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Government By Remote Control

WITH DISARNING casualness, Guil-ford's Rep. Clyde Shreve has pro-posed legislation which could touch off one of the hotest which could touch off the 1953 General Assembly.

He would submit to 1956 voters con-stitutional amendments which, if ap-proved, would permit Tar Heel counties to vote on the adoption of "home rule It is like the ache of "home rule

to vote on the adoption of nome functorters."

It is like the echo of an old refrain. Tar Heel politicians have been grumping about the home rule issue for years. But when the time comes to surrender a great deal of authority to local governing bodies, many legislators hastily pull in their horns.

They plainly like the power and prestige that comes with calling the legislative shots on back-home matters—setting salaries and fees, for instance.

Efforts to solve the problem produced constitutional amendments in 1835, 1888 and 1917. But the problem has shown remarkable tenacity. It has survived all these efforts.

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Between 1789 and 1835, some 74 per cent of all laws passed by the General Assembly were private, local or special acts. Fiftyaline per cent fell in this cate-fory between 1835 and 1868 and 49 per cent between 1868 and 1917. From 1917 to 1947, the problem got worse in-stead of better—the number of local, pri-vate and special acts took up 68 per cent of the total.

The situation stirred one legislator to tell the University of North Carolina's Institute of Government in 1947:

I am somewhat convinced that it is a method of evading responsibility and clearly that it is a method of passing the buck." It is absured that a body of responsible men should sit in a committee and consider that the state of the

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Southeastern Industry's Nuts & Volts

THE little men who count kilowatt hours for the Edison Electric Institute had U.S. business editors doing double takes today—including our own J. A. Daly. They reported that, for the week ending March 26, there was a whopping 25.3 per cent increase in the Southeast's electric power output over the same period a year ago.

No other U.S. region even approached such a record.
The Southeast's great spread above the national averace gain (187 per cent) is not entirely due to Diseis a atomic energy plants. Nor is it due to the

From The Atlanta Journal

COMPANY FOR DINNER

OLDER persons, so lately swept from the slower pace and easy hospitality of another era, never "feel rithit" about not asking anyone they see to accompany them for dinner. That's the way it used to be Whether. That's the way it used to be Whether. That's the way it used to be Whether he lived only several miles from town or In some distant place, a visitor in a small town at mealtime received and usually accepted an invitation to dine. A small town housewife seldom knew how many guests to expect, but usually she "allowed a little more" because it was the custom to invite "folks at church." Anyone who lived outside the tyl limits was assured of being invited by somebody.

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But such pleasantries have all but vanished now. Sometimes older folks extended invitations to visitors at church, probably in memory of olden times. However, there is a sort of unspoken understanding that the bid will be declined. All realize that an acceptance would create an emergency for the would-be hostess.

The automobile and paved roads really abolished the custom. Even after fast transportation ended all this, however, the custom lingered. Habits of a lifetime are not easy to break. Families liked having 'company,' and who doesn't like a good meal served up in a friendly atmosphere! Findly, changing times caught up with everybody. Food prices multiplied, cheap servants dispepared, wives got themselves jobs. Living became a fast proposition of the property of the proposition of the property of the proper

osition.

So the custom passed. Now it is fondly remembered only by the older persons, who perhaps have forgotten how harass-

Something that may be a genuine novely developed in the Lumber Bridge section this week, when a man was shot in the lev and police found no indication of who shot him while the best of the shot him with the best of the shot him with the shot him with the shot him with the shot had all but it must be exastered in the shot had all but it must be exastered and the shot had been been always the show that had been excluded as the showing them how to keen out of trouble—Lumbarrow Robersonian.

The nudists were planning a costume party and were worrying about what to wear. "Well," said one, "with my varicose veins I think Tll go as a road map."

—CARLSBAD CURRENT-ARGUS.

The Democratic Nomination: Adlai's For The Asking

By STEWART ALSOP

*ADIAI Sevension wants the Democratic nomination, he can we it for the aking. On this int the shrewdest observers in Democratic Party are now reed. But they also agree that, he wants to run. Sevension will ve to pass the word soon—probly by September or October, to consuppose that Sevension was the top of his lungs that wants another try at the White usys of making his wishes known. RE SIGN

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ADLAI STEVENSON Where Are The Signal Flags?

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FarmPrice Supports: The Tar Heel & The Tempest

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY



of parity for five basic crops.

TAR HEEL'S BILL
Introduced by Rep. Harold D.
Cooley (D-NC) takirman of
the House Agriculture Committee,
the measure also would raise minimum dairy supports from 7 so so
per cent of parity, and initiate a
farm referendum on a multiple
price plan uncher which wheat for

spokesman.

While agreeing that a price support program is necessary to the future of agriculture. Farm Burner of agriculture, Farmer of a

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the minimum wage.

'CITY VOTES'
The labor-farm coalition is con-centrating on House Democrats from "city" districts. The House in 1954 voted to substitute level-libe for rigid supports on a 228-170 roll call and the coalition bose that this year it can pick up 35 to 40 "city! district" votes and reverse the decision.

tonholding "city" congressmen, urging support for the Cooley bill. Robert Oliver, legislative director, has written all congressmen that the CIO regards the bill as one of the session's "most important issues."

Also lending modified support to the Cooley bill is the powerful commodity group, the National Mik Producers Federation Officials say the Federation was chiefly responsible for inclusion of some of the bill's dairy provisions. "We speerally favor disassure birm of equitable treatment," said E. M. Notton, executive secretary of the group.

GRANGE NEUTRAL

The other member of the farm hole's "Big Fout"— the National Grange— is taking a neutral position. But officials are active in drumming up members support of the street of the street

People's Platform

Good Phone Service Despite The Strike

Speeders Beware-A Citizen's Warning

cute you.

And that goes double for the poolrooms that let the kids under 18 years old play pool, and you who don't care to whom you sell your whisky and beer.

—JAMES K. ALEXANDER

From Junior League, A Note Of Thanks

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Allies Balk At Quemoy, Matsu Fight

"We don't want them to learn any of our secrets, do we!"

WASHINGTON
INSIDE the "White House — Here is a but getting has been polite no suittish about getting has received a polite no suittish getting has a polite no suittish getting has received a polite no suittish getting has a meritan plan of the guns. When he planted a copy of the secret, supposedly suppressed Yalta papers with the New York Times, the same suitting has a meritan ambassador to feel as well as a feel of the secret suit has a suittish getting has a meritan plan of the secret suit has a suitting has a meritan plan of the guns. All it is now quiet at the Pentagon. It was a suitting has a meritan plan of the guns has a suitting has a meritan plan of the guns has a suitting has a meritan plan of the secret when it does not have the certainty plan of the secret when it does not have the certainty plan of the secret when it does not have the certainty plan of the secret when it does not have the certainty plan of the secret when it does not have the certainty plan