THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 20, 1945

Leap? Or Look?

Mayor Baxter is a natural-born promoter, and as such a highly useful official and citizen. It was because of his enthusiasm for a bigger and better Charlotte that the previous tand indifferent) Council created a City Planning Board. The Mayor controuted the Council with a delegation of inportant and insistent business men headed by Coteman Roberts, who had done much of the groundwork bookins to city planning, and the Council did what it was asked to do without quite knowing what exactly, it was doing.

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Mayor Baxter, however, knew what he was doing, or thought he knew, at any rate. He had a program. It called for a large and handsone municipal auditorium as a war memorial. a new public library with an increased appropriation for operating expenses, an expanded parks and recreation system. To Mayor Baxter the new Planning Board appeaded mightily as an agency with one immediate usefulness, which was to underwrite his program. And because the board saw its function in a different light, there was a fiare-up, and the Council 'toy then a new Council hacked the Planning Board, and removed it from the Mayor's dominance. That was Chapter II.

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Chapter III was opened at this week's Council session with the Mayor's declaration that it was time for the Council to decide whether it were man or mouse—in short, whether it would temporarily revoke the planning function unto itself and sponsor the Mayor's griclets, or all back and simply pass on things as they came up. A meeting of Mayor and Council was called for next Threeday night, and what happens at that meeting will probably determine how Chapter III ends up.

That, as fairly as it can be put by one friendly to Mayor, Council and Planning Board, is the situation as it stands. There is nothing sinister about the Mayor's or anybody eles's intentions. They are all trying to do the best they can. A number of collateral arguments could be introduced—as to whether the Planning Board of the City Council releasely after being some twenty years late in getting some twenty years late in getting some of the City Council releasely insidered and in the City Council releasely insidered upon carrying the history program in his own way, needless of contrary opinion and impation of delays. But they are only collateral arguments, and their main effect is is compound confusion.

The central issue is whether the City to expenditures which will preclude the rundertakings, on hanter how imperative, for a time to come.

If we were the Council, we believe that we would insid, without any slight derogation of Mayor Baxter's valiant service to his city, upon a comprehensive report by the Planning Board before taking action.

Surprise Package

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Not only were Washington reporters and Government officials surprised at the nomination of Senator Harold Burton as Supreme Court Justice. Who was caucht unprepared, too. Benator Burton, in his freshman term, has been vigorous, level-headed and nuccastul. Not long after to took his neat he was bury helping write the EHH2 Bill. He quickly Johned the new tribe of Midwestern Republicans who, untainted by Isodatonson, would have provided aggressive Party leadership hag they been able to overpower the Old Guard. Bo Senator Burton is a Republication of the Charles of the C Guard. So Senator Burton is a Repub-lican with a difference, and in his first term has become a valuable public servant in Washington, with a non-partisan approach to vital national and in-

usual approach to vital national and in-terational issues.

But Senator Burton is, after all, serv-ing the service of the service of the servi-nusly, his chief public service in an elec-tive office had been put in or Cieveland. As Mayor, he was inner or cliev, and served his adopted city well. But Who's Who reveals few additional qualifications to fit him for the Supreme Court bench.

Court bench.

Senator Burton began practicing law in 1912, served as counsel for various corporations, most of them. Midwesters power companies, and the has been proposed one term in Ohio's legislature, sade from that we can find no indication that he has been prepared for service on the bench of the highest court. As a political choice, we suppose, he is ideal. Filling in for a Republican, he will bear the party stamp, and yet represent the most progressive wing of that party. But as for training on the bench, there is none.

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Ohio, of course, is more important to either party than is North Carolina, but even so we are disposed to believe that the most casual comparison of the records of Hardel Burton and Judge John J. Parker will show that the most eminently fitted to Juliu the high office was passed by once again.

Urgent Call

Origent Chile Anderson's request for additional police officers is one City Council cannot delay in answering. The Chiefe, saying flatly that his Department is crumbling under the great increase of work, asks for thirteen new policemen (two of them Necroes). Willoud this minimum increase in bits force, he intimates, the problem of law enforcement, in the city is going to get out of hand.

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Already, with the removal of Pederal restrictions and the loss of milliary assistance, the City Police are up to their necks. The Cities report indicates that large outlying areas, now not under regular patrol, should be covered soon, and, in both white and Negro sections, police protection must be extended.

In addition, a great number of Chief Anderson's Officers are of advanced age, and many must soon be placed on limited services or given some relief from ardiuous duties. The cost of this expansion program is estimated by the Chief at something under \$20,000 a year. And from the sound of urgency in his report, it is evident that action must be taken soon.

3.2 Caliber

The WOTU, persisting in an everlasting campaign against any beverage con-taining the least drop of alcohol, is with us yet. The latest drive is against beer—even 3.2 beer—and the insidious fash-ion in which wets are using it to un-

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The Union's President charges brewers
with sabotage in their attempt to clean
up and control retail outlete, asying that
they have used a Machiavellian strategy in convincing lawmakers that beer
is non-intoxicating. She fears that the
public shares this bellef. And then she
defies the laws of nature by thundering
that any toper can get as soused on 3.2
beer as on hard likker—and adds knowingly that there is little difference between 3.2 beer and the real McCoy.

Ah, well. The lady can't know whereof
she speaks, and we'd be the last to suggest that she appoint a -committee to
carry out a first-hand experiment. And
she is in sauch a position that she can't
accept the testimony of those who do
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Because the whole tribe of Drys remains so, singularly unconvinced by Prohibition's failure and by the nation's stradfast reliast to hered their clarino call again, we must suffer the struggle to continue, Remembering all the while that this assault on things alcoholic is not a matter of volume. The WCTU's cause would be the same, if the nation's strin were watered down to a content of 0.1.

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record)

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew

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be able to get out.

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Admiral Denfold, however, will have a hord time changing the Navy's discharge system materially as long as Admiral King's and other Aniangolis polletes prevail.

Thisde fact is that the Japanese surrender caught Admiral King with four different discharge plans in his desk. He had done nothing about any of them. One plan would not have discharged any man from the Navy until six months after V-J Day: It was rejected by the control of the control

by Secretary Porrestal as completely inadequate. In Kings much-hallyhood second report, "U. S. Navy at War," he went on record very clearly regarding discharges.

"Fill more than a year," he said on page 44, "we have worked on demobilization methods and have completed tentative plans. We are considering priority for severance and intend when the time comes to give disconsideration to length of service, service outside the continental limits, combat service and parenthood,"

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The Struggle Opens

By Marquis Childs

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This struggle can snarl reconversion hopelessly. That is why the rest of America will be watching Detroit so closely from now on:

While the Navy's original discharge system has now been modified to give one-fourth of a point per month for sea duty, thousands of men still consider it inade-quale, still feel it is designed to force mon to remain

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They also point out that the revised plan still has plenty of jokers.

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For Indiance, a commander can keep any man for 120 days if he says he fixeds him, so that six months of easily pass by the time he gets through the separation center. Also combat men generally are aged if to they took off I'vo Jimis or Okinawa. These are the young men Admiral Jacobs accidentally admitted that dealing the property of the propert

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Thus the very men who should have been kept on board and trained to releve experienced officers, left the ship.

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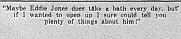
Note—Navy men say that if the brass hats had taken the time and trouble to accompany their demobilization plans with a frank public explanation of the problem, there would have been less hard feeling. For instance, the lafest Almay order about wearing civilian clothes on the beach met with great rejoicing, but was caucifed a few days later when the brass hats had thought out the problem and realized the consequent drain on civilian clothing.

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Labor's American, Too

By Samuel Grafton

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