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What Will The Council Say Now?

POR 16 YEARS, Dick Smith, by his own here for 16 years and not be caught but testimony, ran the numbers racket one time." And he added that "he in Charlotte. During that period, which (Smith) must have had a lot of protected in 1946, he was arrested only tion from friends and others."

ended in 1946, he was arrested only once.

And there was the Friendly City Club. And the Flamingo Club.

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And for a good many years, solf methies were operated openly in a number of private clubs in Charlotte, whereas across the border, in rural Mecklenburg, County Police raided and smashed whenever anyone tried to set up the machines. This does not prove, of course that these illicit enterprises were "protected" by bribes, gifts or other considerations bestowed on friendly law enforcement officers.

But it does show, all too clearly, that law enforcement broke down in this community over a long period of time-from negligence, from laziness, from callousness, or just from lack of concern. In pronouncing sentence on Smith, Judge Wilson Warlick made the point. He wondered, said the judge, "how it was possible for a man to operate rackets

uon from friends and others,"

The Smith story must disturb the consciences of those City Councilmen who have argued, all along, that there has been nothing wrong with the Charlotte Police Department that couldn't be solved by a few bucks more a month in the paychecks of policemen.

The trouble has gone much deeper than that.

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Over some 20 years, the Police Department failed to enforce adequately the laws against gambling and lotteries. And for that failure, members of the City Council, past and present, cannot evade their ultimate responsibility.

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Now that the furor over the recent grand jury investigation has died down, theirs is the opportunity to give Charlotte a modern police department—alert, aggressive, trim, efficient, impersonal. The people will be watching to see whether the Council meets its obligation.

Congress Digs Deep For Farmers

VESTERDAY afternoon the Senate back out of the one and three quarters voted 245 million dollars to the Commodity Credit Corporation, to enable it to continue farm price support operations. The House had previously voted to continue farm price support operations. The House had previously voted a final the properties of the purpose, as requested by the President, and the two bills now go to a joint conference. Benind these actions were some fast maneuvers which point up the shaky and expensive foundation of the federal agricultural program.

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The CCC though it had enough money to last until July 1. Then requests for loans started pouring in-loans on wheat, butter, corn, cotton. Last week the CCC experts got their pencils out, figured that they would be broke by Friday might.

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So they got the House to rush through a bill which would let the Treasury cancele 741 million dollars worth of notes from the CCC. In other words, under the bill the CCC would be permitted to borrow the same money twice.

Then later on, the plan went, the CCC would come back and ask Cengress to hike its borrowing authority by one and three quarters billion dollars (although that probably won't be enough to last through another crop year), and that see-ond 741 million dollars would be paid

billion.

The Senate refused to be rushed into this big deal last week. Some people around Washington got frantic, said wires should be sent to all county agents, telling them all support loans must cease,

should be sent to all county agents, telling them all support loans must cease, pronto.

Sen. Williams of Delaware answered that argument beautifully. Go ahead, send out the wires, he said.

"Let the CCC go bankrupt and show the voters where we stand."

Had Sen. Williams' suggestion been carried out, and a loan hollday declared, it would have underscoved, for farmers and consumers alike, the shortcomings of the present farm price support programs. It would also have hurt many a U. S. farmer in the process upport progress can do save give the CCC more funds to carry out the price support program Congress tall set better also were must be found. It makes no sense whatsoever, and it's expensive to book, to continue piling up huge quantities of surplus foodstuffs for which there is no market and from which the nation gets no benefit.

Umstead Follows Judicial Traditions

Bobbitt as an associate justice of the court.

Both men have distinguished themselves on the bench—Barnhill as the senior associate justice on the Supreme Court, his term dating back to July 1, 1937, and Bobbitt as resident judge of the 14th Judicial District (Mecklenburg and Gaston counties) since Jan. 1, 1939.

When it became known that Chief Justice W. A. Devin planned to retire, bar associations all over the state began endorsing Judge Bobbitt for the impending vacancy—and for good reason. In his long service to the 14th District, Judge Bobbitt showed that he was emi-

GOV. WILLIAM UMSTEAD followed the finest traditions of the judiciary when he elevated Justice M. V. Barn-whill to chief justice of the N. C. Supreme Court and appointed Judge William H. Bobbitt as an associate justice of the court.

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198.276 votes, an indication of the respect North Carolinians everywhere hold for him.

There is no better measure for a Supreme Court justice than his previous experience and performance in the lower courts. Gov. Umstead might have made a political appointment, but he wisely turned to the Superior Court system for his appointee.

Mecklenburgers, in particular, are pleased that Judge Bobbitt is now Justice Bobbitt, and that Special Judge Francis Clarkson is now in Bobbitt's old post as resident judge.

Shakespeare's Great Heritage

L AST YEAR over 400 books on William Shakespeare were published throughout the world. Hundreds of thousands of classroom papers were written about him. Thousands of lecturers spoke about him. His plays were produced, in many languages, in every corner of the world.

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Movie men have outdone themselves in producing his Henny V, Hamlet, A Middle Movie men have outdone themselves in producing his Henny V, Hamlet, A Middle Acasaa, which the National Board of Review declared the best film produced last year. A series of lectures on Shakespeare began last night at Charlotte College. And, many Charlotteans will recall, when Margaret Webster came here a few years ago for a single performance of a Shakespeare play, the Armory was filled, the audience including hundreds of high school children from a 20-mile radius. Next to the Holy Bible itself, no other writing has so completely absorbed the mind of man as have the works of William Shakespeare.

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All of this is a good sign. It is a sign that, regardless of world tensions, man likes to grasp that sense of timelessness, that sense of the permanent, that he provides. In a fast-changing world, man likes to hold on to his heritage. He seeks a link with the past—his religion, his ancestry, the great literature of the past. Shakespeare presents yet another symbol—a symbol that should not cause anyone to go into chauvinistic ecstacles,

but should give all Anglo-Saxons quiet pride. For those who occasionally claim that the cultural standards of Western civilization are not on a par with those of other world cultures are hard put when confronted with the record outsits jewel of mankind, Shakespeare.

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Shakespeare, whether in the classroom, at a movie, or in the lecture hall, provides a reassurance that no matter what goes on in the world one can be sure that it is no more than a part of the passing parade. When it is all done there will still remain the basic things—home, family, church, synagogue, Bible—and Shakespeare. For in years to come, no matter what else may happen, William Shakespeare will still be there, with a wink of his eye, saying to Cassius:
"How many ages hence shall this away."

A writer who claims knowledge of what's going on behind the Iron Curtain says there are almost no roller skates in the Soviet domain, which leads us to think that maybe Russia's getting along better than we thought.—Lexingron Hebald.

In reducing military personnel the Army will discharge 20,000 "incompetent soldiers." GIs say there is just one thing to do with an incompetent; discharge him or promote him to second lieutenant.—New Orleans States.

'Don't Worry, Friend - I'll Get You There'



People's Platform

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three countries involved in the conference.

Had this agreement been in corporated into a treaty (as PDR told the conference it would have to be, and as he also told Congress in his report of the Yalfa Conference), and then signed by the three countries signed by the three countries the things that have happened probably would never have occurred.

The Bricker amendment or even any compromise thereof should be soundly defeated. It is to be hoped that each of the Worth Carolina senators will register negative votes at the proper time.

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McCarthyism Defined, Compared, Condemned

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Editors, The News:

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No State Dept. Employe Was Fired For Subversion

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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When it was first announced that 1.456 "security risks" had been dismissed from government security risks and the security risks and the security risks and the security risks and total was put at 306. Yet the fact is that the actual number of people "dismissed for cause" from the State Department since January a year ago is not 308. It is

The purpose of the whole "se-curity firing" operation has been, of course, "operation has been, of course, but the control of the purpose of the course, or the course, training, with subversives busing hurded out of the government in droves. Because the State De-partment has long been the chief target of the congressional primi-tives, special pressure was brought on McLeed to deliver un a maximum number of sacrificial lambs. He appears to have de-livered handsomely.

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One of the chief authors of the scheme is supposed to be Attorney General Herbert Brownell. It is known, at least, that Brownell agave the order permitting people who were resigning to be labelled "security risks," without her incoviede—which seems about as sportsmanities as shooting a tethered rabbit tate, whoever its author, the scheme is now beginning to backfire badly.

In this situation, the next step

ple "dismissed for cause" from the State Department sine all subversion was a Involved. How then, were the figures on the State Department's high-mouthing, or money troubles. Not a single case of actual subversion was a Involved. How then, were the figures on the State Department's share of the security frange arrived at T.

The answer is a lide off security response the personnel divisions checked through the files of everyone in the process of resigning from the State Department enter it is high. The "security risk" tag was then simply may on the names of 180 of these people, on their way out, without their knowledge. The total was returned to the peartment to tother departments or agencies. In short, a large reportion of the "security risk" tag was then simply may on the names of 180 of these people, on their way out, without their knowledge. The total was afterned reason to five the same grones. In short, a large reportion of the "security risks," being anything about their knowledge. The total was first the same ground the same to the second of the second of

Bricker Amendment Dead; Alternatives Still Alive

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Bricker Belle Rebuffed By Wiley Washington THE "Vigitant Women For The Bricker Amendment" asyspeaker Joe Martin, Joe came the proposed and the contrary and the man who been swarming over Capitol Hillcorridors, buttensholing congress contracts, buttern and the Foreign Relations Committee, who in brangs Committee, who — though its committee