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them.

It looks as if in these continuing investigations, with their suspicion and doubt of our

officials and our policies, we were playing Mos-

cow's game to a T. It is time that we considered

seriously whether Moscow is by any chance

Not So Loony

The need for an auditorium in Southern Pines

was long advocated by this newspaper. That

it should be large as to seating capacity and

stage was always urged and, when the new

school building was first proposed, the Pilot

backed it to the hilt. It is therefore with a sense

of deep satisfaction that we look back upon the

Though open for such a short time, the new

hall has already housed two conventions, a

symphony concert, a dance program and im-

portant school functions. At each affair the gen-

eral enthusiasm over the building, the audi-

ence's delight in seeing how perfectly suited

it was to these occasions, was clearly evident

and added immensely to the success and pleas-

ure of the events themselves. The admiring

words of convention visitors and others, on

The success of the auditorium is there for all

to see and hear. For part of its success certainly

is oral as well as visual: the accoustics are

splendid. As to its appearance, we believe the

planners of the hall's decoration deserve congratulations on the pleasing result and the

School Board on their part in the whole project. There isn't a doubt that the hall is an asset of

the first order to this town and that it will ben-

efit everyone, in the number of people it will

bring here for conventions, concerts or the

In the old days when the Pilot and other crusaders for the auditorium were agitating for

their pet project, there was a certain amount

of chat about "starry-eyed planners" and people

whose ideas for Southern Pines verged on the

"crack-brained." The chat was friendly, on the

whole, though, and there wasn't too much of it.

But now that we have the auditorium and there

cannot possibly be any argument as to whether

or not we need it, the Pilot feels there may be

a considerable number of readers who would

happily join in a good-natured poke at the skep-

tics to ask: What about those "starry-eyed

idealists?" Or, in a reverse of the good old

phrase that Harry Thaw made famous: Who's

Graham's Foes Call To Their

Aid A Notorious Defamer

It is a sorry business indeed that the oppo-

nents of Senator Graham are engaged in when,

for the purpose of influencing the voters, they

circulate slanderous statements about him by

that notorious defamer, John T. Flynn. The

statements are contained in Flynn's book, "The

Road Ahead," which pillories, along with Gra-

ham, some of the most highly respected men in

the country. Thousands of copies of this book

have recently been spread around North Caro-

lina. Stacks of them-paid for by whom?-

have appeared in offices, business houses, and

The people who have resorted to this evil

form of campaigning were recently so success-

ful in worming their way into the confidence

of leaders of the Daughters of the American

Revolution that the State D. A. R. convention

in Charlotte adopted a resolution calling upon

their first visit here, were good to hear.

calling some of the plays.

past two weeks.

theater.

loony now, folks?

other places.

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### **Campaign of Weakness**

The "I am not" campaign being waged in the state by Willis Smith and in the Eighth District by W. E. Horner strikes a discordant note in North Carolina politics.

It is a campaign of downright cowardice. These gentlemen don't dare come out and say the things that they are trying to get the people to believe. They don't dare say them because they know they are not true.

The "I am not" campaigner shouts the first part of his sentence and says the rest in a whisper. "I am not a communist, un-American, FEPCer, believer in this, that, or tother," he shouts, "but. . . " and then his voice drops to a whisper: "that other feller is, take my word for it." Only he doesn't give his word, of course, or speak out loud. He doesn't dare.

Mr. Horner started a recent letter by saying that he, and the accent was in capitals, doesn't have an office in Washington to send out his campaign mail. Well, of course he doesn't because he isn't in Washington, (and this newspaper doesn't think he will be). But what he wants people to believe is that C. B. Deane, who is, is up to some sort of hocus pocus up there. In the same way, when Willis Smith's publicity people rant, at the rate of four or five long

typewritten sheets a day, that Mr. Smith is going to Washington because he is not a believer in this, that, or tother, they are trying to make out that Senator Graham is. And what do they whisper after the opening shout? They whisper that Senator Graham was the head of the North Carolina branch of the Conference for Human Welfare. But what they do not whisper is that when he headed that organization its roster numbered a goodly proportion of the leading thinkers and doers in the south. Nor do they add that Senator Graham along with most of the others resigned from it within a few years. They do not say that it was never on the attorney general's list of subversive agencies.

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That is the sort of innuendo campaign being carried on in the state and we submit it is unworthy of North Carolinians. It is un-American in the truest sense of that much mis-used word. For it stems from weakness, a weakness that will bring defeat.

The man who continually shouts "I am not" is going to wake up and find that he is right. When election day comes round that's exactly what he will be: Not. For Americans don't want that sort of men running things. They want men who stand for something, not simply against something. And, these days in particular, they want men whose standards are known and whose ability is proven.

For these are truly critical times. Honesty, good judgment and courage to assert high principles and to stand by them: these are what our country needs. That is what North Carolina's statesmen, men of proven ability, are contributing in Washington. We submit that it would be a good idea to keep them there.

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# **Report From Britain**

Several friends have suggested ately that I refrain from writing about controversial subjects inasmuch as some people back home may misinterpret my words. I try to appreciate that point of view, but I'm inclined to believe that a few will see "red" even in the most serious attempt at objectivty. The implication seems to be that if you write or talk about movements or creeds where differences of opinion exist that you must necessarily support or at least be sympathetic with them. My simple answer is that in the twenty years I have been teaching history I have occasionally touched upon Know-Nothingism, anarchism, fascism, feminism, and gangsterism without ever having the slightest desire to embrace the faith. Lest you suggest that these are now outdated and therefore not pertinent, I hasten to suggest

DR JAMES W. SILVER, of that I have also discussed vegetar-Southern Pines, University of ianism, prohibition, anti-vivisectionism, agrarianism, and Mississippi history professor, pacifism, and never once have I now instructing in history raised my voice in clarion call for Aberdeen university, Scotland, on a crusade. Most people with en- a Fulbright scholarship awarded ergy enough to read a newspaper by the State department. His prefer not to stick their heads in "Report from Britain" will apthe sand while a storm courses pear in The Pilot during his year through the world. abroad.

All of us would like to think

that our present mighty conflict what they are telling the people with Russia will not end in a we would like to have on our side. I'm convinced that not enough shooting war. But if it does and we are fortunate enough to win, Americans have concrete, firstwe shall then be trying to convert hand knowledge of the teachings the defeated enemy to our way of of communism and its propaganda life, as in western Germany to-day. In the meantime, we are hor the Marxian doctrine and that spending billions of hard-earned we can be worked into a blind cash to make as many friends as rage in denouncing it. We are also possible. It makes sense, then, to aware that it has been used as a study closely the Russians and red herring for so long in South-

## Grains of Sand

In profiling the candidates for went right out in the thick of it clerk of court on our front page to get close-up pix-"and it was last week, we mentioned the chil-aren of all of them except in one all around! Their helmets, packs, case. Through a lack of informa-tion at the time the story was come down. And," he added, "the written, we omitted those two paratroopers really land hard. charming lassies, Misses Margaret From a distance it looks so easy and graceful. Close up-it's difand Janet Carter of Carthage. One is graduating from high ferent.'

school this year, the other will With helmets and shovels tumbsoon enter high school at Carth- ling around him, he took refuge age. They are the daughters of against the side of a house, thus Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carter and off- missing two pictures which he shoots of the Carter and McKeith- thought might have been the best shoots of the Carter and More's en clans, well known in Moore's Scottish lore of yesterday and to-day. falling in have been in a paratrooper falling against the house, and another landing right on top. day.

A skipped line in typesetting The N. C. Automobile Dealers for the society page last week association, which met at the Carcaused regrettable omission of olina hotel Sunday, Monday and some other attractive young la- Tuesday, got on a national newsdies from the writeup of the play cast Sunday night almost as soon at Notre Dame. The complete cast as the first events were getting of the play "Anne of Green Ga- under way.

bles," charmingly presented by the high school group, should have read as follows: Elizabeth McGuire, Barbara Still, Hazel Patch, Geraldine Gardner, Mar-garet Bauer, Grace O'Connor, Ria Mor Blasko, Heler, Feeney, Pearl charmingly presented by

ern politics that when our tem-statement on what British compers have cooled we are hard put munists are telling the voters over to decide where truth leaves off here, while not necessarily bring-ned prejudice begins. An honest (Continued on Page 7) and prejudice begins. An honest

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#### Time To Investigate The Investigators

It is time that someone questioned the sincerity of the conversion to democracy of some of the witnesses before the Tydings committee. In particular, it is time that the case of Louis Budenz, Senator McCarthy's chief witness against Lattimore, be looked into.

This man, now a professor on the staff of a leading Catholic university, was only five years ago the editor of one of the chief communist organs of publication in this country. We have his own statement of his importance in the councils of the party.

Louis Budenz was a Catholic before he became a communist, and now he is a Catholic again. To doubt the stability of such a man and his fitness to act as a teacher of youth is almost irresistible. It is, in fact, impossible not to question the sincerity of his conversion, especially when one considers how much to the advantage of the Kremlin it would be to have one of their leading men in a position of such influence. His present status in the organization devoted above all others to the fight against communism tends to place him above suspicion, removing in most people's minds every doubt as to his reliability. If he wanted to do harm he is ideally situated to do it. When, then, we find him testifying in this investigation it raises serious doubts. Budenz, of course, is not the only case. A great many of the accusers of government officials and others under investigation are self-confessed ex-communists.

This bears looking into. We have always felt that any American who is, or ever was, a communist ought to have his head examined, and surely, in view of the fact that lying is a recommended communist tactic, whether under oath or not, it is only the part of good sense to take an ex-communist's word with a good deal of skepticism.

It should not be lost sight of that these loyalty investigations have done our cause untold harm. Every doubt that is spread here and abroad as to the honesty, wisdom and unity of our country seriously weakens our cause and helps that of the Soviets. Nothing has helped them more than these investigations and we should not overlook the fact that alleged ex-communists have played and are playing a leading part in

every chapter to make the book a subject of special study. Which, of course, was equivalent to endorsing it. I know of one chapter meeting at which some of the members protested against the resolution, declaring that they did not intend to be hoodwinked into spreading anti-Graham propaganda. I hope there will be enough of such wide-awake members of the D. A. R. to make this same thing happen at the other chapter meetings.

Ten years ago, when the Nazis were beginning to overrun Europe, Flynn was denouncing the William Allen White committee and other organizations that sought to help the Allies against Hitler. He wrote articles for "Scribner's Commentator," a pro-German periodical. He opposed the Lend-Lease law, which was one of the important moves against Hitler. He said that Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Knox should be driven out of President Roosevelt's cabinet. The organ of the German-American Bund proclaimed Flynn "a courageous man," and the Coughlinite organ praised him as "a veteran American crusader." Before the war was over Flynn published a pamphlet which pictured Japan as a nation pleading for peace and placed the blame for Pearl Harbor on the leaders of the American Government. Before and after this country's entrance into the war Flynn was the constantly extolled darling of the elements in America that opposed American action against Hitler.

It is a disgraceful act for North Carolinians to be circulating a book by a man with Flynn's record in the effort to persuade North Carolinians to distrust Frank Graham; and it is no credit to Willis Smith that he is attacking Graham with the same sort of misleading statements that are made by Flynn.

In contrast, observe the record, published this week by the Wake County Committee for Graham, of the praise given to the Senator by six persons far different from Flynn. These persons are General George C. Marshall, Senator Clyde R. Hoey, Senator Wayne Morse, Senator Charles Tobey, Mrs. W. T. Bost, and Mrs. O. Max Gardner. "The work Frank Graham did in Indonesia for the United Nations was a diplomatic miracle," said General Marshall. And Senator Tobey said: "Frank Graham's speech on the Atlantic Pact was the greatest I have ever heard in the United States Senate." In these two quotations we have a fair reflection of the esteem in which Graham is held by the nation's most -Chapel Hill Weekly trusted leaders.

, Therese Fetcher, Jo Anne appeared from his car. May Blasko, Helen Feeney, Pearl

lagher and Sheila Walsh.

had the leading role and we un-

"The Old Corral in the Juke Box," by Glynn Harvey, in Col-

liers last week was the product

derstand did a beautiful job.

We didn't get who the newscas-Harriss, Marion Difatta, Joan Galter was who reported it. . . Nor how he had such a direct pipeline Southern Pines' "Cissy" Patch to the convention.

> The Public Speaking

of the facile typewriter of none other than the young man whom we know better as Bud Harvey, FOR JIM PLEASANTS staff member of Golf World and

the Pinehurst Outlook and resi- To the Pilot. Much has been said through dent of Southern Pines. The yarn was one of those hu- the years about a representative morous things they use in the from the lower end of Moore front of the book, and the main County on the Board of Commisdifference between it and many sioners. After years of trying we others of its ilk was that Bud's have found a man who has agreed to become a candidate for this is really humorous!

A lot of us have been enjoying position and who is well qualihis weekly column in The Out- ifed to do so. It is up to the voting look. His humor is delightful and population to give him the oplooks to us mighty saleable, and portunity to fulfill the obligation we expect to see his name turn he has so graciously accepted. Jim up more and more frequently in Pleasants is a MOORE COUNTY man. It is true he makes his home the bigtime. in Southern Pines but he works

And did you see Exercise and has friends over the entire Swarmer in Life last week? A county.

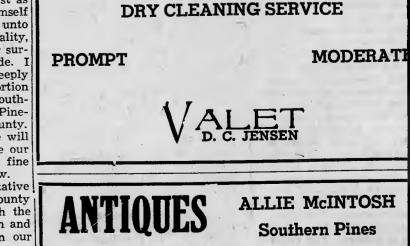
double-page spread of photo-graphs by John Dominis graphic-tion from this end of the county, ally pictured the great and impor- we want a representative who is tant airborne maneuvers which vitally interested in the welfare took place so close to us two or of the county as a whole as it fits into the state and nation. Just as three weeks ago.

The photographs are excellent no individual can set himself ones, and will serve as permanent apart saying, "I am a law unto souvenirs for many of us who myself," no town, municipality, were thrilled and impressed by county or state can thrive or sur-Exercise Swarmer. Of course we vive with such an attitude. I were disappointed they could not know that Jim Pelasants is deeply be made in colors, as the para- interested, not only in the portion chufes with their different colors of our county comprising Southshowed up so brilliantly and ern Pines, Aberdeen and Pine-beautifully against the sky. How- bluff, but in the ENTIRE county. ever, Photographer Dominis said state and nation and that he will the color process takes time, and give his best efforts to make our these had to be for immediate county one which will be a fine example for others to follow.

He is a young, unassuming and Let's vote for a representative pleasant individual and apparent- from this end of Moore County ly enjoyed his assignment here. who will be concerned with the At the first D-Day drop, on DZ best interest of every section and Luzon, he got far back with the individual-let's put Jim on our rest of us for long-range photo-graphs. At the second, on DZ Sic-Sincerely vours. LOUISE W. CLARKE

ily that afternoon, he told us he

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