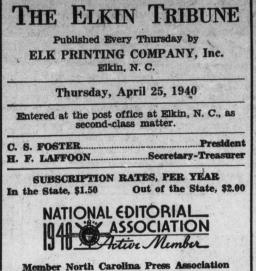
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The Greensboro Daily News thinks "it's a funny thing, though, but you don't find any offices filing to seek the man."

Office Seeking the Man

"Today," says the Christian Science Monitor, "the office of President is seeking the man. A man of great capacity, season-ed, experienced in large affairs, grounded in genuine liberalism, sympathetic toward social reform, but understanding business problems and trusted by the business community, a proven administrator equipped to consolidate the good in the New Deal ex-periments and discard the bad—for such a man the office calls. Millions of citizens who do not want to go back to the Old Deal, but fear the New Deal is encroaching on liberty and blocking recovery, are searching for such a man."

That is well-stated. But it is a big or der, a mighty big order. And one which, because of the handicaps of our peculiar po-litical set-up, will not be filled satisfactorily in all those details. And why not?

Well, granting that a man of that width and breadth is available, he could not be named and elected except by the rule of the years; that he must be backed by an organization, which is to say one of the major po-litical parties, which examines candidates not for their fitness and special qualifications, but for their vote-getting ability.

Soon we will be having two great political conventions. After much armflinging and maybe some hair pulling at both of these, two men will be selected and headed for the White House. Only one of them will get there. And you can put it down in your little day book that he will not by any means measure up to the above specifications.

And who among the various candidates mentioned for the presidency from either party would fit into that blue print set forth by the "office seeking the man?" Mr. Roosevelt would fall short in certain particulars, while Messrs. Hull, Vandenberg, Dewey, Farley, Garner, McNutt, et al., would lean in some direction away from that prescribed course.

The South doesn't furnish Presidents any more, simply because the South's political complexion is fixed, and at nomination time the nominee must appeal to a section that is in doubt. And before we can elect we must nominate, and in the process of nominating-the office is more than likely to pass up the kind of man it is seeking.

A Commendable Service

In the last issue of The Tribune, this corner had something to say about the "loyalty to Roosevelt" movement that was

softens the Governor's thinly veiled opposition to Mr. Roosevelt—an opposition that has been manifest on more than one occasion.

There are many former enthusiastic supporters of Mr. Roosevelt in North Carolina who have soured on him for one reason or another. There is no denying this, and so Governor Hoey has considerable company in his, let us be generous and say—luke-warmness. But it is generally admitted that a test vote in this State would result in a Roosevelt victory by long odds. And so it seems that Mr. Folger and his organization but serve a commendable purpose in assuring the right of the majority to be heard at a time when it seems that right is about to be smothered.

To the Fleet of Foot!

With the seven gubernatorial candi-dates, all together, unable to stir the voters up to a satisfactory high pitch, it is sur-prising to hear Henry Averill, Raleigh news-man, saying that "Thad Eure, secretary of state, and W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, appear to be facing the stiffest sort of opposition to retain their posts." Maybe Averill is just imagining things, and on the other hand it could be that the voters on the other hand it could be that the voters have reason to take out after these office holders.

Let's take a look at these two candidates and see what is the matter with them that they should create more interest than ordinarily would be due them. W. Kerr Scott took over the agriculture job, after it had been in the hands of a Graham for so long that it seemed almost like personal property. He promised to put new life in the department and set new objectives for it. It has been our observation that he has kept his promise, and before opposing him, it would seem that the voters should have better reason than that his opponent wants the job and has a gift for uttering high-sound-ing phrases ("Rippling Waters" Spruill they call him), before getting all het up about a change, especially when they went twenty

years hitched to Scott's predecessor. Thad Eure is being challenged by Walter (Pete) Murphy, of Rowan, for secretary of state. And perhaps there is less surprise at the announcement that Pete is giving Thad a little pesterment. Mr. Murphy is an old Democratic warhorse who has been fighting Democracy's battles for decades without asking or receiving reward, and now that he takes a notion that he would like to be secretary of state, his friends all over the state, particularly the oldsters, are quite willing for him to have the place. For they are remembering that handsome and obliging Thad Eure, for almost as many years, has been enjoying a State job of one sort or another, and being the best mixer and handshaker ever, was expected to continue on the payroll. We'd be a bit surprised if Pete Murphy beat him, but we wouldn't be

moved to tears about it. George Ross Pou is another who has been right successful, thank you, with political jobs. Barring that short period when he resigned one to run for Congress and got beat. But he heard the call to another-and heeded. Charlie Miller, of Asheville, a capable and deserving fellow, is measuring swords with Pou, but the latter is fortified with a rabbit's foot, and we're fearful that our vote may be wasted.

"One-Out-of-Five"

"It's a discomforting thought," says the Journal-Patriot, of North Wilkesboro, "that one out of every five dollars earned by the

sweat and toil of average Americans every-where, goes automatically to government." Quite right! And we are sharing with North Wilkesboro paper the implied



April 22 Washington, purpose of the census is, primar-ily, to decide how many memeach state is entitled to in the House of Representatives. That depends, of course, upon how many members there are in the House and how many inhabitants there are in each state.

While the Constitution provides for the reapportionment of Representatives after each ten years' census, it does not lay down any rules for doing it. entirely up to Congress itself to decide how many members shall sit in the lower House.

The number of Senators is fixed by the Constitution. There are two for each state, or 96 in all; and until some new states are admitted there will be no need to rearrange the seats in the Senate Chamber. That has had to be done a number of times in the House of Representatives. The number of members of the lower House, however, has stood fixed at 435 since 1910. Censuse since then have shifted the apportionment of the 435, but have not changed the number. Delaware, for example, had two members of Congress at one time and Vermont had three, but each of those states has only one now.

Their populations have not lecreased but the populations of other states have increased to the point where a fair distribution of Congressmen entitles them to greater proportionate representation.

Florida Doubled

Thus, in recent years, Florida's rowth in population has doubled ts representation in Congress and California has nearly three times as many members as it did forty years ago. No matter how small the population of a state it is entitled to at least one Repreentative.

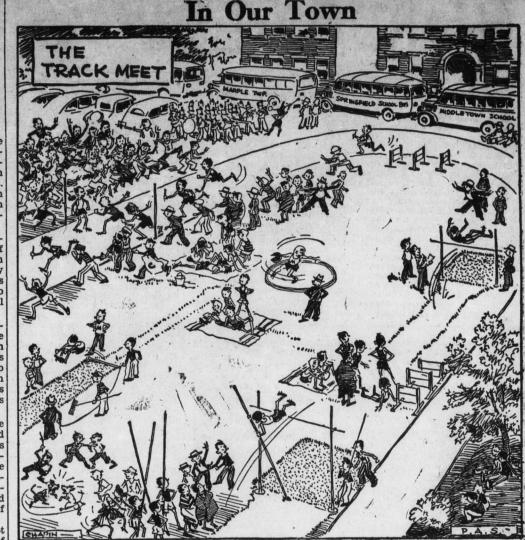
BRAINS VS. BAYONETS Nevada has never had as John McDowell Banks was an nany as one hundred thousand Irishman intensely loyal to his one finger on me and the entire 5-16 nhabitants but they have the country. Like many British sub- Irish navy, which has never been right to representation, although jects, he found it hard to make defeated, will come here-and in most other states there are a living at home, and, although when they get through bombard-300,000 or more represented by a he was a university graduate, he ing Venezuela few will be left single Congressman. This Conaccepted a position as Manager alive. No nation in all the world gress has already decided that of the railroad which runs from has ever defeated the Irish navy there wil be no change in the number of members of the lower the Port of La Guaira to the cap-House. The Senate passed a bill ital of Venezuela, Caracas. ed.

This beautiful town is nestled to that effect last year. The House has just passed a similar La Silla, one of the most beauti-en to prison—the only British bill, with the exception of one point which the Senate included. ful mountains of the country. The Senate bill provides for the La Silla is Spanish for saddle; and this group of hills resembles apportionment of Representatives according to the number of "cit-izens" living in each state. That as the sun sets, casts a purple as the sun sets, casts a purple is not what the Constitution calls shadow over the surrounding for. The Constitution specifical-ly provides for the apportionment countryside.

The republic had been in a of members of the House in prostate of unrest for some time beportion to "the whole number of cause of the threats of Great Bri-free persons," not "citizens." tain to take a portion of the eastern portion which bordered

Indians not taxed are still on British Guiana. omitted in apportioned Repre-President Grover Cleveland, the entatives among the states. The Monroe Doctrine was invoked. Iouse has passed this census rewith the result that what might apportionment bill, changing the have been a bitter war was ami-Senate's attempt to require only cably terminated. citizens to be included in each

Warships from the leading na-Cornelia Burch, Boonville; Archie member's constituency. tions of the world flocked to La Gentry, Elkin; Paul Gwyn, Elk-Guâira, the principal seaport, in; Lester C. Tompkins, Galax, The purpose of that effort was ns, Gala: sentation from becoming too large, since New York has a larger number of non-citizens the coast of Venezuela and even Mrs. Lavassa Poteat, Jonesville; larger number of non-citizens went so far as to bombard many Delbert Sheek, Yadkinville; Mrs. of the coastal towns, doing great Cleve Phillips, Boonville; Arvil than any other state. The basic law, however, contemplates that Arvil Key, Elkin; Mrs. Gurtis Key, damage. even aliens living in this country The resentment toward Great Elkin; V. C. Hayes, State Road; Britain was intense. General Ci- Paul Inman, Elkin; Betty Mcare entitled to be represented at Washington, even though they priano Castro, the then president Neely, Elkin; Garvey Tulbert cannot vote for their representaof this turbulent republic, order- Elkin; Ben Oliver Martin, Yadtives. ed all British subjects arrested kinville; Joseph Silliman, **State Decides** Conand confined in the local jails. necticut; Mrs. Ella Church, Elk-How the Congressional Dis-





McDowell Banks to arerst and for a partition of land, and that bring him to prison. They found said defendants will further take Banks sitting on the veranda of notice that they are required to his home calmly smoking his appear at the office of the Clerk pipe. From a flagstaff on his of the Superior Court, said Counresidence flew a green flag with ty, in the Court House in Dobgolden harp emblazoned on it. son, North Carolina, within ten "I am ordered to arrest you as days after the 18th" day of May, Britisher and take you to jail," 1940, and answer or demur to the said the commander of the Complaint in said action or the

troops "I am not an Englishman, but I am an Irishman," gruffly re-torted Banks, "and that flag 1940. above me is an Irish flag. Lay

and none ever will," he conclud-

The officer consulted with his subject in all of Venezuela to escape this gross humiliation. Intelligence increases one's ability. Banks, by using his keen brain, held the entire Venezuelan government at bay, demonstrating that very often brains are su-



Through The following patients have been admitted to the local hoshave

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under way in North Carolina. It has been developing faster than we thought when that piece was written, but nothing has occurred to challenge what we said about it. Nothing, that is, except Governor Hoey's strategy to head it off.

Even when our big press was rumbling those lines into print announcement was being made that Surry's own John H. Folger had been named official head of the movement which is intended solely to give the Democratic voters of North Carolina opportunity to register their sentiments concerning the Roosevelt program and New Deal policies instead of allowing them to be herded under the leadership of a self-appointed belwether whose plans and thinking is not attuned to theirs.

Lee Gravely, who is running for Governor, makes no bones about giving Mr. Roosevelt credit for saving the tobacco farmers of North Carolina, and although he has no part or parcel in the "loyalty to Roosevelt" organization, he is convinced that 90 per cent. of the Democratic voters of North Carolina are friendly to the Roosevelt policies.

If that is so, or if it is anywhere near so. then why shouldn't they have the privilege of expressing themselves through the machinery of their party-via the precinct meetings, county conventions and finally at the big pow-wow at Raleigh. It doesn't make sense for the tail to wag the dog on every issue that arises in North Carolina, even if that has become the custom.

It is quite obvious that Governor Hoey is peeved because this movement arose like a mushroom, and without his blessing or the opportunity to head it off. After turning it over in his mind for a few days he announced that the offer to instruct the North Carolina delegation to the national convention to cast a "favorite son" vote for him, had no appeal, and that he wanted no such instructions given. He is for Cordell Hull,

wish that we could have government without paying for it-or to put it another way that we could eat our cake and have it too. But that can't be did, as most of us have jolly well found out. If government is costly, it is main in be-

cause the governed make it so. services that we demand cost money that somebody must provide. The trouble is that we are too all-embracive in our demands, and then when the bill must be met, some of those who benefit most wiggle out of paying.

Considering the demands made upon government, and the ever-widening service it renders, this one-out-of-five toll is not surprising, and were it not for the waste that comes from injudicious and inefficient, and sometimes grafting political adminis-tration, it would not be disturbing.

No tax is high if the payer gets value eccived, and no tax is low, if any part or all of it is squandered. By that process of reasoning the taxpayer should be concerning himself more about how his tax dollar is spent, than about the number of dollars collected; to determine where the waste-hole -and plug it.

And yet with all the inefficiency and sundry faults of government, we get right much for that one-out-of-five. How much police protection, education instruction ser-vice, highway building, etc., could you buy with your individual dollar? Every taxpayer would be in a heck of a mess when he started somewhere, if highways were built only through the properties of those who vol-untarily provided them with money from their own pockets.

By all means the taxpayer has reason to be concerned with mounting taxes, but his real interest should be mainly in whether the dollar he contributes is wisely spent. Having settled that then he should look around to see where he can whittle the demand for governmental services, for which which happens to be a popular choice that he now seems to have such a yearning.

The big prison in Caracas, known in; Johnny Church, Elkin. as The Rotundo, was jammed with Englishmen of high and low week were: Mrs. Sibble V tricts are divided is a mater for each state to decide. Some of them never decide it but elect all their members by the entire vote degree. Mobs paraded the streets lett, Elkin; Mrs. Carl Poindexter, of the state.

There is nothing in the Constitution that requires the division of states into Congressional districts, and there is no law requir-

ing a member of Congress to be vide for direct election of Senaa resident of the district which tors by the people of the whole he represents. For in theory he state. It took a Constitutional does not represent any particular amendment to do that. Washing-Elkin.

section of the population of his ton is still of two minds whether state but the whole citizenry of the change has brought about an the Commonwealth. improvement in the quality of More frequent is the custom of the Senate. There is a general providing for additional members feeling that a great deal of senby electing them at large. Any atorial prestige and dignity has state may do as it pleases in the been lost, since Senators now way of selecting its representahave to play to the galleries and tion in Congress, so long as it look forward to their own reelec sends to Washington no more tion by the people. They no long-

and no fewer than the number to er represent sovereign states, but which it will be entitled when the figures of the 1940 Census have been tabulated and each state's proportionate share of the total number of Representatives, there North Carolina population has been computed. may be a fight in the next Ses-It would be entirely within the sion over the number to which Hatcher; Mrs. Fannie Park rights of the legislature of any each state is entitled. The Cen-Saunders (widow); Mrs. Beulah

that the State's Representatives 000,000 population. Divided by band, Walker Hamilton and Nel-in Congress shall be chosen by 435 that would give about one son Park, minor. the Legislature, instead of direct-Congressman to each three hundred thousand inhabitants. It is going to be a hard job to arrange Hatcher and Mrs. Fannie Park ly by the people. That was the way the Senators were selected going to be a hard job to arrange it so that each state gets the ex-act number of Representatives it thinks it should have. Some will the superior Court of Surry County, North Carolina, for the first 125 years of our existence as a nation.

Changed in 1913 It was changed in 1918 to pro-

Patients dismissed during the week were: Mrs. Sibbie Vernon, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Sallie Tripthreatening Germans and Brit-ishers. A squad of soldiers was Holcomb, Boonville; Mrs. Annie dispatched to the home of John Swaim, Jonesville; V. C. Haynes,

State Road; Cora Lee Payne, Elkin; Mrs. Mary Inman, Mount Airy; Bernice Eidson, Elkin; Ar-chie Gentry, Elkin; Paul Gwyn,

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The defendants, Mrs. Gertha

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