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The Rosy Dawn

We like our tycoons without guile, and young Henry Ford seems to be endowed with the rugged honesty that character-ned his grandfather in his empireilding days. Of course, we disagreed the the elder Henry a good part of time, and we disagree now his grandson, but we like the way he out honestly and openly and said what a good many manufacturers have been thinking all along.

Tet's take off all controls in the auto ry and get production under way, red President Truman. Certainly he wired President Truman. Certainly young Henry understood that he was inviting inflation, just as the President said he was, but apparently he had just as soon have it that way. Having signed a contract with his union, he no longer tinds it necessary to argue that he is serving the best interests of all the people by holding wages and prices down.

well, the National Association of Manufacturers has said the same thing before, in a little more inverted fashion, and we don't suppose there are many climens left with goods for sale who haven't convinced themselves that the best way out is to climb the spiral. Even Phil Murray, whose steel workers now seem certain of getting their share

of the bounty, has announced that prices are none of his union's business.

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All of this would-seem to leave Chester Bowles alone at the dike, without a vocal friend in the world. Mr. Truman, although he rather snappishly rejected young Henry's proposal, is already yielding on price control here and there, and it seems a safe bet that he will raise his original ante on steel prices in order to get that perplexing strike out of the way.

All of this will mean more dollars All of this will mean more dollars for producers, and perhaps if there are enough dollars to go around it won't matter if they decline in value far below the 30 cents some economists now estimate they are worth. The fact that inflation's spells tragedy for a few million Americans who have to get along on fixed incomes apparently doesn't weigh in the current calculations, or if it does it can be written off as part of the expense of maintaining Free Enterprise, The American Way, and Rugged Individualism.

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No reveler setting out of a Saturday might likes to be reminded of last Sunday's hangover, and, after all, there is little point in marring the rosy dawn of a great free-spending day by remarking that financial jass also have a way of leading to a disastrous morning-after. Besides, nobody seems to be listening.

Just Meddlers?

Editor Beasley of the Farm and Home Weekly, is right incensed at the Southerence for Human Welfare. He gathered, from a long article in The Nems, that the Conference is getting all set to adopt a resolution supporting Senator Barkley's stand against the FERC fillbuster, and he wrote:

But this abourd proposition is in keep-ing with other actions and pronounce-nests of the "Southern Conference for Human Welfare," whatever that is. We suspect that it is a well paid secretary financed by some model the South and pretending to represent Southern in-fluence. Such mushroom organizations are all the time springing up. This one seems to be about the most tiresome nutseance that has come along in some

Since we seem to have spurred Editor leasley on by carrying an account of he Southern Conference's latest action, the Southern Conference's latest action, we feel duty-bound to explain that the organization is considerably more than a well-paid secretary. Included among the signatures on the anti-fillbuster resolution were those of the publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal and of the Louiside Courier-Journal and Times, the president of the University of North Carolina, the National Com-mander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the president of the May Hosiery Mills, and the president of the Ken tucky Merchants' Association. Ther y Merchants' Association. There 40 signatories from North Carolina,

were 40 signatories from North Carolina, and if they seemed to be primarily college professors, ministers and women's club officials, they were nevertheless as respectable a crew as the State affords. We also take issue with the Southern Conference from time to time, but Editor Beasiley is mistaken when he attempts to write the organization off as just another group of meddlers. It may not truly "represent Southern influence," but it has its roots deep in the South and its voice grows louder from day to day, Generally on the liberal side, it constantly runs afoul the ingrained conservatism of the region, but it at least provides two sides to the arguments it so cheerfully enters. And that, as we think Editor Beasley will agree, is a considerable asset to a people who are all too prone to accept old prejudices in lieu of new facts.

The Last Straw

Gad! At this critical juncture the centucky colonels and the Virginia Gad! At this critical juncture the Kentucky colonels and the Virginia colonels have taken to feuding over the propriety of drinking mint juleps through straws. With the New York Herald Tribuns serving as a sort of awed ar biter, the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Loutsville Courier-Journal have been exchanging editorial broadsides for some three months, and this week the debate boiled up to fever mitch.

The Times-Dispatch, the scorner of traws, has accused The Courier Journal of tergiversating (evading, that is) and the Louisville editor has coldly replied that a Virginian entering a discussion of juleps with a Kentuckian compares un-favorably with a high school student inviting a group of nuclear physicists a group of nuclear physicists to a debate on atomic energy. Skunktrapping The Courier-Journal will discuss, but not mint juleps in mid-Winter, "The Winter sports of our readers do not include sitting around the fire drinking mint juleps, and we make allowance for this."

To The Times-Dispatch this is fur-ther evidence of tergiversating, and per-haps an admission there is no adequate

defense for the use of straws. "Looks as if he's got to have three more months at least, to stroke his goatee, hitch up his blank string tie, cuss and stomp before he can produce an even semi-intelligent defense of the outlandish Kentucky custom of ruining juleps by passing them through straws."

Oh, it's a wonderful, high-minded de-bate, one that seems likely to keep the newspaper readers of two states rushing to their dictionaries for months to come. Clearly there is no place in it for a lightly-cultured Tar Heel, and we wouldn't have had the temerity to take pen in hand at all if the edition of The Times-Dispatch containing the latest editorial exchange had not been graced with this front-page headline: "House Kills Measure To End Liquor Rationing..."

Now, gentlemen, it seems to us your discussion is gettin' mighty academic, and if you can spare a minute to a bystander who's been right thoroughly rationed ever since 1904, why maybe we can be of some assistance. First, we'll be needin' about, say, twelve or four-teen foot of copper tubin', a couple of big wash-pots, and . . .

From The Raleigh Times:

The Old Road System

For friends and neighbors from his native Pledmont section, including some vocifrous Mecklenburgers. Governor' Gregg Cherry has put down hard his fairly sizable toot on the subject of road re-arrangements.

There came a delegation of prominent There came a delegation of prominent elitisens, including erstwhile politicians, insisting that State Highway funds, the gasoline taxes in particular, be diverted to building and maintaining county roads instead of being handled under the statewide plan as now administered by the Highway Commission.

Probably the register overlooked defects of the old system that went out of fashion during Gov. Morrison's administration when Tarheelia went whole hog for highways aided by fifty million dollars from bonds. They probably everlooked, too, the decidedly progressive change made a couple of sessions are by our legislature in changing from a part of the couple of the

The visiting protesters seem to have verlooked also the fact that there have can unplanned for weather conditions

which have recently put most earthy areas hereabouts into semi-soupy con-ditions of extreme mud and slush. With brighter skies and more rapid evapora-tion of moisture, the roads already are getting better as attitudes of their users likewise improve.

Yes, all the three and a half million Tarheels need better highways, streets, Tarheels need better highways, streets, lanes, sidewalks and other aids to translanes, sidewalks and other aids to trans-portation, whichigh as well as the on-the-hoof variety. Having a bundred units to buy materials, hire workers, and hear harangues from neighbors however, would seem a decidedly back-ward step.

A belated cheer for the Arabs of the-poem, who folded their tents and silent-ly stole away. They took their housing situation with them.

Partly blacked out, on a recent even-ing, a sign on the Hotel Gramatan in Chicago read "Hot Grama." It is as-sumed that Sophie Tucker was hastily booked in the spot.

The Army Won A Victory On Demobilization

WASHINGTON
THE battle of demobilisation ragded hot and heavy behind the
closed doors of the Senate Military
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Chief battle revolved around the last of the sub-committee's mine recommendations. The first eight recommendations. The first eight substitution of the last substitution o

to replace G. Is for Army house-keeping work. Point 9 proposed a Senate-Army conference, then added: "If any of the foregoing recommendations is not to be carried out by the War Department, we urgently recom-mand legislation be enseted prompt-ly by Congress requiring that it be done."

It was this last recommendation which started the big scrap. Strangely enough, it was the Navy which came to the rescue of the Army, Adm. Tommy Hart, new Republican Senator from Connecticut, exclaimed:

"Why this language is noth-ing less than a threat to the War Department! I move that the final sentence proposing Congressional action be strick-en."

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Taking their cue from the Admiral. Senators Austin of Vermont, Gurney of South Dakota, and Smith of New Jersey, a 11 Republicans, immediately registered stiff protests. They didn't want the Senate to embarrass the War Department regarding discharges.

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But Senators Johnson and Briggs of Missouri—both on the special sub-committe probing G. I. injustices—came right back at them. its duty to get the facts," said Johnson. "That is why we had our hearings. We also want to get the War Department's reaction to our hearings. We also want to get the War Department's reaction to our hearings. We also want to get the war Department's reaction to our hearings. We also want to get the said of letters and wires from servicemen, and our duty to them is not simply to make reommendations and then let them die on the word of the word

WAR ROMANCE

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ALL that we (in Iran) care for is that we be free from for-eign influence and left to ourselves to shape our own destiny.

—Abrahim Hakima, Premier of

Free institutions confer on each of us priceless privileges, but with an equal obligation to defend them.—Gen. Dwight D. Elsenhower.

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS Drew Peerson | Robinson Crusoe Finally Discovers Signs Of the Manual



The People's Platform

A Stranded Tar Heel Looks Homeward

By SGT. GRAEME ROSS

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A front window open again and
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that has arisen in the minds of
some of us who have thought even
further into the future and of what
to expect if we do not get what
First let us look into the "When"
and that will leads us into the "If
not soon—then what?"

ON THE RECORD

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RIGHT TO KNOW

We, the long service men, the fathers and yas the hopes of the future the 18's and 19's, think we have by meritorious services earned the right to know these and other

"Is It Too Much?"

By FRED D. BRAMMER "A Soldier of Misfortune" KYUSHU, JAPAN

voice or minions when it is heard to say "When do we go gome?", but even more ominions is the fear that has arraon in the minide of the say that the say area in the minide of the say that the expect if we do not get what we have earned.

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ON THE RECORD

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Say that the say that the cocupation force should be of such a reasons for not coming home:

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FORT BRACG

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at Port Bragg from Durham last
night and passed through Pitaboro.

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have it repaired.

At the filling station they replaced the bulb, a matter of about
three minutes, and then charged
meanly remarked that care had
been stopped all evening and sent
there for the same repair.

At I am sure you would like to
have it called to your attention. I
believe something should be done
to halt this price.

(NOTE: We have forwarded 8t,
Wechsiefs letter to the Mayor of
Fittaboro.—Eds, The News.) FORT BRAGG

Harry Hopkins War Casualty



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stopped.

He had earned a little rest. In quiet re-tirement he planned to write the story of the war and, later, if there was time, the politi-cal history of the New Deal and the third

HISTORY TO WRITE
It was this last which he longed to relate, as he had taken part in it. He believed that on this score, more perhaps than on any other, his great and good friend Franklin Ronewelt was mailgraed.
One of the reasons with each at this One of the reasons who cuts across his endeaver to see down as he had lived it the history of our time. More than any other American, after Roosevelt's death, he was in a position to report the events of the past twelve years.

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"The bose," he once said, "never lost a battle. That was his strength. And at times it was his weakness. He just never lost a battle."

Samuel Grafton

The Campaign Against OPA



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"I go a lotta figurin' on my tax this year!—I gotta esti-mate wages lost during strikes to get the raise I'm estimating!"