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SILENT AMERICANS

THE American Medical Association is right in one respect, at least. There isn't, as the AMA Journal says editorially. great cry for government medical ice from the vast majority of the mid-

minent medical consistency of the mid-die class people. There is no great cry from the middle lass people for anything, as a matter of act.

They do not have

act.
They do not have lobbies in Congress,
and no one offers bills in their behalf.
They do not demand minimum wages

d hours, or closed shops.
They do not yell for floors under their

salaries.
They do not press for price controls.
They do not sak export bounties.
They are the meek, but they do not inherit anything but trouble.
They are eternally caught in the middle. When the farmer gets rich, he's doing so nither grocery bills. When labor gets a higher wags scale, they pay for it when they buy the products of labor. When cap-fital boosts its profit margin, it's at their expense.

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They are the property owners of the naon, the church-goers, the buyers of
tothes and food and houses and cars.

They are the stable, fixed portion of

BLUEPRINT FOR AGRICULTURE

cut.

Never before have North Carolina's 19,000,000 acres of farm and forest land—
roughly 61 per cent of the state's total—
been given such a carroll examination to
find out (1) whether they're being used
most efficiently, and if not (1) to what use
should they be put. The job was done by
223 soil conservation supervisors in 36
counties who put their individual findings
and recommendations together to, make up

the state report.

The statistics are impressive. The supervisors found that our land could be used much mpre wisely, that crop rotations are needed for more than 6,000,000 acres, cover crops on 4,500,000 acres, and ontour farming on 4,000,000 acres. Two and a half million acres were found suitable for pasture, and another 97,100 acres could believe the operation of the properties of the present of the prese

reas.

To carry out the program fully, the sursce of the land would have to be carved
p considerably. Drainage is needed for
800,000 acres, and would require 46,448
sitles of open ditches and 184,000,000 feet

our society, asking no favors but making their living by a combination of intelli-gence and energy.

They are not organized, and so they do not complain in a loud voice.

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No, they are not crying for government medicine. They see the very poor get their medicine free; they see the very wealthy pay for all the medical care they need, and often more than they need.

They can, and do, pay for their own medical care, and at today's costs it runs to a sizeable portion of their family budgets.

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Yet when medical disaster strikes them

— the long-drawn-out battle to preserve
life which may require months of hospitalization and result in mountains of
doctors' bills — they can only mortgage
their present and future.

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Their lack of organized protest over the high costs of medical care does not, as the AMA implies, mean that they are perfectly satisfied with the present system. It simply means that the great American middle class is still a heterogenous assortment of individuals who don't do anything collectively except try to be good citizens.

of closed drains. Also needed are 9,000 miles of diversion ditches, 260,000 miles of terraces, 29,768 farm ponds, and 40,000 additional fish ponds.

There is much to be done in forestry, There is much to be done in forestry, with permanent management needed on 7,500,000 acres, new plantings on 744,267 additional acres, as well as 2,918 miles of windbreaks and 46,000 miles of fire lance to be opened, Finally, 183,200 acres could be prolitably used for wildlife area development.

to be opened. Finally, 183,920 acres could be profitably used for wildlife area development.

What does it all add up 167 Dr. T. S. Bute, regional conservation) official, described the report as 'an important step in the revolution in the system of agriculture that is now taking place in North Carolina. ... a means of putling each acre to its proper use for the greatest productivity. The proper use for the greatest productivity of the second of the second proper use for the greatest productivity of the all the second of the second that is not the second that is not the second that he along and difficult process. But the farmers of North Carolina learned long ago that it want enough to farm like daddy used to, and that their earnings and ultimate happiness reflected the care and attention they paid to modern land conservation methods.

Having seen it work on their own farms, and having watched the grand-scale miracle wrought on the Kelly farm in North Mecklenburg last October, they should be of a mind to take this blueprint and get to work on the 100.

FRUITS OF COMPETITION

THERE is, we'll admit, for the sake of argument, considerable room for improvement in the phonograph recording business. The standard discs which have been on the market for many years have certain inherent shortcomings; they're peen on the market for many years have certain inherent shortcomings: they're breakable, their range of fidelity is limited, and the combination of wax-acetate-shel-lac provides a generous helping of needle scratch along with the harmonics and

And there certainly is something rare and refreshing in competition between industrial giants in this-day of merger and monopoly. It restores our faith in the American system of free enterprise. But the record buyer is properly confused and diamayed at the goings-on in the recording industry. The two biggest outilis in the field have decided it's time to improve records. Trouble is, they're going about it in radically different ways.

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You know the standard 10 and 12 inch records you've been buying all thee years.

Maybe you weren't aware of 1t, but they turn around at the rate of 78 revolutions per minute, and the ting groove impressed on their surfaces measure .030 of an inch.

Most of the 16,00,000 record players in the country have their motors, pickups and needles designed accordingly.

Last year. Columbia came up with a new microgroove technique, using grooves only .001 of an inch. By slowing down the speed to 33 1-3 revolutions per minute, Colum thus was able to pack more on one rec

The long-playing 10-inch record lasts up to 7 minutes, and a 12-inch LP disc will run for 48 minutes. But to play them you need a slower speed turntable, and a smaller needle. Now Columbia has announced a new 7-inch record, also fo turn at 33 1-3 rpm, which won't fit any automounced a new 7-inch record, also fo turn at 33 1-3 rpm, which won't fit any automounced and 7-inch won't fit any automounced and 1-3 rpm, which won't fit any automounced and 1-3 rpm, which won't fit any automounced and inch, and is going to be only 6.3-8 inches in diameter. And, of all things, it will turn at the rate of 45 rpm and will give you approximately five minutes of sound. To add to the confusion, the new Victor record has a hole in the middle which measures one and a half inches in diameter, which means it won't fit any of the spindles now on the market.

Each company claims its method will

on the market.

Each company claims its method will produce superior music. Each company deplores the "war" which threatens to develop, and insists it has offered blueprints for the records and record changers to all opposition companies, royally free. But so far, there is no indication that they will set together.

rar, there is no indication that they will get together.

It used to be "a phonograph in every home." Unless someone can bring order to the troubled industry, it threatens to be "three phonographs in every home," with the consumer having to contend with three types of records, three types of needles, and three types of record change-

ACHESON AND HISS

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The STATEMENT OF Dean Acheson casecorning his triendship with Alger Hiss
was a courageous thing to do, and Acheissons attained as a man will rise consider.
But was it necessary? And was it wise,
in view of the pending Pederal Court trial
of Hiss on a perjury charge?
It has been virtually impossible to separate fact from myth in the strange
Chambers-Hiss controvers. But there has
been enough information to leave a strong
susplicion that Aiger Hiss was not unswervingly loyal to the United States
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And it is of no concern to the nation whether Acheson is loyal to his friends or not-other than that it is a pretty good at the control of the control of the country.

His record is good. At one time, like Franklin D. Roosevelt, he thought there was a chance that Russia could be appeased Many other Americans, in and out of the Government, thought so too. Later, he was one of the first to advocate a "gettough" policy, and he has since been consistent. There is no questioning his intelligent of the control of the



'Pst!'

People's Platform

Are Lynchings Ever Justifiable?

Editors. The News:

IT seems to me you overplayed your had in your editorial last week on the "Handolph County Mob editorial last week on the "Handolph County Mob might have happened had the crowd which gathered there found their man, the centessed murderer of Melvin Cain, while you searely mention the grueement of the first of the first on the search property of the search of the life of an innocent and defenselses man. Audie Lee Brown was not just "suspected or murder," as you put it, but had already confidenced took the life of an innocent and defenselses man. Audie Lee Brown was not just "suspected of murder," as you put it, but had already confidenced took the life of his handowers, (Melvin Cain was my nephew). The sight of the grief stricken widow and the results of his handowers, (Melvin Cain was my nephew). The sight of the grief stricken widow and the father and mother is count to make the father and mother is count to make the is too good for a brute guilty of such flendishness was younged to not make one right, or restore to life the The manner in which the newspapers play up.

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—MRS. D. S. BEATTY.

(NOTE: Any argument over the flendishness of the crime is beside the point. The News readily agrees that some crimes are more flendish than others, and the contract of the crime is beside to the contract of the more flendish than others, and Iff muster and raps are ever condoned in The South, if murderers and rapsiate ever condoned in The South, if murderers and rapsiate ever condoned in The South, the murderers and rapsiate ever condoned in The South. If murderers and rapsiate ever condoned the Theorem 1997. The News will make just as much of a stirt about IL—Editors, The News.

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Bevin And His Clique

Editors, The News: MORGANTON
YOUR editorial in yesterday's paper (Jan. 11) on the
subject of the Israell-Britain "Incident" although endeavoring to be obviously detached, was,
"incidentally" a bit off due to omissions of certain

You've defions in yoursell-British "Incident" as though endeavoring to be obviously endeavoring to be obviously endeavoring to be obviously endeavoring to be obviously endeavoring to be endeavoring to the facts, viz.

1. Bevin and his clique has consistently fought the Devia and his clique are surprised and alarmed that this young nation has whipped Egypt, Iraq, and Trans-Jordan, all Bevin's Stoogetided to create the latest incident to provide some excuse to use funds closed to be in the standard of the standard of the standard of force to liquidate what Israel has won from the standard of the stand

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Marquis Childs

Forrestal Speaks

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(Between last May, when the 30th
Congress gave its okay, and-now
the Air Force has built up from
S to 60 groups.)
And last Friday, Jan. 7, out came
a report from Symington saying we

Drew Pearson's Congress Has Promising Raw Materials Merry-Go-Round

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A down, had a chance to settle in new offices, and has taken slock at each other. Also outsiders is the staken slock at each other. Also outsiders is shown to the staken slock and the staken slock spood. It has more war weterans, more youngsters who take their work seriously, more than the staken slock spood. It has more war weterans, more youngsters who take their work seriously, and worried about which fork to pick up in Washington. But the main thing as that they how was are nerous, shy, and worried about which fork to pick up in Washington. But the main thing as that they how was aren't going to let history repeat.

Obviously, most of the new Congressmen are Democrata, But the new Republicans seem to have a lot on the ball, too, men who hold the balance of power on Capitol Hill and who will shape your livel for the next few years:

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