

A STAMPEDE SLOWS UP

It is to be hoped that Governor Scott's outright opposition to repeal of the motor vehicle inspection law, plus the prevalence of cooler heads in the State Senate, will slow down this wild stampede to get rid of a law merely because its enforcement has been faulty.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

AFTER several months of investigating the vast operations of the Federal Government, the Commission has decided that a good part of the waste and inefficiency can be traced directly to the difficulty of attracting, and keeping, competent Federal employees.

ARMY SIGNALS CROSSED

MARGUERITE CHILDS and other Washington newspapermen have done the nation a signal service in pointing out the errors in the method used by the Army to publish the Tokyo spy investigation.

From The Hickory Daily Record

JUGTOWN CARRIES ON

THE traditional genius of the Jugtown potters, and particularly members of the Hilton clan, apparently has not died out even in these modern times of mechanized industry.

There have been other criticisms; for example, the failure of poor operators on rainy days. But most of them have reflected deficiencies of enforcement, not of the law itself.

Col. Rosser has indicated that he would approve a change in the law making only one inspection a year mandatory. Instead, there is a good deal of sentiment in favor of that amendment.

Until someone can prove that something else is responsible for the reduction in fatal auto accidents since 1946, the State's traffic safety program, including the vehicle inspection phase, must get the credit.

each year if it hopes to keep its services at a high level. The Commission further discovered that there is a constant, heavy turnover in Federal employees, with 7,000,000 persons moving in and out of Government jobs in three years.

As a nation we have been reluctant to pay our public officials salaries commensurate with those they could earn in private enterprise, and for understandable reasons, not the least of which is a desire for economy in government.

summed innocent until proved guilty.

The confusion was not cleared up by a subsequent statement from General MacArthur's public relations officer, who said that the report was not meant to be made public, and who contended that Tokyo, at least, has adequate proof of Miss Smedley's guilt even if it hadn't been forwarded to Washington.

Somewhere the signals got crossed. If, as Tokyo says, the report was merely an official report on an investigation, it was needlessly dramatic. It appears to have been written for public consumption.

fully executed. The dogwood flower is her most distinctive and best seller, although she paints other flowers and makes in the flat. In a story town overlooks

Many a man who says he must leave his birthplace to work because a prophet is without honor in his home town overlooks the fact that he is no prophet.—Elliott (Ga.) Sun.

And then there's the sad case of the voter who won't be able to make it to the polls to vote against the road program because of the condition of the roads.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

'You're Dam Lucky To Be Getting This'



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People's Platform

CONGRATULATIONS on your courageous articles and platform. I hope you will continue to fight the bootleggers and Drvs who are trying to do something that is impossible. It seems that some people think prohibition will not work.

Frenchman Sees Most Beautiful Thing

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. — Perhaps I shouldn't admit it, but in all my many wanderings about the USA I have never before enjoyed the Grand Canyon so much as I did on the French Gratitude Train to get me there.

Joker Becomes Solemn

FRANCY got her first breaking view early in the morning but just after breakfast they pulled down. For about two minutes they stared down — a mile straight down — and then they looked up. The Grand Canyon was a ribbon winding in and out of gorges — so small at that distance, it seemed you could step across it. And that's fourteen miles across to the gorge on the other side.

Joseph Alsop

Hole in The Curtain

BERLINER nowadays talk about the airlift as people elsewhere talk about the weather. "It's raining," they say, "what a beautiful day!" but "there will be no rain today." This deliberate unconcern of the roar of the big C-54s en route to Berlin is the only abnormal note in the life of the city. The world still thinks of the Berlin situation as dangerous and critical. In fact, it has become an uneventful statement.

With 10,000 tons a day, the Western sectors of Berlin are being supplied with normal tonnage. Even now, with much lower tonnage, the people of Berlin are eating well, and finding consumer goods more available than in any other part of the blockade. As for their spirit, it has already been tested.

These facts have vastly more than compensated for the simple reason that the Kremlin's program for Germany has been knocked into the gutter by the Russian capture of Berlin. As every one acquainted with the situation in central Europe, and any analysis of the German problem must begin with the fact that the Russian program for Germany has already been frustrated.

Points At Issue

THAT matter of "when" is a mighty item in the calculations of the nations concerned. The contention is not whether to help self-interest, if nothing else, would compel America to participate in European reconstruction.

Wild Donkeys Chase Deer

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