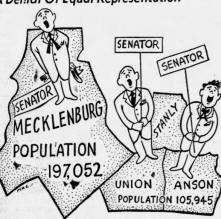
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A Denial Of Equal Representation



20th District

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THE cartoon above portrays, better
Than words can, the unequal representation Mecklenburg County has in the
North Carolina General Assembly. In that
body seats in the Senate, rather than the
House (as in Congress), are supposed to
be distributed according to population.
But they are not because the legislature
is dominated by rural representatives,
some of whom would lose seats if the
state were redistricted. The legislature
has failed to redistrict twice, despite the
mandate of the state constitution that it
do so after each national census.
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There are 33 senatorial districts in the state. Mecklenburg, (which constitutes the Twentieth District) was the most populous of them, according to the 1930 census. But, although it had only one senator, 17 districts with less population had two senators. Fifteen other districts also had only one senator. Among them were the Seventeenth District (Guilford) with the third largest population of any district and the 22nd District, (Forsyth) which ranked seventh in population. One of the constitutional amendments which you will vote on Tuesday — it will be No. 3 on your ballot — would write this inequity into the constitution, It

19th District

would do this by providing that where one county constitutes a senatorial district, such county shall be limited to one senator in the General Assembly. Thus big counties like Mecklenburg, Guilford and Forsyth, all of them growing rapidly, would be deprived of their fighting chance to get the legislature to do what the constitution specifically says they should do, and grant equitable representation.

Governor William B. Umstead has denounced the proposed amendment. So have many organizations in the state including, locally, the county bar associa-tion, American Association of University Women, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Home Build-ers Association.

ers Association.

Clearly, Amendment No. 3 constitutes a vicious attempt to deny equal representation and to perpetuate minority rule in North Carolina. The General Assembly must be persuaded to correct the present in ju stice in January. But first, this amendment which would destroy the purpose of redistricting must be defeated. Vote AGAINST amendment No. 3.

City dwellers have no monopoly on Halloween myths. Farmers can insure the fertility of their crops during the coming year by making circuits of their fields with lighted torches on Halloween.

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Bonfires can be built to keep away ghosts and gobins but you must stay up all night and hover close. If you go to bed a spood, is sure to be wailing there, to be a spood of the control o

night on Hailoween. Beware of sub-stitutes.

In Brittany, pebbles with chalk marks on them are dropped in the smoldering ashes of the Hailoween bonfire and left overnight. The next day, townspeople look and see if the pebbles have been one that marked in any way. If so, the one that marked the pebble is doomed to die before the year ends.

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die before the year ends.

There is only one joker in these
Halloween gimmicks. According to tradition, all have to be accompanied by an
appeal to the Evil One in words too
diabolical to repeat.

So, just as we say: Let it happen.

JAMES A. FARLEY was one of the shrewdest political leaders of all time. He's still sharp. And he still holds to his long-held view about campaign

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He believes nothing that happens in the last week or 10 days of a campaign, short of a flagrant and revulsive action by one of the candidates, alters the outcome of the election.

We pass on the master politico's opinion to 10th congressional district politicians who, rumor has it, are thinking about shoveling out some dirt in the closing hours of the campaign.

It's No Use

Don't Say We Didn't Warn You . . .

ITS too late. Nothing can save you now.

I You might as well surrender to the first goblin who taps on your window-pane. Tomorrow is Halloween and every spook and specter imaginable will be roaming the countryside. Not all will be genuine bottled-in-bond phantoms, of course. Behind many of those grinning jack-o'lanterns will be small boys and politicians.

The point is: Just let yourself be haunted...and hope that the spell will wear off when the sun comes up on

aionuay.

Down through the centuries, Halloween has chilled the gizards of superstitious bumpkins from the Scottish highlands to the Mississippi delta as a night of infernal orgy.

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Actually, it's the eve of All Saints' Day, a 1,200-year-old church festival commemorative of all Christian saints

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But Draid paganism and medieval superstitions have infiltrated to make Halloween a witches' revel of black cats and evil spirits.

According to the Gaelic legend, all souls in Purgatory are released for 48 hours on Halloween.

Ancient Welshmen believed that a Halloween wind blowing over the feet of corpses bears sighs to the house of those about to die within the year.

In Irish superstition, if you hear footsteps behind you on Halloween, don't turn around. It is the dead who are following and if you meet their glance you will perish.

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Oldsters from Wales say that if you go
to a crossroads at Halloween and listen
to the wind you will learn the most important things that will befall you during

to the wine as the will betain you then next 12 months.
Scotch highlanders would have you take a three-legged stool and sit at a crossrads while the churchbells are striking 12 times on Halloween. You will then hear proclaimed aloud the names of church parishioners to die within the

year.

But there is a way to save your friends

or so the legend goes. Take with you articles of clothing and throw them away one by one as each name is called out.

From The Asheville Citizen

PRECIOUS

In Sudbury, England, reports Reuters, 60 married couples refused to leave mother-in-law for homes of their own in a new housing project. "In a vast majority of cases," says the British news agency, "the couples have decided house-keeping and cooking are much easier with mother-in-law."

Fip. pip. Reuters, and all that. You have missed the jolly old point.

Know why the young couples are hanging onto mother-in-law's apron strings?

She's the most valuable, the hardest-toget commodity in the whole universe.

She's baby titer material, that's wot!

People's Platform

A Chance To Be Proud Of A Vote

Editors, The News:

THE biggest complaint I hear from people about our politics is: "Why don't get more chances be vote for someon to those many people there is a man of that caliber offering himself on Nov. 2 for the Congress: Charles Raper Jonas.

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—S. MARVIN BURTON
Chairman, MEPH Committee

One Sure Sign Of **Democratic Victory**

Editors, The News:

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We farmers are tired of stallfed newspaper editors and potbelilied radio announcers telling
us how to vote.

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per cent, our hog prices off 30
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this is best for us.

Am wondering what Charlie (Doggie) Wilson will have to say Wednesday.

—L. D. FORSHURE

Who Is Behind All Those Hurricanes?

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

I DON'T recall when we have have had this year. Do you think they are caused by the windfall profits which apartment and home builders got under the Democrats?

—PAUL CARROLL

Albemarle 'A Lot Of People Are Wondering—'

President App arently Is Uninterested In Campaign

By DORIS FLEESON

PRESIDENT Eisenhower has a tensporters there a suggestion that even a President can relate the properties of the court of

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What Is A Democrat?

By GERALD JOHNSON

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
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comes out. However, this column has
just obtained a confidential itself 21
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Altogether, the 21 Texans dug up \$56,500 to be pumped into key states where the race is close. Under the law, their names don't have to be made public until the election is over. However, it won't hurt to let the public know who they are as of today.

Thanks to this 27 12 per cent allowance, the oil moguls begin by figuring only 72 12 per cent of their gross income for tax purposes instead of 100 per cent. But on top of this, the cilmen want

Texas Oilmen Shell Out For GOP

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