MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1949

# INLAND VIEW OF PORT DEVELOPMENT

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ports of Nortolk and Charieston. That, ports of Norfolk and Charleston. That, however, is just one side of the picture. Raw materials and comodities brought into North Carolina from foreign lands largely come into North Carolina through these same ports ... with North Carolina industries and North Carolina consumers paying a transportation profits on the ports will be relatively large. The cost of transporting commodities to North Carolina consumers is relatively large, too. The question, then,

FROM this Piedmont vantage point—200
The mines from the coast—the view of the
port development plan is a bit hasy, it is
difficult to figure out just how Col. George
W. Gillette head of the North Carolina
Ports Authority, would spend the season of the Senate and House.
But just how he would do it isn't important at the moment. What seven and a half million dollars worth of port improvement would mean to the economy of the
state is the first concern.
Gov. Scott is for it and so are a number
of other state figures. Among that group
favoring port development is Carl Goerch,
editor of The Stafe, a magaine published
in Raleigh and concerned with North Carolina.
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protection are seen as a seem of contraller.

In addition to Gov. Scott, Mr. Oserch and Col. Oillette-lindustry supports the development plan as was made clear by the presence of textile, furniture and to-bacco men at the hearing.

We have observed before that North Carolina's proposed budget is mightly high, and ye cannot, at the moment, think of a place to trim it. Whicher \$7,500,000 to the development will be the primary to the development will be the primary to the contraller to the development of North Carolina's two ports seems of considerable importance.

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#### MORE LIVES IN DANGER

THE action of the N. C. House Roads I Committee in approving a measure which would aboilah the state motor whiche inspection program reflects a strange unawareness that the saving of human lives is more important than the inconvenience of motorists.

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3. In two years, we have reduced traffic facilities 20 per cent-and in a time when which reservation on the reservation of the 1945 killed facilities 20 per cent-and in a time when which we have the second of the 1945 killed facilities 20 per cent in the number of vehicles and a corresponding increase in travel.

Those are sobering statistics. There is no way to place a value on one human life, not to mention the 304 lives we have saved in two years. Nor is there any way to measure how much it is worth to save hundreds of our people from paintful and cripping induces.

House Roads Committee can prove that the motor vehicle inspection and driver re-examination laws were not responsible for this greater auto safety, their action will impose on them a terrible responsibility for any increase in auto attailities which might result from the abolition of our safety program. The committee split, 30 to 15, in reaching the decision, with the representatives of rural counties generally in favor of abolition and urban representatives in favor of keeping the inspection.

There is hope that the battle will be fought out on the floor of the House—and, if it is lost there, that a milder measure which would reduce the inspections to one time a year will finally prevail.

For unless someone can answer the im-pressive statistics of the two-year-period in which we have had the inspection law, its outright abolition will mean that hun-dreds of North Carolinians are doomed to death and injury on our highways because of faulty, rattle-trap automobiles.

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#### AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING

THE gratifying news that the Davidson College development program is already off to an amplicious beginning indicates that the campaign, in which Mecknemburg County has such deep hierest, will be the compaign of the campaign in which Mecknemburg County has such deep hierest, will be considered to the campaign of the campaign in the campaign of the campaign of the campaign of the strength of the college has been campaigned to the strong of the strong of the strong of the college has a sammed the responsibility for constructing a new dormitory for the college. Mrs Cameron Morrison donated \$100,000 to the college endowment fund. And Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Stultz contributed \$800,000

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The announcement of these generous gifts made by Dr. John R. Cunningham, Davidson president, boosted the enthusi-

asm of the many Davidson alumni and friends who are assisting in the effort to raise a total of \$25,00,00 in increased entraise a total of \$25,00,00 in increased entrained in the second owners and expanded physical facilities. It was particularly gratifying to the college and to its loyal friends that the appeal met such a warm reception within this county. For one of the by-products of this development program, receiving almost as much attention as the drive itself, is the effort to make Davidson College and Mecklenburg County increasingly conscious of each other, of their interdependence, and of their mutually beneficial relationship.

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The confidence in the institution implied in the large bequests is adequate proof that Davidson has been doing its job well, and that the college is not without honor in its own country.

#### From The New York Times

#### STARS AND SILENCE

DEEP hush of Winter is on the land.
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Though the first half of February is the heart of Winter, man begins to grow im-patient. A thaw brings promise of Spring.

"Surgeon Removes His Own Appendix."
And now will he swear at himself when he gets his own bill?—Louisville (Ky.) Times.

'What Do You Think Of The a--t--o--m Policy?'

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# People's Platform

# In Defense Of The Farmer

Editors, Tux News:

HAVE just read Bob Hawley's pice in The News concerning the farmer and I am getting madder and madder too, the more I think about it. He is bitting the hand that feeds him, where would you so think feeds you anyway.

I was born and reased on the farmer? Who do you think feeds you anyway.

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Hurrah for our Governor. All power to him.
-MRS, JOHN NESBIT.

#### Herbert Was Smart

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#### More On The Farmer

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#### Quote, Unquote

#### Stewart Alsop

# The Rose Fades

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#### Marquis Childs

# Tread Lightly

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### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# People's Relations Guard Against War

Merry-Go-Round

ADOARD THE FIRNCH MERCI TRAIN—The average APrenchman has a general knowledge of the fact that the cost of a French embassy and various consulates in the USA in order to improve relations over here. But this is a vague and far-away thing, besides which, being human, he can be seen to be seen to be seen to be seen to consulate the total contribute a personal keepsake to the contribute a personal keepsake to the thing far more important than ambassadors or consula or State Department pronagands.

It means that each of those six million Frenchmen conflicted to the contribute of the contr

#### Simple, Priceless Gifts

destroyed during the war and who now live in an almbouse.

"For the Gratitude Train to Amgrica," they wrote, "we have decided to send our deserce bookston, our of the send of the property of the send of the brotherhood between our two countries."

And there is the child's painting of a yellow heart, with her words written beneath—"I know that Americans have hearts of gold."

Remembrance And Love

AT first the humber people of France did not realize that they could contribute to the Graitude Train. The train the train contribute to the Graitude Train. The train that they could be form and commentator Georges Delamere, who broadcast the fact that the working people of France could also satisficate.

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that, while ther were poor in worldly goods, they were rich in friendable. Unfortunately they were not able to translate all the messages; but perhaps Prench classes in American schools and colleges can continue where they left off, and thus start a chain of correspondence between the people of Prance and America in continuation of people—deposite of prance and America in continuation of people—deposite of promotery.

#### Notes From Washington