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Council Has Another Chance

CUTY COUNCIL. we suspect, won't see it that way, but the State Highway Commission has done it a favor by rejecting its Tantattle cross-town boulevard recommendation with the simple notation that it would accompital none of the necessary objectives. The Highway Commission has, in affect, invited Councilson has, leg of a maxim the result of the council of the counci

The Commission has insisted, properly snouth, that the route must zerve to open up Charlotte's congested intra-city traffic as well as to connect through highways. This means, among other things, that the route cannot follow present main traffic. This means, among other things, that the route cannot follow present main traffic arteries, for the only result would be to add to their present congestion. It also means that a perimeter route, or one that does not afford access to the downtown pusiness section, is out of the question.

If Council sets to work in good con-cience, after first accepting these neces-ary limitations, as it did not do before, it may be that it can yet work out an ac-

ceptable alternative. But the gentlemen must recognize that original proposal for what it is: an efficient, economical solution to a difficult problem worked out by ex-perts who have no personal are to grind. And it must also remember that it is one leg of a master street plan, which will be

alteration.

If the City Fathers can work out a route that accomplishes the same purposes, does not involve excessive costs, and does not do violence to the Planning Board's materisteet plan, they still are assured of a sympathetic hearing by the State and Pederal agencies who will put up the monsy. If they set out once more to locate a boulton's control of affected landowners they may rest assured that they will meet another rebutf.

It's up to the City Fathers once again. And we make bold to remind them that the first time they swung they missed by a country mile. In this game two strikes may very well be out, and, with \$1,400,000 at stake, the voters are not likely to take kindly to another wild swing.

Ambassador With Tar On His Heels

A FEW dishard Republicans, recalling
A that Max Gardner was once tagged
(uncorrectly, we think) a New Dealer, may
offer some perfunctory opposition to his
confirmation as Anhassador to the Court
of St. James, Otherwise the appointment
of the distinguished North Carolinian is
meeting with universal acciaim.

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And this is proper and fitting, for few fameteans in public life are better fitted by temperament and background the meation is highest with the temperament and background the state of the state of the temperament are supported of a good ambassador, but, more important, be also possesses the sound indigment essential to the occupant of one of the State bepartment's most important international listening posts.

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But, even while they are applauding his appointment, a good many North Carolinians are also wondering why he decided to accept the post after refusing it ones before. It's a great honor, certainly but for so active a citizen as his file represents, but leads to a subject the second of the post of the second of the seco

no mention or reewing time.

The High Point Enterprise, which keeps its linger always on the political pulse in Morth Carolina, wonders if Max Gardner will not now also pass from the political scene. The Enterprise, while pooh-pooling the old charges that he has operated as a sets coultiest loss during the veers after the veers after the contract of the contract o Hoey, Broughton and Cherry, and them all as an influential if unof-

Can Max Gardner continue in his old role from his new outpost in England? Does he desire to? To the first question we would answer with a qualified yes—since his influence has been largely personal, depending upon no real machine, he could probably advise his old friends as well cross an ocean as he did from Washington, although he would, of course, he handicapped by a lack of first-hand information. We are inclined to agree with The Enterprise's answer to the second question: "We don't know... and we doubt seriously if Mr. Gardnef does hignself, as yet."

At 64, able to look back on a long pub-lic career that has now brought him al-most every honor open to the native of a one-party state, Max Gardner must feel a strong templation to turn his back on the active pulling and hauling of North Caro-lins politics. Certainly he is entitled to the ealmer life of the elder stateman.

But at least once before Mr. Gardner But at least once before Mr. Gardner has announced his retirement from public life — in 1933 when he ended his second term as Governor. He held to that resolve until the war years, when his old friend, Franklin Roosevelle, persuaded him to enter his administration. The basis of Mr. Roosevelle appeal was the nation's need in an hour of emergency. That appeal, from state or nation, will be effective as long as Max Gardner lives.

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Even at the Court of St. James Max
Gardner will never be able to shake the
tar off his heles. It is well to remember
the statement he made this week when a
reporter asked him why he had accepted
the Ambassadorship after his previous flat
rejection: "I have always reserved the
right to change my mind when conditions
change."

More Than A Law Has Failed

neen driving and ained offenses trace-to excessive use of alcohol. And, of ree, this is by no means the whole y; these are only the drunks who fall the hands of the law and it is certain t many more avoid arrest each year.

The obvious conclusion to be drawn from the figures is that prohibition is a disabilitation of the figures is that prohibition is a disabilitation of the figures in the figures is now double that if its nearest competitor among the ABC ounties.) But it seems to us that the table is the figures of the figu

This report also stands as evidence of serious weakness in the moral fiber of serious weakness in the moral fiber of serious weakness in the moral fiber of the serious seriou

as limited scale, Alcoholics Anonymous proved the validity of this thesis; their for drunkmens works from within they have restored the drunk's faith meet and in the world. But the main t waged against drunkness continues frace business, designed to work a unit-drunk with the world and the waged to be seen to be seen

WHAT, we often wonder, does it take to dence to the contrary, that the law itself washake this community out of its complemency? will Burke Davis' latest report on official drunkenness in the county to the contrary of the desired process the supersection of the contrary of the complement of the county to the contrary in the contrary in the contrary that the law is sometiments of the county to the contrary the community's lost souls. Their usual practice is to rest on their law enough—more than 1,000 count cases annually involving p ubit of crimenness, and the contrary that the law itself will some the contrary, that the law itself will some himself the contrary, that the law itself will some himself the contrary, that the law itself will some himself the contrary, that the law itself will some himself the contrary, that the law itself will some how will somehow guarantee the salvation of the contrary of the community somehow guarantee the salvation of the contrary of the community somehow guarantee the salvation of the salvation of the contrary o

The sad truth is that every one of us— whether he votes for or against ABG stores— bears a full share of responsibility for the deplorable conditions that prevail in the county. Every drunk who turns up in court provides evidence not only that a size has failed, but that his church, his school, his parents, his newspaper, every person and sencery that attempts, to in-

It is our conviction that we shall see little improvement until the great energy that now goes into the futile effort to remove the temptation of alcohol can somehow be channeled into an organized attack on the conditions that produce in 10,000 of our citizens the fatal urge to seek oblivion.

A word of caution concerning the auto-mobile which can be converted into an airplane, as demonstrated lately in Dan-bury. In case of doubt, drive around the

It is well that Newton formulated gravity in his own day. Soap skidding upward, on the price list, could not be readily explained.

Take it easy, folks. Getting lathered up over a 50 per cent jump in soap prices is no way to beat the game.

For all practical purposes, Winter has arrived when an open window moves the office anemic to exercise his veto.



Lan You Top This

On Sectional Solidarity

South in ante-bellium time.

We can easily fancy the Southern grandees drinking their mint judges in the shade of columned portices, and discussing politics and philosophy, in a period when every Southern plantation owner was a statement or a colonel; when culture and manatalined by the Southern people; and probably not attained by the Southern people; and probably not by any other people in this country. And it is easy to form in the imagination the merical image of interest in the second of the seco

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in this sector. These matters are related to the customs of the different communities.

The following sentence graphically expresses the political sectional concept current: "The South must provide the communities of the c

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cures to mount it. Communications should not be sufficiently as the possible, and on only one of the possible and on only on the best possible and subject will be deleted-otherwise anything one. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon reguest, Tax News Michael the writer's name.—Editors.

Then let us forget sectional political solidarity as a behemuch conceived in fear and misunderstanding; as the withered political munmay of a past generation; as the ignis fatuus of the politically ambiculous; as the vestigal remains of archaic sentiment and unprideful history.

An Appeal To Miners

ey lost 50 days' pay in the

Samuel Grafton

Mexican Panorama

CONTRAST HURTS

AESTHETIC OFFENSE

Drew Pearson's : Lewis And UMW Income Tax Under Probe

TWO weeks ago. his column told hww John Laseris had paid out around 1800,000 of minery dues to a Spring-Heid, III, mine owner, Carl Ekhoff, to keep his mine closed. It is now possible to reveal that since publication of that column, the Treasury Department has taken the John Lies and is studying it with a view to possible prosecution. Back in 1843, the Treasury had probed this payment to mine-owner Carl Ekhoff, but despite the urging of Secretary of the Carl Ekhoff, the Carl Ekhoff, the Secretary of the Carl Ekhoff, the Carl Ek

Note-Some very big tax scandals will leak out of the Treasury-Justice Departments soon. Certain big war contractors who knew the right people got off scot free. It will be the worst scandal yet of the Truman Administration.

Steel Troubles

CIO President Philip Murray is worried about the coal strike for many reasons. or many reasons.

or one thing, tens of thousands of steel workers are laid off. More important, the coal strike is threatto wipe out the 15 billion dollars in profits big busibuilt up during 1946.

Showdown Over U. S. Envoy

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seasermith, U. S. Ambasador to Argentina, must be fired.
The roly-poly Braden has joing contended that Messernith was too friendly to Argentine Fresdeni Feron and
dozyat to the State Departments anti-dictator policy. Now,
work, readen has secured about fifty secret letters writto by Messermith to American newspaper men and State

Andy Higgins' Taxes