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PRISON REFORM AHEAD

GOVERNOR Scott's prompt action in or-dering Highway Commission Chairman Henry Jgrdan to modernize the system of discipline in State prisons will be gratifying to the people of North Carolina who were-shocked by the revealations at a Richmond County trial last week.

Governor said flatly in his memo-m to Dr. Jordan that he would not random to Dr. Jordan that he would not tolerate inhuman practices—such as the handcuffing of a prisoner to cell bars for 52 hours, without food, by a superintendent who admittedly was merely carrying out approved disciplinary practices.

The prisoners placed in their custody are there for breaking rules of society. Those who receive special punishment while in prison receive it because they have broken' other rules after their incarceration.

"A furm punishment policy for the infraction of prison regulation is necessary in any good prison system, but firmness doesn't mean crustly."

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The Governor has stated the case pre-sely, Prison camps do need firm disci-line. Prisoners who have shown them-elves incapable of obeying the rules of

society are all too ready to violate prison

society are all too ready to violate prison rules. But there are other forms of punishment just as effective and far less medieval in their crueity than the extreme penalty meted out to the Richmond prisoner for voicing a wish that he had a case of beer one hot day as a beer truck passed his

one hot day as a week.

Work gang.

Chairman Jordan has sent copies of the Highway Commission so they may be fully informed by the time of their next meeting. He also plans to seek information on disciplinary methods used in other states.

on disciplinary methods used in other or disciplinary methods used in other Prion Director J. B. Moore has shown an enouraging deate to improve the whole State penal system. At a press conference shortly after he was named to the post by Governor Scott, he outlined as his chief aims greater emphasis on rehabilitation of prisoners, a boys' colony at Camp Butner, training classes for guards and improved prison diet.

An improved system of discipline will fit well into this scheme of things.

A BIGGER AUDIENCE

If the enthusiasm of a big audience here Monday night is any indication of the prevailing state of mind of businessthe prevailing state of mind of business-men generally, there is a chance that U.S. business will one day wiggle out of the uncomfortable defensive position it has been in and mount a successful offensive against ever-expanding government. Aimost 400 business and industrial lead-

ers from several surrounding counties reers from several surrounding counties re-sponded to-an opportunity to hear three speakers from the U. S. Chamber of Com-merce. Much of what they heard was

gloomy:
That some of the Hoover Commission
recommendations for reorganizing the
crazy pattern of Federal agencies face hard
siedding in Congressional Committees;
seeking special

adding in Congressional Committees.

That pressure groups seeking apecial legitation are being successful because they represent big voting blocs;
That the Truman Administration is still on the offensive in its broad program of social welfare legitation;
That buttness men have been, and still are, too apathlet about national affairs except those directly affecting their own enterprises.

pression of confidence that business is bepression of confidence that business is be-ginning to realize that it will never win a defensive war against Government en-croachment, that a more positive attack is needed. One suggestion which certainly should be heeded: that business leaders atop seeking special Government favors and services for themselves or their local communities. ommunities.

and services for themselves or their local communities.

In mapping an offensive, business is goling to have to look further than the condition of its ledgers and the laws under which it operates. Opposition which atoms from purely selfah motives in religier convincing nor effective celling job to be done. The American people need to have translated into terms they can understand just what it means to swap "freedom for security", as one speaker described it., what it means to them as individuals, not what it means to business.

The proponents of the welfare state direct their selling campaigns to the masses of voters. This is the same audience that U. 8-business must seek out and sell—just as 8-business must seek out and sell—just as 8-business must seek out and sell—just as

S. business must seek out and sell-just as persuasively and just as persistently as it sells the merchandise of its markets and the products of its industry.

RETIREMENT OF 'THE MAJOR'

THE decision of Congressman A. L. Bul-This decision of Congressman A. L. Bul-winkle to resign the Congressman, position he has held with dignity and pur-pose for nearly 28 years will be received with ken regret by the people of his dis-trict whom he has served so well. The re-gret will be tinged, however, with sym-pathy for the condition of his health and understanding of his motives.

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Mr. Bullwinkle: is a gentlengin of great
personal dignity and refinement, considerable ability, and fidelily to his concept of
his legislator's duties. He is well liked on
Capitol Hill, and it is often said that he
has more friends among members' of the
House of Representatives than any other
Concressman.

Congressman.

For many years prior to the reshuffling of the Congressional districts after the 1940 census he represented Mecklenburg. County. His friendships among the people

of this county are pyrhaps as numerous as they are in his native Gaston or in the cipier counties of the present lith District, Author of much of the public health leg-liation of the last three decades, an ex-pert on rail and air transportation, Mr. Districts and the counties of the counties of the public public and the counties of the counties of the attracted supporters from both political philosophies. philosophies

His announcement of the decision to re-

His announcement of the decision to re-tire was in hig customary tradition of forthrightness. It will, he said, give the people of his district ample time to con-sider his successor.

There are numerous top-flight potential candidates in sight. And 'we may expect a spirited and interesting battle for the posi-tion which, to many people in this area, is recollected to reconstruct Major A. T. But. peculiarly the property of Major A. L. Bul-winkle.

ing the mystery.

From the first the finger of suspicion

From the first the finger of suspicion pointed to the ex-butler, but the officers could not devote their entire time to tracking him down because it was slways possible that their theory was wrong. They were pursuing every possible lead and studying every shred of evidence when the tip-off on the suspect's whereaboutif came, followed shortly by his arrest and subsections:

followed shortly by his arrest and subsequent confession.

Each member of the department who had a part in the speedy solution to the crime deserves the gratitude of the family and of the community.

EXCELLENT POLICE WORK

If ANYTHING can assuage the grief that the whole community felt over the death of Mrs. E. O. Anderson Br., it is the realiza-tion that her confessed shyer was captured promptly and will be brought to justice.

promptly and will be brought to justice.
There was a double reason for the intended investigation which produced the main suspect within 28 hours of the tragedy: the avenging of a particularly brutal crime, and the protection of other innocent

people.
Police Chief Frank Littlejohn and his force of detectives and patrolmen are to be commended for the vigor and the thoroughness of their-efforts. Shortly after the body of the well-known Charlotte woman was found, the Investigation moved into

From The New York Times

FIRST KATYDID

THE first of the season's katydids have been scraping out their night calls this past week. They have faltered as hit, uncertain in rhythm and untrue in pitch; but there they are, unmistakable—katydids in the hot, humid July night, And if one believes the old superstition that it is only six weeks from the first katydif, to the first frost, early September will bring crisp

Esperititions die hard, particularly this one. Who, sweltering in a hot, July bed, wouldn't like to believe that the scratching of an insect wing meant relief and sweet sleep? Surely this is one of our most com-forting folk-slae. But the fact it, that no kaydid ever hatched had the slightest fore-knowledge of weather. knowledge of weather.

katydid grows swiftly. When it reaches adulthood it is equipped with roughened patches on the wing which, when acraped together, make a vibrant sound. Only the males have these scrapers, and when they reach mating age they begin to scrape out their "song." If they hatch early they mature early. Evidently they hatched early this year.

this year.

So there they are, tuning up for August nights about two weeks earlier than usual. Give them another week or so and they will be in full "song." And by that time light aleepers will wish wholeheartedly for an early frost—and not merely because frost will bring cool nights. Prost will size lence most of the katydids. Not all of them; some will creep under leaves and crawl into crannies and escape the chill, and they will continue, too scratch at the and they will continue to scratch at the night until the deep frosts hit. But don't put too much stock in the first kaydid. He isn't concerned with anything but a mate.

'I'm Afraid Things Are Getting Better'



People's Platform

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—JOSEPH SELENY.

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Appropriate Term

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A REPLY to F. Clark—"Murders and Lynching."

Friday, July 29, 1949."

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About Barden Bill Editors, THE NEWS:

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ON a recent trip to the eastern part of the state I Pread your editorial on the Barden Bill. I don't know much about North Carolina politics but your editorial did not make sense to me. It is regrettable that an editor of a large newspaper would print in his column an article so plainly based on religious

South ..."

"The American press believes in American principles, for your information, 'Mr. or Mrs.) Clarke. It believes that the Negro as well as every other citizen is entitled to life and the pursuit of happing the control of the citizen is entitled to life and the pursuit of happing the citizen of these inalienable rights should not only be brought before the eyes of the world in headlines of mesupapers, but before the eyes at the bar of justice and punished according to the law!

—Id. L. McCLAIN JR.

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An Egg Is Deposited

-L. G. WILKES.

James Marlow

Doom Or Salvation

They are trying to find out whether animals can build up resistance to radiation. If they find out, it will help humans. And there's this:

This is the picture given by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in a 200-page report on its work. Every six months the AEC has to make such a report to Congress on its progress. The latest came out yesterday. "At Union College, some 1.400 mice have been used to study the effects upon growth of life, and blood, by irradiation with an X-ray."

X-ray."

And at the "University of Denver... radioactive material is applied directly to the see glands of rats to give information on the amounts that affect the reproduction of the control of the con

"Radiation that destroys the cells of cancer is one of the few effective means of controlling some forms of the disease. Scientists have used radiolodine to treat people with an over-active thyroid gland, or with cancer of the thy-

There's a little section which as as as a studying bloods in a bat's wing . At Argonne a laboratory at Chicago scientists studied the effects of radiation on circulation of blood in the wing by a small bat.

bat.

"They found that after the hat was exposed to radiation the circulation of the blood slowed down, largely because broken cells and other organic debis clogged the capillary vessels."

The Miracle

Consider the facts. Start with a newly independent state, the mass of whose people live at an increasion of the people live with the state of the control of the people are divided into races, castes, and relizions violently hestile to each other, Add a whole acrice of semi-independent princely states, mepared violently to resist absorption into the prevention.

Plunge this new state into a civil war, one of the bloodlest in history. Plic into it some \$50000 uttion. Plic into it some \$50000 uttion was a state in two, wholly disruptnew state in two, wholly disruptnew state in two, wholly disruptnew its economic life. Confront it with descerate economic problems, above all the problem of finding a bow and the problem of finding a growing at a cancerous page, alive,

Finally, add a Communist movement to take advantage as right-lessly as possible of all these terrible circumstances. Surely, it would be reasonable to expect the Indian atate to disintegrate, plunging into the chaos which has overtaken most of Asla.

EAST ON WEST
Here all sorts of qualifications
must be hastily interposed. "A lot
depends," said one observer here,
"whether you come from east or
west." Certainly the Indian miracle

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that it are staff, voir founding learn much with a microscope,
the state of the stat There is a little section called "Benefits From Atomic Energy" and in part it says:

As on the bodies of so many of the Indian people, there are great running sores on the Indian body politic. One sore is Kashmir. The descent into chaos will be very rapid if an insane war, which neither side can hope to win, fiares up between India and Pakistan:

Another sore is in the great city of Calcutta, and the province of Bengal, whose entire economy has been's wrecked, by partition. Riots, led by Communist armed with acid erenades, are an almost daily occupants of the property of the prope

Drew Pearson's Truman Drives Own Car On Pilgrimage Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON NEWSFAPERS carried a little note about President Truman driving his own car to Leeburg. Va. the other day, but there was no other explanation of why he went there. He was no other explanation of why he went there. Some weeks ago 'Sen. Cabol Lodge, Massachusetts Republican, was visiting Gen. George Marshall at Leeburg, whin the east-Secretary of State showed him the grave of the control of the cont

Truman As A Chauffeur

CEN MORSE. however, had no opportunity to break this news to President Truman until the two got in the White House care-a Lincoin-for their drive to Leeburg. Their first conversation was about the fact that the Their first conversation was about the fact that the Their first conversation was about the fact that the Their first conversation was about the fact that the Their first conversation was about the fact that the was conversation of the first fir

men sitting nérvously in the rear, the President enjoyed every minute of it.

Finally, Sen. Morae broke the news.

"I looked up Sen. Baker of Gregon." he said, and the Library of the said of the sai

Secret Capitol Cocktail Lounge
THE story has never been told how the Democrate discovered a secret cocktail lounge in the Capitol building
after they took over from the Republicans.
The lounge was fixed up by ex-Sen; Curly Brooks of
Illinois and his political profers to Sergeant-at-Arms Edward
MCGimbs, in one of the histosy-from of the Capitol where

the Supreme Court first net. They cleared out the state, histode furnishings and surfied it into a garyothered coestall lounge, incongruous and out of place in the Capitol. How much it cost the taxpavers to paint, decorate, and turnish Brooks provide lounge will probably hever be known, and the secret since he was chairman of the Senate Rules Committee and in charge of the Sprate wins of the Capitol.

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Trumma's Long-Memory
WHITE-HAIRED, 75-year-old Mamile Karst, mother of Mispolitic Congressions Ray Kerst, was one of the first
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House with her Congression and family, she asked the
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when he was elected to the Senate. Calling at the White Rouse with her Congression as on an family, he asked the Present Poylou remember me?

"Do I remember woul" exclaimed Trulman, who hadn't seen her since 1934. "How could I ever forget you?

"Do I remember you" which was the present present the senate of t