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THE 1951 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Editorial Correspondence)

RALEIGH-Two years ago the 1949 Gen-paral Assembly met in an atmosphere of drama and suppressed excitement. W. Kerr Scott, a rugged individual with daring ideas about the future of this State, had upset the "regular" candidate for Gover-nor, and was all set to install a new order to North Centiles willten No. one knew in North Carolina politics. No one knew quite what to expect of this unpredictable and imperturbable gent. But everyone thought the 1949 session would be a hum-

ihought the 1949 session would be a humdinger. It was in the halls of the Legislature, in the rotunds of the Capitol, and in the lobbies and rooms of Raleigh hotels is quite different this year. The spectre of the international situation has cast its long shadow across North Carolina, and there is a disposition to consolidate the gains of the past two years rather than embark on any dramatic new State program.

Without exception, legislators express these options:

ese opinions:

i. The demands of the Federal defense ogråm preclude any new taxes at the

program precious any new taxes at the state level.

2. It will be necessary to hold spending to approximately the current levels.

3. There is no chance whatever of expanding the permanent improvements building program, and the shortages of materials may even prevent fulfillment of all the projects approved by the 1947 and 1949 Legislatures.

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The Governor's budget message and the report of the Advisory Budget Commission are expected next week. Not until then will the pattern of State revenue and State spending, take shape.

FRANK TAYLOR'S victory over Fred Royster in the race for the speakership of the House is a sign of the times. Taylor is a conservative, with a distinguished record of service. He is an uncommonly able man, wiles in the ways of State finance, resolute in his convictions that income must match outlow. Two years ago he refused to sign the appropriations bill reported out by the committee he headed, and fought a gailant battle on the floor against some of its apending provisions. He is also considered a conservative in Politics faithough he reputedly world for Frank Oraham instead of Willis Gordinary). Renor, his election is

Frank Graham instead of Willis Smith in last year's primary). Hence, his election is being viewed as another development in the State's reversion to political regularity. It would be erroncous however, to evaluate Taylor's videory as a blow to Governor Scott. The Governor said he would keep out of the spakership battle, and he kept his word. If he felt any preference for Royster, he didn't display it. Furthermore, the vote for Taylor cut across. the Sott-anti-Scott lines. Many lawmakers who piedged to support him had backed the Go Forward program two years ago. Their personal friendship for Taylor, and their respect for his ability, were the and their respect for his ability, were the dominant factors.

One interesting angle to the vote: Mecklenburg, the most populous county in the State, split three to one in favor of Taylor; Guilford, second most populous county, gave all its four votes to Royster.

PROSPECTS for a statewide referendum on the sale of legal whisky are slight indeed. Two Senators—Leatherman of Lin-coln and Young of Harnett—say they will introduce referendum bills, but neither ex-pects passage. The governing factor in the referendum

already hard-pressed to finance State services without new taxes is unlikely to risk cutting off such a lucrative source of

Furthermore, there is growing sentiment furthermore, there is growing sentiment for preserving the country option principle for liquor, beer and wine. Most of the counties that have voted out beer and wine appear to be better satisfied than in pre-vious years, and there is less pressure for

reportedly be patterned after the Penny bill of 1949—all dry or all wet. Thus they will conflict with previous Allied Church League measures that proposed a choice between total Prohibition and preservation of the current county option system.

TALK about the 1952 race for governor TALK about the 1952 race for governor is heard on all sides. At least three State officials—Treasurer Brandom Hodges, Commissioner of Agriculture I. Y. (Stag) Bailentine, and Secretary of State Thad Eure—are behaving like wailfowers, waiting for someone 40 ask them to dance. The name of Capus Waynick, mbassador to Nicaragua, is still mentioned, though the Willis Smith Senatorial wetery hurt his chances. Former Senator William Umstead of Durham is held in high favor, and appears to be the strongest potential candidate in sight.

date in sight.
Dr. Henry Jordan, chairman of the State Dr. Henry Jordan, chairman of the State Highway Commission, is hoving into sight as a possible darkhorse candidate. He is not seeking further office, but his efficient administration of the tremendous road program, his urbanity and suavity, and his high attanding with the business and industrial leaders of the State stamp him as a man to be reckoned with in the event he considers making the race.

All of the talk about the 1952 campaign stresses the significance of the Smith-Graham battle. The defeat of Dr. Graham State. The production of the monitorial control of the production of the consideration of the production of the production

of them were vastly more important than Governor Scott's active support of Dr. Graham. Nonetheless, the outcome, measured by the broad standards of liberalism and conservatism, marked a reaction against expanding government at the Federal and State levels.

Thus there is much speculation over Governor Scott's intentions. Contrary to predictions, he has apparently made little or no effort to build up a machine in the ordinary sense of the phrase. He has not yet tapped a candidate to perpetuate his political dynasty. He has not sought to build the political fences all over the State that are necessary to guarantee confinuly

build the political fences all over the State that are necessary to guarantee continuity of political leadership.

Some members of the Legislature who have been in the anti-scott school are beginning to see the Governor in a new light. They are not so suspicious of his motives. They are not so suspicious of his motives. They are not so should to his program. They believe that the worst of the fighting is over, and that relative harmony between the executive and legislative branches of the government will be the rule.

Finally, there is a growing conviction that Governor Scott was right when he lastied, covernor Scott was right when he lastied, the surface of the surface o

THE 1851 General Assembly will have to deal with a great deal of substantial legislation. Civilian defense, inadequery of primary roads, relief for municipal street burdens teacher stairles street burdens teacher slairles better school facilities, more effective regulation of utilities. Faller utilization of natural resources, improved agricultural and industrial onvolvanties. tural and industrial oppositunities . . . streamlining of the State Government's

bulky and cumbersome structure . . . re-vision of election laws . . . highway safety

. . prison reform.

Those are some of the questions that Those are some of the questions that will certainly demand the attention of the General Assembly in coming weeks. They are not so controversial as a few of the Issues two years ago, but they are of great importance to the State.

—C. A. McKnight

From The Twin City Sentinel

JAIL SENTENCES FOR DRUNKEN DRIVERS

ONE drunken driver looks very much like another one, and jall is the piace for all of them—that is the idea behind mandatory jail sentences for those con-victed of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. In some large cities of the country.

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In some large cities of the country—
where it has been necessary to crack down
on drinking drivers—many people have
been jailed. Some of them are very prominent people, socialities and persons unaccustomed to spending time in jail.

But no matter who they are, if they are priviced of drunken driving, to the lock-

up they go.

A Winston-Salem man recently said that knew of a particular case of a woman, wife of an official of one of the largest the wife of an official of one of the largest industrial concerns in the nation, who was arrested while driving under the influence of liquor. She was jailed for several days. The Governor's Advasory Committee on Righway Safety in North Carolina recommends mandatory jail sentences infunes driving cases in this state. The waster of the commendation of the commendat

cutting down on this type of violation." states the Highway Safety Committeemen. Five days in jail—that is the suggestion.

If the offender is found guilty, he or she must go to jail. The court may not levy a higher fine in lieu of jail sentence.

There is little doubt that this would curb the drinking drivers, because the certainty of this severe punishment would cause drinkers to consider a long while before getting behind the wheel of a vehicle.

getting behind the wheel of a wehicle. The time in jail would not be the only penalty. The customary action now taken with regard to drunken drivers (fines and revocation of licenses under certain circumstances) would still prevail. Drinking drivers brought death in North Carolina to 114 persons and injury to 1.218 in 1949.

The drastic measures recommended may be necessary to cope with the excess of drinking drivers.

The cost of living again goes up to a new high. Considering the state of the world, and the prospects, it may no longer be worth the cost.—New Orleans States.

It Won't Be So Difficult This Time



Collected By Bill Sharpe TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

Hooray!

Here We Go Again

That Kind

green stuff."

"Yes, I sure do. The kind you fold up and put in your pocket."

Too Twisted

Too Twisted (Sanford Hersel) of the season's exciting forbill gains over television. Francis Church concelled that TV is really liver to thay and in a big way, the season's exciting the season's exc

Wrong Funeral

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Collards

was the case with Builts preuvened then, My curiosity was aroused. "Edith." I saked one raing after particularly enjoying a dish of her tens, "sould you mind telling me how you always "I put sugar in them" she said.

That's the secret of good collards" the But don't overoof it. Start seasoning them with plinch or two increasing the amount gradually implicate the collar seasoning the secret of the start seasoning the will be the proper proportions.

Unreliable

Inteliable

W. Clay, Winston-Salem Journal)

I was at the Trustees' and Teachers' Christmastry at Leaksville the other night and I heard thus as the sale of the s

sidence in his voice.

Mouldn't you hate to be so unreliable that your win hogs would lose confidence in you, and your dog would pay you no mind when you called? Yes sir-e-e. I would.

Exercise

New Order Of Draft

Increased Living Cost

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SELECTIVE Service Director Lewis Hershey is recommending the following changes in the draft law to the new session of Congress.

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2. That determent of enlistees in the Organized Reserves and the National Guard be stopped.

3. That draft eligibles between it and 25 be taken by the control to the control

provision in the price control bill whereby certain farm prices cannot be controlled at a point under parity or under the price of last May and June. Because of this, the Agriculture Dept. has advised the big bakers and milliers that they are controlled to the price control and marketing boss, privately informed bakers and milliers last week.

The Agriculture Dept. has also informed Economic Stabilizer Valentine that over-all controls on farm products would rake the nations food bill run grive.

Truman Letters Paying Off For Charity

these letters.

Out in Deuver, Dr. Neal Bishop, who suggested to Mr. Truman that John L. Lewis be appointed Ambassador to Ressai, is going to assertion of Immunity Chest.

The reply, which stated that he, Truman, would not ver appoint John L. as degrather, should bring a large amount of mones—though Bishop has generously given the print.

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tates A gift is not taxable until it is sold, and as

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in writing.

Note — Anyone who wants to bid on the Truman letter

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Western cattlemen this month and expects to put a price
ceiling on meat in Pedruary. It will take all Jeast that time
for him to get organized the products most likely to be controlled inJeas to make, products most likely to be controlled in-

Politicking Kills Military Men's Trust In Congressmen

By MARQUIS CHILDS

ship of this country.

That was a strange thing to say at a moment when American troops were being pressed to the point of deadly perfil in Korea. The point of the perfil in the point of the perfil in the perfil

added, was just before the intest Chinese Communist attack was launched. WASHINGTON WHETHER HE mean! it as a top the protest for the new year, there was in Sen. Robert A. Tat's last speech in the old year so to the new year, the protest of the protest of

Namehod.

One thing this does do is to bring into focus the burden put on our military men in the matter of the relationship with Congress. In mo st democratic countries — Great Britain is a good example in liston with the legislature is the duty exclusively of the civilian. They report for the goardness of the congress of the country of the country

opments. Naturally this cannot see advertiged to the world.

So what happens? The general or the adminal appears before a personal check is made of every modern and the seed of the committee of security of this ration will be proparalled from within.

Several champions of General MacArthur have publicly declared-lives him of his command or even between the command or even about the command or even about the command would bring political repris-late. That is asying, in effect, that about the command or even about the command of the command was a thing to the command or even MacArthur reparalless of how any decision may be reached as to his military status. Quite apart from anything the general may or may not have done at they point in has a dangerous doctrine that goes contrary to most American prac-tice.

Washington Hangovers Twice As Painful As Normal Type

By ROBERT C. RUARK

WASHINGTON

IT HAS BEEN, the purpose of this department, as a public of the purpose of the pu

WASHINGTON VARIETY

son.

Hangovers of more than average intensity bloom here. The office party, in which one sips warm blend from paper cups, is de rigeur, and almost always winds up in bloodshed. Washington is also a sitdown drinking town, with

no stand-up bars, thus inducing the no stand-up bars, thus inducing the citizens to stash half pints in the file cabinet. This easy asset to temptation, around holiday times, seems to keep the good burghers steadily and fuzzily begroeged. The cumulative payoff is horrible to behold.

Being more south than north, washington tends more to bour-bon-and-coke, eggnos, toddies and wird things with fruit in them water. A hangover compounded of equal parts of eggnog and bour-bon-and-deven Up breeds interesting mornings, when one water to the state of t

black-balling John L. Lewis as dogcatcher can wire the Denver Press Club.

mitted the following list of farm products for possesse count.

Wool, above partly; cofton, 27 per cent above; there, two per cent above; there two per cent above; the vope per cent above; two per cent; above, two per cent; pass, two per cent; pe

Silver Bullets

A plan to use "wiver bullets," the ancient and still most feffective weapon in China, is being carefully studied by U. E. Strätegist.

I. Strätegist.

Washington Pipeline

PRIENDS of Herbert Moover are telling how he sit his recent keep-out-of-Europe speech with four 4 Generals in-the Pentagen. George Stocking's given a for photoing most Call salert Hopolilla attorney as probable next Governor of Hawaii, Part Chinese, is being boosted as an answer to the Moscow propout that we discriminate against Orientals.