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Mr. Houghton's Stunning Distinction

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"POLITICS stop at the water's edge" is an assurance Americans expect and get during the more sanguine phases of presidential campaigns.

Mud-splotched candidates always remember to tell us that however bitter internal politics become they will represent the nation to the world with the best possible ambassadors and ministers—to be chosen regardless of race creed, color or political debts owing.

It's a fine old phrase It is also a false old phrase Actually, U. S. politics takes to the water like a jet propelled duck. And so we have Mr. Amory Houghton representing the U. S. in Paris.

There is much to commend Mr. Houghton to the public service. He is an eminently successful industrials actively in terested in government. He has contributed generously of his largeses to the Republican National Committee. He is even willing to spend his own money to relieve the U. S. public of the burden of running its embassy in France Doubless he has acquired all the social graces expected in a top-ranking diplomat.

But there is one obvious and tremendous flaw in Mr. Houghton's abilities.

He does not speak French No. Ist's put it this way: HE DOES NOT STEAK PRENCH! It is a stunning distinction. We'll wager that every other American in that embassy — from the chauffeur to the first assistant not only speaks French to the land mone.

There is another good reason. The

will be elected governor of North Carolina.

The job doesn't pay enough. And although Tar Heels may buy their governor an "airyplane," pink Cadillacs are a little too lony for their laste.

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Even if racers prearrange their peril-us sport to the proved peril of innocent notorists. He House Roads Committee as decided, a felony charge is too harsh, convicted, a teenage racer would be tranded for life, So it still is less crim-

So be it. Although we think the committee erred, its concern and sympathy for the future of errant youth is genuine and wholly admirable.

Ballots & Bullets Don't Necessarily Mix

Threatening Flivvers Need No Sympathy

THE taint of a felony will not soon touch highway drag racers.

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There is, however, no need at all for sympathy for inanimate things—such as automobiles. It doesn't hurt a flivver's far less important matters.

The relation of a man's ability to kill another to his ability to discriminate wisely between candidates for public of fice somehow escapes us. Nor do we think the privilege of voting should be characterized as a prize to be offered to a group that may be called upon to fulfill a democratic day.

What does not elude us is the fact that politicians who generally propose extensions of the franchise hope thereby to reop a direct and immediate profit of votes.

Since we have no particular interest in the political fortunes of the measure's legislative sponsors, we are just going to refuse to get worked up about it—up matter how much they wave the flag.

We are passively opposed to the whole idea.

'Conscience Cases' To Be Tested By Supreme Court

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SMOLDERING WAR

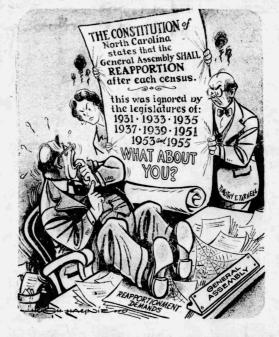
Does Teacher Have A Kitty For A 'Caddy'? **Platform**

(3) Total drop-outs in class of 1950 were averaging annually \$2, 781 as compared with the teach er who spent four years in college preparation and began teaching for \$2,430.

Is The Dog Really Man's Best Friend?

Quote, Unquote

Oh, My! I'm Afraid Not-It's Very Traditional, Y'Know'



Renaissances Have To Be Shared

"A GRUINE, honest-to-goodness re"A naissance is taking place in North
Carolina," wrote Blackwell P. Robinson
in 1956. "A renaissance that is clearly
perceptible in many cultural fields of
endeavor—art, music, drama, literature,
history and handicrafts."

This cheerful view of Tar Heel culture lost some of its luster the other day
when Mrs. Elizabeth Hughey, state librarian, and Dr. Roy McKnight of Charlotte, her board chairman, made a plea

for funds in Raleigh. For instance, it was revealed that North Carolinians to-day outnumber their public library books by about one mile.

law
There has been no progress at all
In fact. Motor Vehicle Commissioner Ed.
Scheidt reportedly has been unable to
find a legislator willing to introduce a
bill.
Come gentlemen. If won't hurt to talk
about means of keeping the highways
free of dangerously defective vehicles. In
fact, the idea is so logical that mere confrontiation of it might overwhelm your
suspicions.

by about one million

It is not that Tar Heels don't or won't read. Each book was read an average of four times in 1936. If North Carolina Is indeed in the midst of a cultural remaissance, its fruits deserve to be more widely enjoyed. A good way to begin is to give better publie libraries better publie upport.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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New HAMPSHIRE recently authorized
"personalized" automobile license
plates and the result so far; the Assoplates and the result so far; the Assoliteration and the result so far; the Assoliteration are demanding all manner of special identification: an explosive manufacturer
asked for License TNT, a Republican
sought IKE, and there were request for
WAC and even AWOL.

This may be whimsy but it was thoroughly predictable, and we predict it
is also going to be troublesome. California devised a triple-letter, triple-number
system for fast year and a musician asked
for A440, which is the international
plich for tuning instruments. But the
trouble began when one C. E. Larson of
Atherion received (without asking for it.)

I license beginning DEM, Mr. Larson
turned out to be an Irate Republican.

It would be simpler, and safer, for the

Drew Pearson's GOP Stymied Teamster Probe In 1954 Merry-Go-Round

merfield.
Congressmen Hoffman, Republican, together with Wint Smith of Kansas, Republican, and Phil M. Landrum of Georgia. Democrat. were investigating the
teamsters, when suddenly word came
from the White House via GOP House
leader Charley Halleck of Indiana to

Hoffman Irked

of "pressure."
"Where does the pressure come from?"
Smith was asked.
"From so high," Smith told newsmen.
looking at the ceiling, "that I can't even
discuss it."

Deal With Teamsters

the men who occupy the presidency, especially the present recumbent. Think of the embarrassment when even Time, the Republican house organ, reveals that the Republican house organ, reveals that the resident can be a splendid misery. I feel deeply for the unhappy man in sweater and deats who approaches a tee and finds a sign reading '440 yards par 4'. ... Even after an heroic at the resident can be suffered by the resident can be resident as the resident part of recent scenes. Mrs. Charles E. Wilson ranks as the first lemale Ike-onoclat. ... Do not let me ever discourage you from ever running for president. It is a five ever under the resident part of the reside