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## **Old** Murder Derby

**wlotte Puts** On Sprint To Finish High On List of Wholesale Death By Violence

On List of Wholesale Death bashead congratulations, citizens, are set is order. The year's-end is at all and with still a little time to go, ribbles to ill of violent deaths stands 33—not high enough to break a set, but high enough to guarantee good standing of the city among marder capitals of America. This is ay fee great pride in our schlevement, we have surpassed the paltry total mark, howsidele, nonlintentional manuals, or aggravated assault, call it is you will, played a major role in mottes year. Only in May, June and quit was there a closed season on lugs. Beginning on January 24 and typing on through December 27, vious had its fling. We have scanned efficial record and found conditions be about as usual:

So of the victum were Negroea. Only no were killed by white persons. Eight victims were whites, only one likely by a Negro. Head the list is the most popular: eight were killed in James, four by shotguns; three were compilated by unreported means. One death was labeled accidental. One passed without arrest being made.

ut all others, without exception, recleared cases—for the second year.

are, of course, the old trouble set in.

are were arrests, but no uniform

**Feeble-M**inded Children Must **Be Rem**embered By the State

**Vew Horse** 

State Election Board Swans

Chairmen During a Crisis

forth Carolina's Legislature, fearing to it will hear new demands for apuniversal gains, could find no better wer for the clamoring officeholders in the tender cause of humanity, the

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h By Violence

attempt at stern retribution was made. Rillers still escaped lightly during the year; other killers will continue to dare justice, as in the past.

Charlotte made its record in 1940, running up 47 deaths by violence to lead Atlanta, Nashville, Paducah and Chattanoga by a confortable margin. In that year of its ceaseless campaign against local conditions resulting in the high murder rate. The News studied carefully the disposal of murder cases in the courts. It found that two out of every three killers went free, naid in no

carefully the disposal of murder cases in the courts. It found that two out of every three killers went free, paid in no way for their crimes. They wriggled out by: being cleared by coroner's jury, rollepros; or simply being kept "pending." Those sentenced received terms averaging seven to ten years. One convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment was let off with payment of court costs! Conditions of 1940, of course, are largely those of 1942. The same public apathy as concerns Negro Killings; congested Negro shum areas: court lethargy or inefficiency—all contribute to the black record. It's the same old story, If there's killing to be done, let it be done in Charlotte. For here, the chances are better than two to one you can get away with it. Further, it saves the civic pride of a well-rounded community of the of a well-rounded community of the Carolinas: industry, education, religion, agriculture and violence.

### End Of Defeat

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This is the end of the year in which the beginnings of victory were forged; the year in which the head of the year in which the permitted of the year in which the wide conquests of Jap and German were halted, and brought to a pause which, in the end, must be fatal to the cause of evil. It was not a time of Axis defeat, but one in which its victories were cut short, and its prospects of future victory smiffed out forever.

Now, though American power is barely beginning to be felt, the 18-month period that U. S. industry needed after the dark days of Dunkirk has passed. We have the tools of war, and they are being shipped. We have one of the world's great armies, and it is being moved. We have the will to win, and that is being expressed everywhere. It is well to remember that the war in Europe, entirely apart from American entrance into the conflict, is a far different thing from the struggle of 1941. This Whiter, with the most powerful of Russian offensives sweeping forward day after day, Hiller's hold on the Eastern front is precarious. He cannot spend the cold weather in rebuilding, refitting

in the tender cause of humanity, the the's Forgotten Children. The camgin being waged by our Miss Dorothy ox in behalf of pitiful mentally detive children should be followed by 
iry Assemblyman. 
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equately cared for feeble-minded 
angsters (Caswell Training School is 
pelessly swamped), and past Legislares have been unmoved by pleas in 
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be given attention now. we have been unmoved by pleas in the behalf is no reason why they should it be given attention now. Gundreds of the stricken children, unsakably miserable, dirty, and poorly red-for are now dragging out bleak ung lives as burdens upon unhappy miles when they should by every huni right be accepted as wards of the stee. The generous offer of Charlottes in. Coe to give his estate for the use must not be allowed to pass unseded and unappreciated. If the Legislature of 1943 carries a sponsibility to Raleigh next week, it ast surely include this legion of the grotten. As much as the dwellers in organion's night, they have been negled by the State. The time has come they must be remembered.

after day, Hitler's hold on the Eastern front is precarious. He cannot spend the cold weather in rebuilding, refitting and resting his troops at home. This time, he has been too busy; it is not the will of the United Nations that he should sit out this Winter.

The magnificent German Army, still standing at a strength of some six million men, remains a terribly effective force. It is capable of one more offensive drive; it can light a long and terrible war of defense on the continent itself.

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Should Hitter drive into Spath or Tur-key, Spring might lind an Allled force of invasion in faraway Scandinavia; should he attempt a new air offensive against Britain, his air force would pay a far dearer price than in the first Battle of Britain. Chairmen During a Crisis

The State Board of Elections, by the try nature of its work, has done its b for North Carolina with a minimum public notice. In recent years it has miny littled the face of State elections may little the face of State elections and waged an unceasing battle against furtuption as a highly efficient and non-artisan agency, but it has remained uning. Under Chairman W. A. Lucas, it little group of men was in itself real guardian of our democratic processes.

The resignation of Mr. Lucas and Govmor Broughton's appointment of Radigh's Col. W. I. Joyner as his successor tings a major change in the life of the card, after a dozen years.

Mr. Lucas leaves North Carolina's clection and the processes of the control o

Britain.

In the East, Japan's lords of war speak with despair of a long struggle. The Coral Sea, Midway and the Solomous exacted a fearful toll of their sea mons exacted a fearful toll of their sea and air power. Daily, the threat of fur-ther Jap advances against United Na-thons basilons grows silehiter. Now, Aus-tralia and India no longer live in dread peril. Japan has not been beaten, but it has become apparent that she cannot win

win.

The great change has been wrought with only a margin of American power (the decisive power in this war's balance), Offensives have been halted with ance). Offensives have been halted with the first of our men and material, and, in the months ahead, growing strength will make it possible for our leaders to selze the strategical advantages achieved in the trials of '42. The year '43 is not likely to bring victory, but it, will certainly bring it within sight, for the overture is finished, and the roaring erescends of the terrible symphony will aoon be heard. Three Years

There are enough assections there in Provocol Broun to a few of the choicest of them.

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Heywood Broun and His Second Wife, 1935

Heywood Broun and Ris Second Wife, 1933 op to stay home with the nurse!" He made a disparaging statement about a fight manager in Syracuse. "You wouldn't dare come up here and repeat that," taunded the Upstater. Broun answerd. "Til be up there and say it next Friday at half past five!" "And did you?" asked the man to whom Broun was telling the story, "Of course not!" he replied.

At the Bear-Carner fight, Grantland Rice remarked "Golly, that big fellow sure can take it." "Yeah." answered Broun, "but he descrit seem to know what to do with it!" On the day that Babe Ruth smacked out two home runs in a world's series game, and contributed a

couple of sparkling catches as well, Broun's access, "The Ruth is mighty and shall prevail!"

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#### Induction

-Bu Herblock



## Platform Of The People

# Hopes Of The Communists

he protected against industrial discrimination.

There are many other issues important to our war effort that the protection of the product of the problems of the farmers, such as labor shortages and marketing differentiates, about the catchest of the farmers, such as labor shortages and marketing differentiates, about the farmers and other State employer must be raised. Leghalton is needed to make possible the full agencies in helping to enforce all war regulations.

In my opinion "politica-aa-usual" must be harifed and every question or indices the war effort.

—BART LOGAN, State Secretary, High Point, N. C.

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For Cleaner State Elections

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The ophtion is being widely expressed that the General Assembly should hold only a brief session because of the war. In my opinion to the session of the

effort.

Every problem effecting the lives of the people of North Carolina is a war problem. I would like to deal briefly with a few issues that I think are vital to our war effort.

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Taxation: Because of heavy Federal taxes on people with, low incomes our Niste tax program needs to be, muttained to be the people with t

Incomes.

Child welfare: With millions of additional men needed for our armed forces we must depend more and more upon women works and more work order to draw enough women into industry provision must be made for the care of their children. Children works are of their children made for younger children to be cared for in the grade schools between the time achool clest gut

General Assembly of North Carolina:
To the Members of the 1943
General Assembly,
Gentlemen: and the time the mothers return from work. There is no reason why the State could not provide funds, in ca-operation with the Federal Covernment, for such a child welfare program.

Labor: Capacity war produced the such as the could be considered in the country of the country

General Assembly,
Gentlemen:
I would like to make two auggestions pertaining to our election
laws for the members of the General Assembly when you meet in
Raleigh Jan. 6th. First: Repeal of the ab-

Pirat: Repeal of the abenetice ballot law.
Second: The abolishing of all markers.
The absentee ballot law is causing more trouble in elections than any other thing. After every election the papers are full of absentee tregularities, and our State throughout the state holding meetings and investigating these troubles. Several years ago the Legislature was courageous enough to abolish the absentee of the principle of the simple of the simple can be abolished to the principle of the simple are well informed and able to attend to the simple matters of marking I am a farmer Democrat to the sections.

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I am a farmer Democrat to the backbone, but I hold principle higher than prector I are being the prector of the prector of the prector of the prector of No. will abolish the absence coters' law it will climinate 90 per cent of all olection irregular-line.

Editors. The News:

This is a copy of a letter I have sent to all members of the Seagrove, N. C.

## Danger Of Peace

# Hold The Senate

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON

ONE OF tite sogglest pieces of bunk that has been sold to the American people is that right and wisdom always triumph. Woodrow Wilson was right enough, as everybody has been saying on the occasion of his anniversary this week. Yet he failed. The present world war is a monument to that failure.

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Why did Wilson fail? What advice would Wilson give to his successor in the White House today? It is up to Mr. Roesevell to aucceed where Wilson failure.

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timest vote in the Senate to ratify the Treaty of Versallies. His failure was in his relation with Congress.

Symptoms of the same trouble are appearing now. Last month's elections carried their plain warning. Congress refused to act on the third war powers bill, another warning. Senate isolationist Republicans are diginging around. They are trying to bounce the Assistant Republican Lender of the Senate, Austin of Vermont, because he is wastern to be a senate of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with isolationists or with men of broader outlook like Senator of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with isolationists or with men of broader outlook like Senator Austin or Senator Ball of Minnesota? Are the Republicans getting ready to astolage the process as they did the last time that the place as Germany won it the last time. The Axis can get a chance to fight again if the United Nations spill up, and if the United States would be unconcerned in preventing a buildup for another war.

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defeat, would be that the United States would be unconcerned in preventing a building for another war.

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Defeat of either measure would be considered a major repudia-tion of the Administration, both at home and abroad. Such a re-verse would give no Hitle confort to the Axis and would throw con-fusion into the Allied aide, since it would raise very grave doubt as to the course the United States intended to follow.

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View-President Wallace said in his Woodrow Willson anniversary address that the nations have a second chance to erect a lasting structure of peace, such as Woodrow Wilson sought to build but which rrumbled wasy because the world was not yet ready. Wilsom didn't triumph for Wilson. It won't win this time either unless President Roosevelt does a better job of carrying Congress with him. It can't be a one-man job. A democratic victory must be saved and made to stick by democratic action.

### Side Glances



"He's been grief-stricken since that collie next door was accepted for military service—I bought him a war bond, but even that didn't restore him to his old self!"

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