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Community Asset

A sort of semi-civil service principle seems to prevail down at the City Hall these days, as it has for some years, and an exceedingly wholesome system it is. New administrations hold no terror for setent officials and employees

competent officials and employees.

City managers are changed now and
then, it is true, but a change is not necessarily to be deplored. The city manager just about runs the city, Specialists, they vary in type and aptitude. A
city manager who fit in with the aims
of one administration might not fit in
with another. But we concede, as we
dare say the Council does, the madvisability of changing city managers except for compelling reasons.

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Eisewhere In the City organization,
when the right man is found for the
right job, he has a good chance of retaining it through the vicissitudes of politics. Fire Chief Paimer, for example,
has held that position for years, almost
by common consent. City Treasurer L. L.
Ledbetter is an old hand Others, such as J. M. McCorkle and Mrs. Lillian Hoffin J. M. McCorkie and Mrs. Lillian Hoff-man, are fixtures. Newer-comers, such as Police Chief Anderson, Collector of Revenue Ansley, City Court officials and others installed within the last four years, appear now to be accepted as worthy additions to the continuing es-

We are fortunate, we people in the community, in having two local governments, City and County, in which the politicians are amateurs rather than professionals.

Dixie Champion

We don't expect history to reserve a glamorous place in Southern annals for Charlotte's W. S. Creighton. His contribution to Southern progress is likely to be recorded only by economists of the future investigating the annaling industrial development of the region which began to move rapidly about 1950, A.D. They will find, we believe, that Mr. Creighton played a major role in regional development. They will surely find that his influence in tearing down a discriminatory freight rate structure was of first importance. In the last years of the fight for parily freight rates, the Southern champions had been Governors, vigorously protesting the old Governors, vigorously protesting the old system which kept the South in a kind of economic peonage. But behind the Governors, and behind the declarations from people like Mrs. Roosevelt and Henry Wallace, was Mr. Creighton.

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It was twelve years ago that he urged the Southern Traffic League, a group of shippers, into the action which culminated in the Interstate Commerce Commission's important decision of last week. It was Mr. Creighton who began the organized fight, who presented the first thorough study of the case, who wrote the brief which has been the basis of all arguments since.

His role will not seem exciting to the public, for it is difficult to see that a shipping expert, picking away at statistical tables of freight rates, can turn in a job which will eventually pour golden tenefits into the South and touch the lives of all its citizens. But it re-

in a 100 which an opposite benefits into the South and touch the lives of all its citizens. But it remains that, when the ICC decision has finally been put into action, and the South begins to surmount this barrier which has stood before it so long, a llows share of the credit must go to Mr. Creightion. He has rendered an invaluable and lasting service to the whole of the South

Ah, Chickens!

The lady of the house didn't have to wait until last week to discover that chickens were as carer as T-bones in the markets. She surely war not surprised when she read that poultry dealers in the Charlotte area were going out of business, or threatening to do so. It was as old and uncomfortable knowledge to her that the supply of poultry was pailty. as paltry.

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later Mecklenburg was visited by C. V.

by his own man, thus dissipating an Parrish, the State extension poultry sarily fear find the President nlight specialist, the had a straight face. He open his mouth and get an adviser's looked over poultry farms in the sec
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tion and nodded approval. Yes, he said, prospects for successful poultry raising hereabouts were good. Extremely promising. That was dandy.

And he said, too, that farmers raising poultry in the county could count on a steady market for chickens for the next year, at least. And, as a parting shot, he declared: "There does not appear to be any danger at this time of over-production in the chicken business here."

Who's kidding who?

New Cotton Week

It's probably an unpleasant topic for It's probably an unpleasant topic for Cotton Week, so far as some Southerners are concerned, but the plan for streamlining the South's cotton-growing industry moves on. The House Agriculture Committee is ready to take up the Department of Agriculture's reconversion program, and that program will eventually touch the lives of all Southerners—If and when it matures.

The plan Isn't simple, it only sounds so when Washington experts are roughing it out. In brief, it is this brief, it of the difference between parity prices and world prices of cotton.

payments to help hiefficient (or "mar-ginal") cotton growers to take up other kinds of farming.

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52,500.

Agriculture Department experts say that, if the plan is put into effect quickly, the Government will be completely out of the business of supporting cotton prices. In short, subdidles would end, poor cotton farmers would be converted to more profitable pursuits, and cultion would crase to be a drag on the na-

would crease to be a drag on the nation's economy.

Many cotton men, many farmers, and many Southern state officials don't like the plan. This long-range planning macks of socialism to them. Their own ciclebration of Cotton Week is based on the present prosperity of the industry as it stands today. They choose not to regard the impovershed farm worker at the bottom of the heap, nor to look into the future. But in Washington, Cotton Week looks ahead. It should.

We're Suckers

Some ways, the Germans have us whipped, and we might as well admit it. In war and peace, the Krauts get by with things we never could—and we don't mean atroelites. Americans, even the toughest of them, are still suckers at large in Europe. We have proof of it.

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Sgl. Dan Polier, reporting to Yauk from Italy, stumbled upon a secret economic fact of significance. When the Nazis were in Bologna, they paid the natives 60 cents a bottle for wine. When the Americans got there, the Italians Jacked the price to \$1.50 a bottle-and the doughboys paid. More than that, the Germans were buying eggs for 15 cents apiece, but on the American side of the lines, the price was 30 cents.

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Infantrymen of all armies have been buying shacks and shanties throughout, the war. In Rome and Florence, GIs paid up to \$25 for shacks. And when some of them told German prisoners about it, they roared with laughter. The Germans had never pald over two bucks in such real estate deals.

Americans, you see, are still easy marks—liberators or not.

Statesmen At Work

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

man who has played a large part in our Russian relations — Winston Churchill. The days immediately after the last war, when Churchill apured the sending of Allied troops to Archanged and Sheria to block the Bolsarchis, they have always disliked him. The sending of the last war, when Churchill for taking lend-lease planes off ships to the Kremlin, Estain rose and launched a violent attack against Churchill for taking lend-lease planes off ships to the sending when those ships and the standard of the sending the standard shows the sending the standard shows the sending the send

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Wilson's Troubles

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blubut details of European controversice.

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U. S. Diplomatic Errors

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In North Arica, for instance, they can't forget how Jimmy Dunn, Brig, Gen. Julius Holius and Robert Murphy helped to bring the famous Vichytte Marcel Peyrotton back from Argentinia to become Governor of the first to initiate concentration camps for labor unions and Jews in Vichy France and had one of the worst reputations for fascism. Yet he was flown back in an Analysis of the concentration camps for labor unions and Jews in the first to initiate concentration camps for labor unions and Jews in the concentration camps for labor unions and Jews. elevated to Assistant Secretaries of State, stiting in positions where Analysis of the Company of the Co



"Well, Colonel, I tell all my customers you're still my delivery boy, only your errands are over Japan now!"

The Italian Crisis

By Dorothy Thompson

A Policy Gap

By Samuel Grafton

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