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DOING OUR OWN HOME WORK

CHARLOTTE builders are currently demonstrating in impressive fashion, that home building is not dependent upon handouts from the Federal Treasury. Construction permits, mostly for new tract homes, total around \$48,000,000 for June, and likely will bounce over \$5,000,000 for the month.

Continuing is a critical situation in Negro housing construction in that field has lagged. Has been, as a matter of fact, practically non-existent since the war. A number of sub-standard houses, occupied mostly by Negroes, have been condemned and closed to habitation. Mr. Spangier has moved into that field with his \$2,500,000 Double Oaks project off Stateville Avenue. The 506 residential units in the development will help but will not relieve the situation.

THE SOUTH ON TRIAL

It might start something like this: Joe and Bill, a couple of the town's chronically unemployed, are sitting in a dive. They are two backs in a solid row of backs you would see if you went into the dive. It is setting late and a contented conversation started at one of the counter runs up and down the row of men like a loop in a snapped whip.

said the men who beat them were white sheets. But Birmingham is only a momentary focal point. Such violence may break out tomorrow in Atlanta, the next day in Columbia, the following day in Gastonia. It has happened before — throughout the South.

PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

It is telling Bill about John, this man from out of town who married a local girl and settled down. Joe tells Bill that John isn't treating the girl right, that he's "running around" or that he's "drinking up his money." Joe is talking like the Klan, but he is not Joe just never has liked John anyway.

The concentration of Klan activity—if that's what it is—in Birmingham has alerted Congress. The civil rights subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee has been ordered to make a full-scale investigation into the fogging incidents in Alabama. (It is ironic that the Klan, which has been so active in the South, should be the subject of Federal intervention in regional or state affairs, should be the group to touch off Federal intervention.)

The citizens of Alabama have, themselves, organized against the terrorists. An "Organized Veterans Committee Against Crime and Violence" has been formed as a result of the Klan or Klans activity. The Judiciary Committee of Alabama's House of Representatives has followed the lead of a number of Georgia cities in approving a bill to unmask any hooded organization.

BIRD IN THE HAND

SOME folks are scared to death of a chicken. They are not afraid of bodily harm which the fowl might do them. No, it is when the chicken is dead that those persons become panicky.

who scrubs her mouth and both hands after each bite. She goes about it with the thoroughness of a mother washing Junior's ears. From a distance the white napkin going up and down, up and down, gives the poor woman the appearance of one waving good-bye to a lifelong friend disappearing down the track.

DRAW PEARSON'S MERRY-GO-ROUND

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It is a happy omen for the country that the leader of the state's largest organized veterans' organization has demonstrated an awareness of the fallacies contained in legislation designed primarily to attract votes. For a more intelligent evaluation of pension bills and benefits will assure a more humane distribution of those pensions and benefits, based on need and need only. And that awareness has brought to thoughtful veterans such as Orie Griser the realization that the public interest and the interests of the veterans are one and the same thing, and cannot be separated by selfish groups or individuals.

A HAPPY OMEN

STATE Legion Commander Joe Griser Jr. of Charlotte left his office with a forthright view of the fellows who call all veterans should consider. "The Legion" at the state and national levels needs most of all to make a complete re-examination of all veterans' benefits with the idea of eliminating the inequalities and discrepancies that now exist," Griser said. He realizes that some Congressmen, notably Representative John Rankin, have placed the vote-getting appeal of impractical "benefits" before the welfare of the nation. Part of the Legion's responsibility, the young Legion official said, is to restrain ourselves from using our powerful influence to bring about enactment of measures which are not in the public interest and which imperil the cause of the disabled whose interest we are pledged to protect.

Somehow things can't be so bad after all in this battered old world. Not when you can pick up the Crowley Daily Signal and read a tavern keeper's advertisement of a "free snack from 4 to 7 P. M." And that even the news out of the Paris stametes seems less black. — New Orleans (La.) State.

Speaking Of 'Plunging Necklines'



Heavy Trucks On The Highways

One of the great tragedies of our modern era is that good living is fast fading out of the picture, and the saloon was one of the most important contributions to the era of good living bygone days. So wonderful an institution was the saloon that men everywhere try desperately to capture its old-time grace and its heart-warming spirit of conviviality and culture, by organizing so-called clubs, upstairs dining halls, and other imitations. But it does not work—nothing but a long bar, a brass rail, sawdust, and beautifully polished furniture can give the minimum requirement.

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New Registration

I WANT to thank you for the fine publicity which your paper gave the new registration for the enlarged, reorganized precincts of the city and the four wards held since the registration of voters were reporters' daily stories of election frauds were very helpful to the public, and I appreciate this service which you rendered.

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The Hoover Report Regulatory Bodies

(Written in a series of articles explaining the reports of the Hoover Commission, including the Federal Government.) THE existence of nine independent regulatory commissions (Federal Trade, Federal Communications, etc.), with their vast powers to regulate, enforce rules outside the traditional framework of legislative, executive and judicial powers, and confine themselves to their organization and efficiency. For several reasons the Hoover commission finds, the independent commissions are not adequately fulfilling their intended purposes. Competent members have been appointed to some extent, but because the salaries were too low to attract really able men, or because the Federal Government was of little importance of the appointment, Executive agencies have often performed by a single administrator has been thrown on the commission, resulting in a poor administration and interfering with the normal and useful work of the commissions. Commissioners have often neglected their promotional and responsive duties because they were overburdened with regulatory and enforcement responsibilities delegated to their staffs, because of both legislative restrictions and poor internal organization.

Marquis Childs American Dreyfus

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2. The salaries of commissioners and their staff members should be set at a level comparable to those in important work in their fields.
3. Congress should authorize commissions to delegate routine administrative and clerical duties to their staffs.
4. The Administrative Management Bureau should be abolished. The Budget, aided by legal experts, should suggest ways and means of simplifying and speeding up commission procedure.
5. The Commissioner should be the purely executive officer of the commissions and should be removed at the discretion of the executive departments.
SOCIAL SECURITY, EDUCATION, INDIAN AFFAIRS
In 1946 the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance fund (popularly called "social security" collected \$1,683,000,000 in payroll taxes, paid out \$500 million to beneficiaries. Federal grants—total \$1.4 billion—for old-age assistance, dependent children, blind, deaf, insane, and other welfare purposes—now run about \$800 million a year. All told, the Federal Government spends \$2.8 billion for education, including that of the States—the total being \$2.5 billion a year.
\$9.50 and important have those for the State. The Commissioner believes the administrator in charge of them should sit in the President's Cabinet. The Commission therefore proposes that the President's Cabinet should have seven administrators there, should be a Cabinet department. No one would have to leave the State. Because the Bureau of Indian Affairs devote funds largely to welfare and educational activities for the Indians, the Commissioner would like to see the Bureau of Indian Affairs and because there is nowhere else that it seems to belong, the Commissioner recommends that the Bureau be shifted from the Department of the Interior to the State Department. The Bureau's chief aim, the Commissioner feels, should be to give the Commissioner an effective hand toward the assimilation of Indians into the general population of the United States. (Copyright, 1949, by Time, Inc.)