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BERLIN: PAST AND FUTURE

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AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH

NOTHING less than a strong faith in the prompted the Sears Roebuck & Co. to embark on its huge national expansion program at a time when other big businesses were holding back.

And nothing less than a strong faith in Charlotte and Piedmont Carolina could have led Sears to make such a huge in-vestment in its big new Charlotte store.

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To those of us who have watched Charlotte grow and develop into the busiest trading center of the Carolinas—especially those of us who like to think we have had some small part in aiding and promoting.

It confirms the faith of the other ag-greasive and progressive companies who have found that their expanding inventi-ment in this common and a second of the ment in this common and larger profits. Sears is joining distinguished company, and it is reasonable to anticipate that the friendly but spirited competition for the consumers' favor and attention will aid materially in keeping all Charlotte mer-chants abreast of the times. We welcome General Wood and the other dignitaries who are in the city looky to participated we express the hope—and be-telled—that their bold investment. will be amply repaid, and that the company and the community will continue to grow to-gether.

CONTRAST IN ROAD THEORIES

THE cities and towns of North Carolina waged a losing battle during the recent General Assembly to get a fair allocation of State Highway money for the maintenance and upkeep of their city street systems.

systems.

One bill—which would have given towns and cities the proceeds from one cent on the gasoline tax—was killed by the House Finance Committee after it had been approved by the House Roads Committee. Another, introduced by Senstor Currie of Durham, was killed in committee. It would have taken all city streets into the State believage virginity.

m The Winston-Salem Journal

A CHALLENGE TO WINSTON - SALEM

On Monday we had an editorial com-paring the high percentage of eligible voters who vote when they have the oppor-tunity in elections abroad and the too-often very low percentage of American vot-ers who participate in elections—especially

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Our comment was based on the municipal election recently in Asheville, wherein only 21.9 per cent of the elliphie voters cast ballots, according to The Asheville Cities.

But the same trend has been shown in many towns, cities and counties. When any towns, cities and counties when Asheville was the contest of the country of the same trend their or that city, whi only about one-sixth of the registeration was involved. In Raelegh about one-fourth of the registered voters actually participating to the country.

But The Charlotte News really has something to crow about. In the municipal city primary, 23,666 of the 30,714 registered voters actually want to the polls and cast their ballots. That is, approximately 77 per enter of the voters on the registration books participated in the primary!

Here is the reply from Mr. Mathew-

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Both measures emphasized the plight of the towns and cities whose residents pay for the original cost of their streets by property tax assessment, and who continue to pay for their maintenance throughout tife years. These dwellers in cities and towns pay the same gasoline tax as rural residents, but virtually all highway funds are spent in the rural areas.

The Winston-Solem Journal of the North.

Nor. League of Municipalities, points up the difference between the theory of street responsibility in North Carolina and in Virginia, our neighbor to the North.

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The News is fully justified in saying that this "was a marvelous demonstration of democracy at work." even though the fact remains that thousands of Charlotte citizens whose names belong on the registration books failed to register.

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'Where Does It All Get To?'



Things Are Looking Up

Report From Morganton

(Marse Grant, a Morganion newspaperman, took advantage of National Mental Health Week to look over the Sister Hospital at Morganion. His even to be supported to the state of the Sister's hospitals for the mentally III. But thinking readers will realize that much remains to be done to bring North Carolina's houstain of the Sister's Miracille state of the Sister's Miracille Sist

By MARSE GRANT MORGANTON

joyed to such an extent.

We happened to be at the hospital the day a square dance was scheduled and this fine recreational extivity is a source of much enjoyment, both for, the circle of the control o

programs for us. parties of the district way shown by the big ovation given interest still much to be done at the hospital, but improvements are numerous and are continuing to be made. To outline the needs—such as more dectors and better-trained attendant—would take a sparsite greater. To my such that the state of t

People's Platform

Mother's Day Program

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O'N behalf of the Charlotte Junot League, I want to thank you for the splendid publicity you gave us for our Follies.

We feel that we see much close to our goal of high control of the control

Marquis Childs

Cloud On Horizon

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Joseph Alsop

No Nation Is An Island

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Norway: 'A British Dominion'?

Southerner Champions Negro

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a wheelchair. The While House visitor was 28-year-old.
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that the Government countenanced slavery before the Civil
War. In fact, a lot of the slave trade was carried on by
Northerners.

To which Trygve Lie, with heavy sarcasm, replied, Allied Troops Out Of Germany?

Home-Town Boy Makes Good