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### Planners All

A long step forward is envisioned in the plan of the Charlotte Real Estate Board for better housing in this squamurity, We are fond of shoes words plan and community. For here we are, nates, some hundred-thousand of us, living together in a place of a great many advantages and considerable promise. As individuals, we have an assortment of interests and they are paramount. interests, and they are paramount

But as a community we have common interests, they are everyman's interest, whether he live. In the big house on the hill or the cabin ir the hollow. Being a community which accepts growth as its natural heritage, we are accustomed to thinking of progress in terms of growth, in terms of commercial development. Other his houses on the development, other big houses on the hill, other cabins in the hollow.

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Verily, we should like to advance the opinion that the more discerning measure of the community's progress over the next years would be not to what extent it grows—there will be growth, and plenty of it—but to what extent it shecomes a better place in which to live. That throvies planning.

Housing, recreation, health, education, public facilities all must be given weight in the formulation of that index. of progress, and of these none chould weigh more heavily than housing.

As members of the community rep-resenting special interests but giving earnest thought to community interests, the Real Estate Board has come forthe Real Estate Board has come forward with a six-point plan for—well,
it is a plan not exclusively for better
housing. There is the prespect of
better housing in its request (1) for the
City to require a minimum standard
for new construction, which would have
to provide electric lights, bathing facilities,
ample space inside and out, and
(2) in the suggestion that a date be
ast allowing a period of time for all
estisting houses to be brought up to
standard.

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But in the main the recommendations of the Realtors are for improved public facilities, public services and planning in behalf of the public. We

The recommendation for improved streets (and by implication, we should think, sidewaiks as well) and street-lighting in the slum areas;

The recommendation for playgrounds and recreational programs "where they are most needed;"

The recommendation for social service work "which will teach the persons who live in such thigher-standard houses how to live and to enjoy them and take care of them:"

The recommendation that the County exercise supervision over the development of residential areas beyond the city limits.

What's happened, you see, is that the Realtors were confronted with the con-sciousness that siur, s needed to be eilminated and better housing provided eliminated and better housing provided in the public interest. They put their minds to it, and voluntarily besought compulsory higher standards for housing. But along with it—indeed, predominantly—they asked that the City liself render new and better services, some of them far afield from housing, to make this a better place in which to live. In that spiff this community will grow in grace and greatness.

### The New Order

"The hospital is always advised in advance of the visit of the vispection committee. Mr. Somebody poes around quietly and informs the attendant: The patients knew the cract day by the killing of the chickens, and the mapping, and norms and acrubbing of the flows, and the sharing of the patients, the clean clothes and the changing of beds for the tirst time in useks. Since these risitors have a pood hincheon and good closis, then tay are shown in his different force. They are swelly living a first time in the clean close to the time in the clean continue of the continu ministration deems irrasiministration deems irrasiministration to see. They are verilly thrend and from those hards where the very odor would leare a stench in the nostrils of a green bottle fly. Fo, the committee world that goes on at the State Hospital. And never will under present conditions."

That salty prose is from Tom Junison's thundering indictment. Out of the Night of Morganton, which The

News had a part in putting before the eyes of the public. It paints a piliable picture of the grim censorship which lay about our mental prisons four years ago, and shows all too clearly the attitude of the hospital administration toward public interest. It gives a glimpse into a system operated by men who shunned understanding and feared the

ward pitolic interest. It gives a glinible into a system operated by men who shunned understanding and feared the light of truth. Including and feared the light of truth. Including and feared the ward of the light of truth. Including and feared the ward to be sure. But when the mode money to be sure. But when the mode of the sure and the light was the ward of the light of the light of the light of pitolic reaction to the inadequacles of the institution they ran. At the appearance of the Junison articles, most of Morganton's administrators were aghast at the very thought of making such conditions public, Dr. Matkins continued to the very end of his life in the belief that the investigation had done the hospital a great disservice.

Today, praises be, there is no such attitude to be found. When the Legisalure visited Dix Hill last week, it saw the worst with the best, and the superintendent, Dr. J. F. Owen, insisted that the greatest needs of all four mental institutions could not be shown. He was crying aloud the shortcomings of our system, and was not busy hiding the facts. It was thus with Dr. Saunders at Morganton when a legislative delegation came upon him "secretly," for he was agulet to show them overcrowded conditions and deplore the own salaries which left gaps in his staff.

The old order has changed, and even it is that changed only in this particular North Carolina would owe a rest delegation to the control of the sure of th

### This Poll Tax

We are upon the strangest days in the long and littered career of the pull fax, that ancient target of those who do battle for eight rights of all the states in the Union, only Georgia has never repealed libis tax, or removed it as a requisate to volting. But now we are given to witch Georgians bany throwing out the tax themselves. We can see two anti-poll tax organizations in the South, petitioning Congress to invoke the Four-teenth Amendment against eight Southern states, and rule this tax flight and ern states, and r unconstitutional. and rule this tax illegal and

This amendment, and it may come This amendment, and II may come as a sheet, has been lignored for more than 16 years. The last attempt to force it was made by Henry Cabot Lodge in the Force Bill of 1891. That attempt failed, and no man has seen 18 to take up the fight these many years—until now. But Southerners who hope to kill the poll tax by use of the amendment face a serious dilemment.

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For one thing, many states outside the South abride the right to vote by other means. Eighteen states deny the right to vote to illiterates sand these number about two million in those statest. New York imposes a literacy test on all voters. Twelve states deny the voting right to paupers, and almost all states druy it to citizens who do not meet requirements for length of residence. Thus, if delegates from Southern states were reduced in proportion to the number of voters disfranchised by the poll taxes—swowid representatives of these other states be reduced, in theory, at least.

least.
Further though it is generally true that the South's voting percentage is ridiculously low. It cannot be shown that all poll tax states satter by comparison. Vuers in Texas, for example, were 184 per cent of the estimated population, and those in Tennessee were 184 per cent Both of these are poll tax states. But Louisana, a mon-pul tax state, voted only 15-5 per cent of its crit-zens.

And there is this:

VIRBINA'S SIXTH district had 15 per vent of its citizens voting in November, 16 per cent of its seventh district—and 77 per cent of its seventh district—and 77 per cent of its entith and hinth districts. And Virginia is a poll tax state By comparison, North Carolina's lirst district voted at the race of 14 per cent, and its second district at 12 per cent. And North Carolina does not require poll tax parimeter.

Thus, if reason is to prevail, this oney, 1 will not be the Fourteenth Amendment which will kill the poll tax in the Sooth—but the Voluntary movements of officialism in Southern States themsettes.

## Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

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Mr BARKLEY. I hope none of the minorization members will ever appear on the floor type members will ever appear on the floor appear at the member. I probable look more face Dead Asp. Dick than a United States Senior (Laughter).
Mr RED The Senator from Kentucky knows now deeply 1 comparings with lamps of the property of th

# The Merry-Go-Round

Dear Governor:

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#### Wilson & Wallace

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[Editor's Noise—Drew Fearson's column today takes the form of a letter to his sid friend, ex-Governor O. Max Gardner, of Nostin Carolina.

Governor O. Max Gardner
Shelpy, North Carolina.

Dear Governor:

We were taking last week about Henry Wallace.
And, since you as an old riend have been so patient and control of the control of the

Champion of Common Man

Even assuming that Henry Wallace knew ar little about the desired frequenting predecessors in the Vice-Presidency; the Covernment as some of his refrigerator desired frequenting predecessors in the Vice-Presidency; the Government, the Department of Agriculture, for eight years with an A-1 record; even forgetting that as Secretary of Agriculture he loaned more money than Jesse Jones, to more people and with a higher perentage and the present of the pres

people. A wave a sour taste in the mouths of many people. For Henry Wallace to millions of people has become a symbol. He has become a symbol representing the things which Rocesvelt once fought for when his administration was young and vigorous. He has become a symbol of 80,000,000 Jobs, a champion of the common man.

man.

And it doesn't make for good public reaction when he is opposed and sabotaged by the millionaire appliargement of Virginia, the millionaire publisher from Ohio, experience of Virginia, and the millionaire publisher from Ohio, the North Carolina. I should think that if the Byrds and the Balleys, the Tafts and the McKellars were smart they would take the initiative in tetting a man like learny Wallace bear the brunt of the terrific post-war they would reach the properties of the properties

### There's an End to All Things



## When We Get Down To Business

By Samuel Grafton

THE fact that the West adheres to one economic system, and Russia to another, will perfoundly affect the nature of the peace. Russia, for example, will be willing to accept German labor battainous to help in the reconstruction of duringed areas, and will in we shall evant to save for our own people any jobs which happen to be available.

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# Can We Talk Out A Peace?

By Marquis Childs

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"The writer of this serial must have a mean streak in him—he has kept that poor widow sick in bed for five weeks!"

## People's Platform

Editors, The News:

Knowing the active support that, you have always given the State Election Board in perfecting the Election Board in perfecting the Control of the State Election Laws and having served under the splendid Chairmen Steers that I was a special to the Control of the State Steers and Joyce and the State State

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furnish these look and the names on the list.

In the list, to the State as well as the Board. State Chairmen should be required to file their lists at least 30 days before the day of appointment which would repeat the necessary time for perfect th

Board approves this suggestion.
--WARREN VINES HALL

Whose Fault
Is This?

Editors. The News:

Why was responsible for the diswho was responsible for the dispraceful condition of the State
Hospitals? It cant be the people!

They have no way of knowing the
conditions. There is some State
official whose duty it is to see
after such things. Who is this
pressor? Could it be thind our past
you are afraid to lay the blame
It their door?

—MRS. EVELYN McGRAW

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1No. ma'am, it rouldn't be. If
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# Sweet Liberty

By Dorothy Thompson

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