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## UMSTEAD, HODGES ET AL

VOU WOULD never guess it from the head-lines, but there are some important offices at stake in Tuesday's election other than the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency. The voters of North Carolina will also be asked to pad, on Democratic and Republican candidate for state and local offices, and in these fields the Democratic clarks office the

This is partly due to historical causes. Republican Presidential voting strength in North Carolina has never reached down to state offices, because the party organization has been kept small and compact at the grass roots level.

It is not often that voters of a sizle have a chance to elect such outstanding men as William Umstead and Luther W. Hodges. Benoratic canding for Governor and Lieutenan-Governor stately, .. or Thad Eure (Secretary of State), Henry L. Bridges (State Auct), Brandon P. Hodges (State Auct), Harry McMullan (Altorney-Torrata), Charles F. Carroll (Superintendent of Public Instruction), L. Y. Ballentine (Secretary of Agriculture), waldo C. Cheek (Insurance Commissioner), Forrest H. Shu-

ford (Commissioner of Labor). William A. Devin (Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court). R. Hunt Parker and Jeff D. Johnson Jr. (Associale Justices of the Supreme Courd). The Democratic candidates on the local ticket merit the support of Mecklenburg County. The Supreme Courd of the Chief County of the Supreme Courd of the Chief County Chairman State (Laborative Register) (County Chairman Sid Y. Medden, and County Commission nominees for the House of Representatives, Begister of Deeds John R. Renfrow, County Treasurer Jessie Caldwell Smith, County Chairman Sid Y. Medden, and County Commission nominees Carl McEwen, S. S. McNinch, Craig Lawing, and Ernest K. Brown are all strong candidates—so strong, in fact; that only the State Senatorship is being contested by the Republicans. In rolling up a huse vote on next Tuesday, then, the people of Mecklenburg County have a great opportunity to pile up a historic majority for Democratic state and local candidates—amprity so by Linnan are distance and the state and senate and the state and senate and the state and senate and the state of th

majority for Democratic state and local can-didates—a majority so big that when the political affairs of North Carolina are dis-cussed these next four years, that big bloc of votes will be a constant reminder that Meck-lenburg, at last, is swinging its weight in the election of state officials. We recommend—and urge—that Mecklen-burgers vote the straight Democratic ticket for state and local offices, no matter how they mark the Presidential, Vice-Presidential, and Congressional ballot.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT-III

OF THE THREE proposed amendments to the N. C. Constitution on the ballot Nov. 4, the third is of the least urgency, but it merits approval nonetheles. The ballot will read as follows:

offices.

AGAINST amendment providing a uniform method for filling vacancies in certain state offices.

The "certain state offices" covered by the mendment are Supreme Court justice, Su-erior Court judge, and Superior Court states

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The perior section of the Constitution more result. "All vacancies occurring in the form result." All vacancies occurring in the Constitution shall be filled by the appointment of the Governor, unless otherwise provided for, and the appointees shall hold their places until the next regular election for members of the General Assembly, when elections shall be held to fill such offices."

The amendment will insert, after the words "General Assembly", this phrase: that is held more than 30 days after such vacancy occurr.

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before a General Assembly election, appointees will hold office until the date of
the election only. If the vacancy occurs 30
days or less before a General Assembly election, appointees will hold, office until the
second General Assembly election, or two

secono u-eneral assembly election, or two years.

A case from recent history will better fillustrate the proposal. On Oct. 14, 1950, Justice Seawell of the State Supreme Court died. A General Assembly election was scheduled for Nov. 7, about three weeks later. Governor Scott appointed Marray G. James to fill the vacancy, and the Supreme Court, in an advisory ruling, held that James could hold office only until Nov. 7. That forced the State Elections Board to rush the task of getting nominations from the party executive committees, printing and distributing ballots to all county boards, and holding the election.

## THIS HIGH-LEVEL CAMPAIGN

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We were reminded of all this when the

"In the first place I did not hear the boo, and in the second place, if there was boo, having been mayor of this city for everal years I know for whom it was in-ended and it was not the General".

Ister in Governor Stevenson's longago visus to Russia—yet, anybow.

As for the press, its prose worduly lacks the purple passion of yesteryear, McKinley was pictured, by the old New York Tribuse, as "wretched, rattle-pasted boy. a mouthing, slobbering demanque whose patriotism is all in its is bone." Colonel McCormick in all in its is bone." Colonel McCormick can't top that.

The job was completed in time in 1950, but had Justice Seawell died a week or ten days later, it could not have been done.

The change, then, will apply only in the event the vacancy occurs within 30 days or less of the next election. The change is not of earth-shating importance, but it will provide a more orderly procedure in the event other vacancies like that caused by Justice Seawell's death occur in future years.

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### A GENTLE REMINDER

FOR a good many weeks now. THE NEWS has been carrying Dr. George Gallup's sampling of public opinion on the national election.

We have considered the Gallup poll as news, and interesting news at that. Anyone interested in the election is also interested in the gradual trends and sectional differ-ences as reflected in the Gallup poll.

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It is not, of course, a perfect measure of public opinion. No poll, however scientific, can possibly be accurate down to the last few percentage points. Too many people are reluctant to talk to polltakers. Others are reluctant to talk to polltakers. Others are to tell the pollster one thing and vote another way. And in this campaign, especially, there are so many vast unknown quantities that anyone who attempts to predict the outcome of the election on the basis of the Gallup poll or any other is taking a very great risk.

We mentign this because, in 1948, millions of Americans whose hopes shattered. Many of them blamed the polls for leading them satiray. But the fault really lay with those who used the polls as crystal balk instead of reading them as news.

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And so, this gentle note of warning. We have given you Dr. Gallup as information. We make no prediction of the outcome of the election on the basis of his analysis, and

The current issue of Space (a bouse organ, not a comic book) does a little reminiscing about previous campaigns. There was the time the President of Yale, who probably never even thought of merely questioning a "Harvard accent", said that victory for Thomas Jefferson would mean "our wives and daughters the victims of legal prostitution asheety dishonored, speciously polluted";

Jeffersonians were pictured as "athesiss and "muderers". Cleveland, who admitted dalliance with the bibulous and rather carefree Maria Halpin, was termed a "libertine". And Nan Britton, you'll recall, called President Harding "daddy".

In the old days, addiction to strong drink appeared to be an asset. A well intentioned Democratic editor mentioned Henry Harbor as association with hard clean and rode them be victory.

Shuck, youngsters, this campaign isn't dirty. Downright respectable.

I like what the Southern colonel said: "If those dam' Yankees don't quit votin' the way we do this whole country is going to be in an awful mess." Best summary for the two-party system that made this nation great.—St. Louir Port-Dispatch.

Scandal as a political weapon is as dan-gerous as a sword without a handle.—Kings-port (Tenn.) Times.

Man at telephone: "How's that? Sorry, I can't understand you. To whom did you wish to mumble?"—Azheville (N. C.) Citizen...



# People's Platform

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

### Follow Byrnes, Byrd

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Editors, Tur News:

IT seems now from the news that if vote for Stevenson I am not voting the Denocratic ticket but for some other kind of an ultrasmart we Fair Deal ticket.

It seems to be the vision of an ultrasmart with the process of South Carolina and the sovernor of South Carolina and the sovernor of Texas, also Senators Byrd and many others, risk their political lives to vote for a change, then people who are too busy to know all the lacts should uphold them.

#### Careful, Republicans BELMONT

litors, THE NEWS; REALLY don't think General Eisenhower will

San Antonio, Texas."

Frankly speaking, I don't think that is why
the Republicans of North Carolina are backing the
General. If that is why the Republicans are trying to win may God have mercy on their souls.

—JAMES K. ALEXANDER.

## Likes The News

Editors. THE NEWS:

J HAVE read so much about people criticity and the proper and saying they will never read it again the proper and saying they will never read it again the proper and the proper seems the proper were Charlotte titlers whom the paper is to represent and it is awful and disgusting to have your own people criticite their paper.

In the future I think some of the citizens of Charlotte, who so rudely criticized your paper, should write in again, this time to thank you and your paper for backing the general and what you thought was best for them and the rest of the people.

BOB MORTON.

## Still For Ike—And McCarthy?

Editors, THE NEWS:

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he desired to beat Governor Stevenson with
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## Doesn't Think It's Good CHARLOTTE

Editors. THE NEWS:

EVERY day we hear "You've never had it so good"

Are the boys fighting in Korea having it so good?

man, wany or us having it so good when every man, woman and child wose over \$4,000 on out national debt?

Are we having it so good when it took our government over 13 years to indict Alger liss?

Are we having the so good when the little man from Missouri can fire a great fivestar general when he dared make suggestions that would have brought the Korean War to a quicker end?

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-JOE E. BROWN

# Tax Rate Hike CHARLOTTE

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Regardless of the merits of an issue which is placed before an issue which is placed before an issue which is placed before actually to the informed as to just what they are voting for.

To that ead we would appreciate your doing what you can to inform the voters that the present N. C. constitutional limit on the General Poul data rate is 15 per centum. In voting FOR a limit of 20 per just placed to the property will actually be voting for an increase of 5 per centum on the present limitation.

—G. A. HUTCRINSON, Pres. Charlotte Property Management Assoc.

# Speak Up, Ham

What'll You Have? Editors The News:
At this stage of the Presidential campaign, General Eisenhower is in much the same position of King Henry VIII, in Shakespeare's drama:

But his performance, as he is ow, nothing.

Speak Up, Ham

Editors, The News:
What is wrong with Ham Jones
that he doesn't appear on television for himself? Why does he have
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— RICHARD E, EASON

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'Captive' Objects

Editors, The News:
Charlotteans who attended the Harding-West High Football game Friday night got firsthand information on what a political campaign in a European satellite country must be like.

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Anyone attending the game and paying the required admission had to listen to the speech by Vice-President Barkley via public address speakers in the stadium, while the football game was delayed about 30 minutes. This is certainly an invasion of individual rights.

## Ike And The Draftees

Editors, The News:
We are nearing the day when we must all do our duty and go vote for a man to lead our nation. We should all get on our kneets in prayer and ask our Father for guidance on that day, if we do thay, I feel sure the right one will win.

—MRS. MAYME BARGER. Editors. The News:
Just for the record and of special interest to those who still have
some time to serve in the Army
or called back into the Army. General Eisenhower's views of less
than two years ago on the subject
of pay for men in uniform make
interesting reading at this view.
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A United Press dispatch from Washington Jan. 4, 1983, reads as follows:

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His them has been the theme
of "What'll you bave?" Lower
taxers' Sure thing! Lower prices?
That's easy! Step rights up folks
and name your own tickle!. Some
of you love the Republicah liberal.
Earl Warren? I love him too. On
the other hand there are those
among you who adore the Republican lose Mfcarthy? Why there
isn't a nicer fellow around.

#### **Drew Pearson's** Nixon's Loans, Letters, Deductions Merry-Go-Round

affidants is that they were obtained in October, 1944, when Harry S. Truman was running for Vice-President.

However, they were not published by Winchell at that time. If so, the voters would have had no opportunity to pass on their validity when they could have influenced an election not eight years later when the question of Truman's early background is purely academic.

Various editors have complained since 1944 that the press did not properly report on many other activities of the man then running for Vice-President, most included the man then running for Vice-President, most interest of the man then running for Vice-President, most entire the man then running for Vice-President, and that Verps are usually unknown men, paided by a "handful of party bosses during the hasty closing days of a convention.

In view of this, and in view of the fact that Senator Nixon was not only handpicked but relatively unknown either to Eisenbower or to the public, here are more little-known facts in the record of a man who could be President.

President.

First, let it be said that Senator Nixon has been approached for comment on these facts, but has not made himself available. His prescriptions officer has stated not only to this column but repeatedly to the press that Nixon will not answer further questions on his finances nor publish his tax returns. He has refused to hold press

HOWEVER, here are some further facts on which the public is entitled to clarification:

[L. Loan from War Gustraction-During the closing days of the war, Nxon, an attorney in the Navy, was given the job of remeostating the contract of Evo as given the job of remeostating the contract of Evo as Riverdale. Maryland. This was an assignment which counter mean money seared for the taxpagers. The renegotiated officer sat as virtual under and jury, empowered to contract of a rebale to the government or a rebale to the contractor.

While renegotiating the Erco contract, Nixon let drop, which the water that he wanted to no beet contract, there are no fee fact that he wanted to be the contract to the contract to pay his expenses home. Later he repeal the money. It may have been purely coincidental, but Erco received a retund from the government on its war work.

Erco officials confirm the above facts. Senator Nixon was not available for comment.

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2. Office Expense—In making his radio report to the nation. Nison stated that he had used his \$18,000 expense fund to pay office and travel expenses, thus saving the taxpayers more;

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office expenses, part of which was \$200 for constituents inches. The Price. Waterhouse and it of his \$18,000 expense fund for the same years listed "meetings and bunches at California hotels, \$410." also "meetings and parking charges paid for visitors," \$382.52." Obviously the Price. Waterhouse audit and the Sentor's own expense deductions which were charged to the tapayer conflict.

#### Veterans' Board

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3. Tax Exemption—In March, 1981, Mrs. Nixon filled on behalf of herself and husband a sworn statement in California that their joint property did not exceed \$10,000. This was to enable them to take advantage of a California tax exemption whereby a veteran in reduced circumstances is given a tax exemption of short \$0.000. The control of the same year, Nixon purchash the \$1.000 house in Washington, making a down payment of \$20,000. house in Washington, making a down payment of \$20,000. Whitter, California and the same payment of \$20,000. The washington of \$20,000 house in Washington, making a four payment of \$20,000. The washington of \$20,000 house in Washington and \$20,000 house in Washington and \$20,000 house in Washington and \$20,000 house in \$

ittier, Calif.

If he lacked \$10,000 in March of 1951, where did he the \$20,000 in July? This is a question the public a right to ask of any candidate for office.

to painstaking work by this committee, the veterans medical care program was completly reorganized and revitalized.

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