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## FOR REPUBLICANS ONLY

THIS editorial is directed to the registered Republican voters of North Carolina who, this week-end, will begin their precinct and county meetings leading up to district and state conventions. In these meetings there will be in motion the processes that will culminate with the nomination of candidates and the selection of delegates to the national GOP convention in July.

You are meeting in atmosphere of glowing enthusiasm and optimism. On all sides there are signs that millions of Americans want a change of party at the national level, provided it is a change for the better. And there is evidence that your national leadership is paying more attention to North Carolina than it has since 1928.

What are your chances of becoming a real factor in North Carolina politics? In the foreseeable future, they hang on your ability to attract independent voters and convert some wayward Democrats—not for just one election but for the longer period of years.

How do you attract independents and Democrats? First, by nominating strong, influential candidates at the local and state level, and giving them clear, forceful platforms to stand on; second, by nominating candidates to national office who appeal to all voters instead of to the tight hierarchy of the party faithful.

Because of party rules, no registered Democrats will participate in your deliberations. There is no way for them to make their voices heard. But remember that there are many thousands of them waiting on the sidelines for a chance to cast their ballots for General Dwight Eisenhower for the Presidency.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

NORTH CAROLINA would be an infinitely smaller place without the two Clarks, David and his brother John W.

David's bullwink, when he's not off consorting with the Dixiecrats, is N. C. State College, and in his stubborn, imperious way, he has contributed a great deal to the progress of the institution, if not its equilibrium.

John W. focuses his attention on Chapel Hill, where he peers behind the scenes of the university, and in his unrelenting way, he is lurking there.

Both love to belabor those who disagree with them, especially newspaper editors. From time to time The News has been favored with highly uncomplimentary letters from the Clarks. Clark letters that add spice and flavor to the *People's Platform* in a way when too many people are fearful of expressing strong opinions.

Last Saturday, for example, the News had an editorial about a petition signed by fifteen Mecklenburg alumni of State College demanding that a student editor be punished because he criticized a faculty member and asked questions about things beyond his concern. David Clark's name didn't appear on the petition, but there was rather suspected that the editorial would ruffle his feathers. Sure enough, in today's *Platform*, there is another one of those wonderfully sarcastic communications.

## THE TREASURES OF SNOW

"HAST thou entered," it is inquired in the Book of Job, "into the treasures of snow?"

Treasure abounds in the soft fleeces of descending snow which, like diamonds, floated against the crown of the Queen City yesterday.

Childhood is infinitely richer to boys and girls who awaken early in the morning—preferably a Saturday—and press their noses to a steaming windup window overlooking an exciting world of shimmering snow. Breakfast can't be finished too fast, for there are so many things to do and explore outside.

First, initials must be trampled in the yard which only yesterday lay brown and naked. And, as playmates gather, a cross, crimson-scribed, has to be trampled out for the ensuing game of fox and goose. And all the fascinating tracks! The footprints of a joyful dog are those of an immense wolf to the young scouts who follow them out to the woods where they intermingle with the odd tracks of now-camouflaged rabbits, whose hind feet both hit the snow behind the right front one. And here now this new track—perhaps a mountain lion? No, it's only the

From The Atlanta Journal

## THEY'RE SHARPENING THEIR SPIKES

DOGWOODS and their swelling buds tell some folks that Spring is coming. Others wait until they see a robin reared back and stretching a worm. Still others watch for the first crocus.

There is a surer sign.

The Brooklyn Yuns opened their training camp at Yonkers Beach Tuesday. Lou Durocher sent his Giants through a light workout at the "Pond." Ari. The Cubs left nine pitchers and three catchers in on the first knicks at Mesa, Ariz. Branch Rickey, the Mahatma himself, looked over Pirate rookies at San Bernardino, Calif.

Your party bosses will tell you that Senator Robert Taft is the best candidate, that he has the interest of the party at heart, that he can win. In our judgment, General Eisenhower is a better candidate, he will be able to do more for the nation, and he will win.

By what right, you ask, does The News, an independent newspaper, intrude into your affairs? Because The News has, for many years, done all in its power to encourage a two-party system in North Carolina and throughout the South—as much or more than some of your own leaders have done. Because The News believes sincerely, that the nomination of General Eisenhower will be a tremendous incentive to the rapid development of that two-party system. And because The News, gravely concerned over the mess the professional politicians have made of our national affairs, believes the people can no longer afford to turn their affairs over to party bosses.

Be not fooled by the glow of optimism generated by the powerful Taft organization. The Dewey organization, equally powerful, sent up the same iridescence in 1948. The Republican Party still faces an uphill fight to capture the Presidency and the Congress and to establish itself at the State and local level.

You are just a part of the national Republican Party. But it will be the sheersoft folly if you fail to do all you can to assure victory for your cause, under the banner of a man who enjoys the universal respect and admiration of Americans of all political beliefs.

The wise maddard doesn't meet the irate bull head-on, but flicks his cape to provoke another charge. Perhaps Mr. Clark can explain something that bothers us. Both the original petition and his letter make much of the fact that several state members of the State College student newspaper live out of the state. Furthermore, the newspaper points out, the students named in the two communications have "non-Anglo-Saxon" names.

We were not aware that state residency and Anglo-Saxon heritage were requirements for attending State College. For example, in thumbing through the 1951 State football prospectus, we noted that 42 out of the 48 players listed on the team partially recruited and subsidized by Mr. Clark's Wolfpack Club, lived outside the state. Among them:

Steve Kocila . . . . .Tarrytown, N. Y.  
Vince Bagatella . . . . .Luzerne, Pa.  
Fred Ragonia . . . . .Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
David Vitino . . . . .Paterson, N. J.  
Ray Barkunski . . . . .Kulmpont, Pa.  
Tom Pokarchick . . . . .Signal, Ohio  
Urgo Breda . . . . .Urgo, Ohio  
Ed Marga . . . . .Lackawanna, N. Y.

There are others, but that listing is adequate for us to paraphrase The Bard and pop the question to Mr. Clark:

"What's in a halfback? That which we call Anglo-Saxon  
By any other name would smell as sweet."

mark of a little squirrel as he plumps, almost yard by yard, toward his storehouse of nuts stored up for just this winter.

There is so much to be learned from snow by eager young minds. About agriculture—how this blanket of snow will enrich the soil beneath it. And the willing parent will be sure to point out the many uses of snow to hold a field demonstration in geometry or meteorology. Here—let's look at one of the flakes. Is it eight-sided, solid? It must have fallen from high, cold clouds. Or is it star-like, fragile, from one of the low clouds?

But there are other, more exciting things to do—sweeping off the skating rink, padding out to ski, running, sledding. And of course building snowmen and preparing ammunition for the forthcoming snowball fight.

Then, too, snow is the great catalyst of young love. There is no gesture so gallant as that of the boy who rescues a girl from a drift in which she flounders, no smile so radiant as that of a young man whose face has just been washed by chaste snow in the hands of her young sister, who would otherwise hesitate to embrace her openly.

Snow is indeed a treasure. May it fall profusely, on young and old, in the Piedmont.

Mine wadding toward the plate hauling his cargo of Winter fat.

Touchdowns are for college boys and basketball is an indoor sport. For most of us, from Georgia's red hills to the snow slopes of Mt. Rainier, from Bangor to the Pecon, there is no sound like ski against borehole, no sight like the white streak over the fence.

Hurry up, Mr. Ump, and dust off that plate.

Yell that welcome cry: "Play ball!"

The best description of a father in a recent contest came from a youngster who wrote: "We have such good fun with my daddy I wish I had knew him sooner."—*Fitchburg (Tex.) Gazette.*

Overheard: "Men are like taxicabs. Those on my side of the street are always taken."—*Elizville (Ga.) Sun.*



## People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writers name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

### Senator Smith's 'Socialism'

REAPFORD  
The News: A scold for setting right the misstatements of Senator Smith in his speech recently blaming President Truman and "socialism" for all our present ills.  
His speech was more subtle than dumb; but when a person of responsibility makes obvious efforts to mislead a kindly but often unthinking group of citizens somebody ought to tell him what he knows he is doing, regardless of what one's own political opinions may be.  
You have done a good day's job. It is a pity that such errors cannot be corrected promptly and thoroughly — errors even an honest schoolboy wouldn't make.

—ARNOLD A. MCKAY.

### News Insulted N. C. Stater

CHARLOTTE  
Editors, The News: YOUR edition, "High-Handed Alumni" makes it appear the fifteen individual alumni signed the protest to Chancellor J. W. Harrelson whereas it was signed by all of the officers and every member of the board of directors of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the General Alumni Association of North Carolina State College and your insulting editorial is directed at all of the State College alumni in this county.

I am not an officer or a member of the board of directors. I did not sign nor did I have any knowledge of the meeting with a representative of the Board of Directors of the News & Observer. We are being constantly told that affairs at State College are the business of members of the General Alumni Association but you take the position that they are none of our business.

If affairs at State College were none of the business of the alumni there would be no collusion and very few of the present outstanding group of professors would be there because there would be no Foundations to provide the salary supplements. The plan of the Book Store at State College was set up by a committee of trustees consisting of Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, the late Joseph Daniels of The News & Observer, and another trustee whose name I do not recall.

It is unfortunate, of course, that they did not consult the editor of The Charlotte News but they did consult the University and the board of trustees of the University approved their recommendation.

"By trustee action" athletics at State College was placed under an Athletic Council consisting of five members of the faculty, five alumni and a number of members who are selected by the students.

Among the faculty members are Professor H. A. Dean, Malcolm E. Campbell of the School of Textiles and Dean J. Bryant Kirkland of the School of Education. Among the alumni are H. L. Sullivan, former mayor of Greensboro, J. M. Peden, president of the Peden Steel Co. of Raleigh and D. W. Seibert, president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Weidman. Among the student members are Walter Schacht and Jim O'Rourke, both of them senior football players and student leaders.

Ten days after a conference with Beattie Feathers, during which he expressed himself as agreeable to being transferred to assistant coach, the same salary he was getting, and being entirely

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

A SECRET meeting in which every housewife will be interested will be held at 10 A. M. tomorrow in the crystal room of the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago.

Representatives at the meeting will be representatives of the livestock industry and the big food processors, and their purpose will be to kill price controls.

"This will be a secret meeting without publicity," says C. B. Watson, president of the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association, to various meat, grain and food processors. However, this column has obtained copies of the correspondence and believes the public is entitled to know what backstage forces are working to defeat price controls.

The first confidential letter calling the meeting was mailed by the corn belt livestock feeders on Jan. 31, stating:

"Our association wants to get rid of OPS and price controls. Various groups within industries, such as the National Livestock and Meat Industry Conference are doing excellent work. But this is much bigger than livestock. All branches of business should work together in a well-planned fight."

"If you are willing to work with other organizations, then please attend a meeting at Chicago on Feb. 28. This will be a confidential meeting without publicity."

Within their rights but without the advice of the editor of The Charlotte News, the Athletic Council, by a vote of thirteen to one, elected a new head football coach.

Beattie Feathers has made no complaint and is co-operating to the fullest extent, and in every way, with the new head coach but we do not seem to be able to satisfy certain newspaper editors and a few of the sports writers.

They seem to feel that the election of head football coach at State College is their affair rather than that of the Athletic Council which includes the men named above.

The Technician, the student newspaper at State College, has or very recently had, on its staff, Paul Foght, D. E. Marritt, Steve Elstein, Dan Harriet, Allan Nishbell, Edliff Kabash, Walter Kasman and Ken Gilska. Foght is from Kenosha, Wis., while the others are from New York City. Some of them get \$50 per month plus a portion of the profits while others get smaller amounts.

While the daily elected student representatives upon the Athletic Council had, after careful consideration, voted to change Beattie Feathers to assistant coach, and the vote of the Athletic Council had been thirteen to one, The Technician, under the editorship of the boys named above, had seized and scurrilous editorials about Professor H. A. Fisher, who as chairman, did not actually vote upon the matter.

The officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the General Alumni Association filed a protest against admitting students to insult members of the faculty.

You write an insulting editorial saying that it is not our business to concern ourselves with the mysterious success of the Taft forces in New Jersey is being discussed in a number of columns in this industrial states. Essentially, this is a secret of this success are everywhere the same, and we are not sure where there are local variations.

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## Prejudice and Sectionalism Affect the Statehood Issue

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON  
LIKE the old-time stock company, Congress puts a series of scenes that have their allotted time and then go off the boards. The actors say their lines, which have a pretty stale sound. And then the whole thing is sent off to the political warehouse to await the next season.

The drama before the Senate for some time now has been statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. One of the old chestnuts in the Congressional repertoire, it brings out some of the basest emotions. Unless a lot more people out in the country take an interest in the issues of statehood, it will be sent back to the warehouse for a long time.

This drama has, as so many others, a "Gene" who is the quality. On one side is the Confederacy alerted by the old fear and mistrust. On the other side are those who believe the two territories are deserving of statehood and that only in this way can they become for military and economic purposes an integral part of the United States. In the middle is a gray mass of Senators who would like to be for it — or at least for Hawaiian statehood — without having to be to the Senate in an outright yes or no vote.

What these nervous middlemen want is to move the whole thing off the boards without action and then prevent a test on Hawaii. Many of the uninformed do not know that the Senate is on record in favor of statehood for Hawaii. But they do not want to vote on it. Southern Democrats, who are fearful that four more votes will be added in the Senate against them, are of unlimited desire. Neither do they like the idea that a Senator of Oriental origin might be elected to the club.

Some who favor the admission of Hawaii have sincere reservations about Alaska. They point out that a huge, empty chunk of land it is, with its far-reaching, deeply indentured coastline. That coastline is so long that it is longer than that of the continental United States.

The opponents of Alaskan statehood say: Look, only 108,000 people live there. The arguments sound a little like those raised when William H. Seward as Secretary of State negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia nearly a century ago. People demanded to know why anyone should want to add a lonely wasteland of snow and ice.

To argue that Alaska should not be admitted because it is so big is in effect to say that nothing can ever be done about it. Only through statehood will a transformation be worked. Only through full equality will the stepchild grow up to maturity.

ALASKA OPPORTUNITY  
Important natural resources are waiting development in the territory. Vast stands of timber can be opened up to provide products growing scarcer each year. This in turn calls for the development of hydro-electric resources. Private enterprise should be given every opportunity to develop them. But it is beyond the scope of private industry, then the Federal Government should take over and of subsidizing loans used to develop vast power resources in the United States.

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## Taft Gains in New Jersey Illustrate National Trend

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON  
ONE way to understand a highly significant and rather mysterious political process which has been going on through the state, conferring generally with their fellow professionals, and of self-indulgent loans used to develop vast power resources in the United States.

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