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Needed: Some Plain Talk About Polio

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THE parents of America hold a vested
interest in the Salk pollo vaccine
and It's high time for the sovernment to
recognize that fact and talk some sense
about the halt in vaccinations.

The people who paid and prayed over
the years for an answer to the disease
and rejoiced in its apparent discovery
now are uncertain and confused to find
vaccination stopped shortly after it began. Those whose children have received
the first of the shots wonder in view of
the Washington double-talk whether they
should have given permission for them.
Either President Eisenhower or Secretary of Health. Education and Welfare
Hobby, who runs the Public Health Service, should immediately report in concrete, simple terms on the whole vaccination program. They should give sensible
answers to such questions as it she vaccine itself safe? Have there been fouluns in inspection and manufacture? If so,
who erred and what's been done about
the mistakes! When the report comes,
let it come in plain talk and in person.

WE ARE deeply concerned about the welter of conflicting statements such as these from: Surgeon General Scheele: The vaccine is safe. There is absolutely no cause for

alarm.

President Eisenhower: There has been suspected on the part of the scientists a provocative effect of this vaccine. . It may be that our scientists will decide there is a certain period of this year (when polio reaches its peak) when they shouldn't give this (vaccine) at all.

shouldn't give this (vaccine) at all.
Scheele's weekend statement not only
conflicted with the President's, but he
seemed to be disagreeing with himself
when he said vaccine already on the maket could be used but release of any
more would be held up pending a report
from a committee of experts.
And then there was the teasing opinfon from Chairman Spence of the House
Banking Committee that Scheele is "a
good public service, doing the best he

can in a lough spot!" What tough spot! Could it be that Scheele's boss. Mrs. Hobby, was sitting on her hands, not wanting to medile with vacine manufacturers, when the health service should have been doing the exhaustive testing on manufacturing techniques it is now doing? The Public Health Service apparently had time, but did not use it, to check each batch of vaccine before it was released. Now the Cutter laboratory vaccine is suspected as a conceivable cause of polio in children receiving it and the health service has intensified its testing program. The vaccine used in last summer's test program was checked not only by the manufacturers but by Dr. Jonas Salk, father of its discovery, and by the health service's National Institute of Health.

The House Banking Committee is considering several bills to clamp federal controls over vaccine distribution and prices. The administration onsones such controls. Even in the life-and-death matter of polio, it seems, the question of government interference must be debated and a chance offered for political opportunism.

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If the controls are necessary to assure prompt, correct vaccination with a safe serum of all children and adults who need it let us have controls. The gov-ernment should use or assume whatever power it needs to produce a good pro-gram.

Gongress certainly shouldn't be accused of picking political flights over the vaccine with the administration. It is the administrations duty and responsibility to be certain that the vaccine it already has licensed is a good vaccine. And it has the further duty to provide for orderly distribution of the vaccine to those who need it.

Perhaps uncertainly and confusion had to result from the rush to begin vaccinations before this year's police seaon. But whatever the case, the people deserve to know what the government knows and they deserve to know with the work.

Efficiency In An Ungentle Game

ACCORDING to tradition, the art of tax ableak and sinevy as that of a Trappist monk. The collecting requires a discipline as bleak and sinevy as that of a Trappist monk. The collector, history tells us, must be a man with a heart of pure filnt and a mind utterly free of the spoor of politics.

Heaven knows. City Revenue Collector John H. Mills conforms to none of these story book standards. He is a reasonable man with a reasonable nature and he certainly has had his share of political adventures.

But even though he does not fit the classic mold, it appears that he has been an uncommonly good tax collector. If any municipal official deserved reappointment for another term today it was Mr. Mills.

The record speaks for itself. Under the Mills administration the city's tax collection success has been considerably better than last year's 93.43 per cent or a total of \$3.061,604.18.

Mr. Mills has also been busy ferretting out uncollected taxes of previous fiscal year. So, where can report to \$152. and oil 1952. a

Pride Cometh Before Crittenden

IT WAS crafty Cornwallis who made one of his more memorable statements during the Revolution when he called Charlotte a "horner's nest."

Obviously Dr. Christopher Crittenden of Raleigh. an historian of note. didn't learn from history. Had he understood the full import of the general's statement he would have known better than to stir the Ire of Mecklenburgers.

He has done just that. He has scoffed

What we can't understand is why the What we can't understand is why the

Yesterday the House Conservation & Development Committee voted 5-4 to give a bill setting up a restoration commission

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From The Toledo Blade

THOSE WHEELED RAINBOWS

A CRUDE fellow we know, who does A not have an artistic bone in his body and in general is nonsimpatice with the finer, more vibrant expressions of mod-ern creative beauty, has been watching the new cars go by.

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His reaction, we regret to say, is much the same as if he had been served up a Dali for lunch. Says he feels as if he'd sampled all 26 ice cream flavors at once.

Now color is known to produce certain emotional and physical reactions, and this may be part of our friend's trouble. He is accustomed to a good plain diet, so to speak, of whites, blacks, grays, greens, browns, reds and vellows. His palate is unaccustomed to the subtle refinements of hise and tint now dished up in such rich automotive profusion. Confronted by such two tonal dishes as other and canary, watermelon pink and saure, burgundy and clinamon, lavender and carmine, chartreuse and polika dot, he gets just a bit queasy.

He has been thinking of buying a new model anyhow because he says if this is the sort of world we live in a fellow just can't give up but has got to adapt himself to it and face things like a man He concludes he will take along his wife to handle the art while he tries to drown himself in the machinery.

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One thing, though, He says he hopes
the automobile firm has got a fashion
stylist to set, along with the cer salesman. Says he just doesn't think he could
jut much stock in what a salesman told
him about suspension, valves and horselower if the same min at the same time
advised his wife whether the salmon and
jurple job went better with her complexion than the emerald cream one.

Postal Workers: 'Loyal And Faithful Employes'

Charlotte

Editors. The News:

On MONDAY. April 25, you

Dishied a stary, apparently an Associated Press news, and the Law will also the consideration. It is explication for sick leave, and the Law will also the consideration. It is explicated as a sick leave, and the Law will also the post of the employee abusing their sick leave privileges.

There are more than a hall mill all the post is a respectively as a congression are a sensor of the employee in Charlotte, and in other towns where The Charlotte when the post is circulated, should be corrected. First, the article stated that will be consideration. First, the article stated that will be consideration at employe received 28 days sick leave each year if he works the full year. In the post of the expert size is the post of the post of

'I'm Asking You In A Nice Way'

and others of the worman ers.

The commandment about "bearing false witness" is brought to mind by Mr. King's letter. The bealtitude, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall have mercy," comes to mind in connection with Mr. Cherry's letter.

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And I am reminded of my high
school days and of Shakespeare's
Portia and her speech in court:
"The quality of mercy is not
strained! It droppeth as a gentle
rain from Heaven!. "Is twice
blessed; it blesseth him that gives
him that takes!"

Wayward Sparks Cause Explosions Charlotte

Editors, The News:

ENCLOSED you will find copy of letter to chief of the Charlotte Fire Department which is available for publication.

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OMOND L. RAHRINGER (Encloure)

Donald Charles, Chief Charlets Fire Dept., Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Chief Charles:
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heen caused by the spark from the light switch.

I am therefore taking advan-tage of the time to write you this letter (and am sending a copy to The Charlotte News, with the hope that it might save someone's life.

—OSNIOND L. BARRINGER

A Vote Of Thanks

a lifetime.

It is my opinion that the voters have chosen good men and women to fill the seven council seats and I look forward to watching the progress of Charlotte for he next two years. To my many friends who worked with me and the 3.500 voters who supported me I extend my grateful appreciation.

Beautiful Tribute To All Mothers Dallas, N. C.

To All Mothers
Dallas, N. C.
Editors, The News:
I and pleasure the guest editorial, "Let Us Now Honor Mothers," in Saturday's Charlotte News, It is indeed a beautiful appraisement of the most famous house, in Saturday's Charlotte Aller of the Mothers, and the saturday's Charlotte Aller of the Mothers, and the saturday of the Saturday's Charlotte As Mr. Blythe in his beautiful tribute points out, she was a poor little presant girl, who lived in a poor and despised little town; yet God selected her tunusual and wonderful person who ever troot the soil of this earthly planet.
Thanks, Mr. Blythe! In honoring her, you have honored all good mothers, living or dead.
—MRS EDNA H. HENDRICKS

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It is true that legislative committees can abuse their proper functions and set themselves up as inquisions into the beliefs are into a degree for out of line to a degree for out of line to a degree for out of line with the proper check on government operations or the framing of wise legislation. But I doubt if an absolute legal formula can safe-quiry into the degree of the d

The Cost Of Congress

It's Doubled Since 1944

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Knight Courts Organized Labor's Vote

WASHINGTON in the past—though dead against Eisen-Republican, once a darfuin of California, hower—other lifelong Democratic labor labor line in the East for the governor's conference last week.

He spent his time not in kowtowing to the White House or to various sense. It is business, if the white House or to various sense to the White House or to various sense. It is business, a dinner, and a lunch with the top labor pleaders of the capital, then well as breakfast, a dinner, and a lunch with the top labor pleaders of the capital, then well as the capital then well as the capital then well to Philadeliphia for a meeting with the labor pleaders of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Democratic labor pleaders of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the dight of the properties of the white House with glim, ladelepih for a meeting with the labor pleaders of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Democratic labor pleaders of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the properties of the propertie