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EXPERIMENT AT BUTNER

SOCIETY is beginning to demand that science do something about the parade of inebriates through the courts and jails, the hazards of drunken driving, the disrupted homes and social vices attendant upon inebriety. The public clamors for action in this field. But it can provide assistance in relieving some of the problems, and perhaps, through experience gained in working with large numbers of cases, develop new insight into the social restrictions of the problem which may lead to constructive action on a broad scale.

Rammond G. McCarthy, M. A., Executive Director, Yale Plan Clinics

MAY or June, the State Hospital at Butner will be opened at Camp Butner an alcoholic rehabilitation center. There will be facilities for treating about 50 patients. It should be able to treat several hundred patients a year.

When one considers the thousands of known alcoholics in North Carolina and the hundreds of thousands who have not come to public attention, the facilities at Butner seem inadequate. But it must be remembered that the Butner Center is an experiment, that it is a field about which very little is known.

It is best, in this case, to proceed slowly and carefully.

The Butner Center has grown into a separate hospital system for alcoholics, the State Hospital at Raleigh (Dix Hill)

THE COST OF WAR GOES ON AND ON

AN EMPHATIC reminder of the grim cost of war was given again yesterday as the House Appropriations Committee approved the Government spending bill including more than \$30,000,000,000 to pay for defense in the future war and some of the cost of past conflicts.

The appropriations figures, and they are astronomical, include:

- Defense Dept. \$18,911,137,300; Atomic Energy \$9,701,728,785; Atomic Dept. \$47,970,000. This adds up to more than two-thirds of the entire appropriations bill. In this connection, the committee has estimated that the nation is spending the nearly fourteen billion dollars for the Defense Department that it needs for economy and financial stability kept it from raising the total.

THE CASE AGAINST CHAIREUSE HAIR

DOWN at a "Hair and Beauty" festival in Atlanta this week, they paraded some models forth who had their hair tinted in pastel colors—pink, salmon, green, silver, gold and blue.

It is with some trepidation that we comment on this startling development, for it is not our wish to assist in spreading this latest indication that fashion can be foolish.

BRITAIN AND AMERICAN AID

AS THE DEBATE over authorization of funds for the third Marshall Plan year gets under way in Congress, it is becoming evident that one of the principal issues in it will be Britain's role in both European integration and atomic energy trade.

The same, however, cannot be said of Senator Connally's proposal to cancel all Marshall Plan aid to Britain unless and until it abandons all discrimination against American oil interests.

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These difficulties have been long recognized and efforts to solve them are under way with respect to both oil and other commodities. But they can be solved only by mutual accommodation and not by a fiat from Washington.

Remember that the people you can keep focused for a long time, have little sense, that they aren't worth the trouble.

'Somebody Around Here Is Helping The Commies!'



Peoples Platform

The Menace Of The Glaring Headlights

Editor: The News: I AM enclosing copy of my letter to Mr. Mayor, January 4, to which I received no reply. Also copy of my letter, February 20, to which his secretary replied, telling me that it had been referred to the City Manager, and I have had no reply to this.

Strong Man Needed

Editor: The News: THIS American people today have lost respect for their elected representatives. In the office of the Administrative and Judicial Branches of our National Government, while the City of Charlotte is presiding over their misdeeds.

Drew Pearson's Bomb Defenses Would Bankrupt Nation

HERE are some situations which most Americans don't know about, but which concern them vitally. Situation No. 1.—The future atomic-hydrogen defense of Washington, D. C., according to atomic scientists, must require a ring of fire stations fifteen miles out of the city and completely around the City. Present fire stations in the city would be wiped out in the case of an enemy attack.

Unemployment Blight Creeps Above The Political Horizon

By MARQUE CHILDS

WASHINGTON THE ECONOMIC prophets have been so often confounded in this country that the level of public belief is pretty low. It began with the economic prognosticators who predicted that the jobless figure for June of 1949 was still on that there would be 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 unemployed within a few months after V-J Day.

The latest figure for February — is 4,700,000. It is expected to mount to 5,000,000 by the end of the month. But that will not necessarily reflect any serious rise in the number of jobs. The March total will include many who were laid off by the prolonged cold strike.

It is one weakness of the statistical method now used to arrive at monthly figures that the level of weakness is that it does not reflect partial employment.

For long past, what has not a steady creeping upward of the jobless figure in this connection. A glaring example is that given in a speech made before a business group in Chicago by Leon Keyserling, acting chairman of the President's Council on Economic Advisors.

Keyserling talked about this creeping unemployment in relation to the nation's level of production. He pointed out that 1948 was the most active year that the country has ever had. Much of the talk of the future has been in terms of trying to sustain that level.

Yet, according to Keyserling, if that level is maintained, there will be a 1948 level of production. Keyserling's statistics are that in 1948 there were 4,700,000 unemployed. In 1948 the average of unemployed, to employ them (one point eight per cent. in 1949, when output was only about 1 per cent below the level of 1948) previous year unemployment was 3.5 (three point five per cent.)

Short of a war, this will put the burden squarely into the 1952 campaign. By that time the level of production will be up to 1948. For many of the older jobs, unemployment benefits and a living wage will be the only means of support. They would constitute an obstacle, not to say a vicious, minority pushing for drastic governmental remedies. That is, may be the only way to keep it already a cloud on the horizon.

Houston Pays Tribute To Culture (McCarthy Brand)

By ROBERT C. RUARK

HOUSTON, TEX. HIS is a pleasure to report that the Houston Chamber of Commerce has given a tribute to the culture of the city. It is a tribute to the culture of the city.

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