

The Solicitor Redistricting Plan

It is necessarily slow progress from preliminary survey to law, the proposal for rearranging North Carolina's solicitor districts has finally reached Governor Cherry. In its present form the plan represents the best judgment of an able special commission headed by H. I. McDougle, but it is, of course, still subject to considerable alteration. It will be sent to judges, solicitors, the North Carolina Bar Association, clerks of court and other interested parties for criticism. After their suggestions have been rejected or incorporated the proposal will go to the Legislature for action at the 1947 session.

Southerners And The British Loan

THE BRITISH loan is having heavy going in the House of Representatives, and the anti-administration coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans is apparently responsible. There is no longer any reason to be surprised at the spectacle of Southern Congressmen lining up in solid array in opposition to a Democratic President, but to find them joining forces with isolationists, American Communists, and the high tariff bloc is shocking indeed.

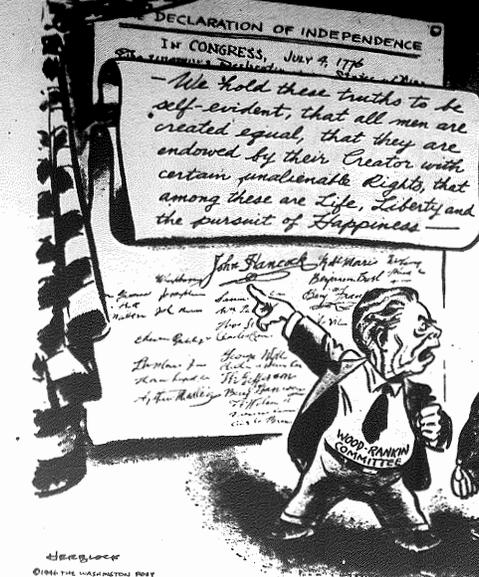
Army Vs. Navy At Bikini

WE can think of no good reason why the Army brass had should show a greater degree of mental flexibility in regard to the A-bomb than his opposite number in the Navy, but they are certainly sending mixed messages from the Bikini. Perhaps the difference in attitudes is the difference between the battleship and the foxhole. A fighting ship, except for rare moments of contact with the enemy, is rather comfortable and it is possible for a sea-faring man to lose it all and start over again.

Another Voice

A Salute To Five Students

WHETHER brass bands played and a stadium full of roared led by frenzied cheer leaders urged the contestants on to victory we do not know, since the news is so short and so silent on this subject, but it does relate that won five academic contests in Latin, mathematics, French, Spanish and history, sponsored by the university extension division for high school students throughout the state.



The Fast Gavel

Senator Hoey Presiding

A WHITE-HAIRED, frock-coated Tar Heel, who might have stepped out of a gay nineties tin, is leading the Senate a thing or two about how to run a modern show. North Carolina's 68-year-old Clyde Roark Hoey is fatherly and boss-like but not out of touch. He dipped legislation through with speed that hasn't been equaled this season.

Quote, Unquote

NOTWITHSTANDING the great efforts made in Washington to keep the general public from knowing the details of the military and naval operations, developments are on the whole against us. Costs of production, notably wages, are increasing at a rate far beyond anything we have seen in this trend.

Drew Pearson's: Rep. Andy May's Aid

IT MAY be news to the Congressional colleagues of the chairman of the House Committee on War Relocation, that certain contractors who made millions from the Army, plus Representative Andrew Jackson May of Kentucky was known as 'Yichel'.

Phantom Company

THE Erie Basin Products Co., despite its imposing name, sprang up from nowhere. It didn't exist before the war. It was incorporated at the time it got its first contract. Yet it was given a \$3,000,000 order to manufacture 12 mortar shells for the Army.

Odds Against OPA

THE odds against an improved OPA coming out of Congress are at least ten to one. On the day before he vetoed the bill, President Truman was told by administration leaders on Capitol Hill that the chances were hopeless and the only alternative was to sign the bill in the hope of preserving something out of the wreckage of price control.

SUPPORTERS AWAY

A great many members of Congress, some of whom would be arrested if the OPA were to pass. Some are at the atomic bomb test. Others have gone to Manila for a chance to use the Philippine military Government. Still others are back home, campaigning in the primaries. The work of Congress is seriously hampered by this absenteeism.

Peter Edson Sabotaging The Atom

SABOTAGE by the House Military Affairs Committee of the Senate-passed McMahon Atomic Energy bill is in the process of diverting the atomic supporters of that bill to atomic distraction, if not to atomic sabotage.

'Yichel's Lumber Deal

HOW the chairman of the Military Affairs Committee happened to tie up with these war contractors is his secret. However, he did tie up with them in a big way. The Congressman, for instance, received 'expense money' from the Garsons in connection with a lumber mill they purchased in Kentucky. The Garsons gave their friend \$20,000 for \$200,000 worth of lumber.