would be much better all porter, wrote on Sunday that M. Sanford might be surprised at the inswering questions that have een asked, and start answer-ing in trying to obtain answers t stop answering questions that have not been asked, and start answernot been asked, and start answer-ing some that have, in his news conferences. We suspect that he might discover that reporters are not so "obnoxious" after all. The Governor was, for example, asked about a rather interesting rural road recommendation sent

forward recently by this district's Highway Commissioner Cliff Ben-sons Mr. Sanford replied by saying that Mr. Benson was "the straight-est man" he knew, or words to that effect. And he added that if Mr. Benson said the recommendation was right ,then it was right.

Well, now. If Mr. Benson's integrity has been questioned, we are not aware of it. And we an not prepared to say that Mr. Benson is not, in fact, the straightest man among the Governor's friends and acquaintances. But if the ed ever so cleverly. "Well," said Governor was suggesting that Mr. Evans, "that's a matter for the as-Benson is impossible of error in sistant state attorney general as-his judgments about which rural signed to the highway department." roads in Wake County should be But the assistant attorney general paved when, then Mr. Sanford's was out sick, with chicken pox or praise of, and loyalty to, Mr. Ben- something. Upon being advised of son runs the risk of extravagance.

In the first place, Mr. Benson's experience, knowledge and ability general. "Just walk down the hall," in road allocations are - like those of any other politician - subject to question. And, we submit that if Mr. Evans directions, and as he Mr. Benson hasn't already made opened the door to the office of errors of judgment, he has a good many ahead of him before he and torney general, the telephone Governor Sanford leave office. We rang. The assistant to the assistmight mention, however, that it ant said "Yes, sir, Mr. Evans. Yes, would be nice to believe that Mr. Benson, or any other office holder participating in the spending of public funds, has achieved the perfection which Governor Sanford assigned to him.

The fact remains that if Governor Sanford would merely bother to study the evidence involved in the controversial road recommendation that led to his defense of Mr. Benson, Mr. Sanford might well temper his blanket endorsement of Mr. Benson's judgment.

We had intended no mention of this particular road matter. Questions are being raised all around about the present operation of the State Highway Department at its upper levels. There may be no tinue to wait.

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Jenkins wrote that he had heard about a claim filed by a contractor in connection with a highway job Jenkins called the director of highways and got a reply consisting of what Jenkins called "a machine-gun burst of statistics . . , which were devoid of an answer." There was more talk, consisting, largely of bureaucratic gobbledygook that made little or no sense, So, Jen-kins then visited the chairman of the Hgihway Commission, Merrill Evans. As Jenkins put it: "(Mr. Evans) was mighty glad to see the reporter, yessir." But, as to the contractor's claim: "Huh? Claim? What claim?"

Jenkins said the buck was passthis Evans referred Jenkins to the assistant to the assistant attorney Evans said, "turn right, and, . ." Jenkins said that he followed the assistant to the assistant at-

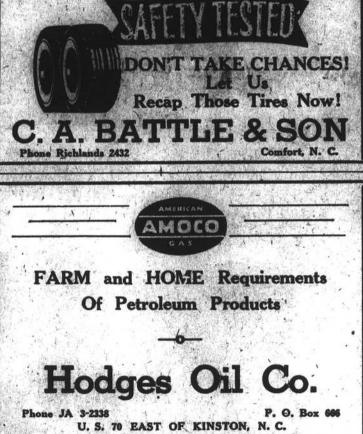
mic problems of the natio begun to ov blicy matters in the wake of the forst stock market crash si 1929. No one can indge precisely what course the economy will now take, but the problems bred by a long Cold, War, vast assis given to other nations, a new era of frade, and a long period of ov-erspending federal revenues confront the highest councils of government.

The complexity of financial affairs and the terminology which surrounds them such as "balance of payments," "gold reserves," and "deficit spending" cause many people to consider the whole matter only when it concerns their job or their purse.

sir. I agree, Mr. Evans." Thus, theorized Reporter Jenkins, the assistant to the assistant was now obviously prepared for the question. And the reply? Well, the claim about which Reporter Jenkins was inquiring had not reached the point at which it could be publicized.

Said Reporter Jenkins: "Those highway folks know how to bypass something besides a city." And, we might add, so does Gov-

ernor Sanford.



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cipals which were in effect before Keyes, the British economist, ex-pounded his theories. In simple language this genera-tion should be encouraged to pay for its own governmental services as it goes along. Confidence in gov-ernment follows sound fiscal pol-icies. cies.

Perhaps one of the keys to the problem of spending more and pay-ng less than the budget each year lies in the psychology which con-fronts Congress each year as it is urged to spend more and more billions for foreign aid programs in 97 of the 110-countries of the vorld.

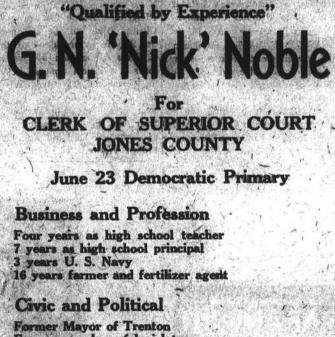
Confronted by this expenditure for non-Americans, Congress finds it difficult to trim a budget for

ng Bill has no en reported by the Judiciary committee to the Senate for con-ideration. Already, however, it has con debated on the Senate Floor

to a degree. The Subcommittee on' Antitrust and Monopoly reported a bill to the full Judiciary Committee which was controversial. In the process of considering the bill, the Depart-ment of Health, Education, and Welfare came to the conclusion that it did not desire to have all he powers given it under the orignal. I supported the amendments nade by the Department.

The original bill would have conferred licensing powers on the De-partment to exclude people from the manufacture of drugs., The sabstitute amendment will give the Department the power to protect the public health but does not embrace the licensing of drug and pharmaceutical firms.

I voted for this amendment for the reason that I am fundamentally opposed to excluding people from Continued on Page 5



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