

### EDITORIAL PAGE THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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charlotts and Mecklenburg, given to tollowing a trait that's downright the sensitiary, are still about the business of solving their own problems. The summunity, are still about the business of solving their own problems. The summunity, we assume, is in support of dowernor Broughton's great plan for hospital and medical care expansion, but it wants to do something about its own health problems in addition. It not only worst wait; it awaits no outside stimulus.

There are two fresh signs:

There county Commissioners, concerned because there are only four nurses to severe the thousands of children in Mecklenburg schools, have taken steps to acquire another nurse. That sounds as if its might not solve the problem, for it four nurses are unable to visit children as often as they should, five can scarcely do the job. But there is a step in the right direction, and even this will cut the clapsed time between nurses' visits. Nor is that all.

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The Commissioners have invited the Rocketeller Foundation to come in and assist in its health program. Specifically, they want expert advice and help on the problem of undernourished—or underred—children. These children, who for some reason go to school without breakfast, and stay there without lunch, are a County problem, in the eyes of the Commission, and it moves to attack it.

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The City, too, is active in the field. Under Dr. Cameron's leadership, it presees for typhus control and a model school health program. A typhus control ordinance, based on a U. S. Public Health Service model law, has long been needed. When it has replaced the present hit-or-miss attempts at control, Charlotte should begin to eliminate cases of typhus fever which have occurred all too often in recent years. And in the City school health program, too, the Rockefeller Foundation Jigures. In co-operation with the State Board of Health it offers to set up an organization in the schools, finance and operate it for a year, in demonstration of what might be done. These steps are important to the community. They are assaults upon basic or the years. They are overdue, but they have come. The City, too, is active in the field.

### Day Of Reward

Saturday, rain or shine. Franklin Booseveit will take oath of office as President of the United States for the fourth time. That moment of history, having been dulled by the passing of preliminaries. Is not scheduled to be hilliant or exciting. It's likely to seen a little flat, even to the President—who surely knows his lines by heart, by now. But in the front rows, in the choicest make, a group of beaming citizens will look upon the ceremonics with fat satisfaction. There'll be 237 of them, if they're all present, and they'll have come from every corner of the land. They will be the members of the One Thousand Club, storied in campaign legend as enemies of the Republic—or defenders of the rights of man, depending on the color of your glasses. or sternders of the rights of man, e-pending on the color of your glasses. Actually, however, they'il be just good Democrata, most of them well-heeled, who kicked in something over \$250,000 to aid in the re-election of the Pres-ident.

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The division of places between the Carolinas will cause a pause. The two The division of places between the Carolinas will cause a pause. The two Tar Heels (a brace of Blythes) come from a state which gave the President over 527,000 votes, or 68 per cent of the total. But the Sandlappers are ciphteen in number, and their state gave FDR only 90,000 votes, 87 per cent of the total. In short, there's greater freedom of franchise in North Carolina, and greater difference of political opinion, but not one man in a million gets steamed up to the point of chipping in by money, stitute's just the Carolinas.

is the point of chipping in big money, sat that's just the Carolina sat that's just the Carolina. In those rows will sit men and woman from all sections of the country—but they will not be from all walks of life, nor from every strate of society. They will be Americans with a common boilef in the man taking his fourth Presidential oath, and with a common pleasure in watching the ceremonies go forward. Whatever the occasion is to others gathered there, it will be gratifying to them, as patrons of the day.

#### At Long Last

The War Manpower Commission and the Selective Service System, laboring together, have finally produced a military and industrial manpower program which strikes us as downright sensible. The utter simplicity of the plan sets us to wondering why it wasn't thought up scoper.

to wondering why it wasn't thought up sooner.

Before yesterday the draft people had a clumsy and unwieldy deferment pelicy for 35 so-called essential industries. The jobs within those industries were inadequately defined. The relative importance of the industries and the jobs was a mystery. There were esparate regulations for farm workers. There were different rules for men in the 26-29 group and those in the 30-37 group, neither of them guite clear. It was, in short, a pretty bad muddle.

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#### Death Of A Hero

Aces in this war don't live long. The very courage which makes them killers in combat leads them almost inevitably to death, so deadly are the machines with which man makes war. One after

in combat leads them almost inevitables to death, so deadly are the machines with which man makes war. One after another these young men, who fight in ulter fearlesaness in ways men have never fought before them, have quickly won their fanne, and quickly ided. It was like that with Major George Preddy, the cocky youngster from Greensboro who was one of the war's greatest combat pilots.

And even when his end came he was about the dangerous business of running up his total of 27 1-2 German pianes. Christinas Day meant the end of life for him, in the midst of a breath-taking dogright in which he had already downed two enemy planes. In particular, the second force from the guns of the foreign of the great of the second force from the guns of the great of the great

issien, and others may not endure. Among so many young airmen before him and after him, his name may not live for history, but he will not be for-gotten. For another generation of American youth whose time was cursed by war, he gave a casual yet heroic answer to the great challenge of life and death.

The 7 1-2 cent cigar, authorized by the OPA, is still in the blueprint stage —Trade note. But those who know tobacco best prefer tobacco.

Getting the virus of war identified and destroyed is only a beginning. FDR would like to know what causes columnists.

# A Rum World, Mates

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# The Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

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'Ive had reports from trained economists and trained military. Now I want a report on what you an average, intelligent the company of the professor of the



#### Tribute to Nelson

By Drew Pearson conscription was being handled. So he sent his two sons out to make a quiet investigation. When they confirmed the reports, China personally went to the office of the conscription director, checked over the ordence and ordered the man jated and cord-markelited."

#### Chennault's Teamwork

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team with sixteen Jap ships to his credit had been killed in action was the first non-military American to Mansfield was the first non-military American to the Burma Road which has been the property of the Burma Road which has been rebuilt. He found morale "magnificent" among the thousands of American men and the hundreds of American men and the hundreds of American not a state of the American state of the Company of the C Tribute to Nelson

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## "Father, Dear Father, Come Home With Me Now-"



# "Clear It With Anna"

By Marquis Childs

the test to come.

The group around him is essentially unchanged. It is the same group that has held together throughout the war.

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These has, however, been one important addition to his household during the past year. Mrs. Anna Rome-vell Boettiger, the President's daughter, came to live at the White House somewhat more than a year ago, when her husband's assignment in the Army dook him overseas. She has made herself invaluable to her father assign had been been assigned to be a butter term—confidential sceretary.

WASHINGTON
NOW that President Received is about to enter on what may prove to be the greatest test of his enter acree, it is worthwhile pointing out that pone of the whispering compalin of and collected his post of the whispering compalin of and collected his post of the whispering compalin of and collected his collected h

Is to serve him.

He falled, on his return from Tehrean, to give either Congress or the nation any comprehensive report on what had been accomplished there. It finally came out by indirection in the pages of the Saturday Evening Post.

Surely, what happens at the coming conference of the Bir Three should not be the secret of a little group. The consequences of silence are manuferstanding and distribute.

# The Strain On Germany

By Samuel Grafton NEW YORK

TO UNDERSTAND how hig the new Reuslam offensive really Is, we must compare It with the compared with t

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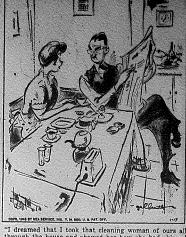
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"I dreamed that I took that cleaning woman of ours all through the house and showed her how she had skipped all the corners—and she didn't even talk back!"

## People's Platform

Editors, The News:

I read with much interest your editorial of Jan. 3, "Free As A latt". answering the query from The American Society of News. The American Society of News. Covernment. in any way encroached upon the Constitutional guarantee of press freedom? Answer yes or No." Your answer was "NO."

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I am enclosing you a copy of the late William Allen While editor, scholar and high, class politicalm dated apral 18, and that is seveny handary and provided the late william Allen While editor, scholar and high, class politicalm dated apral 18, and the late will be a large with the late with the late will be a large with the late with t

Dear Mr. White:

Relative to the meeting of your association "to attempt to make some zense out of public criticisms of the press." It seems to me that his is most timely: and sementing that should be done to regain public proper man, but I will all your frankly that it is my honest opinion that the majority of the thinking people of this country are disconning quite a bit they veat it becoming quite a bit they veat it but they may be a some proper and why shouldn't be the proper and which we have the proper and the proper and

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over and remedy. Wishing you luck in your big undertaking, and hop-ing you'll succeed.

—J. L. WILLIAMSON.

### He Likes Living By Hal Boyle

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GIVES SOME HINTS

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