

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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# Workmen's Compensation Inadequate

THE statistics tell a grim story: Every per cent of his paycheck. But the per16 seconds around the clock: an American is injured on the job. Every meaningless. A worker can only get the four minutes, a worker is killed or so maximud. Every year, two million workers suffer injury or disease while turning out the goods and services America for the growth of the gr

ing out the goods and services America needs.
When this kind of misfortune strikes, Mr. Average Worker must depend on workmen's compensation laws to provide medical care and replace lost wages. But in practically every state in the union today, workers are not getting the protection they deserve. Benefits are woeffully inadequate—often not repaying more than one third of the wages lost by injured workers and their families.
I This is particularly true in North Carolina. A reform is long overdue. It took 37 years—from 1911 to 1948—for all the states to get around to passing workmen's compensation legislation. North Carolina's law was not ratified until March 11, 1829. There have been amendments since but the system has never kept pace with changing times and changing economic conditions.

amendments since but the system has never kept pace with changing times and changing economic conditions. For total disability, the present act provides payment to the disabled employe "a weekly compensation equal to 60 per cent of his average weekly wages but not more than \$30.".

This \$30 maximum is badly out of date. It does not offer the worker the protection he needs in modern times to maintain his family or to regain his health. The injured worker may even have to become dependent upon private charity or public relief.

Of course, some employers make up the difference between the compensation check and the average weekly wage. But many do not. They just assume that the worker is getting along all right burden. In most cases, he is not. The burden lais with crushing weight on his shoulders. He might survive for a time on 60

far in a week's time.

The value of a satisfactory compensation law is well known. First of all, it
protects the worker against extreme
hardship. As a protection to the employer, it takes such matters as on-the-job
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The maximum payment scale of the North Carolina law has not been changed since 1951—when the legislature increased benefits from \$24 to \$30 and raised the maximum amount of compensation from \$6,000 to \$8,000. The 1953

sation from \$6,000 to \$8,000. The 1933 legislature made a few minor adjustments in the act but did not alter the general payment schedule.

This shameful situation should be corrected at the next General Assembly. Legislators should provide adequate benefits to maintain a decent standard of living for the worker and his family—something approaching full pay. This new scale should be responsive to both the needs of the injured and the trends in the economy.

## Solution

A DERIVATIVE of a new chemical Called hydrazine is being used as a "sleeping pill" for plants, reports a magaine writer. Sprayed on grass, it retards growth so that you don't have to mow so often.

often.

We know of a better, cheaper product. It's called August Sun. Works fine. Just expose your lawn to it for a couple of days and retire triumphantly to the hammock. You'll never have to touch a lawn mower again.

## The West Loses Another Leader

TALY and the free world will miss lean, hawk-faced Alcide de Gasperi, the peppery statesman who died of a heart attack yesterday at 73. It was de Gasperi, the ardent anti-Fascist who led Gasperi, the ardent anti-Fascist: who led Italy back from the dead after the trag-edy and chaos of World War II. It was also de Gasperi, the ardent international-ist, who brought Italy into the North Atlantic alliance and fought vigorously for the projected European Defense Com-

munity.

Almost to the end, the former premier kept his hand in the boiling pot of European politics. He stepped down from titular leadership in Italy's pro-western, middle-of-the-road Christian Democratic Party only a little more than a month

ago.

But, ironically, death came to the old warrior as foreign ministers of western Europe were meeting in Brussels to ponder the fate of EDC—a meeting which pessimists predict will spell doom for the long-sought European army plan.

Suddenly it seemed as if de Gasperi were too old and too weary to battle any

mother Leader

more. He passed away at his northern
Italy mountain retreat, far away from the
bluff and bluster of Rome and Brussels.
In his death the free world should
have found a lesson. It once again dramatized the danger of going forward
toward the goal of western unity with
such agonizing slowness. Another aged
leader has disappeared from the scene.
Count Sforza, the early European fedcrationist, is also dead. England's Winston Churchill is 79 and his political
magic is slowly diminishing. Germany's
Konrad Adenauer cannot carry on much
longer in Germany The French internationalists are already in distavor.

If western Europe want to take up the
turch and lead. New troubles keep exploding all over the continent. The concept of interdependence of free people
everywhere is shriveling for there are no
young statesmen to champion the cause
effectively.

If ever western leaders are going to

# All Of These Trips Weren't Necessary

If YOU SEE a young man roaming the streets of Charlotte muttering that he wants to Join the Army (or one of the other services) but can't find the place where you sign up, don't jump to the conclusion that he's a shell-shocked AWOL. The confusion would be understandable. The recruiting and induction center has been moved so frequently that the furniture is wearing out. So is the taxpayer's patience.

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From The New York Times

## BEANS

THERE are two schools of thought about the culture of string beans. For that matter, there are several schools of thought about what to call them: some say that since the modern bean doesn't have strings it should be called a green bean, or a snap bean, or a podbean, or some other name. So suppose we just call them beans and proceed.

The first school of thought about bean culture is that you should plant plenty, plant early, and give them tender care. The first school of thought about bean would be should be s

that is.

Once you have bean plants you hoe, you dust, you pick off the bean beetles. You spine, you encurage, you coax. Eventually the first blossom appears. You hover over the plants, waiting for the first pod You shoo away rabbits and woodchucks. You protect those tender little beans with your life. And the day comes when you pick the first mess of beans. They are wonderful, superb. You pick mess. They are wonderful, superb.

Researchers report that it takes less alcohol to kill an old mouse than a young one. So that's still an inefficient way to kill mice, unless they show you their birth certificates.—Florida Times-Union.

Farmer Grimes of Vinegar Bend says that all of his neighbors have cleaned the crab grass out of their cotton fields except two who are in Washington trying to get the federal government to solve the farm profigens—Datty OKLAHOMAN.

# Moroccan Crisis May Topple Mendes-France Regime

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STRANGE things happen in Congress, specially in these closing days. There are strange debates, strange poor to the strange of th

shoreling coal as a fireman on the Union Pacific.

The little Negro boy had no idea who was wedged in beside him as they had a pleasant ride together from the Capitol where laws are passed, through the basement to the Senate office building where laws are written.

Yes, strange things happen in Con-

Taylor, former head of the Tolstoi Foun-dation.
Judge Musmanno was supporting the bill introduced by Congressman Martin Dies of Texas Sometime before, Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine had also introduced a bill to outlaw the Commu-tate Party, Bit no one paid any more and the Communication of the Communication of the bill, nor to that of Congressman Francis Walter of Pennsylvania, man blow up "It takes only one man to blow up

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