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#### SOCIAL SECURITY FOR VETERANS

A MONG the most powerful lobbies at A work in the halls of Congress, equal in potency to the Tarm associations, are the organized veterans. The American Legion, VEW, Amvets, though they may differ with one another in various matters concerning veterans; are as one when it comes to cracking the whip over apprehensive Con-gressmen.

This week the House put through a bill This week the House put through a bill which assures to the veterans of all our wars a pension of \$72.00 a month on reaching 55 years of see, provided that they do not have incomes in excess of \$12.00 a year if single and \$2.00 a year if single and \$2.00 a year if maried. The bill is a great improvement over one previously reported out by the Hon. Rankin's Committee on Veterans, which would have previously reported out by the great way to all the previously reported out by the Hon. Rankin's Committee on Veterans, which would have previously reported by the state of the previously reported with all the previously reported to the previo committee on vectoris, which would have pensioned millionaires along with all the rest, and it is said in defense of the bill that it only legalizes and clarifies existing Veterans Administration practices. Nonetheless, it is a bad bill,

'It is a bad bill because there is no justi-It is a bad bill because there is no justification for making the senile veteran a preferred beneficiary of his Government's consideration. It is as disagreeable to be decrepit and hard-up whether or not, 40 years before, one wore the uniform. A great deal is done for the veteran as is. He is given a preference in the Civil Service rating which gets him a Government job. He

IS given free medical treatment—can have his appendix out or his teeth shined—provided he will state that he is indigent, and the statement is made lightly and withten the provided he will state that he is indigent, and the statement is made in the statement of the war before that, the Spatish-American heroes, have got theirs over the years in a succession of subtle and indefensible benefits. If there is the slightest possibility that a veterna's disabilities trace to his time in service, he is given the benefit of the doubt and compensated accordingly. Certain diseases automatically are ascribed to his service.

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The compensation of the same and the survivors of the veteran pho didd in service or was killed, are in constant danger of being lost in the shuffle. They cannot, it stands to reason, be sufficiently compensated for having been mained, or their families for a lost husband or father. And the extent to which they may be compensated is both limited and Jeopardized by the grabs of the veterans organizations on behalf of those who came through the view with whole skins and sound constitutions, and who thereafter assume to set themselves up as a class of beneficiaries apart.

tremely precise measurements are re-quired.

Great power plants, using atomic energy, Great power plants, using atomic energy, Great power plants of the control of covery-of fire or electricity.

These are some of the good things, Of the bad things, Mr. Lillenthal, says:

in brief, simply sets up a "working Cham-ber of Commerce" in every rural communi-ty in the county. Through the organization, civic pitcle, is generated, and programs de-signed for better rural living are carried out.

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Civic, business and agricultural leaders met and formally adopted the program for the county. They planned a system of increasing farm income through "increased part of the county increased part of the program's progress; when it started there were 3,000 commercial broilers in the county, and now there are 300,000.

# THE ATOM-WITH A HALO How else? Radioactive tracer atoms are being used to check on heart disease and hardening of the arteries. Vegetables are being grown in soil in which there are radioactive elements and the path of a radioactive, but harmless, turnip, for instance, may be traced through the bodies of sick persons, to see what III else of the path of a sick persons, to see what III else of the path of the

YOU will remember the story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Dr. Jekyll was a kindly gentleman who, upon drinking a terrible potion, could become the villainous Mr. Hyde.

The atom is a sort of Jekyll and Hyde, too. Except that it never actually changes. It is only our concept of the controlled atom which changes.

atom which changes.
For most of us, atom doesn't mean much
unless you add the unpleasant word bomb
to it. When we think, of the atom we think
of the atom bomb and the terrible scenes
from Hirochima and Nagasaki, the scarred
and broken Japanese who first felt the
great power of the liberated atom.
The threat of atomic warfars is rowered.

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The threat of atomic warfare is present in every news story about the Foreign Ministers Council, the United Nations, the Beglin dispute.

a deep-dyed villain, but really the good Dr. Jekyil.

David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, this week in Collier's Mogazine, gives us a full length portrait of the atom—with a halo.

Mr. Lilienthal tells of a thirteen-year-old boy who has cancer of the thyroid. This, and boy is being given radjoactive iodine as a treatment. It has proved successful in a number of other similar cancer cases. That's one good thing atomic energy has done; the lodine couldn't have been made radjoactive unless scientists had discovered control of the atom.

## RURAL PROGRAM OF PROGRESS

An interesting and impressive story of rural development through co-operation comes from Haywood County. The Wordsrulle Mountainneer this week you be a compared to the control of the con

wood's farmers since the program soft under way several months ago.

The Mounteineer edition, largest every
printed in North Carolina west-of Aheville, is well-gotten up and is jampackel
with information about the activities and
the successes of farmers in jvarious fields
of agriculture. Editor Curtis Riuss, heralding "A New Day For Rural Haywood",
writes tight "Cooperation has vaken on a
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to move means more profits, larger income and
better rural conditions."

The Community Development program,

From The Chapel Hill Weekly

#### WHO CHANGED COMMISSION'S OPINION?

EARLY in the session of the Legislature Governor Scott announced with satisfaction that the Truck Operators Association was supporting his; road bond issue

tion was supporting, find, some program in full.

The road bond bill was introduced in the House and promptly passed. Then the bill to allow increases in the maximum weights of trucks trom 50,000 to 64,000 pounds on designated roads, was introduced. It also promptly passed the House. Both bills were strongly in the Senate.

delayed in the Senate.

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The bill allowing the increase of the The bil allowing the increase in truck weights was considered in the roads committee. W. H. Rogers, chief engineer of the State Highway Commission, expressed some opposition at the first hearing. Laker, when the bill was considered again in the committee, and the State Highway Commission had passed by unanimous vote a resolution opposing any increase in the gross weights of trucks on the highways, Mr. Rogers came out strongly and dated that any increase in the weights of trucks would be damaging to the highways and bridges.

Then the bill, amended to allow a maximum weight of \$5,000 pounds, seen to the Senate floor, It passed second reading by a close vote and the prediction was freely made that the smended bill would be de-

Fasted on the third reading, At this time, the truck operators' lobby was working in high geat, and it was common talk around. The capitol that the truck operators were being led down by the Governor—hat their promise of support of the road bond bill and one-cent gas tax increase was contingent on a promise from the Governor to support their bill for increase in truck weights up to 64,000 pounds. The cruck operators were reported desperate and angry At this point there was a delay between the second and third reading votes on the truck weight increase bill, from Priday to Tuesday, on Tuesday morning it was stated publicly on Tuesday morning it was stated publicly on Tuesday morning it was stated publicly on Tuesday.

section increase bill from Priday to Twestay. On Thesday morning it was asted publicly on the floor of the Senate that the engineering expartment of the State Habryac Commission an increase in the truck weights up to \$40,000 bounds would not be damaging to the highways and bridges. Complete reversal of the written commission of the Habryac Commission and the Chief engineer of the Commission and the chief engineer of the Commission. Somebody had reversed the Engineer of the Commission and Tuesday morning, notwithstanding that the Commission and had been commission and had not meeting. Who caused this reversal? Make your own guess. Suppointed this possible of the property of the property

At Last, A Way That Works!



#### People's Platform

### **Bad Time For New Debt**

Editors. The News:

THE people of North Carolina should know that we I are now spending more per person for roads than a road of the people of

-JAMES H. BOST:

The Wrong Roosevelt? CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE News:

I THINK Franklin D. Roosevelt is the greatest of all presidents, greatest spendthrift, greatest warmonger, and greatest dictator this country has ever

Westbrook Peeler is a great writer of truth and his popularity is growing greater and greater.

—D. H. ROBINSON.

Constitution Hall, Etc. BILTMORE, N. C.

I HAVE written to Mrs. Gertrude S. Carraway, vice-president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as follows:

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Thave just read your letter to the Editor of The Revolution, as follows:

Thave just read your letter to the Editor of The Christotte News, printed in the May 28 edition, in resert to the Constitution Hall politer from the Christotte News, printed in the May 28 edition, in resert to the Constitution Hall politer of not resulting the Christotte News and the News and the Christotte News a

near about them. —JAMES PAGET RUDOLPH.

P.S. I am white, 29: a Democrat, Episcopalian,
Georgia-born, Carolina bred, college graduate; veteran,
wounded (wice in combat, anti-Communist, anti-Socallst, liberal.)

'Pay As You Go' Roads

Eastors. THE NEWS:

No connection with all the mininformation regarding.

I the road and school bond election. I feel that the mality is made and school bond election. I feel that the advertising, insisting that everyone must vote fine several that they must vote for them.

If anyone, who is not blind of telling State employees that they must vote for them.

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If anyone, who is not blind will visit the several transparence of the several transparence of the several transparence of the several transparence of the bonds for building our road system.

still paying interest on the bonds to re building out.

Not only quite a few roads but also the Road Commission which we have to gut up with, have been very and the paying the strength of th

-BURTON H. SMITH.

No Democracy Left

CHARLOTTE

FRANKLIN D. set the stage for minding everybody's business in America. He had no regard or respect from public life who opposed the idinitiate everyone from public life who opposed the counties and to due rily government. The life the counties and to due rily government. The life the counties and to due rily government. The time the counties and to due to the counties and to the counties and to the counties and to due to the people of Charlotte.

MIND Bay tiest seasons that the pollo our children and young people were forbidden to go to church and Sunday school. If we had enough faith in God nothing would keep anybody from church. Talk about Communism, how much liberty do we Americans have left? North Carolina has been controlled to the control of the control of

#### Joseph Alsop

# The Irresponsibles

servant on the gravest possible charge.

One touble was that the points charge compared to the policy of the polic

Marquis Childs

# **Generous Relative**

well as individuals.

One of the most remarkable features of the time we are living
intrough is the unioueness of Amerkeak position in the world. The
American people are taxing themsacrifice to zend a generous dominy
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to loss fortunate peoples. And while
there is a large element of self-interest in the program, nevertheless
it puts the United States in an extracellulary loss.

traordinary role.

This assistance is so important to the stability and welfare of Weltern Europe that it has produced an almost total ecasation of criticism of American policies and pronouncements. In that vacuum of silence is a cell danger, it seems to me, for this country.

distrust.

A reminder of this came recently in a vigorous attack on "canital-lam" in an editorial by Count Giuseppe Dalla Torre, editor in-chief of Osservatore Romano, the official paper of the Vatican at Rome.

# Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Washington Phones Being Tapped Again

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most people realize—more withing than any Cabinet of the
most people realize—more withing than any Cabinet office
re in recent years has faced. — The former forces that
ruled the Pentalezo, including the Dillion, Even Great ended
Johnson responsible for Forrestal's forced realignation.

In addition, some of the professional procurement men who
are sulping. — Finally, the Navy has unloosed its big guns.
The Navy figures that if it doesn't make a monkey of Johnson first, he will relegate it to third place in the pational
Army. — Republicans are buying grandstand seals for the
three-ring fight.

Mysterious Wheat Disease—Agriculture

Dept. urges farmers to harvest the diseased wheat and salvage what they can. To prevent another outbreak the diseased wheat and salvage what they can. To prevent another outbreak the can of other crops and stray seeds all Summer, and planting Winter wheat as late as possible next season.

Agriculture experimental stations have developed a hybrid state of the David-and-Collath debate.

Purcol charged that the bill "does nothing about the sable in quantity yet.

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nothing at the souther. Seatherd mean.

"Yes, and you can add charafters, cooks, servants and automobiles for the top officers," commented Sutton, seven-times decorated, tyne-wounded Navy licentensati of the seather server the seather sea

#### David Vs. Goliath