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D'SERY two years "Farmer Bob" Doughton goes through-the same routine. A few months before the Spring primary, he drops a hint to close friends and associates that he's thinking about retiring from Congress. They, in turn, dutifully pass the word along to waiting newspapermen, and the story breaks into print.

Then the enerable Tar Heel begins to hear from his constituents. They urge him not to retire. They tell him his 40-odd years of consecutive service are needed in these parious times. They sak him to stick with he job as a favor to them.

Persuaded, Mr. Doughton calls a press conference and tells reporters that he won't retire after all, that his constituents have laiked him into running for office again. The hopefuls in the 9th District tear their lenging goas away from "Farmer Bobs" job and go back to their regular activities, and

TWO-WAY STREET

TT DIDN'T TAKE long for the impact of Britain's new austerity program to hit North Carolina. Britain is reducing imports, many of which come from the U. S., by \$420 million andianly. Tobacco is one of those chief imports—North Carolina tobacco. Now the state tobacco industry sees a market decline.

tet decline.

Thus is brought home the fact of our reconomic interdependence with countries why the welleconomic interdependence with countries like Britain. Thus it is shown why the well-being of foreign countries is of great concern to all of us in this exporting country. Trade works both ways, and while we are more fortunate than most countries in having many things to export and requiring relatively few imports, unless the importing nations have the money to buy we suffer alone with them.

A lot of "foreign-aid" money stays right here in America. paying for goods which over the control of the contro

editorial writers all over the state say they knew all the time the popular old fellow wasn't planning to quit—just as we are paying today.

The people in the 9th District, and by and large all over the state, hold Mr. Doughton-in great esteem and it makes them angry when some of the less respectful metropolitan editors suggest that he's getting too old to preside over the important Ways & Means Committee in these days of top-heavy taxation.

eavy taxation.

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when all is said and done, Mr. Doughton's competency is purely an academic question. So long as he is hale and hearty, and so long as he is willing to serve again, the people of the 6th District will elect him, and seniority rules will give him the Ways & Means chairmanship. To fret about it editorially, as some papers have done, is to complain about the weather.

AN OPPORTUNITY MISSED

MOST Senators are reluctant to censure on one of their cohorts. They abide by a tradition that frowns on holding any Senator strictly accountable for what he says in the Senate chamber. This tradition, while perhaps contributing in some ways to maintenance of freedom of speech, also contributes to Senatorial tresponsibility and public misinformation. And now it seems that the Senate's Letter opportunity to restore responsibility as fast dwindling.

Last year Sensator Benton introduced a resolution and bill of particulars which detailed the case against Sensor McCarthy, with a view toward the latter's expulsion from the Senste. A subcommittee headed by Senstor Gillette has been studying the case, and, has received some 300 pages of data regarding Senstor McCarthy from its Investigators.

But now one of the Republican members f the five-man subcommittee, Sen. Margaret hase Smith, has been transferred to an-

other subcommittee. She has been replaced by Senator Welker, an ideological bedfellow of McCarthy whose ideas about smears were suggested by his reaction to the phony composite photos of Communist Earl Browder and ex-Senator Millard Tydings used in the Maryland election. Senator Welker thought this phony smear idea "pecty clever". If any backroom shenanigans were involved in this subcommittee change, we've not heard of them. But it is distressing to learn that the jury, so to speak, is being changed during the trial. Mrs. Smith and her fellow Republican on the subcommittee. Senator Hendrickson, have consistently placed statesmanship above partisanship, and we had expected this subcommittee at least to restore, in some measure, dignily and devestore. expected this subcommittee at least to restore, in some measure, dignity and devo-tion to truth and high principles in the Senate, even if it did not go so far as to recommend McCarthy's ouster. But with Senatur Welker's arrival on the scene the hopes for any bipartisan standards of Sena-torial responsibility are dim indeed.

WE NEED A STRONG DELEGATION

THE indecision of several Mecklenburg I legislators about running for re-election is quite understandable. Honest and conscientious service in the biennial, N. C. General Assembly poses a heavy drain on a man's time and on his energies, and the rewards are slender, if one does not count the solid satisfaction of 'doing a good job for one;

All of the five legislators who represented fecklenburg County in 1951 are busy men. lecause of situations in their businesses, Because of situations in their businesses, which vary from individual to individual, it will be a great sacrifice for several of them

will be a great sacrifice for several of them to serve another term.

Even so, Tax News is most hopeful that some of the Mecklenburgers will find it possible to offer for re-election. In contrast to some years in the past, the year 1951 saw Mecklenburge represented by a strong, co-hesive five-man team. It commanded the respect of the whole General Assembly, and it exerted a strong influence for worth-while legislation. Senator Harvey Morris and

Representatives Robert Lassiter Jr., E. M. O'Herron Jr., David Henderson, and James B. Vogler-acquited themselves well. It will be most regrettable if the cumulative prestige they enjoy from seniority and personal association should be lost.

tige they enjoy from seniority and personal association should be lost. Even though they all decide to run again, their nomination in the Spring primary is not assured. Other men of high caliber have shown interest—men like Charles Lowe, Frank Seepp, Dr. McChord Williams, and Philip Van Every. We would encourage their interest, since spirited contests between good candidates are always in the best income and the senior of the senior

UP THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE

DROBABLY the money spent on the reams A of propaganda, brochures, pictures, statistics and whaton regarding the St. Lawrence Seaway would build a dozen seaways and leave enough left over to pension for life the protagonists on both sides of the fence on both sides of the river. The oft-praised, oft-condemned project has been bandled about as a joint U. S. Canadian venture for 20 years, but Canada is now gesting impatient with the U. S., and in the property would be seasoned the property of the property of

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The Seaway would connect the easternmost lake, Ontario, with the Atlantic by construction of two dams and a seven-lock channel, and also constant the world's second could be constant to the control of the control of the control of the proposal, are the eastern railrosoft, Atlantic ports, coal companies, the UMW_Seaway support comes from the White House (every President since Woodrow Wilsom has advocated at least portions of the development), labor groups and Midwestern and Northwestern farmers.

Opponents charge the Seaway would hurt the railrosds' business (as it undoubjedly would), and put the Federal Government farther into the power business, which they disapprove of lained farmers, some of them over 2,000 miles from a seaport, like the

idea of seaports of Duluth and Chicago, which should mean five to ten cents per bubble less freight charges for their grain. The control of the season of them steel mill operators, leading the Seaway, but now many of them steel has been steel mill operators, leading their tune. Reason for the switch is that from one has been discovered and is being developed in Labrador, and they want it, as the Messabi ore ranges are petering out. But rall transportation wild, if the latter were available. Another recent convert is Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson. Two years ago, as president of General Electric, the opposed it. Now, charged with defense production, he argues for it. If Congress continues to withhold approval of the measure and Canada goes ahead with the construction, that country can rightfully expect to collect the revenue resulting from ship tolis and safe of power, can rightfully expect to collect the revenue resulting from ship tolis and safe of power, con high rolls and safe of power, can rightfully expect to collect the revenue resulting from ship tolis and safe of power, con high rolls and safe of power country, cheap transportation approach a good return, cheap transportation after the forewell the power business it can authorize commercial stillities to build and operate the hydroelectric plant.

Taft Friends More Trouble Than Enemies

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
THE motto at Taft campain
beadquarters is said to be,
"We can take care of our enemies,
but heaven protect us from our
friends". Nothing, it would appear,
can be done about well-intentioned
friends who seem determined to
identify candidate Taft with to
old labels out of the past.

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Former Rep, Hamilton Fish, the symbol as well as one of the most active leaders in the America First was the send of the

"I do not think he is any more qualified to be President of the United States," Fish said, "that Senator Taft is to be commanded of the armed forces in Europe."

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In his pro-faft speeches, Fish
takes the familiar line of accusing
the administration of being proCommunist in Asia. Out.McCarsh
said that between 1937 and '47
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hepartment He also attacked
Governor Thomas E. Dewey for
trying to whip. Republican delegates into line for some candidate
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During a brief interval he is speaking in and around New York and Washington. But on Feb. 8 he leaves on a new cross-country tour, starting with a speaking date at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

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From there he goes to Solciane,
Washington, where he speaks on
Peb. 11; Seatle on the following
day; and from there on out, Portland, Oregon, Feb. 13, Boise, Vidaho,
Feb. 14, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Feb.
15 and Denver, Colorado, Feb.
16. For Taft it is not just one set
speech a day in each of these
cities. From the moment of his
arrival, every minute of his time
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It is the kind of pace that makes even the stoutest politicians think twice before he commits himself to such a grind. While the Taff schedule beyond this point is not fixed, the Senator will almost certainly do, some equally strenging campaigning on a return trip to Wisconsin before the primary and in Illinois, where he is coasied every dependent of the senator with the senator w

test.

The challenger in Illinois and Wisconsin is Harold Stassen, who is not rated by observers in the latter state as likely to get more most. Republican leaders in Wisconsin are behind Taft. And in his four of Wisconsin last week, Trin in his turn gave approval to McCarthy is a superior of the state of the world with the world with

up for re-election in the Fall.

As for Taft, he seems with every day that goes by to embrace
more closely he old-line Republi-canism of those who believe that
you can't say anything bad enough
about the administration and its
foreign policy, including the charge
of wholesale treason which is what
he MC-arthy "attack amounts to.
These Republicans may be able to
momitate the Senator from OhioBut whether they can order that
he Presidency is another matter. Kefauver Outsmarts Politicos In Ohio

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

'When Are You Going To Plug It In?



People's Platform

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

PITTSBORO

Army Red Tape

Editors, THE NEWS:

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I FOR one know how badly servicemen's families need more money. I have five grandeliden. Their father has been in service the paras. He returned from overseas and re-enlisted. Their allottenet was discontinued Sept. 29, 1951. All our efforts as far have failed to get any money.

Their ages are from two and a half to nine. I should like to shout trom the house tops and tell the world how slow the Government has been about these children's welfare. We have been in suspense four months.

Just how hungry and cold could they get in this time if others digin't provide for them?

—ANGRY GRANDMOTHER

Too 'Prepared'

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commentator. use \$83½ billion budget is taking something out of the very heart of the American economy. Moreover, \$15 billion of it will go to swell an already unsafe national debt. But our national safety is in danger, we are told; hence the huge hudget.

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Let's take time out and do a little thinking for ourselves. For some two years now we have been told by those presumably in the know that Russia could march to the English Channel, without serious could march to the English Channel, without serious force? Certainly, she is not the type of a sportsman who would not strike a foe while he is down. At least, I do not think so.

Now, can it be argued that she has not done so. Now, can it be argued that she has not done so. Now, can it he argued that she has not done so how the strike t

in an effort to meet a situation that may never develop? When we have reached the peak of preparation and no aggression develops, what then it in a reached the peak of preparation and no aggression develops, what then it in a reached the peak of preparation and the peak of the peak

Will Congress Assert Itself?

Editors, THE NEWS:

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J DEEPLY, appreciate your very finé editorial entitled, "An Appalling Display" appearing in your
paper on Monday, Jan. 21.

I also desire to commend you on another editorial entitled, "An Old and Familiar Refrain"
which was reprinted in The Cleveland Times, Friday, Jan. 22. Frankly, it becomes most discourage
Congress will ever assert itself and reduce this wild
spending.

-WOODROW W. JONES Representative, 11th N. C. District

Ike Supporter Happy

Editors, The News:

Three cheers for The News for supporting Eisenbower, our only hope for victory for the North and the deep South, lie is the people's choice over all others. More power to you,

—G. EDWARD LIND WAUKEGAN, ILL

Quote, Unquote

America is building bigger and faster cars. It also constructing new and more modern hos-als. — Davenport (Iowa) Democrat.

Do you remember reading in the history books about the staid old Congressman who arose from his seat in the House long years ago and snorted that if the Government kept on spending money the first thing anybody knew Uncle Sam would be almost \$50,000 in debt!—Rocky Mount (N.C.) Telegram.

The average man has 66 pounds of muscle a3.9 pounds of brain, according to a physician. Maybe that explains a lot of things.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

High heels were invented by a girl who was once kissed on the forehead.—Rogersville (Tenn.) Review.

THE vehemence of the undercover "Trumantle" drive to stop Kefauver is illustrated by the public behavior and the public behavior and t

fauver delegates and therefore pulling-kis name off the ticket. It would have left the Senator from Tennessee high and dry. It would have invalidated all Kefauver petitions would have made him look like a rank amateur not in a class with party professionals.

However, Tim Hogan, Kefauver's Ohio manager, gowind of this sky strategy, and after a hurried conference with of the sky strategy, and after a hurried conference chances. Instead of a bilg abot as No. 2 on the Kefauver ticket, the name of Mareit Barriagion Kirm of Martins Ferry, Ohio, was inserted.

So Ohio Democrats, when they vote in the primary. As the strategy of the strategy of the strategy of the compression Rays and can be trusted.

Note-Opposition to Kefauver in Ohio came from the Trumanium's—those around Truman who passionately want him to rum again—rather than the President himself.

Actually the President has expressed friendly sentiments toward the Tennessee Senator, even gave him suggestions and the Tennessee Senator, even gave him suggestions. Among other thins, he suggested that not much was to be gained by featuring Krauver's victory over the Crump machine, also warned him to avoid early contact with scaly people, said that his geographical location, Tennessee, meant that he should win the support of the South.

Stalin Gets Mad

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If we get discourant over government waste and effireport from Macow that Marshal Stalin has serveity visited
Russian shipyards in the Baltic to find out what's holding
up his plan to build a powerful fleet of super-battleships.

American observors report that Stalin was furious at
the excuses his admirals have been giving for Russia's

Therefore, accomplained by 200 secret police, he personally impacted the navil installations where three 50000-ton battleships are under construction. The inefficiency
and blunders he saw, especially at Gdynia, intrusted him
even more, and Stalin has now ordered a complete purge
of the Russian admirals responsible.

still talk about it: They were pinned down by Germal artillity after crossing a river in France and it looker like they were done for."

The Pennsylvanian went on to relate how Truman then a field artillityer captain, swung his outifut over in the nick of time and "knocked hell out of the Germans."

"You're still a here in my home town," added Flood "I guess that's one battle you'll never forget."

"Indeed I won't orget it," emphasized the President "I was almost court-martialed. My commanding officer was formed as the court of the

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the other Democratic hopetuls through a sort of elimination contenting the second of t

STEVENSON PREFERED
The elimination contest therefore resulted in the long meeting at the White House between the President and Gov. Adlai Sixvenson of Illinois. Its purpose wax, quitte frankly, for the President or the with him the main problems that would arise if he became the Democratic nomines. According to the same authoritative sources, the meeting between Truman the same substitution of the same authoritative sources, the same substitution of the same authoritative sources, the president can probably be expected not only to take himself out of the race, but also influence behind Gov. Sievenson's candidacy.

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If the President does not change his mind, moreover, the Republish mind, moreover, the Republish mind, moreover, the Republica ovolcanic. The McCarthy-and consideration of the Carthy-and control of the Carthy-and th