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AN EXPERIMENT WORTH WATCHING

Interesting Congressional experiment is taking place under the watchful eyes of Capitol politicians...

It is an experiment in economy, which its sponsors hope will bring about a reduction of the Federal budget...

This year the House Appropriations Committee imposed on President Truman's budget into a one-stage money bill...

President Truman had asked \$30,326,000,000 for the fiscal year 1951.

DEATH BEHIND BARS

Three bare facts of the fire at Spray, C. S. speak for themselves. Six prisoners, arrested on a charge of drunkenness, were locked in a small cell...

THE FATE OF CAPTAIN CROMMELIN

WE CAN'T for the life of us think of a better solution for the problem of Capt. John G. Crommelin than putting him in an indefinite furlough...

NATURE—THE UNPREDICTABLE

IF YOU'VE been perplexed by the tricks of Nature in this unusual Winter, think for a moment of the poor shrubs and trees...

It's easy enough, when the cold winds blow, for humans to don heavier clothing and turn up the furnaces...

At least three times since the balmy January weather the mercury has soared skyward and then slid back to a low freezing...

The results are in evidence everywhere. Light snow shoots of the leguminous have turned darker and brown and hang limply against the dark green of last year's hardier leaves...

The big purple blooms of the magnolia solanensis, their husks shedd premar-

200,000 for the purposes covered by the one-package bill. A "central committee" of the House Appropriations Committee...

Even if the Republicans succeed—and that is a remote possibility—there will still be a deficit of one billion dollars at the end of 1951 fiscal year...

It accomplishes nothing else, the one-package money will put pressure for economy which is not authorized by Congress...

It is especially horrible for them to be locked up behind bars by the authority of Congress and left to die helpless.

In how many other jails in North Carolina are people behind bars behind closed doors, without supervision, without a chance to fight for their lives...

This spray tragedy calls for an immediate and thorough investigation to fix the blame. But this further calls for an exhaustive survey of all places in North Carolina—institutions as well as jails—where people are locked behind bars.

It must not happen again!

continued making lectures and broadcasts and writing magazine articles.

Simultaneous with the furloughing of Captain Crommelin, the Navy made public a new order. It said:

"The good of the service and the welfare of the Nation require that there be an end to interminate public criticism of responsible officials and members of the National Defense Establishment by officers on active duty in the Navy."

That looks like a gag-rule, but it is not. Ordinary rules of a democracy do not apply to the armed services where policies are determined by the commander-in-chief and the Congress, and put into practice by military officers. If non-conformity with those policies were become widespread, there would be no efficiency or discipline, merely chaos.

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Surely it must be disappointing to wait impatiently through the cold Winter for that moment of glory—and then find it empty. But the main, eternal optimist that they are, don't get discouraged. They start setting ready all over again, confident that Nature will be less rambunctious next time the cycle completes itself.

And then, in good time before dusk there is freedom for another hour. There are gardens and lawns to be tended, there are tasks and relations to be courted. There is a sense of relief, a sense of freedom. These times of freedom and pressure—tranquility to be recovered. There is—yes, there is pleasure to be found, and we make no apology for this item. No man should set his clock ahead and order his day for himself alone. It takes a concert of arrangements, public and private. And he makes all this possible. We would gain at both the beginning and end of the day.

Anyone remember what hydrogen was used for back in the old days? Current news item—Curious (N. M.) Current-Arts.

An old-fashioned girl lays her cigarette and the pulling of a cigarette over her head—Greenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth.

'Well, What Do You Think?'

Bill Would Turn FBI Into Gestapo For United States

BY MARQUIS CHILDS

THE PROHIBITION of a suggested amendment to the National Security Act...

As passed by the Senate, the Science Foundation Bill did not contain the new gimmick. The new gimmick would require the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report on the loyalty of individuals...

This would give the FBI the same kind of authority that the Gestapo had in Nazi Germany. It would be a secret police in disguise.

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This should make Rep. Howard Smith and the others who backed the amendment in the House take a long second look at the proposal.

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Bull-Fighting Would Lead Dignity To The TV Screen

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

THE THING THAT is mainly lacking to bring television to the United States is bull-fighting, which currently is illegal in America.

This is obviously a foolish restriction. It is a barbaric and un-American practice. It is a disgrace to our country.

The naughty boys that are sold in subway kiosks invariably trade heavily on scantily clad young ladies who wrestle, punch, and kick each other with implements.

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News From The Capital

Wilmington Drydock Hits Snag

BY TOM SCHLESINGER

WILMINGTON'S inability to decide whether it really wants a floating dry dock now is putting some important people on the spot in Washington.

Everything that has happened here, he had instructions from Governor Scott, Wilmington officials and the State Port Authority to get one of the Navy's floating docks. If it was, many people are locked behind bars.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Hero Of Revolution Will Be Honored

A FORGOTTEN hero of the Revolutionary War, an unpoised money lender, will soon be immortalized in Washington...

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had let school out early. Ignoring Langer, Lucas marched up to Sen. Pat McCarran, Nevada Democrat, who had just posed his hand in the door to see what was happening...

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Tongue-Lashing

Lucas waited until the next day to give Langer a scolding. "While I would my friend from North Dakota has voted out often with Senators on the Democratic side of the aisle..."

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Senator On Rampage

STORMIEST fight on Capitol Hill is North Dakota's fearsome "Wild Bill" Langer who roars at the Senate...

Fantastic Radio Snuff

THE American Embassy staff listening to the radio in Moscow heard a fantastic story what was going on in the USA.

Other price comparisons

A man's suit that sells for \$27 in the U. S. costs \$27 in the Soviet; a woman's dress, \$25 here, \$25 there...