

# Realtors Appoint Group To Study City-County Merger

## Group Will Seek Seats On Council In Election Plan To Offer For Mayor Also

By DICK YOUNG  
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Definite announcement was made today that returned service men, already showing interest in active participation in good government, will offer a slate of candidates in the Spring municipal campaign.

Francis H. Fairley, Mecklenburg chairman of the North Carolina O'Donoghue, when queried by The News today issued the following statement:

The life of Mecklenburg County will offer a slate of candidates in the Spring municipal primary. The slate will probably consist of a balanced representation of business and other outstanding leaders for the Council and a qualified candidate for Mayor.

This announcement will stir some interest among the politicians but among the citizens generally because there have been some reports that the service men, who know and realize the importance of the city, are showing interest in having a part in the running of the Government.

Mr. Fairley's statement today clinches those reports and definitely assures the citizens of Charlotte that a GI slate will be in the field when the municipal race gets under way in the Spring. No names of probable candidates were mentioned and Mr. Fairley said his committee will handle the statement.

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However, it is known that James J. Harris, former service man and prominent young business man of the city, has been mentioned as a probable candidate for mayor. He has been asked to offer himself by citizens other than ex-service men, but he has not yet made a conclusion that he would be highly acceptable as a GI slate.

For the last several months, young citizens, recently out of uniform, have been bestirring themselves politically and in this county are now in the midst of an intensive organizational campaign.

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## Anderson Moves Cotton Trading Curbs Advocated

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Anderson today recommended that speculative transactions in cotton futures be reduced sharply as a means of "correcting the recent disorderly price situation in the cotton futures market."

## Krug Back In Coal Picture

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug returned today to take over not only coal negotiations with John L. Lewis, but also two weeks before the miners' deadline for a threatened new shutdown.

## Britain's Oldest Peer Dies At 98

LONDON — (AP) — The death of Baroness Bess, Britain's oldest peer, at his home in Chislehurst, Kent, was announced here today.

## Breakdown Threatens In Jap Rural Government

TOKYO — (AP) — Japanese rural government was threatened today with a breakdown today as the result of a wave of resignations which followed rumors of an impending political purge.

## Students Barred From Senior Prom

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — (AP) — Fifteen members of the senior class at exclusive Beverly Hills High School will have to skip the senior prom, it was disclosed today, for adding lines into a senior class.

## Committee Is Headed By Booth Consolidation Gains Support

By JEANNE MARSHALL  
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Ralph Booth, well-known Charlotte realtor, was today named head of a special committee set up by the Charlotte Real Estate Board to investigate city-county consolidation.

## Prices Advance After Crop Report Is Issued

NEW YORK — (AP) — Following publication of the Government's November 7 report, which showed a drop of 27,000 bales from the previous estimate, cotton futures advanced 12 to 15 cents from the previous close.

## Guided Missiles Still Years Off

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — John Northrop, president of the Northrop Aircraft, says it will be two to three years before the United States has a guided missile "of the name."

## Hunger Striker 'Low'

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — (AP) — Officials at Belfast Prison reported today that hunger striker James Connolly was "low."

## Mediterranean Cruise

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## Ready To Back De Gaulle

PARIS — (AP) — In a last-minute campaign maneuver, President Charles de Gaulle has announced today that he would back Gen. De Gaulle for the post of President of the Fourth Republic.

## Many Angles Involved G. O. P. May Decide To Go Slow On Scrapping War Powers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — More than 500 pieces of wartime legislation would be tossed out the window by a Republican move to end President Truman's emergency powers.

But high Democratic officials voiced skepticism today that the new GOP-controlled Congress will take that step, despite the post-election forecast that Sen. Clarence Brown, Republican National Campaign director.

These officials also cast doubt on whether the whole thing could be accomplished that simply. They contend that the opposition of most—not all—of the war powers depend variously on:

1. The termination of the war.
2. The termination of hostilities.
3. The termination of the emergency.

And none has yet been declared officially at an end.

One top Administration aide, without going into technical aspects of a repeal step, told a reporter:

The resolution wouldn't change anything important, because most of the business and industry controls are going out anyway. But it would knock out a lot of laws and thereby gun up the Government body until new legislation was passed.

This official said, for instance, that a large amount of Treasury relief would have to be moved out of the atomic bomb plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and would "completely" machinery there.

An inspection of the mass of statutes which would be affected by declaring the war, hostilities and the emergency at an end shows that among the things it would do would be to:

- Require the recall of all troops overseas except Regular Army men within six months unless other laws were passed.
- End the vast shipment of cigarettes to troops abroad and cut off their extra pay.
- Prevent the deportation of undesirable enemy aliens and lift the ban on prostitution near Army camps.

Still left, however, would be the Second War Powers Act, which officials insist would require separate repeal action. This covers such things as sugar rationing, priority controls, the Government's purchase and control of rubber, tin and other strategic materials.

The restrictions on easy payments and down payments would be within six months after a declaration of peace because the credit controls are based on the First War Powers Act, which expires at that time.

Friends of Foster said the Administration would run until June 30—unless the Administration ends it sooner—some material, as would the "quick action" wanted.

They added, "as soon as it is announced Foster will go to the White House for a private talk with the President."

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## Prisoners Recaptured Behind Hannegan

WEST BENTWOOD, N. Y. — (AP) — The Army's Major General Hospital announced today that four dangerous prisoners, captured last night after a battle with guards were returned to the hospital today. Three were trapped at Bay Shore and a fourth surrendered voluntarily near the point of escape.

## Cabinet And Truman Meet

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman conferred with his Cabinet for 30 minutes today but those present differed sharply on whether the President should take any action on the White House staff.

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### WEATHER

Fair with little change in temperature the afternoon, tonight, Saturday and Sunday.

Temperature at 3:30 today: 73  
High and low at 24 hours: 73-53  
Forecast today: Partly cloudy  
Forecast tomorrow: Partly cloudy