THE CHARLOTTE NEWS



B. S. GRIFFITH..... Executive Editor

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1951

THAT 'AMUSING' CITY TAX RATE

IN a letter to City Manager Henry Yancey, City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter said he was "very much amused" at a Charlotte Ob-server editorial relative to a "sharp tax

sereer editorial relative to a "sharp tax boost".

We trust Mr. Ledbetter is enjoying himself. Certainly the taxpayers don't find anything funny in a tax rate increase from \$197 to \$215.

The City Treasurer contended that Charlotte's property tax rate compares favorably with other Cities of equivalent size when property evaluation levels are equalized. And he cited figures compiled by a Detroit tax to the breast to make his booint.

he cited figures compiled by a Detroit tax research bureau to prove his point. This is not the first time that a compari-son of city tax rates has been used to toll the taxpayers of Charlotte, but it ought to be the last. Comparing tax rates is like comparing crames and bonanas — both are fruits, but you'd have a heek of a 'time squeezing a glass of juice from a bonana. Tax rate comparison is utterly meaning-less unless:

less unless:

1. All City services are also measured, and
2. Other revenue hources are considered.
One costly service that is reflected in city
budgets in many states and only partially
reflected in Calantotic's budget in the State
chowarmont y
reflected in Calantotic's budget in the State
chowarmont y
reflected in the control of the control
reflected in t 1. All City services are also measured, and

If the State's contribution to the City Schools and a proportionate share of the County school bond retirement charge were added to Charlotte's budget, the tax rate would soar out of sight. (A good illustration: the New York City Education Board has just asked for \$420,000,000 for a five-year building program. That will reflect in New York City's budget.)

New York City's budget:)
Other services, too, should be measured before any comparison takes on meaning. Other cities may provide their people heter public recreation, better libraries, better municipal transportation systems, better streets, bigger police and fire departments and the

But not until the total revenue picture is examined on any comparison be complete. The property tax will produce only 60 per cent of Charlotte's total revenue next year. The City enjoys many other substantial sources of revenue, which may not be identical with those in other cities, such as: \$322,000 from ABC funds, \$86,326 from State beer and wine taxes, \$132.779 from the State intangibles tax, \$350,000 from the Powell city street bill. Were any of these lost to the City, the tax rate would go up correspondingly. But not until the total revenue picture is

spondingly.

By citing these facts, we do not argue that
the City's tax rate is too high or too low. We
cite them merely to shatter the myth of tax
rate "comparisons". They mean absolutely
nothing unless property evaluation levels,
efficiency of tax collection, services to the
people and revenue sources are all adjusted.

people and revenue sources are all adjusted.
The hard fact of an eighteen-cent increase
in the City's tax rate remains. And it is
very un-funny indeed to Charlotte taxpayers
who are facing a heavy new burden of
Pederal taxation resulting from the life-ordeath struggle with International Communion.

ADMIRAL FORREST SHERMAN

THE sudden death of Adm. Forest P.

I sherman yesterday cost this country an able leader whose ability to inspire and unite opposing factions will be hard to match. A flying admiral with a brilliant war record, he took a leading role in the battle for unification of the armed services. He became Chief of Naval Operations (and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) at a time when the Navy was demoralized by the unification battle and the decreased that the staff of the Chiefs of the Chief of the C

down the river, and won the respect of sailor, soldier, airman and civilian

Only last week he accomplished his delicate assignment of exploratory talks with Spain's Franco, and had just completed a tour of Europe's defenses.

Despite his ability as a combat commander and tactician, his talents as a negotiator and administrator will probably be the most sore-ly missed at this time when the Government eds trouble-shooters on the international well as domestic front.

SENSIBLE FOREIGN INVESTMENT

HOW can we underwrite the onerous bur-den of mobilizing ourselves and our al-lies? If peace does come, how can we cut down our vast defense effort without bring-ing on a depression?

ms on a depression?

Paul Hoffman, former ECA administrator, and Nelson Rockefeller, chairman of the International Development Advisory Board, have addressed themselves to these important questions, and their views warrant consideration.

tion.

Mr. Rockefeller is concerned be cause.
U.S. productive espacity is increasing much faster than is our supply of raw materials, developed areas of the world for not only raw materials, but future markets as well.
Mr. Hoffman believes that \$2 billion a faster over a war which would cost \$1 billion a day.

Surb a west a war which would cost \$1 billion a day.

a day.

Such a vast expenditure in foreign aid could, if properly directed, result in considerable 'domestic aid' to American clittens. Experience has shown that even slight industrial or agricultural progress in an underdeveloped country can produce results which end up in the process of American farmers.

businessmen and craftsmen, as well as their overseas counterparts.

Our commerce with the Caribbean area affords a good example. Last year Cuba the best developed country in that read of the country of

Ital, which now hesitates to enter some countries because, for various reasons, the risk is deemed too great. Hoffman and Rocke/feller advocate a combination of Government and private risk capital under an international development authority to create a more favorable almosphere for private enterprise. Such an investment can well pay off. It makes sense from a business point of view. It can provide the long range markets necessary to our economy, be it geared to war or peace.

CAPITALISTIC REDS AT KAESONG

THE Red jeep drivers at Kaesong are get-

THE Red jeep drivers at Nassong are alting downright capitalistic.
Having no Hoose to direct traffic efficiently, they race—backwards—without looking around, and vie for the parking space which will permit them to be first in line which which rassengers emerge from the cease-fire

gotiations.
In one ten-minute period," observed

Murray Schumach of The New York Times, "there were three collisions involving all nine jeeps."

Such a display of enterprise and rivalry comes dangerously close to those capitalistic principles which their leaders despite. But then maybe that's all a part of what the Communists like to call "accitation."

From The Greensboro Daily News

NO TRAIN SNATCHING, PLEASE

WE'RE mighty glad to see that Charlie Parker looked up that tourist quotation Tar Heels have been attributing to Irvin S Cobb all these years.

As we heard the story, and understood it. Ir. Cobb took a trip through North Caro-Mr. Cobb took a trip through North Caro-lina about 1924 and fell all over himself praising the folks and the scenery. "All lins about 1924 and reit an over minoring praising the folks and the scenery. "All North Carolina needs," he was supposed to have told some exaggerating native, "is a needs arent,"

Parker, who is the director of state ad-vertising in Raleigh, went back to the news-papers of 1924 and found out that what Cobb actually said was this:

What North Carolina should provide, for her good and theirs (the rest of the world), is a beneficent hold-up man, a sort of agreeable cross between a road agent and a press agent, who'd halt every through

train and go in all the canches and tell the travellers what they age missing.

That far back Cobb saw North Carolina's potentialities for tourism although he probably never dreamed that in 1950 it would become a \$100,000,000 business ranking only behind tobacco and textiles as a Tar Heel money crope.

North Carolina waited over ten years before it took Cobb up on his suggestion about a press agent. Through the years since then Gariand Proctor. Bob Thompson, Bill Sharpe and Charlie Parker have done a good job selling North Carolina to the nation. And they did it all without having to indulge in any train snatching.

A French astronomer tells of a method devised to photograph "invisible stars." Maybe now we'll be able to get pictures of flying saucers.

Yugoslavs Say Stalin Stuck To Yalta 'Til West Disarmed

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

TO Yolka Til West Disarmed

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON
THIS IS A preity good time to I think about the Yalta agree, ment — but not in the disolitory to the Yalta agree, the bear of the Parlia and the Nationallata. It would seem that the Burley river was made and the Parlia and th

Bwana Ruark Slays Lion Big As Horse And Meaner

By ROBERT C. RUARK

TANGANIKA

IT IS AGAINST the game laws
of Africa to shoot anything but
vermin, such as hyenas and wild
dogs, from a car. Mostly the law
says you must be 500 yards away
from the vehicle when you fire,
otherwise the kiling of the
ferecest animal is little less than

seconds.

I recently killed two lions in the first three days of actual hunting. Both, thank the Lord, were brain shots, and Brother Selby did not have to go the state of his state of the state of his state of the state of his state of the state of the

sell Nye in honor of his crew-cut
mane.

This old boy was sononing under
a tree when we spotted him from
the hunting car He looked as big
as a horse, and did turn out to be
a to-doctred hid hay Selby, the
proven commonitored and decided we
would take him from such and
such an angle. I took the scope of
the 375, said a mild prayer, and
prepared to del.

We revved up Jessica, the jeep,
We revved up Jessica, the jeep,
Cump of brush some 200 yasta

dogo, one of the bearers, passed the clump, Selby and I tumbled out of the open door and began to crawl. It seemed to me and if we crawled for a couple of years. Harry finally touched me on the

cravied for a couple of years.

Itarry finally touched me on the

"We're close enough," he said.

"Get up on one knee and pop him

behind the ear. You're got to go

for the head because the rest of

in reared up and there was Russell Nyspe looking me smack in the

eye at 25 yards with the coldest

leaves and the said of the said of the

reared up and there was Russell Nyspe looking me smack in the

eye at 25 yards with the coldest

reared up and there was Russell Nyspe

for the said of the said of the said of the

reared up and the said printed than

most loosa! In eye and the said pulses

most loosa! In yee

for yee for the said of the said of the

most loosa! In yee

for yee for yee

for yee for yee

for yee for yee

for yee for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for yee

for

and much later before I began to brag.

It seems that in Russell Nype I had slain a sort of local accurge, and slain a sort of local accurge, a state of the sort of local accurge, a state of the sort of local accurate of local a

People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves ine right to condense,

At our first budget meeting two weeks ago, a fellow Councilman suggested that we take up salary raises for city simployees first. That was agreed to by all seven-councilmen.

is deeping with my campaign promises, open-

sweep are the proper street. Inat was agreed to by all seven. Councilinen.

If als Aceping with my campaign promises, open, by and repeatedly made in the campaign, I made a less than \$300 per month be increased as per cent along with all city employees making \$4,000 and less, and that all city employees making \$4,000 and less, and that all city employees making over \$4,500 per year, be increased 5 per cent. This included all department beads in the 5 per cent raise, motion was adopted by the Council, and then we went on to consider the prepared bodget & submitted by the City Manager and City Accountant.

When we met the following night to continue the continue met the following night to continue

harter much assessmon, this motion was adopted to the Council, and then we sent on to consideration between the consideration of the budget, the Mayor insisted was a consideration of the budget, the Mayor insisted that the salary of Mr. Herman Hoose, one of the nine department heads, be increased to \$8,000. After that the salary of Mr. Herman Hoose, one of the nine department heads, be increased to \$8,000. After the consideration of the thins of the consideration of the thins of the consideration of the thins of the consideration of the consideratio

anote, an department areas would are received this, and you know it.

I was not "blowing out of one side of my mouth" to court the favor of City employees to get their vote again. I was simply fulfilling a campain promise to get them a salary raise to meet the increased cost of living, but the \$73.00 depart was forced to vote for it after one department head was raised so far above the others, because I know the worth, the work and the value of the department heads.

Neither was "blowing out of the other side of my mouth" to the taxapivers, when I voted against budget aim yhome at night, after our two budget meetings and checked the items of appropriation under each city department and I told the Council and Mayor Wednesday that I had noted enough the court of the council and Mayor Wednesday that I had noted enough the council and Mayor Wednesday that I had noted enough the council and that Delleved, if we would take a little more time together we could reduce various appropriations so that two or three or four cents could be taken off of the proposed rate of \$2.15.

I think the so-called Industrial Home on the Salisburp Roads is a waste of public money.

I think we are spending too much moiney at the Airport for the benefit of private air lines—a half

Salisbury Road is a wate of public money.

I think we are spending too much money at the Airport for the benefit of private air lines—a half million dollars and more.

I don't think we need to spend \$10,000 for a horn of the control of the contro

Councilman Boyd Replies

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

The Charlotte

Editors, The News:

Editors and more for the purpose of providing the parts of your body you were abouting the provide composition is handsome and column
time of the purpose of providing the parts of the News of News on is located which deals with fact, nor from the beast which deals with the truth, because you have the control of the Charlotte of the Charlotte

You just don't know how to state the facts and the truth impartially. Hereafter, if you refer to me, or use my name, I sak you to tell the truth. I didn't propose or "engineer" \$7,500 salary raise for the department heads. Read the minutes of the Council meeting where this was done and learn the

I do appreciate you giving me the credit for helping people get an increase in salary, but you ought to know that this is not the sole reason for the tax increase.

the tax increase. Two cent increase went to achools. One cent increase to Parks and Playgrounds. Five cent increase to the Alpror building. Three cent increase to the appropriation to the Good Samaritan Rosewhits and colored veteran buildings. Increase in personnel to fire and police departments. Increase in the cost of all city supplies and equipment, concrete, steel, automobiles, machinery, etc. Yet you try to discredit me for fighting for any control of the contro

Where The GOP Stands

Where The GOP Stands

Morganton

Editors, The New:

I agree with your July editorial, "Last Chance For The GOP." Before I try to ensumerate where the Republicans must stand as a state and national orthogonal property for some years past in order to find fundamental grounds that have been repudiated.

Governmental forces and so-called political parties are formed and established on principles on our American form of government. History is not a merican form of government or a state of a state of a state of the state of a st

Not The Same 'Dickey' Hoyle LINCOLNTON

Editors, The News: We beg your co-operation in helping us clear an innocent person by the same name as an ac-cused person.

cused person. "The water issues as as actilization of the same pickey Hoyle who has had charges pinced
the same pickey Hoyle who has had charges pinced
the same pickey Hoyle who has had charges pinced
that caused so much humiliation that he wants to
clear the matter up. The accused person of the same
name lives in upper Lincoln County, not in Lincoliton.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

'Horse-Meat' Congress Worse Than 80th

MCST Capital observers agree that not in years has there been such a tired, listless, indifferent, do-nothing Congress as the 82nd. The famed 80th Congress, against which President Truman campaigned to victory in 1984, was a stem-winder by comparison. Not only has the 82nd Congress failed to pass a single appropriation by the end of the fiscal year, or June 1997 of the second term seem to care that they are being called the "horse-meat" Congress.

Never a my recollection have both morale and morals been so low, leadership so lacking.

Never in my recollection has there been less idealism, less patriotism, such poor party discipline, never such in Washington only one day a week examen are present. There are three main, overriding reasons for this political paralysis:

in Washington only one day a week. There are three main, overriding reasons for this political paralysis:

Interes are three main, overriding reasons for this political paralysis:

Interest the state of a tired, unisappred administration—probably the end of a long period of Democratic rule. Nobody, except a few incurable optimists, really except this administration to be re-elected, and when that frame of mind exists in Congress there can be no party discipline, no leadership.

Interest of the jumple—every man for himself. Instead of voting what's good for the nourly, he votes what's good for the nourly, he votes what's good for the nourly, he will be a wast's good for the nourly, he will be subtracted to the property of millions below the district's interest. Coopie in his district, but thed dislocation may awe the lives and property of millions below the reserveir area. s and property of millions below the reservoir area, ever, an "I'll get mine, you get yours" spirit has be-e rampant in this Congress. The law of the lobbyist the local interest reigns supreme. 2. There has been no firm hand on the reins. This is

true both of the White House and of the Democratic leaders on copital MIII.

The Fresident has alternately begged and scoided. He has seldom inspired.

Congress is like a team of horses. It knows from the feel of the ternas whether the driver is competent, and, the maintaining of the congress is like a team of horses. It knows from the feel of the ternas whether the driver is competent, and, when the resident label has been an experiment of a lather, then coax them up a hill.

When the President list he Alger flins prosecutor a "red herring" one day, then rewards the Has prosecutor forms "ratinine" then adopt the Publicish FRC reforms himself; when he vetoes the Kern ratural gas bill, then appoints a Federal Power Commission chairman who adopts the Kerr Bill—Congress knows that an unsteady has the resident is passed to the president is and on his major policies a correct president. But he will, labe be known as an unstable, unopoutur President, and in leading Congress, popularity than the president policies, also get discouraged working for him.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, who once held a steady hand when he resident's please so not. Sam is older, more tirred, more discouraged than in the days when he controlled the unrury House of Representatives for FDR.

Those were the days when he pioneered the securities portation Act — both great landmarks to his legislative career. But it's doubtful today if Sam would have the courage and stamins to repeat that legislative performance.

The horself controlled the incurrence of the president is possible to the president is described to the securities portation. Act — both great landmarks to his legislative career. But it's doubtful today if Sam would have the courage and stamins to repeat that legislative performance.

The horself controlled the president is possible to the president is described to the president in the days when he controlled the unrury House of Representatives for FDR.

The

ance.

In the Senate, the President's leader is a gental, hardworking, scared Senator from Arizona, Ernest McFarland, who is so worried he will not be re-elected that he spends