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YOU WOULD never guess it from the headlines, but there are some important officers at stake in Tuesday's election other than the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency. The voters of North Carolina will also be asked to vote on Democratic and Republican candidates for state and local offices, and in these fields, the Democrats clearly offer the better tickets. This is partly due to historical causes. Republican Presidential 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.

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 nonetheless. The ballot will read as follows: FOR amendment providing a uniform method for filling vacancies in certain state offices. AGAINST amendment providing a uniform method for filling vacancies in certain state offices.

ford (Commissioner of Labor), William A. Devin (Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court), R. Hunt Patton (Jeff D. Johnson, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court). The Democratic candidates on the local ticket merit the support of the voters of Mecklenburg County, too. Fred H. McClary, Commissioner of the State Senate, E. M. O'Herron, J. L. Hicks, Arthur Goodman and Charley Gillette, nominees for the House of Representatives, Register of Deeds John R. Renfrow, County Treasurer Jessie Caldwell Smith, County Chairman Sid W. McAdon, 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 Senate is being contested by the Republicans. In rolling up a huge vote on next Tuesday, the people of Mecklenburg County have a great opportunity to pile up a historic majority for Democratic state and local candidates. The election occurs within 30 days of earth-shaking importance, but it will provide a more orderly procedure in the event other vacancies like that caused by Justice Sewall's death occur in future years. The News recommends the approval of the amendment.

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 who is interested in the election is also interested in the gradual trends and sectional differences as reflected in the Gallup poll. It is not, of course, a perfect measure of public opinion. No poll, however scientific, can possibly be accurate down to 30 days or percentages points. Too many people are reluctant to talk to pollsters. Others are apt to tell the pollster one thing and vote another way. And in this campaign, especially, there are so many who are known to the pollster who attempt to predict the outcome of the election on the basis of the Gallup poll or any other is taking a very great risk. We mention this because, in 1948, millions of Americans whose hopes had been built up on the Gallup poll, were shattered. Many of them blamed the polls for leading them astray. But the fault really lay with those who used the polls as crystal balls instead of reading them as news. 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 we trust that you will use the same restraint.

THIS HIGH-LEVEL CAMPAIGN

THIS CAMPAIGN, said the man, shaking his head, is about the dirtiest, roughest ever. Nonsense. It's actually quite dignified, historically speaking. It has not even been intimated that either candidate believes in free love and has fathered illegitimate children, nor do the most violent partisans suspect that either is a drunken old son of Grandpa, who waved flaming torches that would have horrified our fire department and sang most indecent songs about the opposition, would have thought this a disgustingly high-level campaign. We were reminded of all this when the Eisenhowers came to town. Marnie said she heard a boo and our Mayor Shaw made that wonderful response of a true southern gentleman. "In the first place I did not hear the 'boo', and in the second place, if there was a 'boo', having been mayor of this city for several years I know for whom it was intended and it was not the General's."

The current issue of Space (a house 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 cad," said that "Victory for Thomas Jefferson would mean 'our wives and daughters the victims of legal prostitution, soberly dishonored, speciously polluted.' Jeffersonians were pictured as 'slovenly and smugly' people, who allied themselves 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, election to strong drink appeared to be an asset. A well-intentioned Democratic editor mentioned Henry Harrison's association with hard cider, whereupon the Whigs rolled out the barrels and rode them to victory. Shucks, 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 time, their country will go to the devil in an awful mess." Best summary for the two-party system that made this nation great. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Scandal as a political weapon is as dangerous as a sword without a handle.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times. Man at telephone: "How's that? Sorry, I can't understand you. To whom did you wish to mumble?"—Asheville (N. C.) Citizen.

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. The News reserves the right to condense.

Follow Byrnes, Byrd

IT seems now from the news that if I vote for Stevenson I am not voting for the Democratic ticket but for some other kind of an ultramarine New Fair Deal ticket. Now even Roosevelt's son, John, cannot vote his father's Democratic ticket. When men like the governor of South Carolina and the governor of Texas also Senator Byrd and many others, risk their political lives to vote for a change, then people who are too busy to know all the facts should uphold them.

Careful Republicans

I read in a Baltimore paper, Oct. 25: "I hope when General Eisenhower gets in the White House he puts all you blue pricks back in your place. You guys have listened to Harry Truman and got too big for your britches." (Signed) "Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas." Frankly speaking, I don't think that is why the Republicans of North Carolina are backing General Eisenhower. If that is what the Republicans are trying to win may God have mercy on their souls. —JAMES K. ALEXANDER.

Likes The News

I HAVE read so much about people criticizing your paper and saying they will never read again, that you decided to put out the back General Ike. A lot of these people were Charlotte citizens whom the paper so represented and who would applaud to have your own people criticize their paper.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON. While renegotiating the Erico contract, Nixon let drop the fact that he wanted to go back to California to run for Congress and borrowed money from Erico to pay his expenses home. Later he repaid the money. It may be a coincidence, but Erico received a return from the government on its war work. Erico officials confirm the above facts. Senator Nixon was not available for comment. Nixon's office spokesman in making his radio report to the nation, Nixon stated that he had used his \$18,000 expense fund to pay office and travel expenses, thus saving the taxpayers the cost of the trip. Despite this, the Senator claimed \$129,450 in deductible office expenses in 1951 beyond his \$2,500 tax-free allowance. Part of this was a claim of \$600 for taking constituents on lunch. In 1950 he also claimed a deduction of \$1,471 for office expenses, part of which was \$260 for constituents' lunches. In the Price, Waterhouse audit his \$18,000 expense fund for the same years listed "meetings and lunches at California Hotel, \$410," also "meals at the Price, Waterhouse restaurant, \$382.52." Obviously the Price, Waterhouse audit and the Senator's own expense deductions which were charged to the taxpayer count.



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Prayer Is Needed

We are nearing the day when we must do our duty as citizens for a man to lead our nation. We should all get on our knees in prayer and ask our Father for guidance on that day. If we do that, I feel sure the right one will win. —MRS. MAYME BARGER.

What'll You Have?

At this stage of the Presidential campaign, General Eisenhower is asking you to have a drink. He has Henry VIII, in Shakespeare's drama: His promises were, as he then was: "But his performance, as he is now, nothing. What a burden Eisenhower has accumulated in the weeks of campaigning! His promises change with the climate, the geographical interests, as well as with ethnic, racial, religious, and occupational preferences. What a burden!" His theme has been the theme of "What'll you have?" Lower taxes? Sure thing! Lower prices? That's easy! Step right up folks and make your contribution to the cause of you love the Republic under Earl Warren? I love him too. On the other hand there are those who say "What'll you have?" "Clean Joe McCarthy?" Why there isn't a nicer fellow around. "What'll you have?" Peasants, popcorn, and crackcracks, and there's a prize in every package for the kiddies. You want us to stop shilly-shallying with Joe Stalin? No, no, no! You want us to cut our expenditures in Europe? Why, that's

CHARLOTTE. What I've been seeing all along... True Republicans may feel proud of John W. Hearnes of the outraged mob for his submission of Oct. 27. He confirmed an all-too-obvious fact, namely, that the GOP has no meritorious past record or substantial platform for the future... Mr. Hearnes rose to the position of mouthpiece for Republican adherents when he admitted that it was the best he could do for the Republicans, a vote not for Ike, but against Adlai, as good as any, however. Let's remember that the quality of the government is better indicated by the votes of the opinion-minded, rather than those of the insane. —JOE E. BROWN.

Tax Rate Hike

Editors, THE NEWS: REGARDLESS of the merits of an issue which is placed before the voters we feel that the voters are entitled to be informed as to just what they are voting for. To that end we would appreciate your doing what you can to inform the voters that the present N. C. constitutional limit on the General Fund tax rate is 15 per cent in voting for a limit of 20 per cent on the General Fund tax rate will actually result in voting for an increase of 5 per cent on the present limitation. —G. A. HUTCHINSON, Pres. President-Bay State Civic Management Assoc.

Speak Up, Ham

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Ike And The Draftees

Editors, THE NEWS: Just for record and of special interest to those who still have some time to serve in the Army and Navy, I would like to see subject called back into the Army. General Eisenhower's views of less than two years ago on this subject are paid in the uniform make interesting reading at this time. A United Press dispatch from Washington on Jan. 4, 1951, reads as follows: "Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told today that he would not militate against Eisenhower's order to call the draft, for example — should get little if any pay because they are fulfilling an obligation to the state. "He told a news conference that he would not militate against Eisenhower's order to call the draft, for example — should get little if any pay because they are fulfilling an obligation to the state. "He told a news conference that he would not militate against Eisenhower's order to call the draft, for example — should get little if any pay because they are fulfilling an obligation to the state."

Don't Think It's Good

Editors, THE NEWS: EVERY day we hear "You've never had it so good." Are the boys fighting in Korea having it so good? Are any of us having it so good when every man, woman and child owns over \$4,000 on an national debt? Are we having it so good when the little man from Missouri can fire a great firewater general when he dared make suggestions that would have broken the Korean War to a quicker end? I'll take a truly great American on Nov. 4, I like Ike. —FAITH JOHNSTONE LESLIE.

Nixon's Loans, Letters, Reductions

While renegotiating the Erico contract, Nixon let drop the fact that he wanted to go back to California to run for Congress and borrowed money from Erico to pay his expenses home. Later he repaid the money. It may be a coincidence, but Erico received a return from the government on its war work. Erico officials confirm the above facts. Senator Nixon was not available for comment. Nixon's office spokesman in making his radio report to the nation, Nixon stated that he had used his \$18,000 expense fund to pay office and travel expenses, thus saving the taxpayers the cost of the trip. Despite this, the Senator claimed \$129,450 in deductible office expenses in 1951 beyond his \$2,500 tax-free allowance. Part of this was a claim of \$600 for taking constituents on lunch. In 1950 he also claimed a deduction of \$1,471 for office expenses, part of which was \$260 for constituents' lunches. In the Price, Waterhouse audit his \$18,000 expense fund for the same years listed "meetings and lunches at California Hotel, \$410," also "meals at the Price, Waterhouse restaurant, \$382.52." Obviously the Price, Waterhouse audit and the Senator's own expense deductions which were charged to the taxpayer count. Veterans Record—The best way to judge a Senator is by the record he has made on the floor of the Senate and in the public eye. The record of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee, an important group because it handles the Hart-Atterly Act, labor legislation, is a good one. Out of 18 full committee meetings during the last session, however, Nixon attended only four. He was present at only one of the subcommittee on veterans affairs, which investigated the medical care program, found it bogged down and inadequate. Thanks to his making work for this committee, the veterans' medical care program is completely reorganized and reauthorized. However, this was done with no thanks to Nixon. Though a member of the American Legion publicity active at veterans' rallies, he had the worst attendance record of any member of the subcommittee. When real work for veterans was being done, Nixon was not there. 5. Record on Civil Rights—Nixon has been making many recent speeches on civil rights, has urged the end of the American Legion publicity active at veterans' rallies, he had the worst attendance record of any member of the subcommittee. When real work for veterans was being done, Nixon was not there. 6. Gambling Interference—Nixon stated, in explaining his own expense fund, that he had asked no government official to contribute to his expense fund. However, he wrote a letter to the American Ambassador in Cuba asking aid for Dana Smith, the man who collected the \$18,000 and \$20,000 in gambling taxes from the Cuban Embassy. Smith was playing the gambling tables at the Club Sals Souds in Havana, lost \$4,200 and paid with a check, then he wrote a letter to the American Ambassador to whom the check was made out, then Dana Smith wrote a letter to the American Ambassador in Cuba asking aid for Dana Smith, the man who collected the \$18,000 and \$20,000 in gambling taxes from the Cuban Embassy. Nixon meanwhile wrote a letter to the American Ambassador in Cuba asking aid for Dana Smith, the man who collected the \$18,000 and \$20,000 in gambling taxes from the Cuban Embassy.