THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1948

#### What Will You Do, Charlotte?

If CHARITY begins at home, many citizens of Charlotte have forgotten it.
In the Community Chest campaign that
was alsted to end Tuesday night, residents
of Charlotte failed in their obligation to
their neighbor; contributions fell abort of
the necessary minimum goal by \$40,300.48.
Housewise shook change out of sugarjars, white collar workers signed for payroll deductions, industrial workers contributed, business leaders made special gittabut it was not enough, there was not
enough money of Tuesday night to support
the Chest's Ja species for the next year.

If the Chest's goal of \$307.308.97 is not
reached by 1 o'clock tomorrow atternoon
some of those agencies will be terribly
handicapped.

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In neglecting the Community Chest we have neglected our responsibility.

Why have we failed?
Perhaps it is because we have not understand that the Community Chest goal is not merely a set of figures preceded by a dollar mark but food, clothing, shelter, medical care for children, for disabled, for those who cannot help themselves.

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Perhaps it is because we have not seen the tired women who carry crying bables into the Salyation Army's Emergency Home for Women—asking nothing for themselves, only food for their children. If we fall the Chest we fall these children.

There are many other Community Chest ervices just as urgent, just as essential. If you have already given, give again if ou can—because all that you can give is

If you have not given — give now.

#### **Voting In Bond & Tax Elections**

O' THE four constitutional amendments before North Carolina voters next Tuesday, none is more deserving of support, than that which would change our waters of holding special bond and tax elections. The present method for such elections is prescribed in Article VII. Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution. It reads: "No County, City, town, or other municipal corporation shall contract any debt, pledge its faith or loan its credit, nor shall any tax be levied or collected by any officers of the same except for the necessary expenses."

its faith or one its eredit, nor shall any its faith or one its redit, nor shall any its faith or one its redit of the same except for the necessary expenses thereof, unless by a vole of the majority of the qualified voters therein." The proposed amendment would strike out the words "unless by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters therein" and substitute this phrase. "Unless approved by a hajority of those who shall vote thereon in any election held for such purpose." There is a vest difference, much greater than a casual examination of the amendment would infloate. Constitution, and various rulings of the State Supreme Court, have defined "incessary" expenses of government to include such things as police and fire protection, water and sewage systems, schools, streets, and the like. But there are many functions of County and City Governments, such as providing library and recreational facilities for its people, which have been defined as "unnecessary" expenses of government by the Supreme Court and for which taxes can not be levied unless by a voir. Section 7.

If Chalotte, for example, wishes to build a new ciric auditorium, the City must first obtain permission of the State Legislature to hold a special election for that purpose. Then a date is set, any voter whiching to participate in the election is required to go Till. a Example of the court of the court of the present of the state Legislature to hold a special election for that purpose.

to the polling piace prior to the election and register in a special book. On election and register in a special book. On election day, only those persons who have specially registered can cast a ballot.

Suppose an even 10,000 people register for the election. For the issue to carry, 5,001 favorable votes must be cast — a "majority of the qualified oviers" according to Article VII. Section 7. It does not matter how many, or how few votes are actually cast against the proposal. The only thing that matters is the number of votes actually cast in favor of it.

This is the oc-called "vote against registration" procedure which, in effect, makes it possible for a duly registered voter to cast a vote against the proposal, and thus help defeat it, simply by staying away from the polls on election day; whereas, a votes when the cast of the use of the use of the cast of the use of the use of the sea of the use of the use of the sea of the use of the use of the sea of the use of the use of the fact he registered for the election counts a vote against the issue.)

We saw it happen in Charlotte in 1946, when a good many proposals, some "necessary" and some "unnecessary", were voted on. The "necessary" ones passed, because the vote was not against registration; the une the cast of t

whelming majorities of the votes actually cast.

We will have more democracy in North Carolina, and our cittes and towns will be in a better position to furnish the services and facilities needed in this modern, industrial age, if we discard the ancient restriction on special elections and bring our Constitution of the discarding this amendment.

#### The First Flowering Of A Noble Dream

SUNDAY afternoon in the little Eastern CUNDAY afternoon in the little Eastern
Carolina fown of Ahoskie citizens of
the Roanoks-Chowan County area dedicateda \$369.000 hospital — thereby marking a
significant milestone in North Carolina's
slow march toward adequate medical care
for all her people.
The Ahoskie hospital can claim two
firsts:

(1) It is the first hospital completed un-er the North Carolina Medical Care Com-

(1) It is the first hospital completed under the North Carolina Medical Care Commission's building program:

(2) It is the first hospital to receive funds under the recently passed Bill-Burton Federal Hospital Construction According to the Hospital Construction According to the March 1997 of the Hospital Construction According to the March 1997 of the Hospital Symbolines the first tangible result of the widely heralded Medical Care Commission plan. Actually, the Abasite institution was about 29 per cent subscribed to before application of either State or Federal funds. Four years, eight months ago, the citizens of these largely rural counties (both poorty furnished with medical facilities) be gan their hospital funds-ra is ing campaign. That their efforts netted all except eight per cent of the amount required is a tribute to their enthusiasm and perseverence. But the 2006 citizens who they hope program for the Medical Care Commission's Hospital Advisory Countil. 'It is not appoint size of the size of the Medical Care Commission's Hospital Advisory Countil. 'It is not soing to server just your area, but it is the beginning of a program for thousands. You are joining allegiance and hands with the people of the state and nation in greater medical care for our people. The speaker are to be in Belhaven, Scotland Neck. Troy, Laurinburg, Clinton, Louisburg, Biller City, Roxboro, Al-bemarle and Lenotr.) The eleven will give the state 632 new hospital beds at a total cost of 37.43.115.

Thus, as the four-story, fifty-bed, red-brick structure opened tts doors in Ahoskie—a commission of a pinn for four of pinn for four in the minds of the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of the first fruit o

—a combined product of Federal, State and private funds — North Carolina was seeing the first fruit of a plan born in the minds of a group of Tar Heels who were shamed four years ago by some shameful statistics. The Medical Care Commission grew out of a meeting of the trustees of the Uni-versity of North Carolina on Jan. 31, 1944.

At that meeting Gov. J. M. Broughton of-fered a report from a committee of dis-tinguished North Carolina physicians. North Carolina, they said, is the eleventh most populous state in the Union but she ranks 42nd in number of hospital beds per 1,000 population and 45th in number of doctors per 1,000 population. They recom-

doctors per 1,000 population. They recommended:

(1) The expansion of the two-year medical school at the University of North Carcolina into a standard four-year medical school with a central hospital of 600 bed or more; and

(2) A hospital and medical care program for the entire state with this noble objective as expressed by Governor Broughton:

"The ultimate purpose of this program should be that no person in North Carolina shall lack afequate hospital care or mediance in the state of the state of the property of the comment."

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cal treatment by reason of poverty or low income."

Soon after the university trustees endorsed the program, Governor Broughton appointed a 60-member Hospital and Medical Care Commission to study ways and means of executing it. The 1947 Legislature approved the Commission's recommendations, and now the Ahoakie hospital is a result of that chain of events. This is the wider significance of the education ceremony at Ahoakie Sunday. It is the first flowering of a noble dream which would continue North Carolina's finest humanitarian tradition.

Truman wants to save the country from the Republicans: Dewey wants to save it from the Democrats; and the States' Righters want to save us from both Harry and Tom. All we hope is that all together they can save us from Hank Wallace.—Croucley (La.) Signal.

We are told that Auditorium acoustics have been so improved that if a pin is dropped it can be heard in the highest bal-cony. And now we fear that in the tensest moment of some enthralling drama some-body will let a pin drop. — Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

While it undoubtedly brands us as a re-actionary of the worst sort, we still can't help feeling that this trend toward more and more pay for less and less work can be overdone. — Memphis (Tenn.) Commer-cial. Appeal.



HERBLOCK People's Platform

## Our Stand For Dewey Endorsed

Editors, The News:

[FEEL that you should know the sentiments of your subscribers, and I take this means of congratulating you upon your recent editorial "For President, 1946-199". It is gratifying that Charlotte has a newspaper with the courage to express leaff unequivocally on such an issue under the determinances.

Of course, I fully agree with your editorial. Even if disagreed, though, I would still admire your

-C. H. GOVER. Turncoat Politicians

the sound to see the relief of particularly thrown around our Governmental Iohns. Throws of the states Rights and are soing to follow their course of oid for states rights, local self government, and individual liberties. So stated a noted campaigner in North Carolina. Ex-Governor. Senator and Congressmen in the campaign of glob in one of an experiment of the states of the stat

Democratic Patry in North Carolina, we will have states rights and local self-government."

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#### Football Broadcasts

During the football seams this is not the case. As an example, on Saturday, Oct. 23, three of our cut stations were carrying the North Carolina-LSU game, which was rather a one-sided game. It was the people of Charlotte are interested in our "home" teams, but a good football fan would also like to know how some of the other important games are know how some of the other important games are game. If he so desire.

On this same Saturday, two unbeaten teams met Army and Cornell, and, in another section of the content of the cont

country, Notre Lanus—
seed to be—and was—an exciting gauss.
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Charlotte fans tune in on either of these games? The
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seem to me that they could get together and arrange
to carry other games, instead of three of them earrying.
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their opinion to our local radio stations, something can
be done to give us Charlotte fans more complete
coverage of important games each Pull.

—#IABOLD P. FAUST.

## Veteran Protests

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## The Row Continues

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The row is, of course, about the vital question of whether the Air Porce should have final, over-all long and the course of war, or whether the Navy should have a major, independent strategic bombing role. This installed the course of war, or whether the Navy should have a major, independent strategic bombing role. This installed the course of war, or whether the Navy should be stated to the course of the

last ended.

Yet, beneath the surface, the row is now flaming fercely again. The reasons are simple. On Oct. 10, the Navy made a "presentation" to the Stational Defense, one of the Stational Office on the Stational Office on the Stational Office on the Stational Defense in Durwy's cabinational Defense in Dewey's cabinational De

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