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Intolerable Situation

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supply is handled "a terrible attack." The charge, we think, is unjustified.

Our intention was to expose the lack of content of a sanitation, and the lack of proper impection, which, according to County and City health authorities, constitute a major menace to public health. The facts indicate that some part of the blame belongs to the owners, some to the County, some to the City. We have not attempted to apportion it.

Mr. Godley, admitting that the two plants are "old and out-of-date," contents are "old and out-of-date," contends that the "C" rating given them by City inspectors proves that minimum standards, at least, are being mrt. But Dr. M. B. Bethel, City health officer, say, "I've graded these places strictly by the State law we could close them anytime." And, as a result of specific investigations in the past, they have been closed briefly under "cican-up" order.

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It is because the entire Charlotte area is so utterly dependent upon these battoirs that minimum health standards have been waived. "We're up acainst it," Dr. Bethel confesses. If they're tt," Dr. Bethel confesses. If they're closed, where will the meat be killed?"
And, because of that dependency, it is

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(1) The immediate lightening of City meat inspection procedure, and the enactment of County meat inspection regulations, which do not now exist.

(2) The immediate construction of a new abatior and the abandonment of existing plants, which by admission of both owners and health authorities, are beyond improvement.

Step (1) is, of course, contingent upon step (2). Until a new abatior is built rigid standards of inspection can result only in shutting off the City's meat supply.

There are two methods of accomplish-There are two methods of accomplishing step (2). The present owners may choose to build a new abattoir of their own. Or the City may build and operate a public meat-processing plant. We are not attempting here to choose between these methods: neither did Mr. Davis when he presented both.

Mr. Davis has demonstrated what he set out to demonstrate: that an intolerable situation exists in Charlotte. His facts have not been questioned. They call for prompt and positive corrective measures.

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Winter Paralysis

As the mud grows deeper on the back roads of North Carolina the argument over the efficiency and the fairness of the State Highway Department grows hotter. The Statesville Daily cites the Department's own figures to prove gross Inequities—Iredell, first in the Ninth Dion in area and road mileage, first r next to first in population and ve-licle registration, is next to the bottom hile registration. Is next to the bottom
of the list of ten counties in percentage of hard-surfaced roads. Concludes
The Daily: "The roads of the State belong to the people, and so long as the
Highway Commission remains a political
tool, the favored few will ride on paved
boulevards, while most of the citizenship will continue to wallow in the
mud."

ouch serious charges of political ma-niquation are being tossed about freely, and they are deserving of immediate investigation. But more important than the argument over inequities in road appropriations is the increasing evidence that this wet Winter has spread a com-plete paralysis over all of rural North Carolins. newspapers are studded with

The stories of rural schools closing: in some counties as much as 17 days have been counties as much as 17 days have been lost in a single month because school buses could not negotiate the acdden roads. And, although few of these items find their way into the newspapers, farmers will tell you of deaths that occurred on remote farms because doctors could not get through the mud. This week the Coble Dairy Products Company of Lexington reported that its 30-county milk-shed has been isolated by bad weather. In order to meet its commitments the company sent tank

commitments the company sent tank rucks all the way to Wisconsin to haul raw milk into North Carolina. And all this while milk in plenty was spoiling along the mud-bound country roads,

running up a loss of many thousands of dollars for Tar Heel farmers.

These things are happening daily all over North Carolina, the proud state that boasts of its progressiveness in impressive magazine advertisements. Proc gressive? A siege of bad weather seals a North Carolina farmer away from schools, markets, hospitals in 1946 just as it did in 1746.

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as years become tainer away Irom schools, markets, hospitals in 1945 just as it did in 1746.

We are under no illusions about the difficulties that lie in the way of the necessary improvement of secondary roads. If all the inequities now being decried in the various counties were ironed out tomorrow, the total appropriation for all road purposes would be inadequate to set up the hard-surfacing program that is the only answer. Obviously, it's going to cost a great deal of money to get the farmers of North Carolina out of the mud.

But this is a state of emergency and it should be treated as such; the search for plausible excuses for inaction should be translated into a search for ways and means. If we can't pay for an immediate program of improvement—and it is clear that we can't—then we should consider another bond issue with the proceeds earmarked for secondary roads. If we can't carry additional bonds with the present gasoline tax then we should consider increasing the gasoline levy, or perhaps turning to other sources of revenue.

This, we think is the only basis of the "New Deal" for country roads Governor Cherry and other State officials have promised. Until there are positive indications that they are moving in this direction the farmers, who are the majority of North Carolinians, will do well

jority of North Carolinians, will do well to continue their efforts to make sec-ondary-road improvement the hottest political issue the present incumbents have to face,

Old, Sad Refrain

Southern textile manufacturers have Southern textile manufacturers have been insisting that the "insing cost of materials and labor has pinned them against their present price ceilings and is gradually squeezing the last cent of profit out of the trade. This handy argument has been used to support an appeal for the immediate removal of all price controls, and has also been filed in opposition to the proposed 65-cent minimum wage.

It's a sad and hauntingly familiar re-frain, remindful of the dark days when the manufacturers foresaw the doom of their industry if the minimum wage seer moustry if the minimum wage ever crept as high as 40 cents an hour. You would think, listening to it, that cotton mill stocks would be plummeting right out the bottom of the stock ex-change.

history has developed to the accompanihistory has developed to the accompaniment of this dirge. The average advance during January of 58 common stocks listed in Charlotte was \$357 a share, and, considering the variety of par values among them, this is impressive indeed. For instance, Victor-Monaghan jumped \$36 a share, and Spartan Mills showed a gain of \$30.

This phenomenon is understandable, of course, if the manufacturers have had private intelligence from Washington indicating that a great vactory over the huracurers is in the bas—that Chester Boxics is a dead pigeon and the propered minimum wage hash got a snow-ball's chance of getting through Congress.

gress.
Or perhaps it's just that their stand-ard propaganda is in bad need of refurbishment. It's getting thin indeed, if they no longer believe it themselves.

From The Asheville Citizen:

Ladies Prefer Tar Heels

Steaming toward America with a cargo of British war brides. It hier Queen Mary is carrying 270 wives bound for New York and 29 for North Carolina, which says The Associated Press, "leads the Southern states."

We point to this little matrimonial statistic with pardonable pride. It is clear enough that the conquest of modern England was accomplished in large part by Tar Heels, who came out of the Western Hemisphere like so many young Lochinvars. Even Georgia, famed for its commance, ran us a poor second.

There is, of copies, a reason for this satisfied young the sound of the western Hemisphere like so many young and a recommendation for a little cottage "down home" in the third verse for "The Old North State" it runs, in case anybody could possibly have forgotten. "Then let all those who love us, love the land that we live in. As impart a prejon as on this side of heaven, where plen-ty and peace, love and price of the part of the part of the fact that of the same of the part of the fact of the part of the same of the part of the fact of the part verse of "The Old North State"? It runs, in case anybody could possibly have forgotten. Then let all those who love us, love the land that we live in. As happy a re-gion as on this side of heav-en. Where plen-ty and peace, love and joy smile be-fore us. Could the gals resist it?

We think not. First at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg, last at Appoination, and very much in demán ql from John o'Groat's to Land's Endi

Ulcers Bring A Colonel A Fine Retirement Fee

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month. The colonel who was declared "totally disabled" because of ulcers-may get well in six months' time, but he continues to receive full re-pirement pay for life, because he is not required to undergo any surequent physical examinations are undergoment to the property of the propert

"But these four are Greek-Ameri-ans we sent back to the United tates months ago to be drafted States months ago to be drafted into the American Army," McVeagh said.

"Yes." his aide agreed. "In all, nine of these cards bear the names of Greek-Americans whose travel back to America this Embassy has recently authorized." (Yet they were still reputered to vote for the British-Sophoults Government.)

"What about the tenth?" Mc-Veagh asked.

"You didn't look close enough," the aid replied, holding out the card so that the Ambassador could read the name in which it was is-sued. It read: Lincoln McVeagh,

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sick of his race-bailing boss. Terry told friends that he fear-ed the widespread criticism of Bil-bo's demacocic antics might be in-jurious to his own future career after the Missassippi voters final-ly turn Bilbo, out to pasture. There is a chance such might hap-pen this year when the talkative Schottor comes un azimst, ex-Con-gression Ross Collins in a citif primary race.

Did Anyone Think Of This Appropriate Site?



Dorothy Thompson

The Energies We Already Have

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families are broken up—part with his parents and part with hers for lack of housing.

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has been abolished. Night club-office buildings, and what not, are on an equal footing with dwel-lings. There are no provisions for subsidies for low-cost housing. There are many housing bills be-fore Congress but no one housing bill.

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STANDARDS OF REFERENCY. In as bighly an industrially and interdependent a society ours, some abstract standards reference must be established which labor management continuous and interdependent continuous society like an allowide, the piece of the work class is the outstanding fact the century, and it ought to established what part of typeometric of industry, should make the century, and it ought to to labor, what part to typeometric of industry should be distributed and rewarded.

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The People's Platform

What Umbriago! Now, however, that, so many have statisted on the stage and with decaporal carriestees proceeded to have the poor man out, some-almg should be done vide like to back into the lighter range, where it belongs. Anyone who would give Dawy Petter a mountaits serious considerates where the considerate with the contract of the contract of

By S. A. REED PINES

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-And in order to keep up with what's going on in the world—I've sent for new folders from all of the travel agencies!"



Quote, Unquote

DESPITE all wartime destruc-tion, Japan still retains in workable, condition more plants and equipment than she had when she invaded Manchuria in 1931. —Edwin W. Pauley, U. S. Repara-tions Commissioner.

Let the United Nations give us scientists freedom to travel as we please through Europe and we shall restore within six months a close and intensive collaboration of all scientific workers.

—Prof. Michael Polany, lecturer, University of Manchester, England

Marquis Childs **Bowles Backs** Up A Notch



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who felt that more than a pictor was needed. The discussion turned for a time on a wage-price ference is IT VICTORY.

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Samuel Grafton

Hunger And **Our Dreams**

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