

The Commission's Excellent Report

We are delighted that Governor Cherry's Judicial-Sollicitorial Commission recommended Mecklenburg and Guilford's need for separate solicitorial districts, even though a sub-committee had previously considered the need for such districts only in Mecklenburg in the re-grouping.

part at least, meaningless. Inefficient prosecution was reflected directly in the County's soaring crime rate, and over the years it has produced a marked contempt for the law.

The State Of The Congressional Mind

Whatever action Congress finally takes on draft extension, it has already established a record that will provide excellent ammunition for any critic who desires to prove the moral bankruptcy of our democracy.

ed by the House-approved bill that would extend the draft law and at the same time forbid the army to draft anybody for five months; that, we would say, is a final commentary on the state of the Congressional mind.

How Does South Carolina Do It?

The State Highway Commission, replying periodically to its rural critics, has insisted that its heart is in the right place, that it has enough money available for an adequate improvement program for North Carolina's back-country roads.

ing 500 miles of country roads. In April contracts for an additional 700 miles are placed, which means, as The Greensboro News summarizes, that South Carolina now do 12 times as much for rural roads in four months as North Carolina has done in the last year.

Another Voice

It is evidence of the bankruptcy of the Republican leaders in Congress that they think they can pump up into an issue a proposal for a Constitutional amendment to limit the Presidential tenure to a single term.

As recently as 1912 many Democrats favored it (with Theodore Roosevelt in mind) and the party platform that year formally espoused a six-year-term tenure. But the nominee, Woodrow Wilson, was on record in his writings on the other side of the question, never considered himself bound by that plank and openly opposed a six-year term amendment when the Senate approved its submission in 1913.

"How's It Going In Your Department, Jack?"



People's Platform

The Tolerant Mr. Roper (D)

LINCOLNTON AT the top of column 7, page 4-B, section two of The afternoon's (April 11) Charlotte News, you published a statement to the effect that I have filed as the Republican candidate from Lincoln County for election to the State Senate from the Caswell-Lincoln-Islede County District.

City Finances

A Safe Place

I AM very much in favor of ABC stores, because the simple fact is and many others had much rather see our fathers and mothers go in a safe place which is not forbidden by law than go slipping in and running from shady places which are often raided. Then another reason—one goes into an ABC store, pays for his liquor and most likely goes home with it, while if he goes into a bootlegger's den...

Marquis Childs

Wheat and Politics

WITH a kind of fervor, that is the search for food goes on around the world. The men responsible for feeding the world's lazier are driven on by a sense of desperation. It is almost as if they could hear the cries of millions of children who go to bed at night with the gnawing hunger gnawing.

Soviet-American. Therefore, American shippers were made and the U. S. American merchantmen are steaming through the Danish, with Russia's wheat for Russia.

On their maps, one great area is marked unknown territory. That is the vast, sprawling expanse of the Soviet Union. Some rumors are being spread that the U. S. is planning to invade the Soviet Union via Finland and Rumania. But as evidence for the experts, it is not clear.

Each month, for many months, thousands of U. S. wheat shipments have been passing through ports with no drama whatever. That wheat has been purchased here, just as France will purchase the Soviet wheat.

REASON SIMPLE

"The reason is very simple," he was told. "You have not furnished us with the information that we expect to get from all countries requesting aid."

NO CHEERS FOR U. S.

When Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, returned from a three-hour talk with Stalin, Stalin spoke with seeming frankness about the postwar international situation. What has happened in the intervening two years has convinced Johnston that Stalin was speaking frankly.

Samuel Grafton

Non-Fattening Words

A HUNGRY house is not a house and a hungry world is not a world, certainly. But the sense of frustration and order and the flow of meaningful tomorrow. The significant security council for a hungry world is not the Security Council, but the world's people.

On the back roads of our Mid-Western states says the Wall Street Journal, wheat changes hands now and then, but the children starve in the open.

EDGE OF PARADOX

The contradiction has now brought us up to the very edge of paradox: meat for everybody, we said last fall, and threw away control. It is not to be done, it is not to be done, it is not to be done.

But Mr. Hoover says we need no rationing any longer, early because it would take three months to set it up, and it is only three months to the next crop, and Mr. Truman agrees, because it has just rained in France.

OUR CONTRADICTION

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Drew Pearson's A-Bombs in Suitcases Threat Of Future Merry-Go-Round

IT IS no secret that what worries the war plans divisions of the U. S. Navy is the fact that the atomic bomb can be smuggled into the United States in suitcases. This is a known possibility that the American public should always keep in mind.

Truman Stands Pat

TRUMAN stands pat reaffirmed to members of the House committee on the minimum wage bill he said that he will not hesitate a moment about vetoing the bill if it comes to him with the inflationary Peace amendment tacked on.

75 Cent Club

CONGRESSMAN HOOK, House sponsor of the original minimum wage bill, assured Truman that there was a majority of 75 members of the House who would support the Peace amendment, and said he was confident that the House also would reject the amendment when the measure comes to a vote.

months ago with the rider returning USBS (U. S. Employment Service) to the States. This business of attaching unrelated riders to bills is no way to legislate—and I won't put my signature on that sort of thing."

WASHINGTON

Both the Army and Navy necessarily have studied this possibility most carefully. That is their job, and higher-ups who are frank privately agree that future intelligence regarding atomic matters is being kept under the closest guard.

WASHINGTON

That money spent for intelligence after a war starts is like building a hospital after a smallpox epidemic is in full swing. The money is wasted, it is intelligent before a war starts which really counts.

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They left their Presidential conference with a definite assurance that the Chief Executive wants the original minimum wage bill without extraneous matter.

"No one knows what will happen in that committee," he agreed. "As you probably know, there is a fellow-statement from Mr. Truman who is in charge of the bill. He referred to conservative Democrat Roger C. Staughter, former mayor of Kansas City, who represents Truman's own district as one of the most anti-Administration members of Congress."

The idea of limiting the Presidential tenure to a single term is the public. It is based at length in the Constitutional Convention, where a limitation to a single seven-year term was, in fact, tentatively adopted and later rejected. It is interesting to note that the President of the Convention, Alexander Hamilton, the great conserva-

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