

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1952

HAPPY JULY 4TH (AND 5TH, TOO) WE HOPE

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Somewhere along the crowded roads, there will be the shriek of tires, the rending crash of metal and glass, the screams of the wpunded and the silence of the dead. Somewhere a parent, a brother or sister, schild, a friend will see a quick flashback of the good life in that split second before life is blotted out forever.

If has been so since the invention of the motor while, Just a month aco. 300 persons

motor vehicle. Just a month ago, 360 persons died on U/S. highways over the Memorial

TODAY and tomorrow countless thousands Day holiday. In the last six years, 8,936 of Carolinians will take to the highways. Americans have been killed in holiday high-

Americans have been killed in holiday high-way accidents—almost three times as many as died at Pearl Harbor, half as many as have given up their lives for 'America in Korea. The tragedy is heightened by the utter uselessness of this wanton destruction of human life. A little extra caution, a little less speed would cut the toll sharply. But U. S. drivers don't think about that—until it is too late.

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And so we wish all News readers a happy And so we wish all News readers a happy 4th of July week-end And we hope they're still in the News family when the holiday period is over.

NEW DEFINITION OF 'REGULAR' REPUBLICANS

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O'N TUESDAY the Taft-controlled Republican National Committee voted to seat
the "regular" pro-Taft delegation from
Florida. Yesterday the Committee reversed
the procedure, refused to seat the "regular"
Georgia delegation, and voted instead to
seat a rump delegation. The reason: the
"regular" Republicans in Georgia were for
General Eisenhower, 18 to 2; the rump delegation was for Senator Taft. 17, to 0.

Thus the National Committee has, in two
straight days, underscored what was already
obvious to the American people. "Regular"
Republichms are those pledged to support
Senator Taft. Nothing else matters.
The Georgia situation is especially interesting because it has the overtones of a double
cross. The Georgia national committeeman,
Harry Sommers, is a strong Taft supporter.
Yet he took the position weeks ago that the

fight for their being seated in Chicago. Yes-terday Mr. Sommers took a run-out powder. He took no part in the committee's delibera-

and so it goes. Unless the credentials committee feels a twinge of conscience, or unless the full convention decides to redress these crievous niguistices. Sensor Taff stands to collect virtually all of the delegations from the South, including those chosen legitimately and favoring Elsenhower. Whether they will be enough to put Taff across on the first ballot is uncertain. But this much is certain. Taff's examted integrity has suffered sorely in the first two days of the preconvention activities. His supporters may manage to win the nomination for him by such undemocratic and dishonest methods. But they have disillusioned millions of American people who had been looking forward to a change from Pendergastism.

PITY THE POOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

The LIFE of a school board member is never a pleasant one, at best. He serves without pay. He spends a lot of days and evenings on school business when he'd like to be doing something else. And in a fast-growing city like Charlotte, he has to wrestle

growing city like Charlotte, he has to wrestle with problems that seem to get bigger and bigger year after year, problems that have no quick and easy answers.

If school board members got back-pats now and then, the job would be easier. As a rule, they hear only complaints. And there's no more difficult customer to deal with than on more difficult customer to deal with than the problems of the problems of the complaints of the problems of the

members. Faced with overcrowded condi-tions in several elementary schools and one junior high school, they had to turn down

requests from people living outside the city limits who wanted to send their children to those city schools. The School Board offered Elizabeth and Alexander Graham Junior High, where there is some vacant space, but that didn't mollify the indignant parents. Some of them have been plain masty in their obsectors to the voiting their obsectors the voiti

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GOP HASSLE OPENS SILLY SEASON

WE'VE THOUGHT for some days now that the silly season was upon us, but not unfil we read a story by our Mr. Fesperman in yesterday's News were we sure beyond doubt.

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The story, you may recall, was about a Mr. Lamb, a New Jersey gentleman who helped beat Senator Tydings in Maryland and who caime to Charlotte to map strategy for beating Rep. Hamilton C. Jones in Nowember, Mr. Lamb fold the newspapers how he was going to beat Rep. Jones. He and some of the local Republican officials got their picture in the paper. That proved to be their undoing.

Mr. George: Gabrielson, national Repub-

George Gabrielson, national Repub-hairman, hit the roof. He chewed out Mr. Land He called some of the Republican Mr. Lagobile called some of the Republican leaders br-the district and fussed at them. Didn't they know that Republicans in the 10th District ought to map their stratesy quietly with no publicity: Didn't they know they would just get the Democrats stirred up, and that the Democrats would immediately start pouring in big money? In other words, said Mr. Gabrielson, this is a Republican Party matter, and it ought to be kept strictly behind closed party doors. Mr. Gabrielson appears to have lost some of his marbles. Here are two or three hard facts about the upcoming race for Congress

in this district that he ought to keep in mind:

2. The Democrats are going to be stirred p anyway by the Presidential election. Mr. amb's foray won't stir them up any more.

3. It would help the prestige of the Re-publican Party in the 10th District if the national party would openly and vigorously support Mr. Jonas' campaign. Too long have Dixie Republicans been ignored by the party

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If Mr. Gabrielson wants to kill off Mr. Jonas candidacy, he has prescribed the right-course. Work behind closed doors. Don't go out and try to enlist any Democrats. Use the vicious, underhanded, smear tactics that Mr. Lamb & Co. used against Senator Tydings. That's a sure formula for defeat in a territory where the voters like to see things done in the open and by the rules of fair play. If we have sized up Mr. Jonas right, we suspect he'll have something to say about all this. And we suspect that, he'll run his campaign in his own way, as indeed he should, Mr. Gabrielson's opinion to the contrary notwithstanding.

HARRIMAN'S CAMPAIGN ENDANGERS MSA

W. AVERELL HARRIMAN is administrator for the Mutual Security Program He is also a candidate for the Democratic nonlineation for the Presidency. The point has been raised about the propriety of his dual capacity, but no one has made an issue of it. Someone should have.

There are two good reasons why Mr. Harri-man should have stepped out of his MSA post before launching his Presidential cam-

paign.

First, the Mutual Security Program should be kept as free from politics as possible. It should be a bipartisan program. The relationship, of the agency and its executives to the Congress and to the American, people are deficate and sensitive. That relationship cannot, but be strained by Mr. Harriman's slashing attacks on the Republican Party, and his slavish, adherence to the Fair Deal philosophy.

Second, the Mutual Security Program is important. It is so important that it needs the full-time services of its Administrator. If MSA can afford to let Mr. Harriman spend all his time on the hustings, it is either overstaffed, or the importance of the job has been oversold by the Truman Adminis-tration.

Harriman has a right to his political views. He has a right to state them as vig-orously as he pleases. But the office he holds should be non-political. He has damaged his own usefulness and jeopardized the bipar-tisanship Mutual Security Program by his Jekyll and Hyde activities.

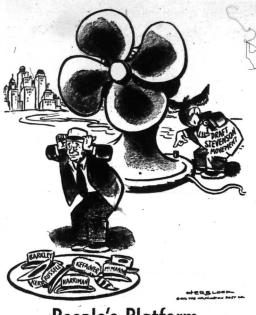
An odd city. Washington—where the office doesn't seek the man; who, in turn, doesn't seek the broom.—Nashville (Tenn.) Banner.

Atlanta scene—In Terminal Station: Little boy in Confederate cap with flag on top carrying a box of toy Lincoln logs.—Atlanta Journal.

Women can keep a secret just as well as men, but it generally takes more of them to do it.—Carlsbad (N. M.) Current-Argus.

A woman is young until she takes more interest in how her shoes fit than her sweater.—Ellaville (Ga.) Sun.

And there was the South Dakota paper which carried an ad which sought to locate "A typewriter for girl student with wide carriage."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



Windy City

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.

CHARLOTTE

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Pat On The Back Dept.

Editors. The News.

I WOULD like to use your column to say thanks to the City Engineering Dept. and other city officials, including Mayor Victor Shaw, for tarring and gravelling Parsons St. All the residents on Farsons St. are very grateful to the City for the wonderful job who will be to be considered in very badly. Keep up the good work he needed it very badly. Keep up the LLMS

Note Of Appreciation

Editors, THE NEWS; Editors, THE NEWS:

J WANT you and all your readers to know that I appreciate deeply the strong and helpful support of The Charlotte News, editorially and otherwise, in connection with my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Justice of the Supreme, Court.
When the subject of my candidacy was first
under consideration, there appeared an editorial
the conteat. From that time, through the period
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period preceding the second primary, my candidacy, has had your consistent and unqualitied
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while it is an understatement of my deeper feelings, I can only say that I am very grateful.

--WM. H. BOBBITT-

Toft And UMT

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In spite of all these expert opinions, Mr. Toft
is against UMT and claims the Defense Deptwinder UMT. Evidently be prefers for Mr. Stain
to hold that mortgage.

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of our present system. The only reason we still fol-low it can be charged to rotten political manipu-lators, paid and hired by powerful lobbjes in Wash-ington.

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Under UMT, everybody would be treated alike. They ought to serve at least from 12 to 18 months. The pay should be very small as it is a duty we would train the boys just for six months. Been a numbskull knows we can't make a soldier out of a civillar in six months, and I am sure that even Mr. Taft would oppose such nonsense. Under UMT there would be no deferments for the privileged few to hide behind shellered wills in institutions of higher learning, there to will have plenty of brass who can operate such a program and train the greatest force for freedom the world has ever known.

—A. E. BORG.

Soothsayers And Hindsight

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It is beginning to be exceedingly annoying—
It his egotism and self-astisfaction of political
andidates Now that certain attempts to solite our problems have been made and proved not to be
the perfect solution, these seers can forcese the
past and tell us those were errors of judgment;
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dicative of some inherent weakness or evil in the
responsible official.

responsible official use of the Yaita Agreements illustrates this (endency on the part of political made, they also might have proved unsatisfactory. Then these same soothsayers who foresee the past would be telling us that the wrong things had been done and might even be advocating the very things they now condemn. It is so much easier to wrong—than to seek new and undiscovered paths to improvement.

-DORA ELLIS.

Quote, Unquote

Hold On!

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(Asheville Citizen)

In all probability the Chicago office of the United States Weather Bureau is off on the wrong track. Tracking, that is, or predicting the weather oas at to "bridge the gap between theory and -practice." Or to put it as Bureau Chief Gordon E. Dunn puts it in announcing that forecasts will team up sith meteorologists at the University of Chicago.

We hope, at some future date, to elemente prossible and "probable" from forecasts.

Nothing could be more destructive on major public recreasion. "Possibly showers in late suffernoon," he has an out (less of an out, but still an out, with "probably.") Should be become infallible, much of the joy will go out of life.

Taftman Hurja Also Foresaw Wins For Willkie And Dewey

By MARQUIS CHILDS

BASIS OF PERDICTION
That, naturally, is welcome news
to Senator Toft, and he used it as the basis of his own victory prediction on the "Meet the Press".
Such faith in the Hurja analysis is somewhat surprising. The political forceasting business is frought with hazards, and even a brief
jis crystal ball has several times been cloudy and dark with uncertainty.

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per cent of the total registered vote.

The many voices have in the last few days joined the "lie can't win" chours. One of the most significant was that of Republican Governor Walter J. Kohler of Wisconsin, who expressed doubt that Taft could carry that sfate. This is significant, since Tall's Midwestern director and floor manager is the Marisen, Wis, industrialist. In its crye early to say what will be seen to the control of the contro

Thomas C. Coleman.
It is very early to say what will happen in November. So many imponderables cannot at this time be weighed. But the deep concern of the Taft organization with this begy is indicative of the doubt that gnaw beneath the surface confidence,

U.S. National Anthem Abused By Cheap, Shoddy Promoters By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK

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"The Star Spangled Banner" is supposed to be a serious song, denoting love of country. It has been seited on for pears by the cheap-entertainment people to sanctify their shootly filtel enterprises, and is altogether as out of place as a supposed to the same of the same

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Ike Headquarters Getting More Cheerful

WASHINGTON
IKE NOES — There's been less gloom around Eleman hower headquarters. His managers once in the doldurums, now look happier, think Ike has made inroady in Tail delegates. A total of 75 is the number they think he has wood and won during charm-exading talks. The General himself is still used policy, sometimes to another. Perhaps this is because he knows that to win the mointainto he has to be conservative enough to please the Republicant; yet to get elected he has to be liberal enough to how that his fit le fid farow. He even said he dint know what he good news was that Senator Lodge brought him the other day, though a lot of other people, heaven the wast the good news was that Senator Lodge brought him the other day, though a lot of other people, heaven it was the support of Michigan's potent Arthur Summerfield, which may swing the large Michigan delegation. Me to be difficult, has been just the opposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents. One major board caused Arthur Vandensheim of the control topholes reased Arthur Vandensheim of the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents. One major board caused Arthur Vandensheim of the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents. One major board caused Arthur Vandensheim of the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directions, differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directions differed on policies, missed important contents and the proposite directio

of Oklahoma. Long of Louisiana and Moody of Michigan are making a last desperate effort to pass it... Despite opposition by Southern coal operators, Chairman Graham Barden of North Carolian has been pushing the mine-sponed are from the proposed are four representation of the proposed are four Republicans—Gwain, N. Y., Whit, Kansi-morter, W. W. Wireld, Calif. Also three Demorrate—Wood, Ga.; Lucas, Texas; Tackett, Ark.
Demogratic Doings—Cleveland's Demo boss, Ray Miller wisseracks that Ohio's Governor Lausche "wants so died until bes's assassinated". ... Republicans claim the Dems should get a new campaign slogan: "Honesty is not bushtuite for experience." ... Demo Chairman Frank McKinney, is trying to eradicate the Mason-Dixon line included the season of the season of the company of the season of the sea