

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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SPEED AND PUNISHMENT

WA DON'T FEEL SORRY for the protest-ing releases who decided to spend eighteen clays in jull rather than pay an eighteen chiler fine for specifing. Our com-plaint is that he doesn't have more company. We wish more of Charlotte's speeders were in jull instead of on the streets and high-ways.

We wish more of Cheriotie's speeders were in juil imsaed of on the streets and highways.

He protested that the arresting officer should have used more discretion in the arrest-that although he was driving over 40 miles per hour in a 40-mile zone it was at 4 A. M., and there was no traffic, that the 40 miles per hour limit was intended to regular the state of the programment, be it federal, state or local, to uphold the law and arrest its transgressors. When an official docted what laws to overlook, justice usually entires. If enough persons think a law is unjust it is usually changed, and meanwhile the individual has recourse to the courts, which in the case at hand were kind to predict the programment of the court, which in the case at hand were kind by the court, which in the case at hand were kind by the court, which in the case at hand were kind by the court, which in the case at hand were kind by the court, which in the case at hand were kind to reduce the charge to 55 miles per hour in cream of the court, which in the case at hand were kind to reduce the charge to 55 miles per hour in cream of 55 miles per hour in cream of 55 miles per hour fore the case of 55 miles per hour lose his license, and the imprisoned protestor was convicted to the within a year of speeding to miles per hour the well-there at 40 miles per hour; requires 85 1/2 feet braking distance to soo, efter his initial reaction to a danger ahead, which takes about five-eighths of a second to register. Thus at 40 miles per hour; it will take him 124 feet to stop, At 60 miles per hour; it will take him 124 feet to stop, At 60 miles per hour it will take him 124 feet to stop, At 60 miles per hour it will take him 124 feet to stop, At 60 miles per hour it will take him 124 feet to stop, At 60 miles per hour it will take him 124 feet to stop, At 60 miles per hour it will take him 124 feet to stop, At 60 miles per hour for the reaction to register, its 18 105 feet, and the total distance to register, its 18 105 feet, and the total distance to re

than twice the distance required when the car is travelling at 40 miles per hour. And at night there is even greater need for pre-caution because the speeder's visibility is limited to the short scope of his car's headlights, and he cannot stop within their clear

range.

The man now languishing in fall here in Charlette has committed a crime which millions of his fellow citizens have committed—but they sped away scot free, because no cop was around, or perhaps a cop was around, or perhaps a cop was around, and used "discretion". It is a grim statistical fact that a majority of the thousands upon thousands of bloody, tragic highway deaths are caused by the speeder, the speeder who got away, who dight get caught, in sail got caught. Others of us, equally guilty, weren't caught.

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in jail got caught. Others of us, equally quilty, werent caught.

The choice of eighteen days in jail or payment of an eighteen dollar fine, offered by the court, is probably a holdover from the old days when a dollar a day was a good wage, when many a man would prefer to rest in jail rather than fork over scarce money. It seems time for the lawmakers to acknowledge the advent of prosperity and inflation in such laws, permitting a man who chooses, not freedom, but "principle", to sit out his time at a rate of, say, \$5 a day. But we see no reason for changing the particular law involved, or winking at it. Speed on the highway kills. It has killed many of your and our friends and dear ones; it may kill you or your loved ones today. You may be the killer. We hope the traffic officials continue, with increasing vigilance, to arrestly law-breakers, that traffic judges grow increasingly stern in the punishment they order. If they do, the result will be less blood on the highways. Eigheen dollars, deed when compared with that received, or so unjustly meted out, by many speeders.

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THE several public reports on the Far East
made by General Ridgway since his return to the U. S. are sobering. He has given
his countrymen little new information, but
his emphasis on the seriousness of the
Korean situation and the magnitude of the
problems facing the new Japan, does not permit one much hope for rapid improvement of
the Far Eastern situation.

The general is certainly no defeatist—on
the contrary, he remains contident, but his
contidence is qualified by serious appreciation of the Far East's problems, which are
likewise our and our allies' problems.
Reviewing the interminable truce negotiations before a joint session of Congress
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continuance of hestilities in Korea is nowthe responsibility of the Country may have
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In another area, however, Japan, to which the general devoted considerable attention that the general devoted considerable attention by this country will have profound effect, and Congress and the Administration would do well to ponder the spillens of Japan as he presented them.

General Ridgway believes the "everstrengthening of the (U. S.-Japanese) bonds" is of vital importance. But, he says, in Japan the basic essentials of life are 'in chronic short import. She must have access to raw materials if she is to buy and import the things the comment vertically perfect. Because of her disarrament she is extremely vulnerable to attack. But despite the relatively short time since the conclusion of World War II he finds the Japanese hopeful, friendly, showing gratitude to the U. S. "They are presently walking with us," he said. "Whether they continue or not is a responsibility which rests rather more on us in the immediate future than on them. for our strength is superior, our resources immensionly guester, and ours is the role of The radical changes required to achieve the goals deemed vital by the General—increased Japanese-American concernition as and the consequence of the c

eadership."

The radical changes required to achieve the goals deemed vital by the General—increased Japanese-American co-operation and a viable Japanese economy—hit home when

one considers that Japan, which still has the overpopulation and trade problems she had a decade ago, now has less markets, less pos-sible markets, and fewer places where her decade ago, now has less markets, less pos-sible markets, and fewer places where her excess population could go. She has lost her island.empir.ber-holdings. on the Asian-mainland. Her nationals continue to be ex-cluded from japarely-settled Australia and New Zealand. Less than 200 Japanese may be admitted to the U. S. next year. Other countries have taken over much of her trade. She is under considerable pressure, for good reason, to do no trading with her logical trade partner. China, or Russia. Attempts to increase Japanese trade will meet great op-position among the traders of other nations, who remember how Japan can outprofice and undersell them in her several fields. We are gled that General Ridgway chose to emphasite the Japanese problem. For, as the honeymon days of the peace part fades into history, these stark economic and sociological problems will loom larger and larger, taxing the ability of even the most fair-minded officials who seek to find their solution.

PERCENTAGE POOR

WHAT percentage are you? It seems important these days.

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Of course the five per centers are the most commonly known. Some legislators, uncovering deals which put the five per centers in the shade, started talking about ten per centers. Then the other day Presidential aspirant Averell Harriman broadened the basis for admission to the five per center club, including in it, with a smile at Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, who happened to be seated nearby, the advocates of increased tariff.

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Meanwhile, there's that proposal kicking around that would limit Federal income tax to 25 per cent of an individual's income, and the plan's advocates are known as 25 per centers by their opponents. And of course there are the 27 1/2 per centers with their percentage tax depletion in the oil business, and the farmers cope with the 60 per centers, who oppose 90 per cent or 100 per cent parity.

Ah for the good old days. Then all that mattered to 100 per cent Americans was a man's position on 3.2 per cent.

From The Richmond News-Leader

BUT IS IT ART?

THERE is a great deal to be said, thought we heatitate to say it, for the point of view expressed this week by three customs efficials out in Los Angeles. When they got to a shipment consigned to Frank Peris, an individual to the said of the consideration of the constant of the constant perison. The packing material" and hence subject to duty.

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M. Perjs objected. It wasn't packing ma-rial, he said, it was a poster by Franch vanter Henri Midisse. Finally the customs sopio, line most of us in the presence of a art espect, simply surrendered. They said hay it was art, no dut, and take it wasy.
These incidents come along all the time, and our sympatry always reals with the effect customs inspectors and the poer-timb galout host starse at some abstraction as gallery and wonders if I'ds right side up, tt, is our humble, horowleasen notion,

in the person who hears it or reads it sees it on the wall—some emotion, that beyond the irritable thought that jun could do better.

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The customs officials looked at the Matisse positer for 30 minutes and didn't get a thing out of it. So it's by Matisse? But it art? It wann't to them, but it was to Mr. Peris, Just as Stuart Devis Juffle Giant Sort Life Just Life Life Just No one ever settles these things, but the incidents do throw some eloquent comment on the confusion of values in our own time.

Not Interested—The politician returned from a big campaign speech, "Well, how did the audience receive your statement that you'd never bought a voice." "Well, about a dozen cheered, a couple hundred seemed to lose interest in the speech and about 30 just get up and walked out."—Fersondine (Fig.)



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.

Is Drinking Bad?

CHARLOTTE

Editors, Nus Naws:

[S drinking sinful and detrimental to mankind? This question is certainly an all-important one that cannot always be answered with a mere yes or no. Whether an individual cossiders drinking as depends upon his religious training, his early environment, and upon his reasoning powers.

Some people drink in an effort to drown their sorrows, others because they are too covardily to be different from "the gang"; still others because they are believe drinking in "sophisticated," a stepping politically the movies mislead these guilible ones. Plant of the political po

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demand norkage, because he has the votung powers to command it, Herein, too, we'are all sleeping Winkles.

Third. The army of Federal employees, retired and active, the beneficiaries of the social security more than the 25 per cent handicap you mention as existing against efforts to dislodge the party in power. There will have gone out from Washington and other Federal agencies throughout the between the contract of the social security and the second that the second to show that Fourth Of course, "Second to show that

a political message which will be heeded. Here we are dead-sales American Winkle.
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the self-ressed the final session of the convention on
May 18 in Manni, and was reported in The Charlotte News May 19, 1952.

I would like to have Dr. Grey's answer to the
question at the end the situation now described,
Suppose the Devil and George Washington were canpose George favored sending a mission to the Valcan while the Devil did not. Dr. Grey, for whomwould you vote?

—PETER J. KING.

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Stevenson May Issue Stronger Statement And Back Harriman

By MARQUIS CHILDS

83rd Congress Due To Have At Least 70 New Legislators

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As a starter, the new A.G. might look at a case which the Commerce Department sent to the Justice Department months ago involving surplus government tankers, this one featuring Adm. Harold G. Bowen, former Chief of Naval Research who assisted in developing the atom bomb.

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Shortly after Bowen retired in 1947, he turned up as a stockholder in the United States Pertoleum Carriers, Inc. He bought 250 others at \$2 a there, signed applications to buy four surplus tankers from the government, were delivered three months later. In other words, he reaped a fabulus \$85,000 profit after investing only \$500. His chief contribution was use of his name to wanglo the state of the state

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The Greeks Had Friends

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Gathering Dust

year ago. And that's exactly where the case lies today, gathering dust on a Justice Department shelf. However, this column has been able to obtain a copy of the maritime investigators' secret report.

The report identifies the dominant Greek shipowner in the case as Aristoteles S. Onassis, who is Greek by birth, the case as Aristoteles S. Onassis, who is Greek by birth. United States, the does must of this basiness through South American corporations, which give him the maximum iax benefits.

ch of USPC and Ariona (Unasan convention), recent, the secret report continues, within it eding six months Berenson reduced his share is the by selling ten shares each to C. N. Carver, A. C. d N. Cokkrinis at a loss of \$3,500 on each bide whates to Ariona on a break-even basis. What i remains no sell this twelve per cent interest in a bid majority interest pass at 10