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## TRUCK DAMAGE TO ROADS

A SIX-MONTHS co-operative study in the State of Maryland promises to answer a question that has been debated

answer a question that has been debated hotly for years—How much do heavy truck loads damage the highways?

An interim report on the Maryland study has just been issued, and it presents indings that should be of great interest to the North Carolina General Assembly and to the State Highway Commission.

More than six months ago, a 1.1 mile stretch of reinforced concrete was blocked off near La Plata, Md. Four pairs of trucks of four different weights were run back and forth for six months, with these results:

The trucks with 44,800-pound tandem The trucks with 44,500-pound, tandem (two rear) axie loads caused eleven times as much potenment cracking as a 32,000-pound tandem loads.

The 22000-pound single axie loads caused six times as much cracking as the 18,000-pound single axie loads.

After 84,000 truck passes, 80 per cent of the joints in the section carrying the 44,800-pound loads were depressed. By com-

parison, with the same number of truck passes, 10 per cent of the joints carrying 32,000-pound loads were depressed.

33,000-pound loads were depressed.
One conclision jumps out of these findings. As axie loads increase arithmetically the damage caused to the roads increases geometrically. In other words, a 30 per cent increase in axie loads does not cause a 50 per cent increase in damage. Rather, it may cause an increase in damage of sev-eral hundred percent.

Current North Carolina laws limit single axie loads to 31,500 pounds, and tandem axie loads to 40,000. Judging by the Mary-land test standards, these limits, especially the single axie figure, are dangerously high

The State Highway Commission is cur-The otate rightway commission is cur-rently surveying the needs of North Caro-lina's primary road system. Before reach-ing any conclusion, it must measure our own weight limit laws against the Mary-land test findings. Otherwise, it cannot possibly appraise our long-range primary road needs with any degree of accuracy.

## TOBEY WINS COMMITTEE POST

SHORT of selecting Senator Wayne
Smore of Oregon, the Republican
Party made the best possible choice of a
man to fill the vacancy in the important
Scales Froigh Relations Committee
Contains Transmission of the State of Chiang Kal-shek, and his selection would
have created new obstacles to the development of a harmonious Far Esstern Policy,
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The isolationist bloc in the Republican Party had favored Senator William Know-land of California for the vacancy. Al-though Knowland is reasonably enlight-ened in his attitude toward the defense of

Recorder Smith on the subject, it can be

assumed that he considers "runners" to be necessary to the successful operation of a

for "small fry" will discourage others from working for the syndicate managers. We believe that Judge Smith has some-thing there. It would be better, of course,

thing there. It would be better, of course, to get at the top men in the lottery racket, and put them behind bars for a long time. The trouble is that they're pretty hard to catch, and even harder to convict. If alert police officers make it tough enough on the "small fry", the big boys will be left without a force to make the pick-ups and pay-offs, and their business will soon dry up.

## NABBING THE 'SMALL FRY'

NORTH CAROLINA courts have been notably reluctant to crack down hard on "small try" in the bootlegging, lottery and other assorted rackets. The prevailing theory is that the big operators are the main culprits, and that it doesn't do much good to punish the little fellows severely. Recorder H. Winfield Smith of Wilmington has other ideas on the subject. This week he handed out entenence to nineteen Negroes convicted of lottery law violations. Four were sentenced to two vears on the

Four were sentenced to two years on the roads. Thirteen were fined \$1,000 and costs, and given two-year sentences suspended on payment of fine and costs Two defendants received two-year sentences suspended upon good behavior. Although news stories didn't quote

## WHAT PRICE GLORY?

SINCLAR LEWIS, the novellst, died this Sweek in Rome. He was 65 and the author of a number of sound and enter-taining books about life in the United Sistes. He brought great lame to himself and some honer to his country in 1930 when he received the Nobel Prize for Literature. The prize was based, largely, on three of his novels. Main Street, published in 1930. Babbitt 19321, and Arroxemith.

With Elmer Gantry in 1927 and Dodsworth in 1929 Sinclair Lewis completed his best decade. Never again did he catch the exact flavor of the time; he was a man

thing he had between Main Street and his triumph in Stockholm was lost.

Perhaps it is as Scott Fittgerald once pointed out: "Nothing fails like success." Perhaps outs is not the proper climate for genius. We wear them out too fast—with mofies and adulation. Few of our genil survive this onsiaught of affection. Now and then someone like Thomas Merton comes on the scene and solves the whole matter by retting to a monastery. Merton, who monopolized the best-seller likts in 1949, is living in a Trappist retreat,

lists in 1949, is living in a Trappist retreat, free from the attractive but dangerous life

his best decade. Never again did he catch the exact flavor of the time; he was a man of the 'wenties.

It is disturbing sometimes to realize how short the life of gentus actually is. The span of Lewis gentus was a decade, and although he continued to write, to produce readable novels. It was clear that some-

From The Greensboro Daily News

## ON THE LOCAL LEVEL

THE kind of news that portends better attended to Special rooms in general hosmand more humane treatment of the mentally ill comes from Shelp, where it has been decided that two rooms especially equipped for psychiatric cases will be included in the new wing of the Shelpy hospital specially equipped for psychiatric cases will be included in the new wing of the Shelpy hospital specially equipped for psychiatric cases will be included in the new wing of the Shelpy hospital special propers in the propers in the propers in the propers of the pr equipped for psychiatric cases will be in-cluded in the new wing of the Shelby hos-pital which is expected to be completed early next Spring.

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While two rooms are not much and it is explained by hospital authorities that the institution does not plan to go in for 'this phase of medicine.' these rooms do mean that persons who become mentally ill in the Shelby environs will not have to be thrown into jail. Rather they will be taken to a hospital where they can have proper care and attention as they should until they can be transferred to a public or private institution which does specialize in such cases.

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Under present arrangements in most
communities there is no place left to take
these disturbed persons, pending their
dissiston to some other institution, except
the jail, where at least they are protected
room themselves. If they are violent they
unt be placed under some kind of retraint. Even if admission to a public
astitution is secured promptly, several
sys may lapse before commitment papers
an be cleared and other necessary details

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If local medical societies, as was true of
the Cleveland County Society, generally
take the lead and exert their influence,
such rooms will be provided in all of the
public or community hospitals which are
being constructed in North Carolina and a
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top of the control of the contr taiy ill on the local level where much must be done if what we wish to accomplish is accomplished. Even worst needed, from the preventive angle, are mental hygiene clinics which will detect cases and get at them while their effective treatment is much more likely. With successful functioning of these clinics strong rooms, which opprate at the other end of the line, will not we earnestly hope, be so badly needed.

Two thoughtful bachelors remarked that the word bustle was peculiar. You would think from the sound of it that it was worn in an entirely different place.— Kingsport (Tenn.) Times. Courts Cause Of Unification

By THE ALSOPS

WASHINGTON
FOR FORECASTERS of the
Congressional climate, the
most important single fact about
the President's message on the
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and the State Dept. officials.

The President has not changed his mind, to be sure, about-civil rights. He has merely deferred the issue. But the effect of what he issue. But the effect of what he has done has meanwhile been immeasurably increased by another great change in the relationship between the White House and the Southerners.

SEMI-UNIFICATION

that hope is dead or dying, the Congressional outlook is radically altered. With the Democrats voting pre-ty solidly, and such progressive Rer-publicans as Senstors Wayne More-publicans as Senstors Wayne More-sonith, of Maine, going along, Sen. Taft can hardly command a ma-terial of the progression of foreign and defense policy, except on minor matter. There is not one way to achieve.

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**Truman Speech** 

By THE ALSOPS



## News From The Capital

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declared:

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were doing.

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Or Smith's cher assignment, the District Committee-a sort of city council which nelps govern washington-the Senator is frank to say that he knows little about municipal government. However, the sound that the sound municipal government. However, the sound that the sound that the sound that the footsteps to both Umstead and Hony. J. "Dogie" Hatcher, assistant chief of counsel of the investigating committee, but the purchase of an airport and its sale at an inflated prige to the Government.

the GOP move are already apparent in portions of the Southern bloc.

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Senator Hoey, for instance, in commenting on the President's State-of-the-Union address, declared: Testin believe that it would be wise for the President to contail. Congrued the United States, If only for unity, it is well for Congress to share the responsibility same Congress has the sole power to declare war."

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declare war."

Benator Smith said while, "I realize that there were emergencies in isolated cases where the President should and did have the authority to send troops into combat, I do not think troops should be sent in fighting strength without approval of Congress."

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the two North Carolina lawmaters. Wags any that
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strong-here becoming too conservative for him, and
The three Senators almost immediately discovered one thing they all had in common. Smith is a
Duke graduate. Hoey helds an honorary degree from
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Threats of War **Change Politics** In Strange Way

By MARQUIS CHILDS

PRESIDENT TRUMANS new strategy of sweetness and light is bringing awards if only in the headlines. His "Dear Harry" letter to Senator Byrd of Virginia represents a brand new stylistic trend in the Truman correspondence school.

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Among Democrats in the Senate almost the same situation prevails. Among Among Democrats in the Senate cold. Thirteen of these shorn lambs have met to try to determine how they can early where the property of the same of th

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# U. S. Nearing Serious Beef Shortage

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WASHINGTON

A COUTDOURSEAL report on how to stay the wild climb
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BREAD — The Dept of Justice should crack down on price-fixing by big bakers. Also, a real-back of bread prices is urged. Committee studies reveal the cost of a lost of tread on the grocer's shelf has jumped to as high as 25 cents in Albuquerque, N. M., despite the fact that the cost

of ingredients has dropped Lard, for example, dropped in price from 28 to 11 2 cents a pound. The baker's margin on at the height of the war and 10.5 cents to 1820 to 6.5 cents at the height of the war and 10.5 cents today.

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Republicans Get The Jobs

DEN. PAUL DOUGLAS, the Lincolnesque Democrat from Sillinois, compares the current Republican yearning for more power in fixing foreign policy with President Lincoln's problem during the Cvil Wax. just as anxious to get Democratic support policy as President Truman is today," Sen-

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"First. there is the U. S. delegate to the United Nations—former Senatow Warren Austin of Vermont, I never heard," says Douglas, "of a Democrat coming from Vermont. Them there is the chief foreign-policy aviner who sits at the right hand of Secretary Antone-Unite Paster Dulland and the right hand of Secretary Antone-United Secretary Dulland Control of the Control of the Senate in New York and hurfung every name in the book at the Democrats. Then there is the very able young Bernburf from Massa. Then there is the very able young the Senator from Massa delegate to the United Nations. And there is another able young Republican. John Cooper, former Senator from Kenstucky, who has undertaken various important diplomatic manner of the Control of the Senator Indied, And Teernburg, Concludes Douglas, "the head of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. was appointed ambassador to London, And I never heard of the president of the Note — Senator Douglas gave his foll-call as a result of Senator Tat's claim that Republicans had no voice in futing foreign policy.

## Fast-Mover Malone

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NEVADAS vert-ready OOP. Sen. George Malone skilly stole

credit this seek for introducing the first bill of the new
Congress. This was the "National Security Training Act.",
a bill providing for universal military training.
Actually it was prepared by Sen. Dick Russell of Georgia
Malone isn't even a member of the Armed Services Committee. However, he buttonhole Russell, beged to have his
name included on the bill and the good-natured Russell obligincluded to the bill and the good-natured Russell obligminged the guin with a press release, proclaiming: "The
first bill in the hopper of the new Congress was introduced
Jointly by Senators George W. Malone, Republican of Nevada,
went on to tell all about the bill and Malone's comments on
B.—without so much as mentioning Russell a second time.