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# The Busman's Holiday

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# Out Of The Wastebasket

not, we suppose, change anybody's mind, for the people who are against the mini-

the 65-cell recurs manufactor the people who are against the minimum are also whole-heartedly against Mr. Bowles, but he has turned up an interesting set of figures.

Cetlings, price cellings, are Mr. Bowles business, and he entered into the discussion of wage floors because it has been charged that any general hiking of the national payroll would lead in-evitably to inflation. This, Mr. Bowles says, is not so: a 65-cent wage floor would have only a minor immediate of Ject on prices, and in the long run, by serving as a stimulus to increased production, it might even bring prices down. At any rate, he regards the proposed minimum wage as 'imperative to the health of the national economy.' According to Mr. Bowles' calculation only 2,300,000 workers, those engaged in low-wage interstate commerce, would be affected by the proposed minimum. But he hopes that raising their pay would sir up the competitive labor market and force increases for 20,000,000 chrs, employed in retail trade, laundries, restaurants and other establishments not correct by Federal wage laws.

Even if Jhis extension of benefits occurs, Mr. Bowles says, we have no reason to believe that inflation will follow. He chose two examples in making his point, and, significantly. Chey turned out to be two of North Carolina's lead-

Chester Bowies duties as boss of the inc industries. According to Mr. Bowies. Office of Price Administration brand bim a leading burecrat, of course, and subject him to a constant drumfure from the right. His testimony in support of the right, this testimony in support of the fight. The foreign manum wage will be 65-cent Federal minimum wage will be foreign to the final support of the proposed increase. But this most add early according to Mr. Bowies. ins industries. According to Mr. Bowles. Sp per cent of the workers on the to-bacco industry's payroll now receive less than 65 cents an hour, and it would cost the industry \$14.000,000 per annum to meet the proposed increase. But this would add only one-tenth of a cent to the cost of manufacturing a package of cigarettes, and it would not make too big a don't in the profits of an industry that grossed \$154.000,000 in 1944. Mr. Bowles selected the lumber industry for his other example, and found that \$4 per cent of its workers would benefit from the new wage floor, at an annual cost to the industry of \$57.000,000. This payroll increase would take a 45 per cent bit out of 1944 profiled per cent over precedulates, and a 10 per cent over precedulate. He would be the profiled per cent over precedulate worth would still remain. This, Mr. Bowles calculates, is seven into the pre-war average return. We do not profess to know how valid Mr. Bowles figures are; statistics, as we we'll know, can be ben't to prove almost.

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Most American editors, our colleague of the morning pointed out yesterday, customarily toss any statement originating with the OPA into the waste-base.

customarily toss any statement originating with the OPA into the waste-basket, but we don't think it's safe to so dispose of this set of isqures. Valid or not, they are the only ones extant that have any real bearing on the pressing matter\_at hand.

# Waiting For The Experts

A man we know set out the other afternoon at 5:15 and drove from The Square down Trade Street to the Court-house, cut across to Central Avenue, and went on out to the City Limits. It took

went on out to the City Limits. It took fine 27 minutes to make the trip. We are always the first to insist that Charlotte is rapidly becoming a metrop-cils, but it isn't that big. And, while we sympathise with the obvoius awe of City Council and the State Hichway Department in the Yace of the monu-mental traffic problem, we do not quite understand why it is necessary to surunderstand why it is necessary to sur-vey the jumble for a whole year before

vey the jumble for a whole year before arriving at any conclusions.

Already the experts have eliminated the theory that it is through traffic that causes the confusion, finding that all but nine per cent of the snarled-up automobiles belong here. This is a valuable piece of information, the sort that will be required as a basis for any permanent solution, and it points up the fact that final responsibility rests with the Council.

Council is wise in seeking all the expert assistance it can get, but there are a good many itentative steps that could be taken while the planners are preparing their charts. For instance, 11s difficult to see why downtown traffic lights are so timed that a driver must travel in second coar or come to a dead stop at each vineraction. And although

lights are so timed that a driver must travel in second sear or come to a dead stop at each intersection. And, although such action will doubtless bring forth screams of protest, it is obvious that Charlotte, like most other cities, will eventually have to adopt a system of one-way streets and eliminate left turns at most downtown intersections.

It is true that almost anything that is done now will probably have to be undone on the great day when the experts' master plan is presented and approved. But we have an idea the local policemen, who go forth each afternoon to try to brine order out of chaos, might have generated an idea or two. They may not be experts, but we haven't got anything to lose by letting them try something more constructive than whistling their brains out.

From the Winston-Salem Journal:

# Where Our Equality Lags

while North Carolina has made phe-homenal progress in public education for both whites and Negroes in the last forty years, we still have far to go, es-becially in the matter of school build-ings, in order to reach the goal of equal-ity of opportunity for all children of the Commonwealth.

Schoolhouses are not built or owned by the State. They are constructed by and are the property of the counties

and cities.

For that reason the State has not made the same progress in equalizing school plants as it has in equalizing school terms and teachers' salaries for

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This is due to the fact that in so many counties there has as yet been little or no consolidation of rural schools for Negroes and the children of that race are still going to the same type little schoolhouse that their fathers and mothers when to twenty and thirty years ago.

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# The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

Which Picture Do You Like, Folks?

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### Idle Ships-Fretful Troops

## **Smothering Small Business**

It looks like small business. which both Rossevelt and Truman talked so much about protecting, is going to get the small end of the deal. . During the war, big business got most of the prime contracts. More than 50 per cent of all war orders went to just six companies. . Now, by a sleight-of-hand operation. Smaller War

A HIGH Army officer just returned from Europe reports and the stail in suffered a severe heart attack and will have to take things easy from now on. The same general reports there is dissension in the Red Army officer learned the suffered as severe heart attack and will have to take things easy from now on. The same general reports there is dissension in the Red Army of Salaha suggest and one of the men success to Harry Truman, is retiring from the While House. Although a capte-bagger and one of the men should be a supplying the supplying them to the While House. Although a should be supplying the supplying the supplying the supplying the supplying munitions to the supplying the supplying the supplying the supplying munitions to the supplying the supplying

Pennsylvania Lawyers

After beating about the bush for some time, President Truman has finally decided that Senators are not to appoint all his new judges. Senator Joe Guiffer of the appointment of another Democratic stalwart, Jim McGranery of Philadelphia, to be new U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge. Guiffer admits he had nothing the job. However, Truman has decided to appoint McGranery anyway. . . A former Congressman, McGranery is one of the outstanding men in the Justice Ornner's place as No. 2 man in the Justice Department will be Congressman Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, an able citizen. Some Republicans are baking at Mone in the Justice Department will be Congressman Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, an able citizen. Some Republicans are baking at Mone in the Justice Department will be Congressman Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, an able citizen. Some Republicans are baking at Mone in a lawyer. But the job of Assistant to the Attorney General is administrative, not legal, and Monroney will do a fine job.

Jeeps for Veterans
Orchids to Congressans Eddie Herbert of Louisians for paunding home on Burples War Property officials the importance of selling war goods to dischalged veterans. The veterans are having a tough job buying Government surpluses, despite the fact that millions of dolars in jeeps, trucks, ties, etc., are lying idle in Covernment bought 100 cars from the Government at flat price of \$350 each, is now selling them for around \$1,000 cash. Meanwhile. vectrans can't buy surplus Government automobiles. ... Best Congressional plugger for the is Congressman Karl Mundt of South Dakota. He claims—and rightly—that if you put the world capital in the old World, it will mean the dead hand of old-world politics clutching the United Nations ... Mundt charges to uppet the earlier vote of the United Nations committee to establish the United Nations capital in the U. S. A.

Jeeps for Veterans

# "Physician, Heal Thyself"

"Haven't you anything more expensive? The kind that used to sell for 35 cents?"

People's Platform

Grin And Bear It

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## He Wants A House

By RUSSELL RANSOM Cleveland, Ohio

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# The Church Must Fight

By MRS. J. D. BIGGERS

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I have been reedling Re', Herert Spaugh's article of The News
f Oct. 31st, of Dr. Martin Nienoller's explanation of The Church
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# Some Questions for the rds or .... By E. D. B. Charlotte

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What would you think if a man

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BOTH management and lab have the same long-run interes -more production, more sales at more jobs.—John W. Snyder, n



A National Sellers' Strike

By Marquis Childs

One difficulty has been in getting data from the big companies. OPA officials say they have had to dredge out the facts, often against the indifference and even the opposition of the companies.

From time to time, in trade palestatems and in the property of the companies of the companies of the property of the National' Association of Real Estate Boards implied that builders would not construct relial property if rent controls are imposed on the new healthy if

Competition Restrained

All this is in part the outgrowth of a period when watume controls restriated to the control of the control of

## The Big Risks

At least one member of Congress who heard this story called on Secretary of the Treasury Vinson for an investigation. While the practice seems to be perfectly legal, the indignant Congressman wanted to know whether the congressman wanted to know whether the season of the west of the season of the west of the season of the west of the season of the profits that the highest struggle with the big motor companies in his effort: to fix new car prices. In the OPA files is a request from the Ford Co. for a 60 per cent increase

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Calls for Investigation