## Notes On Municipal Progress

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ATTER all the slarems and excursions, a weary and beaten City Council finally came around to adopting the original cross-sown boulevard route proposed by the Highway Department's engineers. Two bit-ter-enders—Councilmen Childs and Hinson—wand down fighting, voting to reject the Blate - Federal appropriation rather than make any major alteration of Charlotte's present street plan. But a healthy majority of four - Messra. White, Johnston, Newson and Puette—adjusted their differences, which had never been major, in favor of the so-called Route Number One. This, except for a few mild recruitmations and possibly a futile court action initiated by outraged residents along the route, probably closes the matter, ever debugh actual construction of the boulevard is still at least a year away, perhaps longer.

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The new boulevard certainly will not live the town's growing traffic problem, it is will help materially. It is a first and undamental step toward relief for the wintown section and it is part of a master reet plan which will eventually bring this subrooming city abreast of the advance of the advance of the country of the count

Stipal improvement in any field.

Thesems to us, therefore, that the peuliar manner in which the boulevard was inally secured for Charlotte is worthy of little expost facto comment. The plained is that the City's governing body had be forced by an outside agency to take step that its own traffic experts have one argued is essential. If the Council had sen free to act on its own Charlotte would save wound up with a minor street-widening project. Only the threat of an actual 1,000,000 loss brought a majority of the bouncilmen into line.

completely ignore.

The boulevard, as we say, represents progress, and progress always seems expensive at first glance. There are always those who aren't willing to pay for change; in this case it was a miscellaneous group of citizens bent on protecting private property or a public park. They were, we think, a rather small minority, but as always they made noises like a majority—the same sort of noises we hear every time a bond issue or a new tax for municipal improvement is put to a vote.

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The truth seems to be that Charlotte is in that stage of development where it has become physically a city without losling its small-town approach to the problems attendant to its growth. Our public officials, even when they are persuaded that a course of action is in the public interest, cannot assume the dispassionate attitude of the city planning experts who advise them. There are always those to remind them that progress must be reckoned in terms of individuals as well as the common good.

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It may be that the great fight over the boulevard will yet provide a pointed moral for future Councilmen. We are prepared to hazard the guess that, once the period of readjustment is over, even those who now feel that their personal interests have suffered will find that they too have gained materially by construction of the new street. The moral, of course, is that in the long view the common good and the individual good are one and the same thing. Charlotte will not be a city until this is the basis of all municipal policy.

## They Are Also Southerners

HOWEVER violently the Southern press woman react when its tender pride is wounded by outside critics, it continues to increase its capacity for self-criticism. As a case in point we cite an editorial from The Winston-Salem Journal, which voluntarily assumes for the white South a share of the blame for the miserable record established by Negro occupation troops in Germany.

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That record, cited in figures just now being released, is black indeed. In 1945 Negro troops, although they made up only one-tenth of the 2.6 open an Theater of the 2.6 open and 2.6 open a

It would have been easy to take up the sorm arguments of racial inferiority, and after these figures as further "proof" at the Regro is unfit for full citizenship. Instead The Journal points to the obvious fact that "this is a condition that has its

# From Nature Study

WHEN Admiral Byrd first set sail for the South Pole (it was a long time sap, in another age) he was east in the traditional role of the romantic explorer. He had a sort of semi-official connection with the United States Navy, but there were few military men in his retinue. He took along Boy Scoute, seographers, members of the Audabon Society, gentlemen adventurers who paid their own way, and a couple of press agents to see that the food and equipment donated by big-hearted businessmen received their due share of publicity.

beaptie the real hardships the expedi-in suffered there was a sort of cheerful pillelity shout the reports that came ck. There were charming little stories sout the penguin, breath-taking descrip-ns of the great toccap, tales of heroic uses by plane and doguled. It was good, owned to the present the property of the forful, loaded with human interest, en-wed with the pasedo-extentific overtone popular in that golden period.

The Admiral and his doughty crew also assisted the latent imperialism of the merican people. Every good citizen could ele a vicarious thrill when the Stars and tripes were planted squarely on the South

roots in Negro civilian life." And, since the great majority of the Negro troops in Europe came from the South, the white Southerners who dominate the region can-not avoid a share of the responsibility for their conduct.

their conduct.

This has nothing to do with interiority, superiority, or equality. The Army's figures are simply another reminder that crines and disease are bred in aluma, regardless of the race, color, or creed of the aluma dwellers. And, as The Journal points out, it does not follow thate we can, by confining the Negro to our siums, also confining the Negro to our siums, also confining the Negro to our situms, also confining the Negro to our situation.

### To Uranium

Pole and the Admiral formally claimed the vast, empty territory of Anarctica for his Government, promptly changing its name to Little America. This was in the best tra-dition of Lewis and Clark, Fremont, and Teddy Roosevell, and it had the great ad-vantage of being inexpensive. A few prior claims might be jumped, but no nation in its right mind would think of fighting a war over a gigantic ice cube.

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Well, the Admiral is off again, but this time there are no Boy Beouts in his company. Moreover, he himself is only a sort of tigate, aken along for old times; asker, Theat, and the tigate of this trip will be handled by address on this trip will be handled by address on this trip will be handled by address on the great and assorted ordnance seperis and assorted ordnance seperis and assorted for and faunt, but its primary business is to locate possible military bases on the great ice cap, test battle equipment in sub-zero weather, and, above all, see if there are any uranium deposits under the snow.

Ah, well, the world doth move. The Boy Scout trying to earn a new merit badge is replaced by a Ph.D. with a Geiger coun-ter seeking the stuff of which atomic bombs are made. And we wonder, as al-ways, if this could possibly be progress.

### Another Voice

# The Long, Hard Road To Normalcy

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On Medical Care

# Vision, Faith, Confidence

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# Fulbright Tries Again

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### Samuel Grafton

# Politics In Mexico

# Drew Pearson's : James Cox Proposes TVA For Coal Mines Merry-Go-Round : James Cox Proposes TVA For Coal Mines

### Secret Coal Talks