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### Haste Makes Waste In Picking A Chief

BRACKES should be applied promptly to City Councilman Herman Brown's campaign in behalf of W. A. Murphy as Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn's successor.

Mr. Murphy, an FBI agent soon due for retirement, may be just the man for the job. He has served in Charlotte before and, as far as we know, has a very creditable record as a law enforcement officer.

But what's the rush? For one thing, Chief Littlejohn's retirement is still in doubt. For another, no decision should be made on a new chief until a long, thorough and completely systematic talent hunt is completed.

Clearly, this is not a matter which can be left to the haphazard outcome of backstage politicking. In fact, Council is frequently at its worst when it fills top posts by this rather informal method.

Few jobs in Charlotte's municipal administration are quite as important as chief of police. The man who occupies it must be an able administrator as well as a highly trained policeman. He must have a thorough knowledge of the professional and scientific problems in-

volvement in modern crime detection. But he also must have a keen appreciation of the principles of crime prevention, of the ever-present peril of violent politics, of the growing complexity of laws, of the protection of civil rights, of the maintenance of order and discipline in a free society is not an easy job. But when it is done wisely and well it provides the kind of personal security that is essential to progress.

The selection of a man with high standards and high skill will require time and effort. More important, it will require considerable prudence on the part of municipal officials.

It would be wise for the City Council to have the advice and counsel of lay leaders in the community at large. It is so delicate a post, a police chief desperately needs the respect and support of the great majority of citizens. If he lacks this confidence he lacks an essential tool for truly effective service.

Haste in this matter would not only be unseemly but self-defeating as well. There is no need for haste. This is a time for prudence.

### Another ABC Mystery To Clear Up

A FULL public explanation is needed of the latest ruckus in North Carolina's Alcoholic Beverage Control system.

State ABC Board Chairman William S. Hunt confesses that he is still in the dark himself about some aspects of a procedure under which ABC employees picked up bottles of liquor at various stores over the state for chemical analysis. After first calling for the resignation of three board members involved in the withdrawals, he then changed his mind and withdrew the requests.

The practices, as Mr. Hunt correctly pointed out, put the state in the posi-

tion of accepting free liquor from distillers. "I didn't want the distillers furnishing us any whiskey," he said. "This was what I considered a bad practice. What I was trying to do was eliminate any chance of anybody getting any free liquor."

Hunt's predecessor, Tom Allen of Creedmoor, condoned the practice. Hunt does not—and properly.

But he has a further obligation, and that is to acquaint himself and the public with all of the whys and wherefores of past withdrawals and with all of the reforms necessary to guard the public's interest in this matter.

### Rep. Shuford: A Reminder Remains

THE serious nature of the illness that beset Rep. George A. Shuford during his successful renomination campaign is underlined by his decision not to run in the general election in the Twelfth District.

Bowing out, Rep. Shuford took note of President Eisenhower's charge that the Western North Carolina press had misled voters on Shuford's condition by doing a burn job of reporting. Shuford said the criticism was unjustified because the press and his family had done the best they could in reporting the pertinent facts.

The question is now moot, and Rep. Shuford is due sympathy not only for suffering illness but for having it himself involved in a controversy. But the

consciousness of Wiemar Jones has not been without good effect. The press has been reminded rather forcefully of its responsibility to inform the public as fully as it can. So has the public been reminded.

Assuming nothing was left undone that could have been done properly in reporting the illness, the reminder retains pertinence for all papers. For newspapers, like all other institutions, are faced constantly with the possibility of error by omission as well as by commission. And the probability is that they will do a better job when a member of the family, like Wiemar Jones, is equipped with a sensitive conscience a pointed pen.

### Should The Satellites Provoke Wonder?

SHORTLY after America's fourth satellite was placed into orbit last week, two balloons descended from a 15-mile journey into the stratosphere. Meantime, a rocket was being prepared for a shot at the moon.

How much these stupendous feats have moved the hearts and minds of men is unknown. But we'd guess John Doe was more interested in the altitude of the thermometer than in the apogee of Explorer IV. Apparently sensing something of the sort, the New York Times asks: "Are we in danger of having our sense of wonder dulled by the rapidity of the march of science these days?"

Perhaps the answer is that people simply do not feel free to exercise that sense in regard to these particular marvels. The experience of wonder requires a forgetfulness of self in the presence of an object or a force. In man's present predicament of having already created objects with the power of making him

extinct, his natural question is not what these scientific triumphs can do for him but what they may do to him. He is aware that the burr on the back of the scientists was not placed there by leaders thirsting for pure knowledge, but rather by leaders who have rejected the notion that what you don't know won't hurt you. The Kremlin has made it pretty plain what a nation doesn't know can hurt it very much indeed.

Whether he has arrived at this position by thought or by instinct, the American seems to have assessed these marvels sensibly. They must be regarded as weapons, or as attempts to develop weapons, until some evidence to the contrary is made evident in the parliaments of the world.

He is not uninterested in the millions of science. He wants them reached as rapidly as is necessary in order to provide the security in which he may wonder at the beauty of quite commonplace things—such as children and roses.

'You Fellows Aren't Going To Put It Back Just Like That, Are You?'



### Voting In Dixie

## Score One For The Liberals

By DORIS FLEESON

DEMOCRATS who prefer or suffix who are the swing vote in Texas have enabled Sen. Ralph W. Yarborough to turn back the gold-plated bill attempted by the multimillionaire oil man, William A. Blakely, in the closing weeks of the primary campaign.

This means that Yarborough will now have a full six-year term in the Senate to show his true colors and demonstrate his abilities. He arrived here in 1957 following an unexpected triumph in a special election after years of unavailing effort to win state-wide office. In the brief time since he has had both to learn his new job and prepare for the primary just ended.

### SUSTAINED FIRE

It appeared at first that he might not have too much trouble, but toward the end Blakely directed at home a sustained mortar fire compounded of anti-labor sentiment, race prejudice and states rights. It was lavishly financed and directed behind the scenes by a ruthless operator of proved ability, former Gov. Alan Shivers.

Texas liberals gave Yarborough strong backing, as the conservatives did Blakely. But Speaker Rayburn, leader of the Texas

conventions, precinct and county, which will decide the make-up of the national convention delegation in 1960.

First reports from the precincts which convened on primary day last Saturday said their trend was conservative. Texas here say the story from the county conventions which meet next Saturday will be much more definite.

If conservatives clearly control then, Sen. Johnson is expected to be their favorite son candidate for President or at least won't be embarrassed by what they might do. Texas liberals, whose leaders are outspoken against Johnson, might, if they have the power, offer the junior senator, Yarborough, in competition to a Johnson bid.

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intellectuals and labor. For the liberal cause, a Yarborough victory is naturally better, since Blakely was so criminally conservative and backed by the oil interests, the most dangerous in politics. The Yarborough record has still to be made here.

### FAUCUS UP

Now is the Texas outcome a sure harbinger of the South. Yesterday Arkansas was expected to renominates Gov. Orval Faubus for a precedent-shattering third term, a clear victory for the segregationists. It did.

The border state of Tennessee is coming up, too, with an entirely different set of conditions. The able moderate, Sen. Albert Gore, often mentioned as a presidential possibility, is being strongly challenged by a radical labor and foreign policy by a former governor, Prentice Cooper.

Because Gore was also an effective member of the House for years, his race is viewed as a real test of whether a southern senator can be moderate and survive. Watching it very closely indeed is his colleague, Sen. Estes Kefauver, who expects to confront Gov. Frank Clement in the Senate Democratic primary in 1960.

I should like to see every person save, not for the end result of saving, but as a means to a better end—for investment. Real estate, stocks, bonds, secured loans, all, if investigated carefully and secured prudently, can ride out the inflation spiral with a profit to the investor, instead of a net loss to the one who merely saves. The per capita income

## Snooty Duffers Get Their Due As Peeved Pariah Retaliates

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain  
IN The pigeon chest of every man there beats a staunch heart the urge to Tell Off The Boss, and To Get Even With Them As Wronged Him. This is parcel to the axioms that Truth Will Tell, Murder Will Out, and That You Can't Cheat An Honest Man. Sala.

My heart sings as I offer the tale today of Mr. Pateman, building contractor of Loughborough, Leicestershire, England, who has just bought himself a golf club because the committee at Longlife Country Club were "no toffee - noosed." Translation: sniffling snooty.

It seems that Mr. Pateman had some business confusion, and had to resign from the club for economy's sake, after being a member for 15 years. But the business straightened out, and he reapplied for membership for himself and his wife, Treasure. The committee didn't treasure Treasure, and stood very pat indeed on Pat, and rendered a large no.

### OBSERVING DAFFODILS

On another occasion, Mr. Pateman was taking his mother for a stroll round the club to observe the daffodils in bloom. They were warned off by a snooty letter from the chairman, saying that strangers were not welcome on the course.

"No explanation was offered for their refusal to readmit me," Mr. Pateman explained. "I never thought that just because I lived in an humble semi-detached house, I wasn't good enough. Now, I have got an inferiority complex, but I felt hurt for my wife's sake and swore I'd get even."

### GORGEOUS SCENE

Remember the gorgeous scene in the movie, "If I Had A Million" some 20 years past, when Charles Laughton, the humble clerk came into money, walked into the boss's office and gave him the nerve? Read on.

The other day Mr. Pateman strode into the club and called for drinks. Nobody answered. Mr. Pateman pounded on a table. A servant emerged from the wood-

work. "The bar's closed," he said.

"I say it's open. Open it," said Mr. Pateman. "We're within licensing hours . . . and . . . I just happen to own the club. What I say goes. Open the bar." The bar opened.

### FOR THE SINCERE

"Mind you," Mr. Pateman said, "I am going to pull a Lady Docker act with this club just because I own it. I shall not tear up the club flag. I just want to play golf with many of my friends who are members here. My only grievance is against certain members of the committee. If they don't like me and Treasure, they can lump it, and clear out."

"Golf at Longlife is not going to be for the rich and snooty any longer, but for the less wealthy and more sincere people."

"I want," Mr. Pateman said, "to be known as the Robin Hood of Charwood Forest. But everybody will have to acknowledge some of the boss, and if worse comes to worst, I shall turn the course into nine holes."

"And I shall have the clubhouse converted into a private residence for myself."

### SORTY COURSE

The club, I believe, is one of the sportiest courses in the Midlands of England, and has been in existence since 1908. When its lease expired, the committee renewed the offer. Mr. Pateman called the executives and said that no matter what the committee offered, he was prepared to top it by a thousand pounds. They accepted.

I love this story all the way. Treasure, Mrs. Pateman, now plans to take lessons to learn to play golf. And when a reporter asked Treasure where her husband was at the moment, she said: "He's off playing bowls somewhere."

I say a loud hurrah for Pat and Treasure, and my boss better watch his step. I'll save my money and buy the joint, and when I do, I'll open the bar for golfers, they better open that bar or people will be looking for work.

## People's Platform

### Paying Bills Would Ease The Recession

Charlotte

Editors, The News: SOME weeks ago I wrote you about the advantages of inflation versus deflation. Of course, I did not mean wild inflation versus botanist's depression. I stated that it was worthwhile to keep the economic forces active in order that we might maintain reasonable inflation.

Now, I want to follow this thesis a bit more. Our people of the Carolinas are of conservative stock and inherently honest and religious. They will not be disturbed from their "hard to sell" position in this economy, preferring instead to do without many necessities and to see their savings mount up to the highest average on savings in the history of our country. While this is a deplorable situation for the banks and savings and loan associations and insurance companies, yet as we have progressed the past few years we note that savings accounts of a few years ago have seen their purchasing power diminish by as much as one-half, while those who have borrowed their savings and have made investments have seen inflation carry them to higher than average profits. So, savings if persisted in during periods of inflation are devalued, and the one who persistently saves is not necessarily prudent and wise.

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of each family head should have two components, one from salary and wages and one from investments. Per capita income in North and South Carolina is far down the scale in the average for the United States.

However, before opening a savings account for later investment, I believe we can strengthen our economy by simply doing without some necessities and paying every bill that we owe. Personally I believe our creditors who have been living suffering deserve to be paid. If we do, we put into circulation through the payment of old obligations will quickly find its way into the great arteries of commerce. It will quicken the spirit of optimism. Inventories will rise and manufacturing will increase and because a man has money to spend instead of credit, he can purchase for less, and so the entire nation will benefit. I check and money orders to those we owe in order that soon we may have the feeling of comfort and assurance that goes with the payment of our bills.

—MERCER J. BLANKENSHIP

### Peace In Korea . . . War In Near East

Editors, The News: NOW we know why a certain general promised the voters, "I will go to Korea."

There was no oil there.

—W. G. MCINTOSH

### Quote, Unquote

"It is not lack of love but lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages." — Friedrich Nietzsche.

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

THE cigarette lobby recently bootlegged an advance proof of a Harper's magazine article on cigarettes and tried to bamboozle the congressman author into changing.

The article was written by Minnesota's kindly Congressman John Blatnik, who has been investigating misleading cigarette ads and means of protecting the public from cigarettes.

### Errors Alleged

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## Cigarette Lobby Muffs Censorship Try

While Bowling was pulling his bluff, however, Blatnik's office checked with John Fischer, editor of Harper's. Fischer is a man who without pressure from the public utilities regarding an article in Harper's, and Blatnik's article went to press uncensored.

### Angry Denial

Angry he denied that he had asked the tobacco industry to check the article for accuracy, and he suggested that Philip Morris had smuggled an advance proof out of the magazine's Albany, N. Y., print shop.

In the end, Bowling's bosses apologized to Harper's, and Blatnik's article went to press uncensored.

### Italian Visitor

Amintore Fanfani, the five-foot, two-inch new Premier of Italy, now visiting Dulles and Eisenhower, is a man who believes in applying Christianity to politics without any affiliation with the church.

It's understandable that a country which has suffered under both a monarch and a fascist regime should have the biggest Communist Party outside Russia. Fanfani is trying both to head off communism and to keep the country on an even keel by crusading for compulsory education through the age of 18 for boys. At present there's free education for boys up to 14 only. Russia has 10-year com-

pulsory education in many parts of the country, and Fanfani believes that in order to lick communism Italy must exorcise the devil from its school system.

### Equal Wages

He also campaigned for more public housing, equal wages for women \$5,000 and more electric power, and plans a huge Tennessee Valley Authority-type power system for southern Italy.

Even Fanfani's foes grudgingly admit that he's a breath of fresh air in Italian politics.

He also has some fresh ideas for Eisenhower on solving Near Eastern peace, such as a huge public works program to be financed by repaid Marshall Plan money. It could help help the Eisenhower administration out of an embarrassing Near East impasse.

### Business Lobby

For approximately two years the Senate Rackets Committee has been making headlines with its exposé of labor abuses and misuse of welfare funds. Not getting the headlines today, however, is the number in which big business and big insurance are trying to crush for compulsory laws to remedy these abuses. Here is what's happening in the lobbies of Congress.

Law No. 1 is the Kennedy-Evers bill to protect both labor and employers from racketeers and abuses. This bill has

passed the Senate, but the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, believe it or not, are working very hard to keep it from getting to block it in the House. Reason: Employers would have to disclose all sums paid to labor leaders on labor relations. Employer lobbies want labor to disclose amounts spent, but not employers.

### Fund Reports

Law No. 2 is the Douglas bill, worked out by Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, requiring complete publicity regarding welfare and pension funds. The big insurance companies are trying to block this bill because it would require them to make public all pertinent facts regarding welfare funds, including amounts paid to labor leaders. AFL-CIO leaders are vigorously backing this bill. They want complete publicity, but not the insurance companies.

Attitude Speaker Sam Rayburn is keeping a watchful eye on both these bills. He wants them to get through the House as well as the Senate this session. Congressman Bill Ayres of Akron, Ohio, Republican, tried to strike out the provision requiring employers to report contributions to funds in the Douglas bill, but failed.

If the bills come before the full House in August, as is probable, some congressmen will vote against them, but what some pro-NAM congressmen are trying to do is prevent them from coming up for a vote.

From The Des Moines Register

### WHAT TO CALL US?

CLARK KINNARD, who writes the feature, "Your America — Day-By-Day," used the phrase "good United Statesians" the other day.

"United Statesian" is much more precise than "American," the word in common usage—but Kinnard's word is certainly not beautiful. "United Statesian" would be even worse, and "United States man" would be ambiguous. We've never heard "United States" and do not recommend it, but it would be simpler and more nearly elegant. And what about "U. S. American," where hemispheric politeness is needed?

The Navy term, "Statesider," is not bad, though so far its connotations are considerably narrower than "American," and we doubt that it could grow to become a full substitute.

The Latin American term for a citizen of the United States, "Norteamericano," is still ambiguous, fitting half a hemisphere, and longwinded besides. "Gringo" and "Yankee" originated as terms of dis-

respect and for a good many Americans still carry a faint though many Americans have taken pride in "Yankee" or "Yank" at least since the Siege of Boston in 1775-76.

American southerners when they are abroad sometimes submit to "Yankee" with good grace, but since this designation has a history of recent years, it's too much to expect of them at home.

We suspect the word will be "American" for some time to come.

Stories about our juvenile delinquents should serve one purpose — they should make enemy nations afraid to invade us.—LEXINGTON LEADER.

Pome In Which Is Revealed An Occupational Hazard of Persons Engaged In Telling Your Uncles, Aunts and Nieces That your diet goes to pieces.—ATLANTA JOURNAL.