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POTATOES AND MORE POTATOES

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It began soma_rears ago when the government desided that farmers were having a rough time of it and needed a little help in getting a good price for their produce. It worked out a system of supporting farm prices by guaranteeing the farmer a basic price for his produce; if he couldn't sell it to the public at that base price, then the government would buy it.

There was no questioning the need for the produce and the government would buy it.

There was no questioning the need for some sort of help for the embattled farm-

But, in 1943, the Department of Agriculture thought it saw a shortage of polatoes coming, pulled spuds into the price-support program. It was mistaken. There was an underestimation and the farmers turned up with more than 51 million more bushels than the agriculture men thought they

would.

The government bought more than haif that. (Cost to the taxpayer: \$21.6 million.) The potaloes were stored and they rotted or they were burned. A list-was found for a few of them. It was something of a catastroph for the Department.

Nothing, however, was done about it.

It wann't so bad in 1944. Surplus potatoes cost the taxpayers but \$33 million.
In 1946, the cost up was rashin. The axe papers are supported the potato grower to the tune of \$250 million.

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For 1949 he can expect to pay \$30 million. Why so many surplus potatoes? Can't the government do anything to keep the potato farmer from growing so many spuds?

The government thought it could. It had a system to limit the acreage of potatoes from But the farmers were not to be done out of their gravy: they planted their rows closer tosether, produced more potatoes than ever before.

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And that is why the housewife is paying approximately three-and-a-half centia a pound for potatoes while the government destroys about 5000,0000 bunkles of them.

The government, rightfully, is concerned. It will go shead and destroy the potatoes this year, but, if it is wise, it will heed the advice of Sen. Anderson who told the Senate Agriculture Committee last week that the Aericulture Department must have authority to say how many bushels of potatoes shall be grown.

— Potato growers are in no position to kick against production controls by the Aericulture Department: they have been taking too much government cash for surplus potatoes.

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If they object to genuine production controls, then let us abandon the potato price-support program completely.

WATER SHORTAGES—A CRITICAL PROBLEM

BECAUSE of rapidly increasing popula-with the lowering of the water table throughout the nation, water is now in scarce supply in many area. For exam-ple, it is so scarce in Ohio that important induscries in that state have been obliged to curtail their expansion. The properties of including the properties of the properties of the faithful has recently been passed requir-ing a license to construct wells above a stiven size.

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The critical scarcity of water in New York has, of course, received nationwide attention in newspapers and magazines but it should be remembered that pressing water problems also exist in California, Arizona and in many other sections. In North Carolina we are faced with a long-range conservation problem involving the need for better flood control and further protection against soil crosion.

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Fortunately, there has been widespread public interest in flinding a constructive solution to the country's over-all water problem. President Truman early in January appointed a temporary Water Resources Policy Commission consisting of seven members to study and make recommendations to him on existing Federal legislation and policies in the water resources field. The President named the distinguished engineer, Morris L. Cooke, as Chairman, and the other members of the Commission are: Dean Paul S. Burgess of the College of Agriculture at the University of Arisons, a bio-chemist; President Lewis, V. Jones of the Month of Morris of the Los and the College of Agriculture at the University of Arison, and the College of New York, an engineer; Leliand Olds of New York an engineer; Leliand Olds of New York an engineer; Leliand Cids of New York and commist; and President Gibert F. White of Haverfood College, a geographer.

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Mr. Cooke, who, has held many important Federal posts such as the first Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration and U. S. expert for the settlement of the Mexican oil dispute, will

mot be one to work in the vacuum of an isolated office devoted to merely academic research. He and his six associates have invited all persons and organizations concerned with water resources to come and speak their minds to the Commission on what they believe to be a sound water. It is expected that many representatives of Federa, state, county and city agencies will contribute their views. Articultural, labor and business organizations, engineers clubs and other societies and associations will take their convictions to Washington for the consideration of the Commission which has established healignaters in the Executive Office Building.

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policy."

A tremendous task lies ahead of the Commission headed by the capable Mr. Cooke, but if the fullest possible co-operation comes from every available source, far-reaching results will be achieved for the long-range program.

From The Winston-Salem Journal

DISCRIMINATORY, INTOLERABLE

"IT IS a disgrace for any county to have.

Letter facilities for one race, and I can see why the colored people of this county could be dissatisfied living under conditions such as this."

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In these words Superior Court Judge
W. C. Harris condemned the conditions
found in the Negro schools of Person
County by a Grand Jury. The report indicated that one of the Negro school buildings was "not fit for holding school," and
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The Superintendent of the Person schools appeared before the Grand Jury and explained that a contemplated consolidation program was designed to eliminate some of the worse conditions. But Judge Harris said the fact that the schools would be consolidated in the future was no excuse for the conditions found by the Grand Jury. He added that the and that the schools were the schools of the conditions from the school that the school tha

remedy the situation.

We agree with Judge Harris that it is a
disgrace for any county, community or
state to provide better school or other social welfare facilities for one race than it
provides for the other.

The South, unfortunately, for a long
time has proceeded in accordance with a

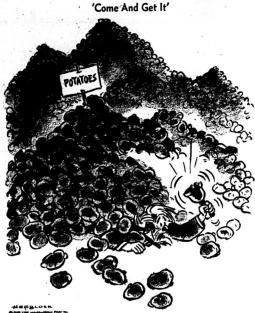
double standard of public duty. Too often it has given the Negro people poor facili-ties in education and housing, etc.

That day is done—that practice nears its end. The social conscience of the South has been slow to awaken, but its awakening. Already wast strides have been made in North Carolina in the direction of equity in providing public educational and other social service facilities for our Negro people.

The Person County expose is only one The Person County expose is only one of several incidents tending to reveal the fact that we still have far to go. But we are going. Equality of educational advantages and opportunity is the just birthright of every North Carolina child, while or Negro. It is the will of this state that to none shall that birthright be denied.

The prospects of Texas becoming the dominant state in the Union in the second half of the 20th century are brighter than were the nation's prospects in 1900 of reaching world dominance by 1950. Texass have the vision to plan great things, and the ability and audactity to carry them out.—Houston (Tex.) Chronkle.

Softer tires help on ice'; so do less bour-bon and branch water...Dallas (Tex.) Morning News.



People's Platform

'Shocking Revelations'

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—EEON K. GUTMAN.

March Of Donations

Urges Electoral Change Editors, THE NEWS:

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FINE Senate of the United States has proposed a constitutional amendment providing that the vote of the states are constitutional amendment providing that the vote of the states of the state of

lean organization oligarchs, who for 50 years have called themselves the Republican Parry in the Southern states, will shrived away.

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-BRYANT THOMPSON.

Resolution Praised

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Charlotte Interdenonminimal Missionary Union for its resolution prgarding the Charlotte Charlstone Parade. We therefore
throughout the country.

I have noticed in my travels that most cities
which had parades, requested. Seem the country
has broken loose, but we still have our vespons of
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Mercy Killings Could Lack **True Humanitarian Motives**

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK

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THE HARD WAY

Radical Changes Have Been Made In 'Homework' Ideas

By HENRY C. MCFADYEN

books home with a book strap. It used to be that the child was expected to do most of his actual study and preparation outside of school. When he came to school the next morning lie was supposed had found out for himself. Several factors have brought about a radical change in that system. Schools no longer expect children to do much studying at home. Here are some of the reasons.

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More conditions often make study difficult or impossible 1 sirredy have discovered for myself three children is no place to develop scholarsing. It is almost impossible for the oldest boy to find on the condition of the conditi

when all is said and done. I am afraid most parents are too busy or too tired at the close of the day to help much with homework, with the geography, hatory. English, and spelling. On the arithmetic, however, I draw the line. I have been through that once, and once is enough.

Mrs. Truman Owned 'Just A Plain Dog' Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Soldiers Of Tomorrow?

'Invasion' Of Maryland

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HOWEVER, the men who have fought our wars in the past realized that there is only one way to win peace for the future—by working at it. For peace is not a beribboned parchament which diplomats sign after a war to ever. It is a living, breating day-to-day document which the people of a nation mast work at year after year. It have the marriage license is signed. And the fact that to many Americans forgot to work at peace and retreated into their shell of isolation during the Hardington of the state of the sta