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THE RENT CONTROL ISSUE

THERE is any doabt in the minds of city Council members as to the importance of this rent decontrol controversy, they might profitably remember as the importance of this rent decontrol controversy, they might profitably remember all units still under control in Charlotte and Mecklehourg County.

The area rent control office in Charlotte has not made a recent analysis of its records, but estimates that some 10,000 of these units are occupied by Negroes and the balance by whites.

Cocupiancy per unit is forced to exact figures are available. But if each rental unit were occupied by only two persons—and the average is probably closer to three or four—that would still represent 70,000 persons who would be affected by rent decentrol.

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13 doesn't require much imagination to envision the widespread repercussions should decontrol lead to substantial rent increases—as it most probably would.

The Council acted wisely, from both a political and a humanitarian standpoint, in delaying action on a decontrol petition of the Charlotte Property Management Association. If we can judge

from past performances, the property man-agers and owners will by able to present luck-and convincing arguments in favor of decontrol. In the files of the area rent control office lies the information on the other side of the question. What would happen to be rate under decontrol is not a matter of speculation, for the office has what happened in the past couple of years when certain types of units were de-controlled by Congress and subsequently placed under control again.

The Council has agreed to a request from the regional rent control office in Atlanta to sharl its survey of conditions here. And it has also decided not to hold a public heaging until everyone has been given full /notice so that proponents and opponents may have ample opportunity to prepare their cases.

That is the only course of action. Rent decontrol is perhaps the most important single question, in that it directly involves the most people, that the present Council will have to wrestle with. The decision should not be made precipitations

STATE ADVERTISING CONTRACT

In LIEU of any evidence to the contrary, it must be assumed that the State Board of Conservation & Development selected the Bennett Advertising firm of High Point to handle the State's advertising program on the basis of merit

advertising program on use bease and alone.

The report of the special committee which studied the qualifications of the various agencies was made in executive session. We are not told why the Benseion. We will be the properties of the benseion. The properties within has held the contract for two years. But the majority of the board was apparently satisfied, even though five members voted at first to feave the contract with Ayer & Gillette.

SUBSIDIZED BIGOTRY

AN 84-YEAR-OLD Southerner named George W. Armstrong is willing to give \$50,000,000 to Jefferson Military College in Washington, Mississippil. Fifty million dollars would be a big push for the South on the road to better education. It is an admirable thing that a man should be willing to give that much money to provide better educational opportunities for the region's young people. It is unfortunate and disappointing that Mr. Armstrong's motive for effering the money is not equally admirable. It is unfortunate and disappointing that \$50,00.00 will be put to no better purpose than to spread biggory.

ead bigotry.

The donor has stipulated that the enment will be made only if Negroes,
atics and non-Christians be excluded
the student body and the faculty.

It was interesting that the Redwine-Eastman agency of Raleigh, formed avowedly for the purpose of bidding on the contract, was well down the list. Governor Scott had said he wanted his good friend and supporter, Mr. Redwine, to have a chance at the contrabt. He goo his chance, but the board didn't see it that way. Now that the question has been settled, the State can go about its business of job, one which has already produced many tangible result. Il can be done best by professionals working in an atmosphere completely cleared of the-haze of politics.

Furthermore, Allen Jack Armstrong, the prospective benefactor's son, said his father has also requested that the school "teach and disseminate through every medium possible true principles of Jefferson ian democracy and the Constitution, Christianity and the suspricity of the Anglo-Saxon and Latin-American races."

Aside from the conflicts the school's fa-culty might run into while simultaneously expounding the Constitution and bigotry, it might be difficult to find men enlight-ened sufficiently to be capable teachers who would be willing to preach Arm-

The South most certainly needs more men who will provide money for education. But the South doesn't need this kind of money.

AH, FOR THE BUCOLIC LIFE

COMEBORY — and it looks suspiclously like Governor W. Kerr Scott
has been pulling our leg.
We had begun to believe that the city
dweller is indeed a fortunate being, and
that the farmer, mired in the smud, bereft
of telephones and electric lights, without
good schools and modern churches, was
the forgotten man of this age.
Not according to a survey, by the American Institute of Public Opinion, as relayed in an editorial in The Sonford Herdies of the state of th

Not that we place great store by any poll of public opinion since last. Fall's election debacle. But here are the Insti-tute's findings for what they are worth: 1. Two-thirds of all city people quizzed and they believe the farmer is happier

and only 21 per cent of them said the city man is happier. Seventy-three per, cent of the farmers believe they are happier, too, and only 15 per cent of them think the urban dweller is more content.

2. Seventy-three per cent of the city people said the farmer is better off today, and 83 per cent of the farmers agreed with them.

3. More than half of the city people said they would like to live on the farm, and they would like to live on the farm. Don't misunderstand us. We're not yet ready to favour the yearvier for the plow-shares. But vGovernor Scott is going to have to do a good deal more talking before he sells us on the idea that the city dweller is so much better off than his neighbors in the rural areas.

From The Asheville Citizen

MR. GREEN GOES TO WASHINGTON

DAUL GREEN, the singer of some of North (Carolina's best songs (to say gothing of Virginia's), purposes to do for Seorge Washington what he has done for Virginia Dare and the fore-fathers of the Old Dominion. The Tar Heel playwright, novelist, easist and poet is writing the "symphonic drama" for the National Capital Sequiencembal.

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There is a good deal of poetic or symphonic justice, we think, in tapping the
man who can make the long leaf pine
wave like a banper—in tapping Paul Green
for the job of dramatizing the American
nation in the days of its most severe birth
pangs. He brought the English settler, to
the forlorn hope of Roanoke Island in The
Lost Colony, in The Common Glory, the
annual summer pageant at Jamestown, he
carries history through the settlement of
Virginia. In The Nercliess Duy, the tentative title suggested by The Washington
Poor for the Sequicentennial drama, he
will take the sequi

evolution."

In time, one may suppose, Paul Green's ramas will encompass the whole of the puntry. They are probably as good literary

vehicles as any for giving expression to the great currents of history in its pull, and tug of the American Gream Mr. Green is a patriot of the deepest dye and the widest weave. We have a strong hunch that his Tar Heel pen will make Washington and the other ghosts of that dream live as they seldom live on the screen or printed page, and that a certain jusded capital is in for a treat as well as a treatment. For there could be no better time to return to and to relive first principles.

Devaluation and this new-type Canasta, introducing a third pack of cards, leaves everything as confused as the five a lacarte luncheons on one check.— Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

"The only figures the American people care about," says an editorial, "are those which document a case honestly." Oh, come now, fellow!—McDuffle (Ga.) Progress.

Pome In Which Is Reflected the Thought of a Fellow Not Too Much Concerned About Money:

I'm mercenary,

'Great Little Watchdog-Chases Out All The Help'



People's Platform

What Is An American?

CHARLOTTE

Editors. The News:

YOUR correspondent, J. R. Cherry Jr. of Chapel
Hill, wonders "what sort of citizens Senator Graham and his colleagues would thrust upon us, if this
bill (to bring more European D.P.'s to the United

A Bill, womenham and his colleagues would up 27-5 to the United
Balacia became law .

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t over." Instead, he showed his true nobility —he set going without once turning his head, and without ence thumbing his nose at those less fortunate in etting across" than he.

—H. L. GOLDEN, Editor
The Carolina beraelite.

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RCGKINGHAM

Editors. The News:

THIS is in answer to Mr. E. P. Holmes' letter in

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Get That Shopping Done

Editors. The News:

YOU deer, dear ladies and gentlemen, you wonderful people of Charlotte! Take the advice of one who knows and start your Christmas Shopping now. The control of the con

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Shotgun Wedding

Robert C. Ruark

Whose Scooter Is Best?

Merry-Go-Round

FDR Jr.'s Son Chip Off The Old Block

CONGRESSMAN Franklin D. Roosevell Jr. has an "sthict year-old son named Chratopher who may turn out to be another chip off the old block. Recently Congressman Roosevelt called his son on the telephone in New York and saked him if he would like to come to Washington. Christo-edded him to the world like to come to Washington. Christon-edded him to the world like the predeter a state of the predeter a state of the topic.

"I'l come to Washington will I be able to see the President?" saked Christopher.

"I't think so." repiled Congressman Roosevelt.

"Well." Continued Christopher, "will he let us sleep in our own beds in the White House?"

Insurance/Lobby

CONQUESSMAN Walter A. Linch. New York Democrat, Cand a conscientious member of the Ways & Means and Longilles. Will pead a subcommittee to investigate an important loophole in the tax laws whereby life insurance companies do hot, pay income with admitted sacrts of over 50 billions and investments in practically every find of business—paid not a due in income faxes to the Federal Government for 1947 and 1948. And they will pay none for 1949.

ne for 1949.

Despite months of negotiations with tax experts in Treasury Depti, spokesmen for the insurance companies we refused to agree to a recommendation for even acm "stoogap" tax payment of \$45,000,000 a year for \$8 and 1949—even though going "scot tree" for 1947.

At present the \$1,500,000,000 annual net investment

It will be interesting to see now Congressman Lynch makes out in his lonely battle against the giants.

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Capital News Capsules
WHITE HOUSE AND STRIKES