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DENIAL OF DEMOCRACY

A S IS KNOWN to all and sundry, the State
Constitution says that after each Federal
census, the General Assembly shall arrange
the 50 State Senate districts to conform

The Senate district shall be a stered with General Assembly at the first season after the General Assembly at the first season after the return of every enumeration by meter of Congress, that each senate district shall contain, as near as may be, an qual number of inshibitant, shall remain uniformed another commenced the state of the state o

way to make the Legislature do its duty.

A sin of commission on the part of the Legislature can, be, if not punished, at least set right by the State Supreme Court. If the Legislature passes a law that violates the Constitution, the Court will annual it.

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HOODLUMS IN BUSINESS

THE Wall Street Journal calls attention to one of the less sensational but possibly far-reaching aspects of the Kefauver

orime investigations.
It lists dozens of "gamblers" or shally characters who have taken their ill-gotten (and non-taxable) money into legitimate business. Writer Joseph M. Guilfoyle lists these questionable men and their businesses:

Frank Coatellor Horrowitz Mig. Co., hew-pied colls; Diudy's Products Co., iecer-maticks; Jet Broiler Co., portable "ray-gook" hendler; an apartment in the Bronx. Peter Tremont, a "policy operator"; op-erator of a Chrysler-Plymouth agency in Chicago.

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Lasdore Blumentield ("Kirl Cann"), Minespolis', outstanding racketeer", the meaning outstanding racketeer", the meaning of the control of

crayy all Ford Motor cars from the Ford plants in the Detroit area. William Molaskey, lumped in with "gam-blers and gangsters" in a Kefauver report: one of the largest individual stockholders in Western Union. Max J. Zivian, unidentified but obvious-ly viewed with simpleion by The Journal: vice-president of Detroit Step-Morris Dailtz, described as Cleveland repo-fope-sing: holder of \$100,000 stock in De-troit. Steel.

The director of Greater Miami's Crime

THIS information came out in testimony before the Kefauver Committee but it was largely overshadowed by such sensational testimony as was offered by Costello, "Greasy Thumb" Guzik and Virginia Hill

It should not be overlooked; it is impor-

Land.

Legitimate businessmen are at a distinct disadvantage in competition with old hands in the strong-arm business. The muscle-men bave caused trouble in the past and will cause it in the future.

You cannot, of course, keep racketeers out of legitimate business. It is still "free enterprise". But it as serves some uscul purpose to focus the spotlight on them and keep it there.

REBIRTH AT BUTNER

PROBABLY most Charlottens who have heard of the Butner Youth Rehabilitation Center have formed some sort of findsment on the basis of the theory: that young prisoners, if taught the meaning of human relations, can be sent back to society as good and useful citizens.

relations, can be sent back to society as good and useful citizens.

Some say bravo and some say poppycock, but it's difficult to form a lasting opinion without a first-hand look at the Center and its products. Last year we paid a brief visit to the Center and have since commended it. Yesterday we, and the members of the Charlotte Rotary Club, got a close look at some of the products of the Center.

Their names were Mike, Kenneth, Arthur and Merrill, All were 21, except Merrill who was nineteen. They were polite, alert and showed a genuine affection for James Waite, the director of the Center, who accompanied them to Charlotte.

In the short time we spent with them we found that they were not fust eriminals but, in a sense, vicjims. They were, as a matter of fact, almost pathielic in their appreciation of an opportunity to learn "the right wey".

of the young men who come to Butner a longing for social acceptance, a need for the respect and trust of their fellowmen. This is more valuable than any amount of bread and water treatment or solitary con-

This is more valuable than any amount of bread and water freatment or sollitary confinement therapy. These young men-potential life-long criminals—may well come out of the Battner Youth Rehabilitation Center better citizens than most of water. That this is recognized by the fact that a similar institution for young Negro first offenders will be opened at Goldshore this Spring and tint plans for more such centers for white first offenders will be opened at Goldshore this Spring and tint plans for more such centers for white first offenders are being studied. The Legislature was wise in 1842 when it passed an act establishing the theory of segregation of first offenders in the state prison system. Rep. John Umstead of Orange County performed a service to the State in 1949 when he introduced the bill to set up

county performed a service to the State in 1949 when he introduced the bill to set up the Buller Center. What is needed now if a continuation of this wise- and humanitarian attitude in the General Assembly and the provision of more funds to make Butner and other such institutions, fully effective. If the critics consider the necessary outlay of morey unwise, let them look at the record. Four out of five of the prisoners in North Carolina last year were repeaters. There is a nation-wide recidivism frepeater average of 75 per cent. At the Butner Youth Rehabilitation Center only four of the 68 persons returned to society by the Center have been brought back to prison.

From The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal

BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE NOT DUTY FREE

THE bureaucrat is a curious bird, and never does he flap his wings more zealnever does he flap fis'wings more real-sly than over a tariff schedule. Consider-e question of the snow imported into Eng-d. Sixty tons of it arrived at the port London as a free gift from the people Norway, who presumably have enough the commodity to spare to their friends, was destined for Hampstead Heath, where ndon sports enthusiasts had scheduled a i-jumping competition, only to find that u cannot ski on even the most plentiful poply of raindrops.

at that point, a Smoon Leopee in a Drassi-toms officer's uniform stepped into tha-ture. Duty would have to be paid on the w. be insisted. Chewing his pencil omi-sity, he came up with the figure of 500 to as the legal sum required. The British lie, so decile in the face of manifold ulations, rose up in protest against the ing of imported know. A sort of Gilbert-

and Sullivan chorus went up all over the island, led by the well-modulated voice of the London Times.

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Then something snapped in the official breast, The Norwegian snow began to melt in the Committee of the Co

Who knows about Evangelist Billy Graham and Gambler Mickey Cohert Bill If one is going to apply the "keep out of bad company" principle to preachers, there would be few lost spirits ever reclaimed.—Kingsport (Zenn) Times.

The Neighborhood Rebuke



People's Platform

Who Feels The Tax Burden?

Editors, The News:

YOUR editorial of March 23 entitled "Come, Now,
Mr. Green," in which you disagree that the
poor was being soaked and the rich spared in taxes
seems to me a little one-sided. I believe the question is not who will pay the most taxes but who
will feel it the most. Thus, a man with a gross income of \$75,000 and net income of \$50,000 with
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More About Taft's Visit

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Editors, The News.

Pitts letter will, I hope, end all "Taft" letters, it is getting confusin. William E. Oob is correct when he says that Senator Taft had nothing to do with planning his recent titlerary. When this dinner was first announced in the papers I wrote to the Senator, suggesting that an open meeting be held at the courthouse or the Armory-after the dinner so that the general public cold also hear him. I quote from his reply.

"I have had nothing to do with the arrange-

ior. The News reserves the right to condense, ments for my day in North Carolina. However, I shall bring your observations to the attention of those in charge of the arrangements."

Mr. Cobb is incorrect from there on, State Chairman Baley wrote me on March 22nd "... I had nothing whatover to do with the strength of the Carolina until the matter was settled.

Nor was the Mecklenburg County Executive Committee consulted or even notified is advance that such an affair was to be held here. Chairman Ernest M. Morgan got his first definite information about the such the Democrats got theirs.

Mr. Cobb's worst error was his statement that such an experiment of the court-house in 1946. The main floor seats were completely filled and the balcony was almost full. The tocal committee on that occasion alon atmost continuous at "Shout Freedom". It is true that there was a dinner before these speakings but no one was prevented from hearing the Senator because of finances.

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-E. J. PRESSER.

Quote, Unquote

Josh Weaver, of near Rogersville, was out hunting. His dogs started barking like they'red. He went to see. The dogs were runnying past a tree, and back, and sniffing, and taking on very unusual. The fellow went closer. What do you suppose he found? Why that had been leff in the follow of the tree when the had been leff in the follow of the tree when the river went down. Best Vincest in Knoxville News-Sentinel.

What has become of the old-fashloned tenants who used to move to a new house every Spring? — Dallas Morning News.

"My good friends," boomed the political speaker, "I am pleased to see such a dense crowd here tonicht," "Well," said a voice from the back of the hall, "Don't be too pleased. We ann't all dense."—Carliale (Ks), Nicholas County Star,

Delay The Normal Process Of Democratic Procedures

MARQUIS W. CHILDS

ORIGINALLY. Before the washington of the present debate with the series of the washington of the series of the ser

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MEANS TOO SMALLT.

This will be a fateful moment in the history of America. Many, viewed it with deep misgiving, feeling that the means proposed were too small to be effective. They may well be. But even to many troubled by this doubt, it has seemed the practical level to fail to take any action and consequently let the issue go by default.

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The plan is to send a second unit — an armored division — in June. With the necessity for arnaging conveys and all the other complicated detail, this based become discounting to the property of the control of the control

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Nuts To Health! There Is Nothing Like Hypochondria By ROBERT C. RUARK

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Invalid appetite. A feeble sigh sets the house astir.

POOR OLD PAPPY
Whereas the old man is general ruisance around the lodge, sickness suddenly accentuates his true importance as the bull breadwinner.

By ROBERT C. RUARK

IT IS A terrible thing to be healthy. Of this T am now convinced, A fellow forgets, when the has not been beefridden for each to be a fellow forgets, when the has not been beefridden for each to be a fellow forget, and the distribution of the fellow forgets and the distribution of the fellow little traits, his unflagging energy, his cheery disposition and his tendency to turn over the pay check intact, suddenly are remembered Gone is the grouchy old bear who crabs about the bills and raises: rumpus when he can't find his slippers. A horrid thoughty like evi-

At one peak of illness, no less than five lovely ladies — with mama's benign permission — arranged - themselves around my mama's benign permission — arranged - themselves around my eyes with beauty. Who needs flowers? I tell you doe, you can keep your old penicillin, too. I — As a man who never gets enough—sleep. I caught—up—on dumber-clean back to Pear' Harbor day. During this extended coma I had you will be a more ladies of the stended coma I had you will be a more ladies of the stended coma I had you will be a more ladies of the same than the same ladies of the same ladies of the skull that were never induced by esting option.

Marshall's Hard Work Killing Rumors Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Thie Washington rumor factory is probably the most active and the most irresponsible in the world. Tales cooked up in Capitol Hill lobbles, the drawing rooms of high society or in a taxical conversation are spread as fact within a matter-of hours.

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Taft Blasts Textile Labor Report

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Milk, Senator Tart directed one of his langifiest outbursts at the Senate Labor Commission of his langifiest outbursts at the Senate Labor Commission of his langifiest outtoom the senate Labor Commission of his langifiest of the langifiest

"The majority report," Tall accuses, "egyld not be more one-sided if it had been written by the attorneys for the union which inspired the investigation.

"The publication of this (majority) report constitutes an amazing and unjustified slur upon a great section of our country," Taft continued. "No evidence was received the committee on its not just as self-sufficient, self-reliant and independent as his Northern brother."

However, on the next page. Taft admits that in spite of the equal qualities of Southern workmen, "there is a wage differential between the Northern Yealth industry."

"Apparently," Taft conclust. "the majority of the country of the countr

Washington Pipeline

Another I beard recently: "Drew Pearson has now sold out to Pan American Airways. He got a free trip to Europe with Pan American Airways. He got a free trip to Europe with Pan American and is now in their pocket." **... Real fact is that I paid my way to Europe on Pan American as I have on every other airline—unlike Roy Howard, publisher of a great newspaper chain, who has been a not healtate to pay tribute to Pan American's efficient operation across the Atlantic. If its Washington lobbying were on as clean a basis as its oversees operation, I could find no fault with Pan Am ..., "The Sengle Small Business Committee will investigate the Civil Aeromasutics Board for trying to registence. Schalline Erric Johnston has recommended tighter—controls on farm prices and wages. He

wants to freeze farm parity prices at the Jan. 15 level, then abolish the wage escalator clause which permits wages to rise with prices. His proposal is to plug the wage loophole atter June 30, 1951.

Presidential Pique

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S pique and an economist's desire.

To throw off his New Deal label are back of the Administration's tragic failure to clamp on price controls six months ago.

This never-fold story starts last year when the elder statesman, Bernard Baruch, publicly came out for price

statement haveful high status, year hand the price controls.

Real truth way that the White House and National Security Resources Board were at that very time toying with the same idea. But when Mr. Truman heard that the whiteheard New York ifmancler was for price controls, he reversed himself. The President had put Burchard New York ifmancler and put Burchard New York ifmancler was for price controls, he reversed himself. The President had put Burchard New York if and the put Burchard New York if and the put Burchard to be in the position of coming out for price controls just after Baruch did.

Another factor was the strong opposition to combite the The New York in the Council of Economic Advisers. Repsething a bid was to the Council of Economic Advisers. Repsething a bid warder, was being attacked by right wingers on Capitol Hill as a wild-gyed radical.

Keysetting an able economist but subject to human mubitions, wanted to be named chairman of the counsil and gain acceptance as a middle-of-the-road adviser. And at that time he told both the Preceived adviser. And at that time he told both the Preceived Advisers and at the time he told both the Preceived Mr. Symitons, Keysetting argued that high prices would, in fact, he helpful by draining off excess purchasing power and its competition for goods, services and materials needed for rearmament.