

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1947.

Five Minutes Vs. Six Years

How efficient is the North Carolina ju-

dicial system?

Six years ago it was the sense of the Legislature and the Governor that the uneren distribution of court work among the 21 solicitorial districts of the state seriously hampered the administration of justice. Certain glaring injeculities were obvious at a glance; the number of cases tried in some districts tripled the annual total in others. Even a cursory study of court records made it obvious that the burden of criminal business in the larger counties justified the establishment of certain separate districts, including one for Mecklenburg.

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Was regarded as sufficient to Justify a reorganization of the solicitorial districts. But such a reorganization is a highly complicated business, So, as directed by the Legislature, the Governor appointed a special commission and empowered it to make a comprehensive study. Headed by H. J. McDougle of Charlotte, the Commission set to work to determine a fair and equitable basis for redistricting. Court records for a ten year period were studied. The geographical-and economic unity of existing districts was taken into consideration. Court and Bar Association officials were consulted.

After six years of research the Commission prepared its recommendations. It proposed a general regrouping of countles so

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that every solicitor in the state would
handle about the same number of cases
each year. It found that the number
of districts could be reduced from 21 to
19. And it recommended that the solicitoris job be made full-time, and that the
pay be increased to justify a ban against
private law practice.

This week the Commission laid the results of its six years of hard labor before
the Benate Committee on Courts and
Judicial Districts. Mr. McDougle explained

is of the recommendations.

"The billis," said Senator Sheldon M. Roper of Lincoln, "propose a program which would not be acceptable to the people of this state." The people? Have they been consulted? A good many of them, we believe, are seriously concerned over the degeneration of the courts in North Carolina. A good many people, we think, would like to see something done about a Commission's report completely acceptable; at least they would have to recognize it as the only concrete proposal for court reform now in sight. "We have given considerable study to it," said Senator O. L. Richardson of Monse, "and the quick unfavorable report does not mean that the Committee acted hastily." Considerable study? Enough to justify undoing in five minutes six years Actually, the Committee did not vote on the merits or demerits of the redistrict ing plan. It was under no obligation to accept or reject it in its entirety; it might properly have rewritten the bill if it found

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What the Committee did vote against was the need for redistricting. Yet that need was apparent in 1941 when the study was ordered. And the data compiled so palnatakingly by the Commission certainly confirmed it.

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There was opposition to redistricting, as there is opposition to any proposal for change. But it came, not from the people, but from 17 of the present solicitors, in-cluding Basil Whitener of this district. Some of them opposed it because it would have forbidden them the private practice of law. Some said the need now is for more solicitors, not less. But, whether they said so on not, most of them were primarily concerned because regrouping of counties would have altered all the old political arrangements they and their predecessors after some characteristic properties of the production of the properties of the pr

work of Mr. McDouge and his colleagues.

The Commission approached the prob-lem from the standpoint of increased ju-dicial efficiency. The Senate Committee approached it from the standpoint of pol-tical expediency.

Never, it appears, the twain shall meet.

Prometheus

People's Platform

The Foot-Walker's Lament

Editors, Tug News:

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Let nee devote a few words to the traffic situation in the country in general, and especially about the dangerous condition existing here in Charlotte. Hit and run drivers disregarding traffic significances the city squares like kangarous. An experiment of the city squares like kangarous. Killing the old, the young, and the crippied. What in Heaven's name is wrong? Have the people with the city squares like kangarous. The drivers do not seem to think the people who are forced to walk have a right to live. Not since the dawn of history has any weapon been in-stinking automobile piloted by a drunk or a fool. And the above description fits at least half the so-like the standard of the control of the

-FRAIDY CAT.

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Rosenwald Fund

Editors, The News:

FROM Julius Rosenwald Fund Report 1944-1946:

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than to be stated to the state of the state of

Senator Soaper Says:

A MINERS' local demands that the oil-burning locomotive be prohibited by law, as no coal strike can be considered a success if the national paralysis to only results.

Under its new constitution, lively Gautemala elects half its Congressmen and picks the rest by lot, thus setting the stage for an illuminating comparison.

If we are interested, Denmark might let Green-land go for a billion dollars, which, at 25 cents for the 50-pound piece of ice, comes out about right.

"A delayed laugh may be symptomatic of a cer-tain nervous disorder," or possibly that the subject is thinking of something else.

It is as well perhaps for the Hapsburgs that they are denied all claim to the Austrian throne. Ruling as a king, in these times, is the hard way.

Marquis Childs

Bureaucrat's Fate

Later, the cross-examination turned on the anti-trust suit the motion-picture industry;
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civil cases intended to impose fines
on corporations and prevent them
from repeating monopolistic practices.

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Drew Pearson's: Vandenberg Can Have GOP Nomination Merry-Go-Round

DURING the 1938 Republican Convention in Cieveland, GOP tigwigs labored late one night to permade Senator Arthur Vandenberg to be All Landon's Vice-Presidential running mate.

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History In Reverse

INIBST. Cotonel McCormick, who so ardenily admired Varidenberg before, now is his most vigorous critic. Reinrikestly he carps at the Michigan Senator for deserting his old ioultonium and for now helping the State Department keep Second, Vandenberg probably could have the long-corted Presidential nomination in 1948, but seems to be genularized to the control of the

us during the war—that he was constantly afraid his generals would get burn out. They don't know they're burn out, he explained to the set of t

Vandenberg is 64 now, but looks considerably younger. In fact, he looks as if he thrived on work.

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Regardless of whether the senfor Senator from Michigan could or would be President, his colleagues pay tribute to the fact that he has grown with the years. He is more tolerant, more understanding, more broad-minded, and has a keen insight; into the world of international affairs. Unquestionally Arthur Vandenberg today is the No. 1 statesman on the Republican side of the Senate.

Wherry's 'Small Undertakings'

APTER a great deal of shouting about aid for small business, and after upsettling the Reorganization Act to create a special committee, Senator Wherry of Nebraska, 19 chairman, has now shown his true colore, Earlief this seek he announced the appointment of Gorege F. Merceft his seek the direction in charge of the Small Business Committee.

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Accompanying the annonnement was a page-and-a-half press release describing the qualifications of his direction of the committee of the commentary of th

business.

Significant also was the fact that a few hours after Meredith's appointment, a phone call came from Joseph Borda of the NAM staff in New York saying he had important business to discuss with Mr. Meredith.

THERE is a striking parallel to the Senate fight against David Lilienthal as Atomic merry chairman.

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a well-known Boston lawyer. Immediate opposition—spoken and whispered—developed in the Senate.

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the basis of the recommendations. There might be flaws in the redistricting plan, he said, but the Commission felt that it would accomplish the desired end.

And the Committee, after a few minutes of deliberation, voted unanimously to give the Commission's recommendations, now incorporated info two bills, an unfavorable report. That, barring a miracle, closes the matter.

the Senate Committee on Courts and Judicial Districts, Mr. McDougle explained

Taxi Service Is A Local Matter It must be said for the taxleab operators that when they asked the State to guarantee them annopoly they also asked for rigid State control. This sets them apart from the undertakers, the barbers, the beauticlans and the various other groups which have persuaded, or seek to persuade, the Legislature to establish apen. The service rendered by taxis is primarily The service rendered by taxis is primarily local and we see no particular need for standardizing it in every city in the state. Moreover, operations vary among cities in accordance with their size. Charlotte, for instance, has ordered the installation of meters, a requirement that would be absurd in, say, Pineville.

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Experience here has demonstrated that control of the taxt business is not an easy task. In Charlotte it has required establishment of a special section of the Police Department, and it has given City Conneil some of its biggest headaches. Nevertheless, as City Manager Yancey points out, an ordinance which guarantees the operators a fair profit and the public reasonably adequate service has finally been worked out. We share his doubt that taxl operation would be as smooth in Charlotte if it were subject to remote control from cial licensing boards. (We understand the tree surgeons and the watchmakers are tree surgeons and the watchmakers are coming up next.)

The taxl operators want their business placed under the State Utilities Commission along with the railroads, power companies and bus lines. The Commission, under the bill they propose, would have authority to set fares and minimum standards of service. The operators even write into the state of service, the operators even write into the tree per cent of their would tax them order to underwrite the expense of a statewise inspection service.

All of this, we think, indicates good faith. But we still doubt the wisdom of removing But we still doubt the wisdom of removing.

But we still doubt the wisdom of removing taxi operation from the control of the mu-nicipalities.

it were subject to remote control from Raleigh.

Local responsibility for local problems—that still seems to us a sound principle of government.

and feasible, and the company will foot the bill. "It might amount to \$20,000 a year. It might amount to \$100,000," the Smiths said. "What we want to do is to employ an outstanding minister to render service to the religious life of our country, to humanity."

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Well, certainly this is commendable, and well, certainly this commendable, and we see no reason, to question the Smith's statement that they do not expect to sell any more shoes becapse of our venture." But a question naturally arises. Why, if Mr. Dutton is to receive his instructions only from God, is it necessary to put him only from God, is it necessary to put him only from God, and the seems to us, which we have the seems to us, and the seems to use the seems to use the seems and the seems of the seems

Religion And The Shoe Business ONE night, while lying awake in a Pullman berth, William M. Smith of Providence fell to brooding over the futility of his highly successful business career. "Business," he thought, "is rather a selfish institution. Is there anything we can do that is unselfish?"

He took the matter up with his brother, Maurice, president of the Bristol Manu-facturing Company, Maurice was impressed, and after some months of deliberation the facturing Company.

and after some months of deliberation the Smiths hit upon a plan. It bore its first fruit this week when they annousced that the Rev. Dale D. Dutton had resigned his pastorate at Central Baptist Church in Providence and would join the shoe manufacturing firm as "Vice-President in Charge of Christian Relations."

The Christian relations the Bristol firm has in mind are not between employer and employee. Mr. Dutton will receive his instructions, not from the board of directors, but from God. He will then undertake whatever Christian work seems necessary

Another Voice

Is There No Other Answer?

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In the present posture of affairs in the
world, and in the absence of any other
immediately workable premise, there is not
much ground upon which to formulate dhagreement with the declaration of Secretary of State Marshall in favor of universal
inilitary training "to back up American
foreign policy with real power."
But in any long-range view of the matter none can escape the fact that no nation that has ever invoked universal military training, for generations. France
had it, and through it possessed, at the
outbreak of war. In 1939, "the finest-army
in the world." Italy has had universal
military training for generations.
And where are these nations, with their

mighty armies? The answer is in the histories and in today's headline. Except in times of war America has never committed itself to a policy of militarism. As a policy it is wholly at variance with all the things that we mean by America. There must be some other answer to the world's need and history will measure the greatness of Secretary Marshall—and of this generation of Americans—by his willingness to search for it and his ability to find it.—Elizabeth City Dally Advance.

There are those—like the late Hitler—whose names never figure in the news save in an unpleasant connection. We have in mind one Fahrenheit, the thermometer guy.