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TOPICS OF THE TIMES

HAVE you ever been bothered with bats in your buildings? If so, there's a way to get rid of them. Block every opening except one or two during the day. Then at midnight, when all the bats are out butting around, seal up the remaining holes. That way you lock them out. Simple, isn't it?

Do you know that when married women get together they always talk about their grocery bills instead of something really interesting? Like men, perhaps?

Do you yearn to learn some Japanese fishing terms? Study the shell fish industry at Malaga in 1946, or the Cuban frog leg industry?

Would you like recipes for cooking muktak meat - or rosethif, or peramton? Can you translate child-verb terms into Spanish or Portuguese?

What's your analysis of "Deer Mortality from Gunshot Wounds"? Would you like to try "Mist Netting for Birds in Japan"?

If you are interested in buying a house, had you thought that "Perhaps you need a bathroom that several persons can use at one time and still have privacy"?

Are you acquainted with the courtship habits of the bandit, or the Japanese orthology and mammalogy during World War II?

If you want the answers to these, and thousands of other fascinating topics, you can write to Senator Styles Bridges, U. S. House of Representatives, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. That worthy gentleman has become an expert - much against his will.

It seems that a few weeks ago Senator Bridges took upon himself the assignment of finding out something about the vast Federal Government publication enterprises. Those enterprises are a few countless little booklets and pamphlets he found, printed and either delivered or stored away to gather dust, at Federal expense.

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That the agencies conflict with each other in the publication of their reports, "How to Control Vagrant Cats," contradicts the purposes of Commerce Department's National Cat Week;

That one agency of the Government will offer free of charge a publication which another agency is trying to sell.

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'Set It Down Anywhere. We're Overcrowded Already!'



All Is Relevant

A President has many friends. They come trailing out of his past... President Truman has named an... The Senate to one of the most... WASHINGTON

People's Platform

Hating Doesn't Get You Anywhere

Editor: The News:

NOTED in the People's Platform of the Feb. 12 News is a letter submitted by one Joseph Reby of Asheville. Have been to Asheville numerous times but failed to notice your article with his head in the clouds and his feet far from the ground.

Special Edition Praised

Editor: The News:

FLOYD KAY and I would like to congratulate The Charlotte News on the excellence of the special edition published Feb. 12. It is our opinion that the layout and the editorial matter were excellent.

An Oasis For Dry Gaston

Editor: The News:

METHINKS the Rev. J. Tilden Sherrer addresses his prohibition letters to the wrong state. He should direct his letters to the State of North Carolina, where the State of North Carolina is located.

Open Letter To Spike Jones

Editor: The News:

THIS is an open letter to Spike Jones: I see where you will be in Charlotte soon—but I don't see where you will be in Gastonia.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editor: The News:

BEING a lady Senator isn't the easiest job in the world—let alone the easiest job in the State of North Carolina.

Helping Real Estate Lobby

Editor: The News:

READER'S DIGEST, which gets into more homes and reaches more people than any other magazine, is helping the real estate lobby fight rent controls.

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GOVERNOR SCOTT has indicated his intention of giving women much more responsibility in government than has ever been done before by any Governor in our State.

Brass Hats Won't Be Melted

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From The High Point Enterprise

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DeWitt MacKenzie

Value Of Alliance

THE U. S. Senate, as was generally expected, is putting off the vote on the proposed security alliance under the microscope.

The critical examination thus far has been the test of the Democratic vote in the Senate. It is expected that the Senate will likely to approve any treaty binding America automatically to go to war under all circumstances.

This projected alliance is a development of the cold war. It has as its object the creation of a barrier against the Soviet Union.

The pact has been under discussion by the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Denmark—no one has yet indicated a no participation in what they regard as a highly doubtful proposition.

During yesterday's debate Sen. Vandenberg, former chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, was asked if he favored a moral commitment on the part of the United States to Europe.

"Not without its own independent decision," Sen. Vandenberg said, "I would not support a moral commitment on the part of the United States to Europe."

Sen. Connally, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, followed this with the declaration that he would favor the agreement in any language which could be regarded as a moral commitment.

In other words, these two top-ranking foreign policy leaders in the Senate do not approve of any agreement which would commit the United States to Europe prior to the emergency.

However, Vandenberg told the Senate that he would support any offer "infinite assurance" against a third World War.

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