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#### FARM PRICES AND POLITICS

ALTHOUGH Administration leaders in the Senate still have hopes of salvag-ing parts of the Brannan plan for agriculture, it appears that the crushing defeat of the program in the House means its death for this session of Congress.

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the Aiken sliding-scale price subsidy bill to

take affect next year automatically;

(2) They can bury the Aiken law by accepting the new House bill which continues for another year the rigid wartime farm price supports at 90 per cent of ports. The political considerations of an upcom-

The political considerations of an upcoming Congressional election year will dictate their choice. The Alken law has a strongly Republican taint, since it was adopted by the GOP-controlled 80th Congress and since it bears the name of a Republican Since it bears the name of a Republican Genation. 'Actually, it was supported by President Truman and Secretary Brannan.

President Truman and Secretary Brannan last year.)

The Democratic leadership may assume that huge aurolities will result next year, and that the lower price supports from the Alken bill will mean lower prices for the farmers. They may capitalize on farmer resentment at the lower prices by blaming them on the Alken law.

On the other hand, they may try to attract the farm vote by accepting the new House bill. A continuation of 90 per cent parity will mean higher prices for farmers

next year, and the Democrats may be able to point to those prices and claim credit for them, all the while reminding the farmers that the GOP-Aiken law would not have given them such bountiful wealth.

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In either event, it appears now that we will not get any satisfactory determination of a long-range farm price policy from the Sist Congress. Everything is being done with an eye to next year's elections, not that any to be the welfare of the entire national control of the control of the entire national c

The Brannan plan, which would have permitted some farm prices to drop to their natural level, thus benefiting the consumers, while making up the difference between prevailing prices and parily by direct subsidy to the farmer, had some good features. But it was too revolutionary, and was simply not understood by all the pro-

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quate food supply. But now that we are coming upon normal times again, it is proper that we give the whole thing a more careful study in an effort to work out a system which will be of benefit to the whole nation, not merely to the farm-

#### OPENING THE BOTTLENECKS

THE new City Administration deserves commendations for the sensible, orderly way it is going about the big job of ridding Charlotte of the many traffic bottlenecks caused by the railroad tracks

From the very first, Mayor Shaw and the Council have shown a good deal of fore-sight, and an equal measure of common

sight, and an equal measure of common sight, and an equal measure of common and the first step, taken by the Baxter Administration, was to employ Attorney C. A. Cochran to dig into the law and determine precisely what Jegal powers the City has to require participation of the railroads in eliminating dangerous grade crossings and otherwise opening up public streets. In more than 90 years of talking about the grade crossings, apparently no one had thought to answer this pertinent question. Once the Council got its legal ruling, it began easting about for an expert engineer who could perform the necessary surveys. One was foling in Greensboro, and on last Priday the Council signed a contract with him. Be hopes to finish his work by next him. Be hopes to finish his work by next him. Be hopes to finish his work by next than Mayor-Rhaw and the Councilmen were exceedingly wise when they decided against any half-way solution. The Mayor pointed

out last week the multiple and complicated problems which result fom the unbottling projects, and also recalled that the con-struction of an underpass under W. 6th St.

struction of an underpass under W. 4th St. come years ago had made virtually impossible the lowering of railroad tracks along that area.

We must not be so shortsighted again, His Honor declared. And the Council backed him up.

Now we are going to get the whole job done, and at what appears to be an extremely reasonable fee. In return, we will have a complete set of phapprints for a series of projects which may require years excited of the project which may cost well up into the million of the project of the pr

to complete and may cost well up into the millions.

The Council made sure that it retained broad authority over the whole program. Thus the people are assured that no commitments can be made to any particular project until the whole pattern has been laid before them.

The elimination of the grade-crossing bottlenecks has been one of the new Administration's main campaign piedges. The people will be gratified that, unlike some other administrations in the past decades, this one means to carry out its piedge, and means to do it in a sake and sensible tash-lon!

#### A DEPENDENT PEOPLE

WE are firmly convinced that anything is possible in this year of 1949, and cite County Welfare Superintendent Wal-lace H. Kuralt to prove it.

The public official charged with dispensing public largesse who will admit that many of his applicants are in something less than desperate plights and who willpublicly scold an ever-growing "gimme" attitude on the part of the public is a rare find, indeed. We thought he was extinct.

But listen to Mr. Kuralt, who sounded off in THE NEWS the other day:

There is a growing philosophy among the merican people that they are entitled to ertain things from the Government. We are esting it more and more every day, and it's howing up to a very large degree in the ones he come to us these days.

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Thery day we are having people who get round to saying that certain assistance is use them. They don't seem to realize that very bit of assistance we are able to give assistance ware all the seem and the seem of the seem o

We can see this dependence on Govern-nt aid growing all the time."

From The Memphis Press-Scimitar

# Mr. Kuralt was concerned, and properly so, over the increasing demands for financial assistance from his agency. He recognized one important factor: unemployment Bul he expressed the belief that the summer of the

Our fathers and forefathers, we fear, would be deeply chagrined if they could see what is happening to the American people. So are we.

## WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES

A MAN stands before the judge and is found guilty. "Fifty dollars and costs," the judge says.

The man walks to the clerk, pulls out his billfold, pays his fine, walks out a free man. He has money.

Another man hears the same sentence.

"I haven't got \$50," he says.

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That means 51 days in the workhouse for him, working out his time at a dollar a day, plus the dollar costs.

Balance 50 days of a man's life, spent at hard work, against the possession of \$50.
It's not the same.

these times, except the Government, by man who demanded two engineers for every Diesel may have a backseat driver in his car.—Dallas (Tezas) Morning News.

a man's day could reasonably be paid for by \$1.

This is no longer true. Eight dollars a day would be a fairer measure.

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We got rid of the principle which made
bondservants possible.

We no longer have slavery.

But here is an example of discrimination
against the poor.

There is a world of difference between
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though the unfair law, to make it equitable
(Tenn) Press-Scienter.

'I'm Not Isolationist-I Just Don't Trust Anybody'



### Growing Up Together

## The Southern And The South.

(The following article is reginized from Business Week Magazine—Editors, the News.)
ALL railroads know that in the long run they have A to stand or fall with the regions they serve. Most railroads profess great faith in the future of and outspokenly convinced that its home lines run and outspokenly convinced that its home lines run and outspokenly convinced that its home lines run through God's country than the Southern Railway System, which believes implicitly in its own slogan:
This week, the Southern quietly marked its 55th anniversary as the largest carrier south of Mason and Dixoral line. In some respects it want a particularly heapy bitchest, Traife has dropped alarmingly in Profils have shrunk sadiy. And as President Ernest E. Norris told stockholders in an unnusuly glum mental: Theywhere you go the industries are mental. Theywhere you go the industries are and plus everything else." But gloom inty a natural state of mind on the

either alowing down or closing down, plus strikes the Bus grom that a natural state of mind on the Bus grom that a natural state of mind on the Southern. Practically every man from Norris on down to the last trackwalter is sure that the South and the Southern are just beginning to ride a wast so years, they condificately predict, are really going to be something.

If the next 50 years are anything like the last nines they are, in fact, going to be very good indeed. The property of the property of the property of the same time is cut its long-term debt by about the same time is cut its long-term debt by about 514-million in 1840 to 1815-million in 1840 to 1815-million in 1960 to 1815-million in 1960 to 1815-million in 1960 to 1815-million in 1980 to 1815-million in

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And The South.

railread companies, centering around the Ruchmend & West Point Terminal Co. The panie of 1893 knocked them off their feet, and J. P. Morgan understock to pick up the pieces.

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properating rules. Southern relirod men still asy huffily present the relief of the state of the

#### DeWitt MacKenzie

# Cause For Contempt

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countries.

The judge's job is to see that the trith comes out, and if the lawyers don't unbover the facts, the justice don't unbover the facts, the justice does it for them. For instance, I have seen a judge in a murder trial turn to the jury and say:

A witness has just estified the he went into the elephant hous at the London Zoo to make, a tel-phone call. The judge inquire solemily: "A trunk call, I pro-

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## Dick Young

# Paying The Fiddler

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Dilworth.

Half an hour or so later the
woman called back to sak what had
been done because the unusual
noise was still continuing.

The dispatcher flicked a radio
switch and called to the car he
had dispatched.

Through the loudspeaker the of cer's voice from the car boomed Aw, it was nothing but a bunn of toads cavorting in an abandone by pool."

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

# Probe Of White House Repairs Needed

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This friend is Maj. Oen. Olen E. Edgerton, retired, U. S. Army Engineers. has been a find Amy editor, and will one. Edgerton has been a find Amy editor, and will one of the Major and the Company of the

Redecorating White House
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It would also discover that both Vaughan and Hunt pulled to the key spot of War Assets Administrator. This is the job when the desired over selling surplus war material and was for a line of the gray's course for lobbysiss.

Inside Wor Assets
THERR friend is Joe Major, who, incidentally, flew in the
T President's private striptane with Harry Yaughan and
Harry Truman down to the bettery's 35th reunion in Little
Rock, Ark, last month.

Rock, Ark, last month. Joe Major, when queried, was quite frank in admitting that he receives telephone calls all the time from Harry Yaunham. Major denied that Vaughan was pressuring him, and while in charge of getting the work of the work of the property. Major estimates he had received about 500 phone calls from Vaughan, and in addition visited Vaughan about once a week at his home.

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Major was also guite frank in admitting that loadysta about Major was also guite frank in admitting that Loadysta Runt had asked him to use his influence to get Gen. Retarton appointed to the top job of dispersing surplus property.

Jos Major salos knows John Maragon well. In fact, he refers to him as John.

Ta accepted John because he was accepted John because he was a friend of Harry's,"