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Tar Heel Legislature Should Close
'The Case Of The Bartered Ballot'

'WE ARE, therefore, unanimous in the belief that this special privilege of civilian absentee voting should be repealed by the 1955 general assembly...

With this 50-word clineover, the State Board of Elections wrapped up its indictment of a political privilege turned political sin...

It was one of the major requests in Mr. Hodges' biennial message. But it took 10 weeks for appropriate legislation to find its way into Raleigh's political arena.

A BILL tossed in the Senate hopper yesterday by Sen. C. V. Henkel Jr. of Iredell would retain the absentee ballot only for persons in military service...

The Test Is Quality-Not Quantity

IT'S A HOARY tradition in Washington - perhaps as old as President Fillmore's bathtub - that new senators may be seen but not heard.

In the raucous 84th Congress, however, only one member of the Senate's 1955 freshman class is tooting an orthodox line...

Shamrock Saga: St. Patrick & All That

YOU were no bit of green today? Then the back o' Erin's hand to you! But an Old Country custom might save you head from a shillelagh...

St. Patrick might not have approved of all this potent-nipping but he is said to have taught Ireland the art of distilling and all full-blooded Irishmen like to believe it.

The good saint is better known, however, for his flame-sorting missionary work in transforming Ireland's barbaric hordes into an enlightened nation.

Legend tells of one hoary old serpent in Lough Dilveigh who refused to be banished. So Patrick left him, promising to return "on Monday"...

St. Patrick's "war of magic" with the Shane's pagan Druids on the hill of Stranede was as dramatic as his snake hunts. It seems that the saint provoked the High King of Ireland by kindling a sacred fire at Easterline and then had to match miracle for miracle with the Druids...

The girl in the office who only scans the headline says that she is never sure whether it's fashions or Premiers that the French have changed. - MATROON (LIL.) JOURNAL-GAZETTE.

'I Don't Know, Fella—I'm A Stranger Here Myself'



People's Platform

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Beowulf Versus A Fiery Dragon
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What On Earth Is Barbecue?

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Court Was Lenient With Sgt. Olson

I should like the participants to the source instead of building big dams in flooded areas. —POLLY JO COLLINS
Rock Hill, S. C.
ON behalf of the members of Beta Alpha I want to express our appreciation for a most enjoyable trip through your newspaper. For most of us this was our first visit to a paper, and you may be sure that we all enjoyed our tour thoroughly.

From Beta Alpha, A Note Of Thanks

When the votes were counted, however, you got a Democratic birthday present—me. I grinned but was noncommittal when two of his Democratic guests, Quigley and Herbet Zelanko of Pennsylvania and Herbet Zelanko of New York, both insisted that he was their "constituent." "It stands to reason that I am your congressman, Mr. President," continued Quigley. "Your farm is in my district."

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Ike Will Farm A Little At Gettysburg

COUNTRY living" at Gettysburg and elsewhere dominated the conversation when Farmer Ike Eisenhower lunched with Farmer-Congressman Lester Johnson of Wisconsin and other freshman congressmen the other day. Johnson wondered if Ike's farm near Gettysburg, Pa., was making money, especially since a herd picked from different states, but I finally turned down the offer. I decided on Black Angus because they don't require as much care as dairy cattle. Then, too, practically all my neighbors in Pennsylvania have Black Angus, and it is a lot easier for me to exchange sires with them.

Legislature's Anti-Whammy Bill 'Vicious, Irresponsible'

By CHARLES R. KELLEY
(Editors' Note: Mr. Kelley, a professor of psychology at North Carolina State College, wrote this defense of the anti-whammy bill for the Raleigh News & Observer.)

I READ with some amusement several weeks back about a North Carolina state legislator who introduced a law providing that electronic speed checking devices be placed out in the open so that speeders can see the device before they pass. This is primarily a provision to make the devices ineffective in apprehending speeders. In other words, this is a bill to keep speeders from getting caught.

Speculating is the major preventable factor in highway deaths. At least one out of three fatal accidents involves speeding. The best known way to reduce highway deaths is to cut down speeding. Anything that makes speed law enforcement less effective will increase highway fatalities. The proposed law will unquestionably cause people to die on the highways. Every legislator who votes for this bill faces the responsibility of the people it kills.

RESORTING TO LIES
(6) The proponents of this bill have resorted to lies to pass it. They include statements that use of electronic devices by Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheider is "gestapo method" spy tactics and that they are catching innocent people, and the stupid assertion that they are generating a new source of revenue for the state. The only drivers who are afraid are obviously those who break speed laws. This group of law breakers will force people than all the murderers, thieves, arsonists, and other major criminals combined.

Propaganda Barrage Red China's 'Big Scare'

WASHINGTON
STRENUOUS effort is going on behind the scenes here to try to get agreement on a new treaty in the atomic world in the field of anticipation of the barest of anti-American propaganda which will be laid down at the Afro-Asian conference in Indonesia next month.

Two proposals are being considered at the highest level. The objective is to emphasize American concern over the effects of nuclear weapons and to dramatize the desire to share peaceful time uses of the atom as widely as possible. The U. S. is for American initiative to get approval of a new U. S. Nations commission report of the effects of fallout of radioactive material in the aftermath of explosion of an hydrogen bomb which commission also might be empowered to allocate the consequences of radioactive fallout to the atmosphere as the result of the tests of atomic and hydrogen weapons by the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States.

Proposal No. 2 is for American leadership outside the U. N. in this key steps essential to harness the peaceful atom in friendly countries of Asia. This might involve the form of a commission of Asian Atomic experts who would visit Asia for a cooperative survey of the potentialities of power reactors in areas where fuels are scarce and costly and hydroelectric power is unavailable.

It is increasingly evident that Red China's delegates to the Indonesian conference will seek to propagate the threat of nuclear warfare launched by the United States. This has a great scare effect among Asian nationalists and even in supposedly friendly countries such as Japan. The official government newspaper Ivestia in Moscow just denounced the atom-for-peace proposal as a Communist plot before the U. N. in December of 1953. Ivestia called the plan "a Communist plot to divert an American effort to obtain control of atomic materials everywhere in the world."

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, the one that will be taken at the conference at which Asian and African powers will meet with no representative of any Western power attending. Nations friendly to the U. S. in Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand, will speak out against the Communist and fellow-traveling effort to divert the atomic bomb to an aggressor and warmonger. This effort will be linked, it is believed here, to American policy on Formosa, and the fears of an Asian war. There is, in fact, a growing belief that the conference will be directed by the United States to the conflict over Formosa and the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.