The Sound Of The Silent Citizens

Va note that the new organization,
"Silent Citizens," which so far has
seen to hide out behind a dummy adtens, is interested in obtaining the pubbe reaction to its plan to take the politions out of politics. We are, as always,

organed to react.

Off hand, we can't recall an organizaion of professed high purpose getting off
a worse start. In the first place the
same they chose for themselves is a complete misnomer; no group that broadcasta
feurlar letters and plants to issue a periodcall publication can possibly be called
fillent. What the Citizens are, so far, is
isonoymous, which is an entirely different
white.

The automatic and immediate reaction of a large segment of the public to a screet, or anonymous, organization bent a furthering a political revolution is bound to be underwhere a political revolution is bound to be underwhere a nonymous spokessen eays they are, "a group of the City's realthiest business leaders ... (who) can gen checks that will be honored anythere." But a man who will sign a check thile declining to sign a public statement if political principles invites the suspicion bat his principles, unlike his check, are sestionable; no matter how innocent his unpose he lands in the siniter company of the Ku Klux Klan.

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The peculiar thing about this is that the vague and ambiguous statements consisted in the recruiting letter could not possibly reflect upon the integrity of any citizen. The letter expresses disgust with the late New Deal, pleasure at the recent Thret blast of 'revolution' at the poils, and determination 'to keep from getting trapped again." Even as amplified by the usual anonymous spokeman, who hastily disclaimed any personal connection with the group, the is not subversive, or even starting. Said the spokeman: "As I get X... they are after the Washington politicians and they want to take control of the country away from the politicians and put it in the hands of efficient businesses when the control of the country away from the politicians and put it in the hands of efficient businesses who won't be shackled and dominated and bossed by those politicians..."

Heaven knows this is a respectable opin-is, one that goes at least as far back as examier Hamilton. It is voiced, in in-aite variation, by thousands of American inspapers every morning, and sometimes

now moring into power in Washington.

Oh, the Republicans have their professional politicans, of course, but so will the Cititens have to have if they are serious about miling all available public officed the clock of secreey, as they indicate they will find the reaction is favorable, they will find that politics is a highly practical calling, as practical in its way as banking, selling insurance, or operating a cotton mill. The wooling of voters is a hard, full-time occupation, and it requires a large and complex organization. Time, the Citizens indicate, is of the essence; they must make their gract onslaught on Washington only two years hence: Certainty, then, sound business judgment would dictate the use of existing political machinery.

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use of existing political machinery.

In all seriousness we commend to the Citizens the moribund Republican organization that exists, largely for patronage purposes, in North Carolina and through-out the South. Right here in their own backyard there is a golden opportunity for a new group that would pump cash and respectability into the O.DP. After all, North Carolinians voted for a Republican President in 1928, and cast more than 200-000 Republican votes even in the planiest days of the New Deal. And here in the Tenth Congressional District the Democrata usually pile up no more than a 5,000 majority in off-year elections.

The Citizens with Dell's somewhat child.

The Citizens, with their somewhat child-ish secrecy, have already done their cause great harm. But if they stop playing cops and robbers and launch a serious effort to save the Republican Party of North Caro-lina from its present leadership they might yet further their own program, and at the same time make a great contribution, to the cause of better local government.

We are prepared to support any move-ment that would end the debilitating hy-pooriey of a system that requires a citizen who thinks Republican to voto Democratic. If the Citizens will stop behaving like Ku Kluxers and move in on the G.O.P. with banners fijng we guarantee the blessing of a newpaper that has been Democratic since 1888 and in all probability will con-tinue to be, come two parties or six.

He Loves Her In December . . .

Ferred to as the world's greatest romance. This week the Duke and Duchess cele-instead their tenth anniversary with a mod-sell little press conference at the Waldorf, International News Service described the sayal couple as "radiantly happy," and quoted their announcement that "if they had that it do over again they'd do it in a spill; jiffy," In this season, when the courts are doing a landoffice business putting asunder what God hath Joined to-subser, this must be classified as wholesome and cheering news.

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we note however, that the years take toll of voyal flesh even as they do of common clay. In the anniversary photographs the Duchess's neck shows the folds of middle-age; the Duke's eye pouches now make him look, as Fred Allen once said of himself, as though he were peering out we' two dirty pingpong balls. But the thic clothes of the royal couple remain the sizy of the world, providing also, we sussean as associated but stronger emotions.

WHAT with one thing and another, the press for some years has been letting the wedding anniversaries of the Duke and Duchess, of Windows ally by without even bouchess of Windows ally by without even to write comment. We are pleased, therefore, that conditions again permit the animal recounting of what is generally resulted to the world's greatest romance. This week the Duche and Duchess clerated their then anniversary with a model little press conference at the Waldorf, international News Service described the service of a microstational News Service described to mere \$50,000 worth of jewels.

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So, INS informs us, Wallie and Eddle have turned to the simple life. The Duchess cooks ther's Bunday night suppers there in the Waldorf Towers, and the Duke walks their Cairn terriers. That could be the pattern of the tuture for those aging romantics, and it's not a bad one. Spurious domesticity in a \$500-a-week hotel suite might very well be the happy ending to the love story of an anachronism.

Another Voice

'A Lovely State Of Things . . . '

KY-DRINKING in "dry" Charlotte. N. C., has reached such scandalous ts that Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn has slamed the "free flow of illegal liquor" for the "appalling crime situation."

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All of Western North Carolina has adopted statutory verbotems affecting the manufacture and sale of distilled spirits, as the usercleants flow over, under and sale the usercleants flow over, under and caght to know, spoke of Charlotte's nation-wide notoriety as a center of crime, and sentioned the contrast between its "great-church activity" and its "promiseuous law-issuess." After referring to the "shock-ings" number of cases before him involving the use of "knives, pitolis, razors, shotguns, er anything eile that will take human life," in nearly all of which cases "you will find that pienty of liquor was availing the court said that when a commission of the court said that when a commission of the court said that when a commission of the court said that when a commission are spit to be aggravated.

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Gity and courty police headquarters de-lare that brotleggers there "are equipping beir liquor cars with high-frequency radio conjuers, which enable the drivers to cit up police calls and avoid possible legal brancles as they head into town with moders dragging." The Charlotte News, such hings the foregoing tidings, says in the clips "arrest rate per 1,000 populate is now double that of its nearest which should be the counter," and

that "more than 10,000 court cases an-nually involving public drunkenness, drunken driving and allied offenses trace-able to excessive use of alcohol" are pass-ing through Charlotte's courts.

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It's a lovely state of things, and one which ought to be a warning to that minority of Virginians who still imagine that voting "dry" will do anything, but create an army of bootlesgers, law-breakers and hypocrites, while channelling into the pock-the criminal element large revenues with the control of the criminal element large revenues which otherwise can be used for socially purposes.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

General Electric discovers that blizzards can be produced as desired. It is an older art, that went out when "Way Down East" last played the one-night stands.

The class struggle (Marine division): In Moscow a party organ denounces two So-viet swimming stars for leading lives "alien to Soviet ideology."



I Just Love Harmony

People's Platform

Grandfather's Spared Trees

INCLOSED please find copy of a letter I have I just sent to Mr. Hugh M. Morton, President of the Linville Company. I hope you can print this in THE NEWS.

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s think Burke Davis did a fine job and we are complete loss to understand the attitude and more of Mr. Morton.

—HARLAN P. KELSEY.

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Drew Pearson's: U. S. Will Lend Billion To Rebuild Reich Merry-Go-Round

AFTER Word War I. American Bankers poured millions A into Germany—millions entrusted to their care by smray American investors. It was this money that Germany used properties of the state of the state of the state of the pools, construct new highways and modernize cities. It was wall Street adviser John Foster Dulles who urged that this money be invested in Germany and kept reassuring the American public that Germany and kept reassuring the American public that Germany was a sound risk.

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