

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1949

## STOP AND GO BUSINESS

FIER a good masty generations of Amateurish traffic planning by "expects" both within and without the City Government (including, for that matter, the occupants of this Ivory Tower) rinally have ourselves a traffic engineer.

He seems to be a good one, too, with mind for statistics and the capacity or planning his projects with great fore-iest.

But the "experts" are still with us. A story on this page the other day, written by our Mr. Dick Young, told of some of the outside critics. Now we have them in the City Government.

At Council meeting this week, the Coun-cil accepted Mayor Shaw's suggestion that the traffic signal at Davidson, and 11th Sis. be moved to Caidwell and 11th to satisfy the clamoring residents of the Caidwell area.

Caldwell area.

Mr Hoose, the engineer, had previously made complete tabulations of traffic flow at Galdwell and 11th, and had recommended against a traffic signal there. The people erent satisfied. They wanted their traffic light.

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a still busier intersection just one block away. In addition to by-passing the City traffig engineer, the Council is just asking for new protests from Davidson St. resi-dents.

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Down at the five-point intersection formed by E. Trade, Elizabeth Ave. and McDowell St., Mr. Hoose is building another channel limitation system in an effort to cut down the number of wrecks, To do signs. A merchant in that area complained to a member of the City Council who in turn complained to the mayor and the city manager.

The traffic engineer promptly explained the problem to the merchant, and he is satisfied. But the City Councilman is still pouting about the temporary hos-parking ban, and no nöß has yet been able to molity him.

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of course, both of these are minor in-Of course, both of these are minor in-cidents which will work themselves out in time. But they're still symptomatic of Charlotte's traditional unwillingness to accept scientific traffic engineering and its preference for the hit-or-miss, voter-satisfying kind of traffic planning. You expect that from us experts on the outside, but you would think that the City Administration, at least, would be above such petty interference.

## FLOUTING STATE LAWS

EXCLUSIVE of a few drug stores.

Ewhich might hold Federal liquor licenses for their prescription department and simultaneously sell beer, wi can think of no situation which would require the possession of both a State beer license and a Federal liquor license. Apparently a good many N. C. beer dealers do hold such Federal licenses, however. And Chairman C. A. Upchurch action has decided to put a topy to it.

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Mr. Upchurch warns that the new State beer law specifically forbids a beer dealer to hold a Federal liquor license. He has given the dealers until Dec. 10 to turn in their Federal licenses under threat of re-voking their beer permits. The obvious purpose bellind this new crack-down is to keep beer dealers from pediting tak-pads whitely on the adde. We North Carolina, but suspect it happens rather frequently in the parched areas of the State.

age dispensing industry, Mr. Upchurch's revelation goints up an incongruity in Tar Heel respect for authority.

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A man caught selling tax-paid whisky or operating a slot machine without a Federal license faces prosecution in Federal Courts. Both of these avocations are specifically prohibited by Sixel iaw, but they are not against Federal law, and Uncle Sam doesn't object so long as he collects bis, license fee.

Rather than get involved with the U. S. Government, the average boolesger of alot machine operator willingly pays his license fee. Then he shows, his contempt and defiance for State law by carrying on these lilegal activities.

Dust what can be done about it, we are not prepared to say! Enforcement of State laws is largely in the hands of local officials. But it is a disturbing situation when a clitten of North Carolina will bow down to Washington and 'thumb his noce at Raleigh — especially when he gets away with it.

out as they, went into the service. But it remains that these favorable risks would not permit earnings such as NSLI is paying in dividends except for payment of a majority of claims from funds other than NLSI and, the subsidy on the interest rates.

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Dr. Dan M. McGill, Julian Price asso-ciate professor of life insurence at the University of North Carolina, discussing the question in the Journal of the Ameri-can Society of Life Underwriters, believes that Congress should look into the law and its interpretation. He says "It would seem advisable that there be a re-examin-ation of the intent of Congress in this matter."

VET INSURANCE DIVIDENDS

#### Other than cleaning up the malt bever-

POLICY holders in privately-owned in-surance companies as well as insur-ance men have been interested in, and perhaps concerned by the announcement that a large dividend will be paid on Na-

ance men have been interested in, and perhaps concerted by the announcement that a large dividend will be paid on Natherland the paid on Natherland the paid on Natherland the paid on the paid that a large dividend could be paid. Earlier this week a group of charlotte life underwriters answered the question in a statement. In twis News.

There are a good many reasons for the Government's ability to make such a dividend playment. One of the reasons is because claims for selvice, - connected deaths have been paid from special appropriation of 1946, the last period for, which the figures are available, special appropriation paid \$2.00,000,000 or enough to cover \$3 per cent of all service drains. The remaining 17 per cent was paid from NSLI funds.

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er reason is that the NSLI law that the government pay 3 per the reserves of the NSLI funds it borrows money elsewhere at cent or less.

2 1-4 per cent or less. It is true, of course, that NSLI policy-holders represent a preferred group, the physically handicapped have been weeded

matter. There are few, if any, who find fault with National Service Life Insurance. There is no quarrel with having the whole population bear a share of the costs of insurance, benefits to men who died as a result of war injuries.

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But the taxpayer, does have an interest in the present interpretation of the law which enables the payment of such large dividends. There can be no objections to a dividend on a fair-earning basis. But in a subsidy it is the taxpayer always who carries the hold. Dr. McGill's suggestion merits attention.

#### In Accordance With Custom

## THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

HERE IS the text of President Tru-man's Thanksgiving Day proclama-

on:
If accordance with our cherished cusm, let us pause from our labors for one
y in this autumnal season and offer
ayers of thanks to the Divine Giver of

at county.

We are grateful for the plentiful harsets of our fields, for the abundance of
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prayers of Thanksgiving a plea for divine guidance of the leaders of our nation and the leaders of all other-nations in their efforts to promote peace and freedom for all men.

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Now. therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, having in mind the joint Congressional resolution of December 26, 1941, which made the fourth Thursday in November a legal Holidady, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 24, 1949, as Thanksgiving Day, and I urg all citizens to observe the, day with reverence. Let us, on the appointed day, in our homes and in our accustomed places of worship, give thanks to Almighty God for, the plessings which have signalized our lot as a nation, and let us say for the gift of wisdom in our striving for a better world.

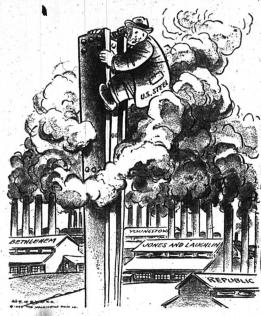
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set

attiving for a beffer world.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the
United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this
tenth day of November in the year of our
Lord mireteen hundred and forty-nine and
of the independence of the United States
of America, the one hundred and seventyfourth.

## 'Maybe It's A Little Cool For Pole-Sitting Anyhow'



### News From The Capital

## 'Farmer Bob' Is Still Around

His rejuctance to go shead with the tax increases bosed by Mr. Truman last session meant their

rate, he will be on the spot in the next seator if the president again demands tax increases, as he is expected to do.

M. R. DOUGHTON is never on any spot for long, and the spot of the

Quote, Unquote

few days of vacation in Southern Pines the first part of the week.

[NIVERSITY of North Carolina alumni, getting in the mood for Notro Bane, had a speker at the Willard Hotel here Thursday night in which movies of the 1949 Georgia and Louislana State games were shown. Gordon Gray, president of the common alumin there, president. — Connie B. Gorgonia and Gray of the Connie alumin the Connie and Conn

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We are against high taxes. We are also against ath, sin, dirt, disease, weeds. Winter mosquitees umanites, Communists, and other things that make uman-beings unhappy. —Jackson (Miss.) News.

"A prevaricator," says Sovereign Visitor, "is a person who has no partition between his imagination and his facts." —Anderson (S. C.) Independent

### Stewart And Joseph Alsop

# The Navy Revolt

#### Robert C. Ruark

# The Happiest Man

#### Drew Pearson's U.S. Arms, Without Friendship, No Aid Merry-Go-Round

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What our diplomats and our military don't seem fully ealize are the following fundamental truths about hu-

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Now in this volumnist's humble opinion, the most optimate of the proper war. The proper war that certain of her from Curtain countries—Poland, Ogrebo-slovakia, and Yugoslavia—are now certifies and leaning more toward the United States. And second is the fact that the may be, are still working at wooling friends on a people-to-people basis.

news.—Important news.

It's also news when the national headquarters of the It's also news when the national headquarters of the Junior Chamber veries the flate Dept. proposing that it finance the trip of 100 young Russians to study in the United This is news from the Community of the Community

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