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SAMPLE BALLOT OFFICIAL BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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FOR constitutional amendment providing that where one county constitutes a senatorial district, such county shall be limited to one senator in the General Assembly of the State.

AGAINST constitutional amendment providing that where one county constitutes a senatorial district, such county shall be limited to one senator in the General Assembly of the State.

Amendment No. 3 Must Be Defeated

INSULT was added to injury when the 1953 General Assembly approved a constitutional amendment which would provide that no county may have more than one seasor. That amendment—it will be number three on your ballot—goes before North Carolina voters Nov. 2. It must be defeated. Here's why:

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In Congress the states are represented in the Senate and the people are represented in the House of Representatives Each representative has approximately the same number of persons in his constituency. In the General Assembly, however, these roles are reversed. Each of the 100 countles, no matter what its size, is entitled to one representative, with the remaining 20 seats scattered on a population basis. The 50 senate seats, theoretically, are apportioned according to population. This apportionment is supposed to take place after each census, in accordance with the state constitutional mandate that:

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The Senate districts shall be so altered by the General Assembly, at the first session after the return of every numeration by order of Congress, that each Senate district shall contain, as near as may be, an equal number of inhabitans.

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In accordance with this constitutional provision the General Assembly redistricted in 1941. But it refused to redistrict in 1951, following the 1950 census. And it refused again in 1953.

As a result, the citizens of populous counties like Mecklenburg and Guilford are grossly underrepresented. Mecklenburg now has a population of well over 200,000. In 1950 in thad 197,052 and Guilford had 191,057. But each has only one senator.

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On the other hand. Edgecombe and Halifax counties, which comprise the fourth senatorial district, had a combined population of 110,011—and two senators. Franklin, Nash and Wilson counties, comprising the Sixth District, had a population of 145,766—and two senators. Two senators go to Raleigh from the Nietheenth District (Anson, Stanly and Union) which had 103,947 sresidents. Two senators go to Raleigh from the Eighth District (Johnston and Wayne) which had 130,173 residents. The fact that Mecklenburg has three more members in the House than most counties do does not compensate for this injustice. The four Mecklenburg members of the House each represent, according to the 1950 census, 49,263 persons. No less than 12 members of the House each represent, according to the 1950 census, 49,263 persons. Those are the facts of minority rule in this state, a minority rule prepetrated by a rural-dominated legislature which has refused to give citizens of populous North Carolina communities the equal representation and and the constitution.

The proposed constitutional amendment, instead of correcting this inequity, would write it into the constitution, thus denying citizens of counties like Mecklenburg the opportunity to work for the equal representation in deserves in the General Assembly.

This is why North Carolinians must insist that their legislators have the integrity to do the redistricting job which the two preceding General Assembles have callously disregarded.

Strengthening Democratic Institutions

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WITH pressures producing an atmosphere of fear in the United States still great, it is particularly gratifying to see a target institution stand its ground and refused to be bullied. This is the case with the Ford Foundation which has endured a barrage of irresponsible criticism recently—much of it during the Recec committee hearings.

The foundation has as one of its fundamental objectives "the strengthening of democratic institutions and processes." In this age of suspicion, such a purpose its easily misunderstood. But H. Rowan Gaither Jr., the organization's president, declares in his new annual report that it is altogether appropriate for a private foundation to help strengthen freedom the declares in his new annual report that it is altogether appropriate for a private foundation to help strengthen freedom the safe, and form it is, surrounded by debate and other its, surrou

Keep An Eye On The Little Rascals

WE HAVE just come to the happy conclusion that J. Raymond McCarthy of Appleton, Wils, will never be a dictator. He's too big.

The Wisconsin se nator measures 570½". Sometimes he wears built-up shoes, to put himself nearer that ohso-desirable 72 inches. When someone asked him once why he wore wedgies he explained soberly that 'twas on account of war wounds. His one "war wounds' ship's ladder. William was account of war wounds. Completed the stable of the story, the wear built-up shoes, to put himself nearer that ohso-daining a fascinating account of life in Russia, says that a six-man junta now rules the early ship is deal row with the same and king as the table of the story, which is that dictators are little men, presumably determined to be with the stable of the story, which is that dictators are little men, presumably determined to be with the stable of the story, which is that dictators are little men, presumably determined to be with the stable of the story, which is that dictators are little men, presumably determined to be with the stable of the story, which is that dictators are little men, presumably determined to be with the stable of the story. When the story is the story of the story, which is that dictators are little men, presumably determined to be with the story of the story.

From The Christian Science Monitor

MINORITY PARTIES

FOUR years ago the University of Vermont came out with the cheering news that the people in that lovely state were gaining on the cows. Humans were still some 30,000 behind, however. And, while we haven't seen any figures since. Vermonters are such nice people that we're rooting for them despite our affection both for the products credited to cows and for pastoral scenes dotted generously with placid kine.

No such nip-and-tuck race attaches to news that the forthcoming census will enumerate the cattle throughout the chumerate the cattle throughout the first time the cattle have been counted.

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And never, since the first cattle census in 1840, has there been any doubt that humans formed the majority party.

The nearest the population of bovine persuasion came to being able to outvote

Lest the human species be tempted to brag over being so long the majority party, let it ponder the sobering estimate that people are outnumbered, two to one, by the rats—four legged, that is. The two-legged kind are still a small minority, thank goodness.

People's Platform

Christian Church Convinced That Segregation Is Against God's Will

Editors, Tax News.

If you could be letters to the editor printed in The News on Monday, oct. 4, one of your readers says:

'I am continued and flabbergasted at the behavior and actions of certain conferences... they have blasted, denounced and condenned themselves...

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full fellowship of the congregation and its organizations."

The Congress represented 40-60-000 Christian members of the Angeltan Communion Episcopal-the World Council of Churches representing most of the Proises and churches (430,000,000 Christian Churches).

Unequal Justice For Colonel And Corporal I as we should all protest this unfair sentence of this youth to the Editors. The News: Wish to at this time take pleasure in congratulating The member the world looks on—they Plight Of The Farmer And Laboring Man

To Support Negroes

Editors, The News:
I read an article in your paper
pared to the Good Samatian Hospital was appealing to
he City Council and the county
commissioners for more money
to pay for charity patients. Who
pays that Not the Negroes.
About 90 per cent of the Welpare Dept Junds goes to the
support of Negroes in many
ways. Who pays for their up
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Now I think it is high time
for the white people to make
some demands. One is, demand
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