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RAILROADS VS. TRUCKS

AFTER several years of steep increases in railroad freight rates for all types of products, the railroads have at last asked for a rate decrease.
One would expect cheers from the people, and prompt approval from the N. C. Utilities Commission. Instead, the Commission has held up its decision because of strenuous objections from the trucking industry.

WAKE FOREST LIVES ON

HOPFUL as we were that the new Baptist seminary would be placed in Mecklenburg County, thus adding a new institution to the religious and cultural life of the community and region, we believe the recommendation that the Wake Forest plant be used was a sensible one.
Wake Forest is the ideal site for the seminary. A big and useful plant is already there, and about 1 cent per hundred pounds under present truck rates.

THE CARDINAL IS MISTAKEN

REPLYING to a recent statement by Cardinal Spellman on the Federal aid to education controversy, Francis Cardinal Spellman told reporters, Francis Cardinal Spellman told reporters, Francis Cardinal Spellman told reporters, Francis Cardinal Spellman told reporters.

ELIMINATING JAIL HAZARDS

THE grand jury investigating the Spray jail tragedy which claimed the lives of six prisoners, has made three sensible recommendations:
1. That an adequate system of ventilation be installed.
2. That fire-resistant materials be used on all mattresses and bedding.

From The Atlanta Constitution

IS A VOTE TOO MUCH TO ASK?

IT WOULD be difficult to overestimate the importance to the South of the proposed Lodge amendment to the Constitution.
Briefly, this amendment, which already has passed the Senate, would abolish the electoral college and provide for division of each state's electoral vote in accordance with the popular vote.

part of the gasoline and fuel oil traffic they lost to the truckers during the war. The truckers want to protect their present differential rate structure.
The only interest the Commission should consider, however, is that of the public. At the very heart of our free enterprise system is the principle that the fruits of competition shall be passed along to the consumer in the form of lower prices.

N. C. Baptists had been pondering what to do with the Wake Forest plant after removal of the college to Winston-Salem. A big new Junior college had been tentatively suggested by releasing the property to the Southern Baptist Convention, N. C. Baptists will assure that it is used in the best interest of the church, and will furthermore collect \$1,600,000 to apply toward the Winston-Salem removal fund.

They are "religious schools" only in the sense that they are physically situated in orphanages operated by religious denominations.
Mr. Douglas added that the same State aid has been made available to schools at Catholic orphanages under the same conditions, but they declined to take advantage of it.

This is a clear difference which Cardinal Spellman has overlooked. We have no desire to prolong, or add to, the religious controversy which has developed over Federal aid to education. But it is important, that the record be set straight in North Carolina, where a majority of the people feel that public funds should be used only for public schools.

arete, caused the intense smoke.
3. That persons jailed for intoxication be placed in bare cells where heat is provided and from which all inflammable materials are removed.
These improvements will minimize the possibility of a repetition of the tragedy at Spray. But any such improvements in many other North Carolina jails, and additional men and women will die helplessly behind bars unless similar improvements are carried out everywhere in the state.

The Lodge amendment would bring back competition for Southern votes. It would tend to restore the region's one-time political power.
Through a coalition of ultra-conservative Republicans, who erroneously fear the Lodge amendment would ill affect their Party, and leftwing Democrats, who want to retain exorbitant prerogatives for minorities, the Lodge proposal has been bottled up in the House Rules Committee.

It is only fair to note that some of the Democratic voters in the coalition have been the severest critics of similar Committee moves involving bills they wanted to get on the floor.
Georgia's Rep. Eugene Cox thinks it may be possible to reverse the earlier vote and bring the Lodge plan to the floor of the House for action. That is all its proponents ask. We believe the complete fairness of the measure will insure its passage. Is it too much to ask that the Congress, and the States, be allowed to vote on it?

We have some friends who bought beautiful slip covers for their furniture. The covers are so pretty, in fact, that now they are thinking of getting slip covers for the slip covers—Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar.
Farmer Grimes of Vinegar Bend says that maybe there are some underprivileged people, but he says the underprivileged folks he has seen in Vinegar Bend are people allergic to working between meals.—Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.
Every bright, warm day suggests to the fisherman husband that it is time for his wife to start gardening.—Pittsburg (Tex.) Gazette.



A New Philosophy

New York Tackles Sex Crimes

By BOB SAUND
Charlie Nease Staff Writer
SEX CRIMES disturb the public greatly. People become more indignant over the slaying of a little girl by a sex degenerate than over the deaths of half-a-dozen persons at the hands of an organized gang.

DAY after day the courts of the land send sex offenders away to prisons where they spend a few years and then are returned to society. Often they recommit the same former behavior patterns, commit more sex offenses.

Seldom do these prisoners receive psychiatric examination or treatment. Yet proper psychiatric treatment can cure many of them.
Court action against such offenders is often just as ineffective as shutting-down a dangerous animal a few days after it had run wild and then releasing it.

Recently the New York State Legislature received one of the most important pieces of legislation proposed for the handling of this major problem.
The New York bill incorporates recommendations made by a special committee appointed by Governor Dewey two years ago to study sex offenders at Sing Sing Prison.

- In brief, this is what the bill proposes:
1. That the court be empowered to sentence persons convicted of rape or sodomy involving violence, or against small children, or persons convicted of sodomy involving violence, to an indeterminate sentence from one year to life.
2. That the Department of Mental Hygiene, the Department of Correction and the Board of Parole be given the duty of providing prompt and intensive study to defendants receiving indeterminate sentences, to be followed where feasible by therapeutic treatment, with thorough psychiatric examinations at least every two years.
3. That all defendants in sex crimes be examined prior to sentencing by a team of public psychiatrists, psychologists or other qualified persons.

UNLIKE many correctional actions recommended by private groups, the New York program does not suggest such drastic punishment as castration or life-long segregation in sex offenders' colonies.
"Launched in 1948, it was not greatly influenced by the recent hysteria resulting from several widely publicized sex offenses against children.

It may seem to many that the possibility of a sex offender being released from prison after only one year, as provided for in the first portion of the bill, "That is the New York bill for sexual offenses."
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WASHINGTON
THE chances of war with Russia were summed up by the other chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Omar Bradley, Bradley went on to explain that he was not speaking for the Chiefs of Staff but only giving his personal views.
He stressed first that the Russian would like to increase their industrial potential and improve their industrial situation, and second, they would certainly want to have a stockpile of atomic bombs before precipitating a war.

Off The Record

WESLEY agrees that this question should be answered off the record and I will be glad to give you my opinion.

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is a decided drawback to the measure. But it is not this minimum punishment that is of importance here, for it is doubtful that a group of competent psychiatrists would recommend the release of a known offender after such a short time.
What is important is that power would be granted the court to send sex offenders to prisons so long as they may be of danger to the community. If, in periodic examinations, a group of experts on emotional disorders find the offender still dangerous, he will be kept away from society.

SAID Governor Dewey, in a message accompanying the bill:
The effect of the proposal for indeterminate sentences "would require that the prisoner be given especially intensive study and treatment whenever he will accept it, with reconsideration of the entire case at least every two years. At the same time this would make the sentence sufficiently flexible to permit the control of such persons over a period long enough to prevent the possibility of future menaces."

"It would be a great mistake to consider the proposed sentence as a means of heaping punishment upon those whose acts may shock and revolt. In reality it is an experimental step taken in the hope that we may ultimately develop a wholly scientific method for the treatment of those who cannot or will not conform with our rules of behavior."

"What we can do is avoid the too early release of sex offenders whose mental or emotional maladjustments are severe and clearly of a sort that makes them dangerous to the personal safety of women and children. More important, this bill, if the judges will really try to stop the dreadful situations where the state is forced by law to turn loose men it is sure will immediately return to public crime."

THE New York bill might well serve as a model.

BERLIN
HOLD fast, beleaguered city!
The best place in Europe, at the moment, Berlin has found in the Kremlin's hints of settlement.

The test reveals that while the Kremlin talks of peace, the Soviet High Command is actually preparing a major offensive that will be more dangerous to the West than any direct military provocation, than any in the past.
A previous report in this space has already described the projected May invasion of Berlin by the East zone Communist youth, and the series of other planned riots and strikes to follow this attack.

THE Soviet state planners then will hold East zone Communist youth, and the series of other planned riots and strikes to follow this attack.
The worst kind of trouble can be expected immediately thereafter, unless the strongest deterrent has been taken in the meantime.
What will occur is very simple. The East German puppet government will announce the presence of the Western powers in the East German zone, and will then enforce a new blockade, using every device known to the East German government.

There are clear, practical reasons for the elaborate and immensely menacing comedy, Soviet intentions toward Berlin have already been explained by the plans for the May 1949 blockade, and the other projected attacks of the same nature.

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20th Century Voodooism Is Used To Conjure Up Shower

NEW YORK
I AM PLEASED that we have fairly base grade in voodoo of this fair city, in this great metropolis, in this city of the future, in this city of the future, in this city of the future.

Also there are too many magicians who are including the legislators who tried to crowd through a couple of bills restricting the right to make rain and to prevent rain during a slow and monotonous rain.

OLD BLACK MAGIC
We will rule out the power of prayer here, since we have obviously settled on black magic as the answer to our rain problem.

I remember one rain prayer who was so good he used to say: "And I know you know that a sure-bet rain 'n' rip-rap' gully-sawker, no rain 'n' rip-rap' gully-sawker, no rain 'n' rip-rap' gully-sawker."

But prayer conflicts with voodoo, and one nullifies the other. Enough of prayer, and on with the incantations.

ANYBODY with one dry bone to rub against the other in his conjure book, and one dry bone to rub against the other in his conjure book, and one dry bone to rub against the other in his conjure book.

WALLACE of Magnolia-Seconomy-Vacuum to the Federal Court. But in addition Kerr may profit from an Oklahoma high-bidder when the RRC by selling its "black-top" to the Kerr-McCree.

Incidentally, Senator Kerr is a fast worker. He got his former appointed counsel for the RRC in Oklahoma one month after he entered the RRC.

NOTE—Senator Kerr's oil and gas holdings are valued at about \$100,000,000. In view of this, Senators are working on a bill to change the oil and gas bill.

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Bible-Quoting Bob

THE more you realize he is no novice from the bush leagues over Oklahoma, but one of the smartest Senators ever to come from that state. He is particularly smart at the end over for Bob Kerr.