

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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The New Council's Appointments

WITH good reason the political observers freely predicted that there would be some new faces around City Hall before the new Council got through handing out appointments. There were only two old members on the "Ol" slate that rode to triumph in the municipal elections, which meant that a majority of the new Council had no obligation to incumbents appointed by their predecessors. More than that, in the somewhat murky maneuvering that preceded the primary a few office-holders briefly backed losing horses, which can be a fatal political error. a fatal political error.

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The new Council, however, has not yet turned a single old head out to pasture. Chanacae Yancey, Police Chief Littlerchin, Fire Chief Palmer, City Clerk Hoffman, City Attorney Shaw, City Treasurer Ledbetter, Revenue Collector Ansley, and City Judges Currie have all been confirmed. The solicitorable, left vacant by the resignation of Mercer Blankenship, has been filled by appointment of John A. McRae Jr. Only the post of municipal accountant remains to be filled.

The appointments seem to us uniformly commendable. All these officials are experienced and all have sound records. The only cause for which any of them could have been removed would be to enable the

Council to pay off its political debts. This custom, time-honored though it may be, is not a particularly healthy one.

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The reappointment of Judge Currie deserves special comment, for it was the one that surprised the second-guessers most. There was open opposition to the dark three was open opposition to the dark that the second supposed to the prevent of the

The Council, therefore, deserves special commendation for recognizing that Judge Currie's excellent record in Recorder's Court entitles him to the post despite his politicking. The City Fathers thus have placed the judgeship where it belongs—above factions ing. The City Fathers thus have placed the judgeship where it belongs—above faction-al politics. The usual Biblical injunction, it seems to us, will suggest that it is now incumbent upon Judge Currie to keep it there.

The Resignation Of Dean Acheson

WE DONT know how the historians, comparing him with the hundreds of able Americans who have held his office over the years, will rate Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson. We do know that most contemporary observers, rating him in comparison with the present top officials of the State Department, consider his resignation something of a tragedy.

High principles, native shillty, courage, a firm conference-table manner—all these are essential to the successful diplomat. But expérience is also necessarily, and Dean Acheson is one of the few more the present "little cabinet" who could supply it. Secretary Marshall, a necomer to the diplomatic arena, is seriously handlesses and the second of the diplomatic arena, is seriously handlesses. supply it. Secretary Marshall, a newcomer to the diplomatic aren, its seriously handicapped by a lifetime spent in the political vacuum of a military career. Genius though he may be, General Marshall needs the immediate counsel of those who have spent long years in the day-to-day development of America's shifting foreign polity.

The resignation of Mr. Acheson will remove the adviser who stood at General Marshall's elbow during the first, difficult months after he assumed office, and who ran the Department with skill and dispatch his absence. And there are also rumors

that three other top State Department vet-erans — Assistant Secretaries Braden and Benton and Ambassador Messersmith — will resign soon. This will mean that an entirely new and inexperienced team will soon be in full charge of our foreign rela-tions.

There is no hint of postical differences in the resignation of Mr. Acheson. The painfully familiar reason is given — Mr. Acheson's inability to longer endure the financial sacrifice entailed by his position. He has given freely of time and ability that can command a much higher income outside the Government service, and he feels that he must now step down.

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This is a time of crisis when the State
Department is literally our first line of defense. It deserves, as The Louistulle Courter-Journal points out, "the same unstinting support which the armed forces received during the war." It is not getting it, as
recent Congressional treatment of its budgetary sequests so elequently demonstrates,
the support of the court of of the cou getary requests so eloquently demonstrates. This, coupled with the niggardly attitude toward salaries for its top officials, can only result in a serious weakening of the Department, Dean Acheson's resignation is important in Itself, but it is even more im-portant as a straw in the wind.

The Republicans In Asheville

A SHEVILLE, like most of North Carolina's major cities, has just named a
new City Council. But Asheville's election
was unlike the others in the state. There
were two competing political slates, one
Democratic and one Republican, and the
vote was the heaviest, percentagewise, recorded anywhere. The Asheville municipal
election, in short, was the 'only one in
North Carolina worthy of the name; the
others only provided a run-off for the
Democratic primary and. legal confirmation thereof.

The Republicans, offering their first bid for municipal office in many years, did not are at all well. Their candidates were able, according to the local press, and they con-ducted a vigorous if dignified campaign for office. The old Democratic machine, however, downed them by a comfortable mar-

gin.

This, we suppose, will discourage the GOP everywhere in North Carolina. After all, Asheville is the capital of the mountain area, which foontains—most of the 300,000 registered Republicans in the state. Unlike the cities in the flatlands, it boasts no violent and unyielding Democratic tradition; a citizen of Asheville may bear the GOP label proudly and openly without fear of

scorn or political or financial reprisal. If faint local stirrings in response to the great national Republican victory are felt anywhere in North Carolina it certainly would where in North Carolina it certainly would be in Buncombe and the tilted counties that stretch away to the west.

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The Asheville Citizen feels that the Democratic triumph in the municipal elections only "underscored Republican helplessness hereabouts". But The Citizen also notes that "they served . . . to cast a minor scare into the Democratic ranks and to bring out a larger Democratic vote." That, it seems to us, is enough to justify the effort from the standpoint of the citizen interested in better government, if not from the standpoint of the Republicans themselves.

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All the clizens of Asheville. It seems to
us, are in the debt of the handful of hardy
Republicans who entered the municipal
election. They helped broaden the popular
base of government, and they undoubtedly
forced the Democrats to put up their ablest
men. That is no mean contribution to better government—and it is one that is conspicuously missing in every Tar Heel city
that has given the Democratic Party a
clear and uncontested title to all its municipal offices.

Another Voice

Carolina's Jargon University

The North Carolina State News Bureau informs us that for only \$400 tuition, you can join Prof. Joe Cuthrell's jargon university and take a six weeks' course in to-bacco auctioneering. Classes are held in a tobacco warehouse. Teacher chants. Students mimie, Then teacher criticizes, tells em how to make their chanting enchant-

If THERE a tobacco auctioneer in your family? (Turn that radio down, Junior)

Papa's trying to read.) Well, there can be. You, too, can be the life of the party. You, too, can be the life of the party. You too, can babble like F. E. Boone.

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Contrary to expectations, a strike of Port Credit, Ontario, starch workers has not been ironed out.

A condition of the steel wage pact is that portal pay claims be dropped. It turns t that those long, invigorating walks in e open air, from the gate to the plant, re their own reward.

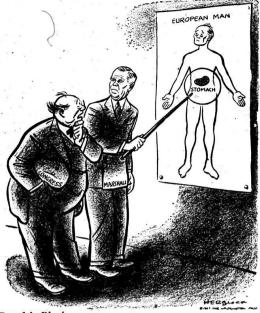
dolla-oh-sola-to-a-ex-port-oh.

Old pals who wondered if Trüman had caught, a Republican infection can relax.

Just for ihat a just-fair auctioneer gets 14,000 a season and a first-nater clears 310.

Setting foot on Dewey territory without a vaccination.

'You Don't Say! They Have 'Em, Too, Eh?'



People's Platform

On Free Speech

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To balance any effects this advertisement might axe, you also published an editorial.

To me this designates, on your part, a forthright effort to maintain the freedom of the press.

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-A. W. BLACK.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typecritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will suithhold the writer's name—Editors, Tun Srws.

Senator Soaper Says:

EMPIRES crumble and the task of acting as the world's great stabilizing force is passed on to guess who—us, with our recurring litters, our economic dizzy spells, our quadrennial political epilepsy.

If all goes well, Chicago's society for abolishing "dear" in business letters might take on the prob-lem of "darling!" as screamed by acquaintances in night spots.

Such are housing conditions in the teeming city a local young lather looking for a clean shirt yester-day found it under the sleeping twins in a dresser drawer.

Marquis Childs

Lenin's April Thesis

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Samuel Grafton

Too Much Mather

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GREAT MOCKERS

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Drew Pearson's : How Truman Spent \$2,500,000 Secret Fund

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THE oilt real servet tiem of Government expenditure in this American democracy is the President of the servet fund. This is a fund given every President—whether Republican or Democrat—and which he can use for anything he wants. He doesn't have to account for it or tell Congress related to the servet of the servet when the

a meanth office of War Monitanian and the economic of the content Truman also alloited \$80,000 for the economic storn to Greece headed by Paul Porter and \$40,000 for the unamed purposes. \$6,000 to the War Department for tailon Incillines in Ecuador; \$48,000 to the Labor Department for wage fact-finding boards; \$25,000 for the Food mine Committee of the Department of Agriculture; \$30,-to the Justice Department for a study of "excess trans-

portation costs of the War Department, and \$120,000 to the Veterans Administration for "decentralization expenses." Note—The \$50,000 to the Justice Department to investigate its fellow Department of War is especially interesting. The War Department had paid excessive freight rafes to the top the War Department to the State of the War Department to the State of the War Department to study these excessive rates. Apparently the study paid dividends. For Attorney General Tom Clark has now announced that a critical sealing the paid and the Wardenkern.

Under The Dome

Stalin Wants U. S. Slump

survey. It doesn't even begin to dig into remedies for high prices.

Inside word is that Taft didn't want to tackle prices because it would focus attention on the terrific mistake he would come down if the OPA was ended.

Meanwhile, the three ex-OPA chiefs—Cheer Bowles, Leon Henderson and Paul Porter—are releasing their own recompendations for reducing prices. Significantly, they have spared Republishes for reducing prices. Significantly, they have spared Republishes and the Bowles put the political state of the control of the Cheer School of the Cheer School