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THE REPUBLICANS ARE AT IT AGAIN

THE DIDN'T TAKE long for the North Carolina Republicant start growing at one apather over that old hone of contention, Jatronage.

After all it had been 20 years since they were last welcomed to the White House, 20 years since state Republican leaders could above a voice in handing out the judy: political plums of our democratic system. And in the many years of famine, lings had been drawn within the state party hierarchy—Dewey vs. Tatt in 1944 and 1948. Elisenbeer vs. Tatt in 1944 well and 1948. Elisenbeer vs. Tatt in 1942.

Hence, it came as no surprise when the fintra-party squabbling flared out into the guidence of the following the first prediction from this week.

At the moment we haven the foggiest solid his work of the state of the following the first prediction from the grass roots a strong party is built from the grass roots a strong party is built from the grass roots up, not from the top down. Undignified and querious squabbling not converts, but it keeps the leadership from a more important work, namely the building town themselves, since the battle within the state is loosely linked to the bigger struggle.

N. C.'S OUT-MODED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

THE Sheriff of Yancey County receives \$300 a month plus fees (about \$2,700 a year) that accrue to his office.

The Yancey County Commissioners levy the

The Yancey County Commissioners seys the tax to pay his salary They fix the budget under which it is paid. But they have no control over the amount of his salary.

That control, because of North Carolina's system of settling local matters at the state instead of local level, rests with the General screening state.

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decision on the matter from them.

This Yancey case is an example of what goes on day after day, in almost every North Carolina County, and the severy completed the chairman of the Local Government Committee. Representative Regan of Robeson, to consider introducing a state-wide bill that would give Cointy Commissioners full authority to fix the pay of all county officials and employees.

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County officials and employees.

He believes a law along these lines would reduce the number of local bills at each General Assembly by 200 or 300. Robeson County has operated under such a law for

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six years ank, agean reports, "not a soul has ever asked us to change it."

Mr. Regan is on the right track: But his answer is partial and late-coming, For four years the General Assembly has disregarded a solid'set of recommendations upon which real home rule could be based.

These recommendations were made by the Commission on Public-Local and Private Legislation, which was authorized by the 1947 General Assembly. The report contains a wealth of material which back up its recommendations. This study makes it clear that one law designed to give County Commissioners more authority won't begin to unravel the hodge-podge of anachronistic laws that have accumulated over a period of aimost 300 years.

laws that have accumulated over a period of almost 300 years.

The Constitution and General Statutes must be amended to chrirly the distinctions between general, local and private laws. Jurisdiction over each category must be assigned to state, county, city or town au-thority. And—the first specific recommenda-tion of the Commission—the Constitution

tion of the Commission—the Constitution must be amended to give "solid and indisputable authority" for the suggested legislative recommendations.

Counties that have more home rule than average find it to their liking. States, such as Georgia, that have recently increased home rule find it to their liking. But North Carolina, despite its progress in many fields, still operates municipal and country governation of the country of the count

THE DUTCH' TREATMENT

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TIGHT YEARS [AGO American aimen
bound for Geginany looked down upon
the Netherlands and saw mute testimony to
Nazi destructiveness. From the air they
could grasp the immensity of the country's
less. Tens of thousands of fertile arres,
reclaimed laboriously from the sea over the
years, had been inundated by the destruction of Dutch dikes. The heart of Rotterdam, bombed without warning after the
Dutch capitulation, was a shambles.
The Netherlands' loss extended beyond its
borders. Much of its overseas empire and
traffs were lost during and immediately
following the war.
With American aid, the little nation staged
a remarkable recovery. This week, possibly
after receiving a, hint frem U. S. officials,
the Netherlands announced that it would not
request any direct American economic aid.

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Induces any this year, and the state and the

The Dutch decreased controls, raised tour

That's a pretty sound formula. It is a conservative formula. And the striking thing about this Dutch attitude is that its advocates are also among the most "radical" proponents of Western Union.

This attitude is repeated in the Dutch press, and was apparent in the referendum on European federation in two Dutch turned out to vote, 93 per cent and 97 per cent, in favor of a European government with democratic representation and a European constitution.

Other peoples who heed the example of the loughty Hollanders might find themselves lecreasingly "in Dutch".

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

GOT THE BLUES

DLUES are a musing kind of music any-how. A fellow really sings them to him-self. We got to thinking about it because of what happened to W. C. Handy, the father of the blues, at President Eisenhower's finangural blue. Mr. Handy was invited to play his St. Louis

Mr. Handy was invited to play his St. Lexis. Bizer on his golden trumpet. He waited un-til almost 2 o'clock before his turn came to sappear on the program. Then he played for the new President's ears the tune that carried his name—and the name of St. Louis with 6—around the globe. Because he is blind, he tight's know Gen. Eisenhower had left half as hour before. Thinking the President had fourd him, he said: "This was a very big might for me."

ight for me."
While the great man for whom he came
play did not bear him, W. C. Handy at
D has been heard by the world. Edward
UII, formerly the Prince of Wales and
one the Duke of Windsor, said St. Louis
luces was his favorite selection. Vast throngs
New York and elsewhere have acclaimed
im. For Handy was the first to commit to
usuical writing the work apags, love songs,
evil songs, over-and-overs, slow drags, pairs,
smap and spirituals of the Southern Negro.

The figure of the old Negro playing his horn for the great man who had left the hall is like a figure conjured up by one of his blues itself. It is also like a figure out of his own life. It is also like a figure out of his own life, the figure of a lean, ragged Negro with a guitar who was picking out a tune while Handy waited in a railway station in Mississippi for a train that was nine hours late.

Handy had been doring and he woke to hear the lonesome guitar player playing the first blues he were beard, Where the Southern Scross he of the Southern Railway and the Yasoo Delta, the latter nicknamed The Yellow Dog, Handy fixed it up later as his Yellow Dog, Handy fixed it up later as his Yellow Dog, Handy fixed it up later as his Yellow Dog.

Yazoo Delta, the latter nicknamed The Yel-low Doy, Handy fixed it up later as his Yel-low Doy Blues. The man with—the guita-hadn't been playing it for anybody in partic-ular, for, as we say, blues are a musing kind of music anybow. A fellow really sings them to himself.



'Be With You In A Minute'

People's Platform

Give Ike A Chance

think so.

Oh yes, things were great under Harry, I was discharged seven years ago, barith disabled, and I have been doing the worst type of hard labor for 75 measly cents an hour and glad to get it, but it's awful hard to start out housekeeping and start a family on that.

So if we survived through 20 years of Democratic rule, I think we can at least stand one term of like.

-ROY T. WRIGHT.

Opposes Garnishee Law

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may be well to state some of the reasons for not
favoring an adoption of the "garnishee law" or
the amendment to the State Constitution.

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-J. F. TRAZZARE.

Garnishee Law Supported

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None of your recent editorials you restate your
posed by the None of constitutional amendment proposed by the None of the Stws.

North Carolina to garnishe up to 10% of the wages
of debtors for two reasons: (1) The people of
North Carolina would not approve such an amendment, and (2) it is the responsibility of the merment, and (2) it is the responsibility of the
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Consolidation Won't Work

Editors: Twa News;

NOTICE in the Charlotte newspapers the last
few days a lot of discussion in regard to consolidating different departments of the City and
County under one head. There has been a large
sum of money spent to see if it was practical
to put the entire city and county under one gov-

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State-Of-The-Union Speech

May Fill Vacuum In Capital

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO

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Reorganization Plan Boggle Shows Need For Leadership

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

WHILE no headline personalities are involved, the hoggle over the new President's powers to respect to the new President's powers to respect the some respects more revealing than the controversy over the Defense-perstream nominations. It discusses the personal properties once again how long is that longest mile between the Capitol and the White House.

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To be properly understood the incident must be seen from three different with properly the Defice of the Bureau of the Budget.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Collins Will Map Plan For ROK Troop Use

WASHINGTON

REAL story behind Army Chief of Staff
Lawton Collina' rush trip to Korca
is that it was to straighten out bickering
over the South Korean army.

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Mark Clark, has been pessimistic.

To make matters worse, the American training mission has demanded seasoned South Korean officers to help speed the training of green, new troops. This would take South Koreans away from the front, and the battle commanders warn that the South Korean army is short of good officers, that they can't be spared from the front.

WASHINGTON Tidelands Dinner

Ti was hushed up at the time, but Texas' Ex-Speaker Sam Rayburn and Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson, also of Texas, staged a private them to office in an effort to persuade him to keep hand of the tidelands oil.

The dinner was held the Amchorage and of the tidelands oil as Amchorage and the Amchorage and the Amchorage and Rayburn were about to open up the tideland to be the Amchorage and Rayburn were about to open up the tideland to be the Amchorage and Rayburn were about to open up the tideland to be tideland to be the tideland to be tideland to be the tideland to be the tideland to be the tideland to be tideland to be the tideland to be tideland to be the tideland to be the tideland to be the tideland to be the tideland to be tideland to be the tidelan

Small-Business Champion

Mull-Business Champion .

NEW Hampshire's perennial Sen. Charles .

Tobey, who though 72 years old is one of the most vicorous members of the Senate, has got Ike-advisers a bit worried about small business and the Federal Tradec Commission.

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Carson was responited to the Trade Commission shortly before Truman left.