referendum on Eisenhower. This in state after state, the President's prestige rides on the back of the Republican candidate.

HEAVILY COMMITTED  
It is probably true that there has never been an off-year election in which the President's personal prestige was so heavily committed. Therefore, it is time to examine the validity of the two assumptions listed above.

On recent political trip, this reporter repeatedly asked about the local attitude towards Eisenhower. He got one very surprising answer, from old Sen. Matthew Neely of West Virginia. Neely says, "I've attacked Eisenhower everywhere I've spoken," he says happily, "and I've had a fine response."

But West Virginia has been hard hit economically, and the state is a special case in other ways. However, if old Neely is right, he's about the only politician in the United States who is not a devotee of the Ohio Democrat.

D. Eisenhower is a well-liked man.

CONVINCED  
The Republicans are quite sincerely convinced that this popularity will prove a great asset at the polls. The Republican campaign in Ohio, Rep. George Bender, for example, is an old Taft man—he is chiefly famous for his pro-futuristic antics with a huge now bell at the 1922 convention. Now Bender tells everyone who will listen that he is one of a number of representatives with a 100 per cent pro-Eisenhower voting record.

Former Rep. Clifford Case, a former candidate in New Jersey is a very different kind of man but he is just as convinced. He says that Eisenhower is a great asset. Case's first mass speech of the campaign, delivered a few days ago, was one in which he urged the President to resign. In some ways, in fact, the I publican candidates are doing what they can to get out from under the image of Eisenhower, order to identify themselves with the President.

A DIFFERENT WAY  
Let it be a notorious phenomenon that the Democrats the days are trying, as they once did, to oust the Republicans in a variation of allegiance to the President. One showed Ohio Democrat explained this phenomenon by saying that Eisenhower is a simple reason that he is a liked in a different way.

"The voters used to think Ike as daddy," he says, "it now they just think of him as nice guy."

In 1952, he says, Eisenhower was over-sold to the voters. He got out of all problems—Eisenhower himself, incidentally, more than once voiced his dissenting score. By now, according to the theory of Ohio Democrat, it is exceedingly clear that problems are not solved. Eisenhower is still liked, partly for a simple reason that he is an immensely likeable human being. But he is no longer in the Ames hour with the voters with Gov. Washington, motherhood, and American flag.

WHO'S TALKING?  
If this theory is correct, Eisenhower's personal popularity is the reason that he is a sum to be in Republican strategy. As the Ohio Democrat says, the voters will vote the way daddy tells them, but if nice guy tells them, they'll mal up their own minds."

This reporter's view, for which it is worth, is that Eisenhower's personal popularity is an asset. Republican candidates, but in a simple reason that he is an immensely likeable human being. But he is no longer in the Ames hour with the voters with Gov. Washington, motherhood, and American flag.

## McCarthy Still Faces Tax Troubles

WASHINGTON  
Andrews' failure to assign a "special agent" to probe McCarthy's taxes is a strange in view of the fact that no significant amount of representation with a 100 per cent pro-Eisenhower voting record.

The Senate report on McCarthy's finances gives pages and pages of official evidence regarding McCarthy's huge bank deposits, with photostats of canceled checks showing concealed transactions on the sovran market with money given him to communists.

When McCarthy was first elected to the Senate in 1946, the Senate reported he owned the "Phelon" Wis., State Bank \$10,020.00. This was revealed by varying amounts, the Senate committee's investigation showed that McCarthy's financial problems vanished after he started his campaign against communism.

The report showed, for instance, that McCarthy's deposits at the Riggs National Bank in Washington, together with the deposit of his assistant, Ray Kincaid, increased commensurately with the advent of McCarthy's "light to expose Communists."

No Real Check  
In four years, 1948-52, the committee reported, McCarthy deposited \$172,623.18 in the Riggs bank, while assistant cashier's deposits were \$801,226.51. McCarthy's deposits were in cash, \$50,292.82 was from "identifiable sources" while \$29,230 was in cash deposits by Ray Kiermas.

But though the Senate committee chapter and verse to show that there was "no connection between many of the disbursements and any of the possible anti-Communist campaign. Internal Revenue Agent Boyle made an effort to check these contributions. Boyle found that they were in fact, lacked the manpower for such a check and Commissioner Andrews hasn't both ered to assign extra agents to the job