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#### WISHFUL THINKING

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THE Greensbore Duly Ness — perhaps the most conservated aposte of better education to conservate aposte of better education among the state's daily newspaper for several opportunities before the recent bond election to chide this newspaper for our opposition to the \$25 million school bond issue.

Our contemporary recalled The News fought the Education Commission's minimum foundation program when that legislative monatrosity was before the General Assembly, and inferred that seed the Commission report as ammunition in its battle segainst the \$25 million bond issue.

As readers of The News well know, our opposition to the Minimum Foundation program was not because of the principle, but because of the particular financing formula contained in the bill presented to the General Assembly, which was clearly the General Assembly, which was clearly Three was a great deal in the Education Commission report while the made good sense; one thing being the "increasary conditions" for State participation in county school building programs.

The advocates of the \$25 million school bond issue — and the Greensboro Dodly the facts and figures from the Education Commission; report which supported their position, but significantly failed to menfent a single one of the "necessary conditions" for State participation laid down by the county of the county Non that the \$25 million bond issue did not meet a single one of the "mecessary conditions." for State participation laid down by the Education Commission.

Now, after the election is over, The Daily News brings up the very point TRE News had sexued.

FINDING A SCAPEGOAT

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SHOEMAKER'S cartoon elsewhere on this page aptly expresses the tendency to lapse back into our old isolationism by making the foreign recovery program the butt of an overdue national economy program.

Tasm. Isolationism is not completely dead in this nation, and the impending deficit in (four Federal budget has given new inspiration to those who would cut the heart out of the foreign recovery program.

The first pruning knives were applied in the House when the ECA request of some 35 billion was whittled to \$3,568,670,000. Actually this was not a reduction, since a four things of the complete my, which appears to reduce the Fed-

budget without actually doing so. w the ECA budget is before the Senate opriations Committee, and the de-

feands for further economy are being heard there. They have already prompted a threat from Administrator Paul Hoffman to resign if the amount is further cut. It is true, as Senator Ferguson said, that there is "nothing sacred" about the foreign aid funds when the United States is facing a deficit in its own budget. But we are facing that deficil because the Congress has right been willing to pare the huge domestic appropriations for fear of loning votes and appropriations for fear of loning votes and paper propriations for fear of loning votes and its propriations for fear of loning votes and its long that the state of the long that long that long the long the long that long the long that long the long that long the lo

tional ideas, Bill Sharpe has done a won-derful job for the State. That North Carodertin joo for the State. That North Caro-lina's prygressive government, industrial expansion, varied agriculture, fine educa-tional system, and multiple tourist attrac-tions are so well established in the minds of the American people is due in no small measure to the efforts of this one man.

It wasn't a case of politics — as so many other recent Raieigh resignations have been. Sharpe picked his Governors shrewd-ly. He was simply lured away by a better-

paying job in private industry.
It's the State's loss, and Carolina Power & Light's gain.

## RESIGNATION OF BILL SHARPE

ITS easy to understand why a bigger sal-ary, and perhaps a less hectic job, has lured Bill Sharpe away from the State Gov-fernment to his new position as public re-lations director for Carolina Power & Light. But, understanding as we do, we still hate to lose him.

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\* For twelve years — with the exception of two or three short tricks elsewhere—Bill Sharpe has run the alert, aggressive State News Bureau which was created originally to tell the rest of the world about North Carolina and which, under Sharpe's direction, has done so adroitly and fulsmally.

Energetic, fast-thinking, full of promo-

From The High Point Enterprise

## TO HECK WITH HOYLE

MECKLENBURG may get another Sen-dator in 1951," says an eight-column headline in The Charlotte Neus. And under that there is a story which starts this way; "Mecklenburg and Guilford Counties have been without proper representation in the North Carolina General Assembly for the sus and the State Constitution, the two metropolitan counties are entitled to two State Senators instead of one."

State Senators instead of one."

My Gibson's opening paragraph is absolutely correct. Under the constitution Guilford on Meelsleauur — this time listed in their proper order with regard to population—are milled to an additional State Senator, each. But the fellow that wrote the banner headline over the top of Mr. Gibson's story, the fellow who wrote that "meeklehnurg may get another Senator in 1951," its just a wild-eyed optimist.

1961," is just a wild-eyed optimist.

In the apportionment of State Senators,
Legislatures have ignored the State Constitution and the figures of the United States
Census Bureau more often than they-have
observed them. It took years of hard work
to give a few large counties a Senator each
—there being 50 Senators and 100 counties
in the state. But that job was nothing as
compared to the job of getting two Senators, each, for two counties—leaving 48 for
the other 98.

Maybe the headline writer didn't read down to the bottom of Mr. Gibson's story and find these words:

"To give the large counties the representation guaranteed by the constitution, it is necessary to take a Senator from a small county and give him to the big fellow."

Well, if it used to be a powder keg it's an atom bomb today. And if it was difficult to get more Senators for the large counties in the past, it's darn near impossible in these times, especially if Governor Scott has the influence with the Legislature of 31 that he expects.

The jeadline writer should remember that effects small counties—whose present representation in the State Senate would be reduced if the constitution was obeyed—were the ones who just put over the Governor's road bonds. Who thinks that he will join in any efforts to take a couple of Senators from them and give two, each. to Guilford and Mecklenburg, who piled up the greatest juralities against the bonds? Mr. Olison ends his interesting piece with these words:

"The question today is: Will the 1951."

with these words:
"The question today is: Will the 1951
General Assembly rifle the pack and deal
according to Royle?"
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"To heck with Hoyle, the constitution
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It is inevitable that Congress will be

"Realigning the senatorial districts is a
forced to realize the taxayayers are no longpotential dynamic charge for the legislators—like smoking a fat clejar while sitting
dynol live powder kegs.

· But We're Running Out Of Breath, Harry



### Statement And Answer

# Pro And Con Of Health Bill

The News)

We are controlled immediately by three major problems and all tures are problems in commiss, not in medicine.

All tures are problems in economics, not in medicine, and the problem of manpower and commission of the problem of maneural problems. The problem of imdequate medical purchasing power in the hands of a substantial proportion of our families.

illes... It appears to be agreed that our present system of payments for medical care is totally inade-system of payments for medical care is totally inade-pears to be agreed that our propor-tion of our population must depend upon public or private charity or go without the type of medical care that modern science knows how to provide... "Af the outset, however," considerable of the convertion of the contract of the contract of the convertion of the contract of the contract of the twill be impossible to meet the nations medical the contract of the c

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(Note: This letter to Senator McGrath, an-ment's a given in the column to the left, was written by Dr. V. K. Hart of Charlotte. The letter is reprinted with 4th permission of the author who has been one of the most vigorous beaters

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Joseph Alsop

# Soviet Depression

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In brief, at the time of the Communist coup d'etat at Prague, the Zechs had the highest standard of iving in Europe: their industrial societatial had actually been increased by the German occupiers; and they possessed large foreign exchange reserves, both in cash and credits. Since he Communists.

Robert C. Ruark

# No Fault To Find

#### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# U. S.-British Deal On Red Recognition

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Edward R. Pruden, was a little worried that a recent story

in church was a man to the death of the started in the Print

Bapitst Church, where the President frequently worships.

Such is not the case. Services are routine when the

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