THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

High Taxes And Inflation

is alarming consumers as well as economists.

The New Jersey Taxpayers Association has figured out that the per equits food bill is \$252 a year, and the cost of supporting the Federal Government alone is \$341. To the latter figure the cost of State and local government must be added. As the price spiral continues, we are likely to hear more discussion and see evidence of public awareness of this big fax item. There will be demands for "less government" as well as for citizens, fo "eat less" and to "waste less," a theme that Senator Taft now is busily sounding in his sentiment-lesting swing in the West.

- 1. There is no justification for wartime tax rates in peacetime; present taxes are an unreasonable burden.

 2. Revenue is so high that reductions in Government expenditures would make possible a tax cut with enough left over to start paying off the \$358 billion national debt.

One of the major points in the Demo-

PRICES are currently the No. 1 political issue in the opinion of a great many politicians but taxes may turn out to be an equally hot question in the 1948 campaign and in the next session of the 80th Congress. And they should be. Although everyone is complaining about the high everyone is complained as a measure of the even when the search of the point where tax relief must be reached, the point where tax relief must be reached, the point where tax relief must be reached, the point where tax relief must be reached the point where the point of the p

Strongest point in the Democratic case is that it is more important to accumulate a surplus to apply to the national debt than it is to reduce taxes. The 'crisis we now face poses the question whether anything is more important than a tax cut at this time.

Third main point in the Democratic posi-tion is that taxes should be left high to provide a surplus which could be used as a contingency fund for unpredictable foreign obligations. In view of all the other provi-sions we have made and are making for foreign emergencies it is doubtful if this argument will earry much weight with price-badgered, tax-ridden voters in a campaign vear, or even that it will be ad-vanced again. ? Third main point in the Democratic pe

vanced again. *
There still is the final argument that we can't have a tax cut along with a proper military program, the Marshall Plan, adequate Government services, etc. It is obvious that we are going to have to give up something buy it is geaulty clear that we can no longer defer the tax cut. It looks as if we will just have to get along with fewer bureakcrats and less Government service. It also looks as if the Republicans have the Democrats on the spot with this Issue for 1944.

A Delayed-Action Bomb

THE GREAT sin of the North Carolina Grange, according to the gospel of Commissioner of Agriculture Kers Scott, is that it flew its banner for the Good Health program last Winter. He shouted to assembled farmers in Raleigh that they, the Grange, and the state at large had been duped by the sinister movement to build new hospitals and train more doctors in North Carolina.

He wann't long in setting a denial from

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caronna eustom for groups of every huse and color to scratch for almost every cause that comes along. And, unless our memory has backfired on us, there were enough groups, committees and whatnot on public endorsements of the Good Health movement to stretch from Manteo to Murphy and back by Cherokee and Currituck.

It isn't telling tales out of school to reall that Kerr Scot always opposed this Good Health program—certainly for sincer reasons of his own. He spoke out publicly on the subject before Kay Kyser's campaign came to a boli, and did not enter in the festivities attendant-upon its pass-age through the Legislature. The Commissioner believes it will not help North Carolins farmers—though, a good many hardheaded native farm people, including Progressive Farmer Clarence Poe, disagreg with him thoroughly.

Mr. Scott's notions are his own business, and we suppose the Good Health Associa-tion is as vulnerable as the next cause. But tion is as vulnerable as the next cause. But we cant's see what nod purpose he is serving by stirring the pot again, more than ark long months after the Legislature had put out the money for a program it approved in substance two and a half years ago.

ago.

If the location of the four-year medical achool at Chapel Hill is still a burning issue it is a curious one. Before the hurraln over Good Health broke out last Pail the Chapel Hill site had been agreed upon by the Legislature, via the Feport of a national committee of outside experts. The acceptance or refusal of the generous offer of Orens-Boro's Cone family, it seems to us, may be confidently left to University trustees—who are not exactly college sophomores aflame with the old Tar Heel spirit. (And accepting the Cone offer would entail more hegislation, with the Assembly reschinding legislation, with the Assembly rescinding its own action).

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We had a notion—and still have it—that North Carolina's job now is to set moving, to try and give jour to be the pital beds the pital beds to be the pital bed

The House That No One Knows

WEVE never heard such a vast and average municipal silence as that which neve surrounds the coming bond slection for a new Charlotte auditorium. Generally speaking, the electorate shows superb disinterest in the whole affair. But it isn't because the community doesn't know that it needs an auditorium, or that it needs an auditorium, or that it doesn't want one. Up to now, the voters know well enough that they're locking at another pig in the poke. They suspect that once more, the big announcement has been made, and the day of déclation set, before the planning has been done.

Last week, on the first day of registra-Last week, on the first day of registriction, registrars were lovely people because voters thought City Hall was holding out on them, asking for \$2,200,000 for a building of unknown design and purpose, to be build on an unknown site, containing none-knew-what facilities. It wann't easy to roposition to form—but it was aimost impossible for civic-minded groups which have long yelped for an adequate auditorium to back a campaign about which they knew nothing. People who were interested called City officials and talked to planning experts. They called newspapers and talked on the streets, asking for information. It seemed that there was no information.

Yesterday a group of young veterans from the American Legion asked the Council how come. They didn't find out much, but they got a promise that they would shortly be told what the building would look like, what it would contain, and what it could be used for. There would probably be nothing about the site, and detailed drawings were impossible. Following a report from the Flanning Board, which were the public would be told what there was to know.

given.in the final weeks before the election will stir the community and bring out a real vole in favor of the auditorium. But we're afraid two dangerous impressions have been spread: 1) That we don't know what we're trying to build. 2) That offi-cials believe the public wants an audito-rium so badly that they won't ask for de-tails. If those notions persist we won't get the auditorium this time—and probably shouldn't.

Sinners in the South American country of Colombia are partly responsible for the 25 per cent of the coffee drunk yearly in the United States, reports the New York Journal of Gomerace. A writer for the business newspaper reveals that early priests in Colombia starde at radiition that the atonement for sins was to be found in the planting of new coffee shrubs. Young Colombians seemingly sowed a lot of wild oats, and consequently, they also planted a lot of coffee. As a result, Colombia furnishes a qualter of all the coffee consumed in the United States doday.

A drinking driver is described as an accident going somewhere to happen, and a speeder as one who approaches the coroner at 60 miles per hour.—Elberton (Ga.) Star.

Perhaps it will be all right in the end, and we will have our auditorium. Perhaps are will be an end to concerts drowned with—Rome (GG.) News-Tribune.



'Ah Yes, Amigos -I Know How Hungry You Are'

People's Platform

A Big Difference In Isms

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Churchill's Blueprint MONROE

Editors, The News:

THE editorial in The News of Sept. 30, entitled,

"Churchill Recalls Fulton," was both able and
very factual. Most careful readers recall that Churchill announced to the world that Churchill announced to the world that the sept. The second of the second to the second the second to the second the second to Florida and let the noted British Tory

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Parking Meter Questions CHARLOTTE

Editors, Tim News:

WHILE going to work this morning (Sept. 30), I
Wobserved the collection of the moneys in the parking meters and to my annacement. I saw we city employees collecting the money, and one policeman
Now, it seems to me that there should be one
city employee on the pay roll who is homest enough
or a bonding company to take a chance on. If there
is no such employee, then it is time for the city to
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Shakespeare For Burkholder CHARLOTTE

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—B. H. EIDSON.

Marquis Childs

Merely A Stopgap

ATHENS, GREECE THE PRESENT American pro-flar min Greece is no more than a stopgap one. The big question is: What will happen atter June 30 of next year, which is the deadline fixed by Congress in appropriting \$300,000,000 in aid for Greece.

(i) quit Greece entirely, resililog what, a tremendous underting what, a tremendous underting what, a tremendous underting what, a tremendous underting the country is bound to be. The
result, in all likelihood, would be
a full-scale civil war. If the
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Stewart Alsop

Decline And Fall?

WITH INFINITE reluctance, the W President and the Congression at leaders have taken the first line-the crisis abroad. It now seems possible that a bare minimum of the necessary dollars will be forther the problem Dollars are not edible. That is why, in moments of grown, those close the problem Dollars are not edible. That is why, in moments of grown, those close the problem Dollars are not edible. That is why, in moments of grown, those close the problem Dollars are not edible. The problem Dol

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Cupited States together with Western civilization as a whole) was destroyed by reason of the inordnate appetite of the American people for meat. FOOD TO PREVENT DISASTER

Drew Pearson's : Soap Emperor Heads Food Committee

committee). WASHINGTON

I AST week two members of Mr. Truman's Cabinet argued
back and forth over who was to head up the all-important
food committee—the committee which is to work out a plan
for rationing the American public and then make the public

ior rationing the American public and then make the public like it.

Itself, 1977 of Commerce Avierdil Harriman argued for Wisconsta's ex-Sensitor Bob La Follette, a throughly trusted, experienced public servant. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, on the other hand, argued for meteoric young Charles Luciman, whom the venerable Lever Brothers Soan Co. of Luciman, and the Commerce of the Commerce

"I don't think minder divorce, and sex is good for the public." He explained, and sex is good for the public. The explained and sex is good for the public. The explained and sex is good for the public. The explained and sex is good for the public and the record was the story of a Kansas Cily boy who gain life selling newapapers, jerking sods, delivering groceries, and after working his way through the University of Illinois, finally selling soap for considerable and the sex of the public and the sex of t "We know all about you," replied Chairman Geoffrey Heyworth, thumbing through a thick report on every phase of Luckman's life was the story of a Kanasa City boy who becam life stelling newappers, jerking sods, delivering groceries, and after working jib way through the University of the Control of the Con