### We Are A New Regional Spa

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So Par as we can tell the ABO stores
have been working amoothly and
quietly in their first few weeks of operation; the only complaint seems to come
from customers who have to wait too long
in the lines—and that congested condition
will be remedied. The town is still full
or talk als ut them, and business is obviously tremendous. The affectiveness of
legal liquor control, as reflected in the
courts, is all that could be expected; public drunkenness in this community is apparently on the decline, though the present trend is not yet conclusive.

There is plenty of evidence that people
are still watching. There has not been
a public plaint from Dry forces since
opening day, but people on both sides of
the temperance fight will keep a sharp
eye on the Mecklenburg experiment, as
they should. We don't know what conclusions they're drawing in these early
days.

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They can see the long lines, jammed into the stores on week-ends, and the crowded downtown stores at nights, and conclude that every man, woman and child in the County must be wetting the whistle

A good many people must wonder what phenomenal sales records we are running up—and there is good reason to suspect that Meckleburg (though it apparatus still has too few stores to meet the de-

mand) will break records right and left. An anonymous reader has reminded us of the salest figure of \$144,000 for the first four days of business, and chided us for helping to found an inquitous system to whethe County's thirst. We don't know the up-to-date figures, and it doesn't matter. Official sales records will be released from Ralelp on a quarterly basis, and we can business the campaign for ABC stores the News often used the figure of \$10,000 a day as our estimated consumption files liquor. But that was a pre-war figure. Price and consumption have both risen. And when the stuming figures of our expenditures for liquor do come in we might as well be prepared. They are going to be quite high, perhaps much higher than the most liberal estimate made before opening.

But Mecklenburg must remember that it is not only selling potables to its own thirsty citizens. It is drawing them by the thousands from many surrounding counties, in both North and South Carolina. So the first quarterly figures won't be a just comparison with the business our bootleggers were doing before the county took it away from them. They will be a sign of the degree of thirst of this whole area. The place to look for signs of our own behaviour under the new system is in the courts themselves.

### We Can't Have Two Worlds

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Tutal old British warrior, Winston T. Churchill, comes forth with a plous expression of regret over the prospect that the Soviet Government and its satellites will some day walk out of the United Nations. "Then there would be what is called two worlds, and we should all be sorry to see that," he declared in an address that was broadcast from London Tuesday night to the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation dinner in New York.

This is double talk from the man who proclaimed the existence of two worlds at Fulion, Mo, nearly two years ago, and has done more than any one individual to impress the two world concept on the American people and their leaders. Mr. Ohurchill belief his world was the second to be unduly deherensed by a Soviet walkout. That is a typical piece of British understatement for it is obvious to all that the former Prime Minister would not be degressed at all but highly elated if the Soviets were driven to retire completely behind the so-called Iron Curtain.

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We wish we could share Mr. Churchill's confidence that the anti-Soviet drive will thus isolate the Communist. The record since Churchill spoke at Fulton shows that the challenge to the Communists has had the opposite effect, spurring them to increasingly aggressive actions in Europe and Ads.

Mr. Churchill's assurance that "there is no reason why a two-world system should lead to war "brings us no confort. He tells us we are asfe so long as "one of these worlds is far more powerful than the other and is equally vigilant". Since the Churchillian world is far more powerful entirely because it contains the United States, it is plain that he is depending on us alone to keep the Soviets in check.

Doubtless we have sufficient economic and military power to do this for some time but we don't like to be kidded into believing that we are not following a very dangerous and uncertain course in the effort to divide the world up neatly into two hostiles halves.

litical and economic systems in a time or great transition. The effort to force na-tions and peoples to choose between the Soviet and Capitalist systems simply Soviet and Capitalist systems aim ply spreads the conflict between the two major powers to every land, increases confusion and chaos, and delays the changes that must come before stability can be re-estab-lished. It might be possible some day to bring all the nations into one universal or-der but we will have little except general disorder so long as we are deluded by the two-world fiction.

### Settlement In A Rape Case

THE solicitor of an Eastern North Carolina district has agreed to drop charges of rape against a pair of white youths, according to a newa dispatch. The victim of the alleged assault, it seems, is now "hap-pity margined" and has no degire to pursue the prosecution any further. The first hearing of the case ended in a mistrial in Superior Court this Summer.

Whether the defendants were guilty of the capital crime or not, it seems to us that the happiness of the girls martial status does not, in any sense, relieve the State of its responsibility for seeking a final determination of the matter. If probable cause of the defendants guilt had not be en found by a grand jury, the two would never

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

### Toward A New Farm Policy

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APPARENTLY, untroubled by glowering
A storm clouds on the world horton, a
few Congressmen are at work on a program
to assure full and tranquil living. The
Congressmen are members of the House
and Senate Agriculture Committees, and
they are trying to frame a long-range farm
policy for the United States.
Farm policies in the past have been
framed largely '(1) to save farmers from
depression and uncertainty and (2) to conform to political demands. There seemed
meyer to be time to sit down calmly and
take account of what must be done to put
things on a natural and enduring basis of
abundance. Always preasing was an occasion of immediate need, and many the same
which had an entire the same and the farmer
were a man involved in a kind of supernatural and capiticious partnership.
As it developed, the policy has been that
of 'helping the farmer,' rather than of
enabling the farmer, with security and
normal participation in the total economy,
to serve the rest of the country. The core
of the policy has been the parity formula.
This is the arrangement by which prices
of farm products are measured by prices
which farmers pay for the things they
buy, it was calculated on the basis of price
relationships in the 1080-1914 period, which
was put in the law because the ratio was
regarded as generally favient work roughty by lending on farm products at 80 per
cent of the prevailing parity calculation
(SE 1/4 per cent in the case of cotton).
But this blanket arrangement induced
the production of many an unwanted and
unneeded byshel and bale. The emphasis
was on price for price's sake, not on a

way to direct production into channels of domestic and world need. It tended to give unrealistic and over-high values to things like cotton and wheat. Now the Department of Agriculture proposes to revise the parity formula from a matter of flat and unvarying calculation, and increase the ratio for things like beef cattle, hogs and dairy products, decrease it for wheat, cotton and corn. The latter, it is obvious, eventually must be adjusted to world market prices, or there will be distortions, surpluses and unending burdens on the public purse.

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In short, the Congressmen are asked to modernize the parity formula, getting away from the automatic historical relationships of a period that lies actually in another era of human experience. Politicians being politicians, it seems natural that they arise and shout in protest. Spokesmen for the cotton farmer say the change will be made only over their dead bodies. The wheat belt may be expected to crupt. A bit of demagoguery already is displayed, as when Congressmen from Pennsylvania and lows atorm that the Department was smulting the farmer when it described him, on the average, as living in hardship, if not aqualor. But there are enough Benators and Representatives of sense and experience to quelt the appollight hunters, and get on with the job.

If even the best of them were not so in-

If even the best of them were not so in-corrighly concerned with prices for prices' sake, and with old-fashioned parity though the heavens fall, the prospect of real prog-ress would be more encouraging. But we guess we can't have everything in one swoop. At least the program is getting a hearing.

Company For Dinner



### People's Platform

# Calling All Christians

Editors, The News:

Derwy Pearson's suggestion that a "Friendship collect food for the suffering people of Europe seems as yellow the seems of the surface of the suffering people of Europe seems as yellow the seems of the suffering people of the supples are running low "over there". Men merits the instant support of ever Christian in this nation. The soner we start this Priendship Train to moving, the better support of ever Christian in this nation. The soner we start this Priendship Train to moving, the better Meantine we must keep in mind that truthful merits. Meantine we must keep in mind that truthful merits, and the fact that certain Congressmen as well when they wanted to see need make no difference in our attitude toward impending world famine. Baukaga, well-hown commentator, said that he personally had been to Europe, had talked with many people there, and was convinced of the need.

He furthermore stated that people can be still be lacking in vital elements necessary to health. We were also much impressed with the action of the leiching in vital elements necessary to health. We were also much impressed with the action of the designate peed for clothes, that he gare sway practically every spare garments he had, including his process. The summer of the process of t

# Order Under ABC System CHARLOTTE

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### Derides Peace Hope

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Pull recent article in The News entitled "World Pedicardists, adding a service of the control of the contr

vall.

The flaw in their theory, however, is that they fail to differentiate between union and unity.

Union is not unity and can be adequately illustrated thus: Catch a dog and a cat. The one end of a pièce of twine to the dog's hind leg and the other end to the hind leg of the cat, and then hang then over a colon-sine.

them over a dothesilne.

There you have union, but of unjty there is none.

Left to themselves the odds are in their favor that they would get along nicely, but when "united" they begin to fight.

So it is with the world. Leave the nations alone and, unconscious of their differences, they will get a summary that the summary of the sum

Neither the United Nations nor the World Fed-eralists, nor anything for that matter, can assure peace for the next generation.

### Samuel Grafton

## Easy—But Not Free

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# Joseph Alsop

# Reveille For Revelers

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# Merry-Go-Round • 11 S EVER So Hard To FOR weeks the most important anti-trust suit in the country has been lockeyed back and forth between the highestpowered array of legal talent Wall Street can muster and block and board back and street can muster and take has been twofold: 1. Whether the big investment bankers can button up stock and bond flotations among their own favorites with the country of the street of the Drew Pearson's: It's Ever So Hard To Bust A Trust

Mysterious Slowdown
Last Spring, however, Assistant Actorney General Wendell Berge, who had worked up the cast, resigned. Succeed-