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'he Center Is Needed, Regardless

Monday we expressed our amazement at the recommendation of the Medical sey Committee that the proposed Uni-tive of North Carolina Medical College Hospital be placed at Chapel Hill. That seement continues unabated; we still not understand how Charlotte, and the retropolitan areas bidding for the metropolitan areas bidding for the unit of the Committee own after the see, were dismissed so casually in favor

the state stand as well as the bush of the state stand as well as the stand as the standard as an indorement of the minority commendation that the entire project be andoned. North Carolina needs the proceed institution, and needs it bady. The state stand as evidence that the Duke and Bowman Gray Medical Schools, excelent hough they are, are not meeting North Carolina's increasing demand for trained sedical personnel.

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a we have remarked before, a State
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tary service should have no difficulty
recognizing that public health is its
aber one social and economic problem,
medical care program now coming into

being at the beheet of private physicians is an encouraging start, but it cannot succeed until some central, public health agency is established to co-ordinate it. The start of the proposed Martin agency is established to co-ordinate it. This is the consideration, indeed, that has prompted our opposition to establishment of the Center at Chapel Hill. We do not believe that charming village, inaccessible as it is to the great majority of North Carolinians, is the proper place to establish an institution designed to serve the largest possible public. Moreover, it seems utterly illogical to establish a medical center where one already exists.

Our argument is for taking medical serve to the people, which, as we understand it, is the goal of the Medical Care Group. We intend to keep pressing that point which seems to us a vital one, until a final decision is reached by the Legislature. But, we also intend to keep arguing for an adequate appropriation for the new college and hospital wherever they may be located. A medical center at Chapel Hill, handicapped though we think it will be, is cerviantly preferable to no medical center at all.

A Note On Hats And Hoods

THERE should be few Americans left who do not know that Drew Pearson, whose metimes hysterical, occasionally inacrate and always interesting column surate and alw ays interesting column adorns this page, has declared war on the Ku Kluk Klan. He did it, in characteristic shahon, on the steps of the Georgia State-house Sunday night, flinging down the sauntlet before the microphones of Abe, and, we suspect, selling quite a few Lee hats.

This curiously commercial crusade has bused mixed emotions among our con-inporaries, The Winston-Salem Journal, ting Mr. Pearson's Quaker background d Biblical references ("History will ridicand Bibleal references "History will ridicule and despise the flery crosses on Stone
fountain because the flery cross breaks
faith with the Cross of Calvary", terms
he broadcast "a great sermon." The Ashewille Citizen, on the other hand, remarks
eldly that "civil liberties... are not going
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summerous problems.

Well, we would be the last to say a kind
word for the promotion dreamed up by Mr.
earson's radio aponsors (Eel apelled backsard). The New York newspapers carried
fault-page ads featuring a huge hooded
figure, and announcing that the Lee Hat
Company and ABC had insured their intreptid correspondent's life for a full million dollars. To the uninsured editors of
the South, who have thrown the book at

the Kian for 25 years and have never suffered a scratch, this seemed a trific extravagant, to say the least.

But, no matter how deplorable the taste of Mr. Pearson and his sponsors, we are happy to welcome them into the arena. As a matter of fact, we have an idea Mr. Pearson's essentially childle in the considerable device for combatting the bedsheet boys. After all, appeals to reason aren't likely to move them, or the mass of white Southerners who condone their activities. The appeal of the Kiux is emotional, and a hyperthyroid corresponders like our Drew may be just the man to counteract it. Moreover, Mr. Pearson is correct when he argues that the Kian, whether it turns up in Georgia or Indiana, is very American's business. Once before the KKK virus was first identified in Georgia, but spread in epidemic proportions over most of the United States before it was finally checked. The people of Georgia, in their election of Eugene Talmadge as Governor last week, have made it clear that nothing official is going to be done to stamp out the disease of race prejudice during the next four years. Outside interference, we would say, is clearly indicated.

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We recommend that The Citizen swallow its natural resentment at the commercial aspect of Drew Pearson's holy war. The important thing is to get rid of the bedsheet boys, and if most of the people in the South wind up wearing Lee hats we can take comfort in the Tact that they are a great aeskietic improvement over pillow slips with eye-holes.

'A Minor Angel To Argue With . . .'

THE majority of a newspaper's readers m for conveying information, opin

medium for conveying information, opinion and entertainment and always useful for lining garbage cans. They are rarely entitical; if they perceive its excellence, or fis shortcomings, they are moved neither to joy nor to wrath, for, by and large, any newspaper is worth considerably more than the nickle it costs.

But there are some readers who believe, correctly, that the nickle they pay for a swaypaper gives them a proprietary interests in it. These are the readers who sive the editor his eastered moments of inflasure, and who also hasten the development of his leiters that appear in The People's Faisform; cometimes they aim past the sailor in an effort to influence the public, but more often they direct their praise, their criticism, or their theorems of the sailors of the property of the criticism, or their theorems of the sailors of the public, and, curiously enough, there develops between the editor on the rewespaper their, and, curiously enough, there develops between the editor and these readers be above.

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We have never known a more perceptive writer than S. A. Reed. (We use the word "known" advisedly, although we never laid over on imm of have as hand only this brief colutuar; Born Cliarion County, Pa., Pebruary 13, 1890—Bied at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. E. Balley, at Southern Pines, N. C., July 16, 1964). He had a rare talent for vitriol without bitterness, for acute criticism without intolerance. When he sorted through his memorles and wrote of the past he did so to explain the present; he never once exercised the old man's perogulate of shrouding the good old days with the diffused, golden mist of time. He had a powerful sense of history—in one of his last letters he presented Harry Truman as the reincaration of Warren Harding, and managed to express sympathy for all the little men who have drifted helpless in the currents of change. He felt deeply the tragedy of his time, he cited the lost opportunities as they ellipped away one by one, he mourred the passing of Franklin Roosevelt and the liberalism he stood for. But, and this was the mark of his wisdom, he never lost faith in the ability of the misled, contosed, floundering common man to eventually save himself.

ability of the misled, confused, floundering common man to eventually save himself. He was, as his daughter wrote in Informing us of his audden, peaceful death, 'motivated by that active discontent which is, after all, I suppose, the moving power behind any progress the world makes." She also added this perfect epitaph:

"I know he is happy in whalever of Heaven he may have attained, if he has a flower garden to tend and a minor angel to argue with about the way the place is run."

Another Voice

It Could Be An Example

LIORACE KENNEDY, of Sheliby, who seems to have made more history in his lack of speed in reporting his campaign expenditures than in his actual running for office, will, Raleigh reports, not prosecuted for failure to comply with the election laws.

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voting on May 25 and June 22?
And still, election law enforcement being what it is in North Carolina, we should not be greatly surprised if the authorities did not get sort of hard with a chap whose guilt is palpable. They have such a long way to go in doing anything to or about the real oftender.—Greensboro Daily Neice.

The late Duce, who advised "live dan-gerously," should be here to get a load of the atomic bomb, and the big question, "Is the future here to stay?"



People's Platform

The Peace-Time Patriots

Editors. The News:

I HAVE been reading with interest and disgust the Articles that have been printed in The News concerning the so-celled "rocking-chaft" money being paid to veterans. I am sure that the ones that are doing most of the "griping" about this money, during the so-celled "rocking-chaft" about this money, during the hard paid to the griping about the money, during the hard paid to the griping about the money, during the hard paid to the winds that are during that caused 'Jumgle and from work. They did not have to take atabrine tablets duly to avoid malaria, they did not want to be, exposed to the various tanget that caused 'Jumgle the tender's the sold of the sold that the sheat desired, not. 'Spam, jum, and peanut butter' three times a day, hey had fresh vegetables, and they did not have to dream of a crisp leaf of lettuce, are fresh sile of tomation do a little suitage, and they had to do was to gripe about gas rationing so that they had to do was to gripe about gas rationing so that they could take their families to some resort to spend the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted in the surplus money they made on war contracted to a little surplus the surplus money they made on war contracted to a little surplus the surplus money they war they had the measure the surplus the surplus the surplus the surplus the surplus the

NOTE: Not all the critisism of the \$2-20. Club originates with Peace Time Patriots. There are a good many veterans, with memories of "spam, jam and peanut butter" as sharp as Mr. Carraways, who have begun to swooder if there lists bome integer than the state of the

LAURINBURG The Adventure Ends

Editors, This News;

I HAYE been interested in reading your discussion of unemployment compensation payments to veterans. Mr. Sarrati's articles and your editorials have ralsed questions which were well worth ratising—certainly it may be said on one side of the discussion that the Government's money should not be wasted on persons who are quite capable of obtaining jobs and holding them.

and holding them. Inevitable qualification. It is Now comes the inevitable qualification. It is this: One phase of readjustment through which nearly every veteran must pass is the change in something big. Whether we were filing memoranda in the Pentagon or shooting and being shot at in something big. Whether we were filing memoranda in the pentagon or shooting and being shot at in less safe and comfortable assignments, we were all a part of a great endeavor. No, matter what our taking about it, that ours was a magnificent assignment.

And now, in peace-time to tall.

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And now, in peace-time, to tell a man that he must return to the old job—stamping names all day on alipping crates, or selling pants, or driving trucks, or copying figures in ledgers—is like adding trucks, or copying figures in ledgers in ledgers and trucks and tru

the noise of war still echoes in one's ears.

This is a phase of readjustment which, in my opinion, has been sadly neglected. And, personally, I don't blame the boys for passing up dull, low-paying jobs—I'd do the same thing myself.

—A VETERAN.

CHARLOTTE

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(NOTE: But will it be easier, or harder, to settle down in a dull, low-paying job after a year in the old rocking chair?—Eds., The News.)

Editors, Tex News:

I READ your column of July 11th which said that the veterans were just drawing their 200 a week instead of going to work. Well whoever put that in the paper ought to stop and think cause the best job a man can get now will only pay him 60c or 700 per hour, and the way prices are now no man that is married with a family can live on that kind of and if any one at all in Charlotte has a job like that let me know and TII sure take it and quick. I had 3 1-2 years with the Graybound Bus Co. before I went in service.

__LAFAYETTE ! ***

-LAFAYETTE J. SNYDER.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libet and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name,—Editors, TRE News.

Other War Scandals

INFORMATION in the possession of the Mead investigating along the Mead investigating current inquiry in a new direction which will develop a phase of the Congressional influence business with even more than the congressions than that already aired.

Marquis Childs

pleasant implications than that arready sixed.

This concerns the use of influence on Capitol Hill to get commissions in the Army for relatives and rivers and rivers and rivers and rivers are the control of the relative services of the commissions in the Army for relatives and relative services. Mead Committee investigators have been clot that this was a kind of side-line with the Carsson empire.

There have long been runched commissions were to seed out the war Department to the "right people." A thorough investigation should develop facts that might help in another war to prevent and colonels who did not deserve such commissions and who contributed nothing, or less than nothing to the war effort.

HOUSE DEBACLE

tributed mothing, or less than nothing to the war effort, HOUSE DEBACLE.

It is significant, in this connection, that Representative Andrew Jackson May was always so willing, as chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, to do the bidding of the generals. When the Senate Atomic Control Bill first came to his committee, May be the Senate Atomic Control Bill first came to his committee, May be the Senate Atomic Control Bill first came to his committee, May be the Senate Atomic Control Bill first came to his committee, May be the House floor when isolationist Republicans, with the aid of Democrates such as Representation to the House floor when isolationist Republicans, with the aid of Democrates such as Representation work of the Senate Atomic Committee, which may be succeeded in undoing much of the patient to to pieces. And they succeeded in undoing much of the patient to to pieces. And they succeeded in undoing much of the patient work of the Senate Atomic Committee, which we would be succeeded in the Committee, which is the Mental Committee, made his reputation as a prosecutor. He had a very complete docket on the Garsson-Bays story before a word of testimate and the succeeding t

HE COULDN'T WAIT

Even if Chairman James M. Mead had wanted to postpone the current inquiry until after the

fluential husbands looked on ap-provingity.

EFFECT ON CAREER

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Samuel Grafton

We Stumble Along

rationing.

I do not say we are responsible for British bread rationing in the legal sense in which someone who conks his neighbor with a sash-weight is directly responsible Tor damage done; but it seems important to realize that there is a chain of causation at work here, and to of causation at work here, and to plan anything, have becomes so big in this world that we can hardly turn around hastily any more without knocking something over.

ANOTHER SYMBOL

turn around hastily any mover, without knocking something over.

ANOTHER SYMBOL And it seems to me that another wonderful symbol of our planless-ness its to be found in the preent great rush of our meat animals to market. It finite especially of the work of the seems of the see

THE British have had to ratchly step we Americans are tin at least a philosophical senses responsible For If we had not cut off supplies to British about ten minutes after the war ender least an indicate after the war ender least responsible For If we had not cut off supplies to British about ten minutes after the war ender least responsible for If we had not cut off supplies to British about ten minutes after the war ender least responsible for If we had not stuffed our grain down the mass of our farm animals, we might have planned our cereal exports more systematically, and the process of the proc

ternate famine and glut in meas and other foods at home, at the settling tides of labor discontent, one begins to wonder, suddenly, whether planlessness is really free-dom, as it advocates claim,

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dom, as it advocates claim, A LOST FREEDOM

Is it really freedom to stumble, when it should be possible to wait?

No American likes foo much Government which regulated everything all the time; and yet it is possible that in our sulfitul drive toward instant it is considered to the control of the control o

Drew Pearson's: Talmadge An Expert At Hitler Tactics Merry-Go-Round:

THE most Hildersque governor since Huey Long is back in power in Georgia. Ole Gene Talmadge, for three terms virtual dictator of Georgia, is now in the saddle again, look. Ing a little thinner, a little older, but still snapping his red galluses, still able to grandstand his way into the hearts of the tural volers.

ural voters.

He has-come back to power with all the earmarks of a littlerian victory. In fact, the Georgia election, carefully xamined, looks like the most alarming political development

In the nation.

In the first place, Taimadge, like Hiller, was elected by a minority of the voters. His opponent, James Carmichael, rolled up a clear majorje, but under Georgie's peculiar unit rule, Taimadge won. Like Hiller also, Taimadge has a great radio technique. Carmichael had none. A tolad of 135 Georgie flewspapers were against Taimadge, while only seven were for him. But his radio appeal won out in the end.

Big Business Backed Talmadge

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A ND Just as big business in Germany put up the money to
A finance Hitler, so the Georgia Power Co. and hig business
generally backed Talmadge. Worried over the CIO drive to
organize the South, they knew Talmadge would be anti-labor,
keep down taxes, play ball with big business. As gevernor
centration camp and if necessary they expect him to do is
again.

centration camp size in "Gracker Dictator." How-spain. Now they have elected their "Gracker Dictator." How-ever, some bissiness men are already worsted for fear they have a bear by the tall. Perhaps they remember how the Thyssens and the Von Schroeders and other German indus-trialists were kicked out by Hilder abortly after they had

Supreme Court Gave Talmadge Break

Georgia Fascism

CREATEST Hillerian threat to Georgia's future political system is Talmandge's new plan for abolishing state primaries. Most people haven't examined this scheme carefully. On the surface, mainy as rinclined to welcome it as a more to take the voice same for the surface of the proposes abolishing the state primary. Instead of a primary voic supervised and policed by the State. Talmadge plans to run a private primary policed by his own political organization.