

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1952

WILL YOU BE LEFT OUT NOV. 4?

THE OUTCOME of the election in this city, county and Congressional district can be decided tomorrow. It can be decided by the tens of thousands of persons in the district and even the city of Charlotte who are not registered. If they decide to register, then vote on Nov. 4, they will cast about as many votes as all the now-registered voters.

Take the City of Charlotte as an example. There are 46,230 persons registered. Yet, according to census figures, there are over 80,000 persons over 21 years of age in the city, most of whom are eligible to vote.

One of the sorriest aspects of democracy in this country is its voting record. Take a look at the percentage of eligibles voting in various countries:

COUNTRY	YEAR	PER CENT
Italy	1948	92
Sweden	1950	91
Great Britain	1951	83
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Norway	1945	82
Denmark	1950	82
France	1951	78
U. S.	1950	41

Some Asian countries, too, such as Japan and Korea, take a more active part in democracy.

YOU DON'T GO FORWARD BY BACKING UP

THE PROBLEM posed by the parking man on Bevard St. may be solved by making a one-way street, but the Council might as well get used to an unpleasant idea. At some future date, virtually all curb parking in the main business district will have to be banned if complete traffic stabilization is to be avoided. When that time comes, the protests of businessmen who feel they have been irreparably damaged will have to be ignored.

The last two Councils have been singularly wishy-washy on the matter of curb parking. They sit and twiddle their collective thumbs while the volume of traffic grows ever greater and the speed of traffic slows down correspondingly. They look on and wonder when someone reminds them that they had best be providing some permanent off-street parking as insurance against the day when all lanes of midtown streets will have to revert to their basic purpose, the movement of vehicles. And the current Council, especially, has given its traffic engineer precious little support in his efforts to keep traffic moving on narrow, congested streets. They extended him blanket authority to ban parking during peak hours, but they have reversed him practically every time a delegate from the street, or three or more persons appeared in protest.

A Councilman's job is not a pleasant one. He gets a great deal of criticism and little commendation. And his pay is not in line with the work he does. Even so, he is elected to represent the interests of all the citizens, and so long as he holds his seat, he ought to have the courage to carry out this obligation.

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FIGHT FIRE WITH PRECAUTIONS

LAST YEAR one-twentieth of our forests were destroyed by fire. Lumber enough to build 800,000 five-room houses, enough for the building needs of a city about twice the size of Charlotte, was lost in smoke. This wood, or its volume equivalent in pulpwood, could have supplied three and half million tons of newspaper, enough to supply all the newspapers in the country for one year.

Not only forests are laid waste by fire. About 12,000 people die, and 24,000 are injured, by it each year. Most of the victims are old persons and children. On the average, the daily fire loss in the U. S. includes 34 persons, 940 homes, 74 stores, 88 factories, nine churches, eight schools and four hospitals.

This is Fire Prevention Week, a good time for every one to ponder ways in which it might be contributing to this awful toll. The main causes of fire are misuse of electricity, tobacco, matches and inflammable liquids, defective heating, faulty chimneys and flues,

race at the polls than do Americans. And in comparison with other states, North Carolina should bow its head in shame. It ranked in the lower one-fourth, 29th, in the 1948 election, when only 38 per cent of the eligibles voted.

There is nothing complicated about registering and voting. If you registered in North Carolina since April 1949, and haven't moved, you don't have to register again. Just go to the polls Nov. 4.

If you have moved within the state, since then, you must register in the precinct where you now live, then you must register. If you came from out-of-state and will have lived here one year by Nov. 4, you are eligible to vote here, and must register.

All you have to do to register is look at the map elsewhere in today's paper and find what precinct you live in and the address of the precinct headquarters, which will be near your home, then go there tomorrow between 9 A. M. and 5:34 P. M. (midnight) to sign up. It's as simple as that.

If you don't register tomorrow where to vote, only two more Saturdays on which to do so, and something might open up to prevent your going then. So register tomorrow, and we'll see you at the polls on Nov. 4.

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People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors.

Won't Go Along With Cam

CHARLOTTE
In 1928 I drove from Bennettsville, S. C., to Rockingham, N. C., to hear a Democratic rally, an address by Cameron Morrison. I enjoyed listening to his speech that night. He spoke to a packed Court House and everyone else seemed to enjoy it. He spoke briefly on states' rights and spoke of his leadership during the Red Shirt days and what he did then, and said that if necessary he could be a leader for the same cause.

Mr. Morrison has varied from that promise and has staked his tent in the Truman-Stevenson-Acheson-Humphrey-Lehman camp, and has turned his back upon the people who are living up to the Constitution of the U. S. And it's not a Constitution for just a few people. It's a Constitution for all.

I listened to Mr. Morrison's speech this week and for my life I don't see how he can support the Stevenson and Sparkman ticket, knowing that if Stevenson is elected Truman will be his boss. I have been a Democrat all my life, but when Stassen arrested him during the campaign, I joined the GOP ranks.

Register And Vote
ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 10.—The National Republican Convention, which opened here today, is expected to elect a new President and Vice President.

Something can be done about this, but the more indiscriminate herding of voters to the polls in order to swell the total vote is not enough. This is not the answer. An increase in the number of "informed" voters is much more to be desired than just an increase in the total number of voters.

What trouble do we take to learn about the relative merits of the candidates from those of local or state level? We take no trouble at all.

EN ROUTE THROUGH THE WEST
IN an earlier column on Senator Nixon's secret expense account, it was pointed out that the bill for the legislative measures which his 76 millionaires favored.

It is a penitence of the Government for any member of Congress to intervene in a case against the Government for pay. A Senator is paid by the United States Government and is supposed to represent the Government. Hence the law. He is not supposed to be paid by outsiders, and other members of Congress have gone to jail for accepting the money they intervened in cases against the Federal Government.

The tax refund claimed by Dana Smith against the U. S. Government is an illustration. Dana Smith, the man who got Nixon's office to intervene, not only had paid Nixon personally but raised \$100,000 for him.

Risky Business
TODAY the Federal Government plays such an important role in the operation of any business firm, and business firms in turn seek so many concessions or contracts from the Government, but it becomes risky to have a man in the Senate who is subsidized by a group of businessmen.

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McCarthy's Backers Confident, But The Race May Be Close

By MARQUIS CHILDS

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 10.—Democratic campaign workers are confident that Joseph McCarthy, seeking re-election to his second term in the Senate, is Thomas Fairchild. He comes of a family with a long and distinguished reputation of officeholding and public service to the state.

His father is chief justice of the state Supreme Court. One of the past governors was Fairchild. It is in this tradition of public service that Tom Fairchild presents himself to the voters. In many ways this is the old La Follette tradition which many say — some sadly and others gleefully — is now merely history.

Once before defeated for the Senate when he ran against Sen. Alexander Wiley after the latter had elected state Attorney General, Fairchild looks like just what he is — a conscientious, serious fellow bent on discussing the issues. That is the kind of campaign he is waging as he gets around the state drawing comparatively small crowds to whom he speaks earnestly and soberly.

On the other side is McCarthy's loud, angry dynamism — the constant propaganda that he is a Communist. Behind McCarthy is the powerful Republican organization with large amounts of enthusiasm, money and publicity. Such a contest would appear to be so one-sided as to leave little or no doubt about the outcome. That assumption of inevitable victory has been partially fostered by the Republican campaign and it has taken hold to a large degree outside the state.

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Non-Sportsmen Who Write About Sports Sound Silly

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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