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Speaking of Differentials -

To give WPA employment to 350,-000 more persons during this reces-sion and this Winter will cost Messer Harry Hopkins, it is reported, \$23,-000,000 a month. That is an average of \$55.71 a relief client. But

of \$65.71 a relief client. But—
To give WPA employment to 65,600 persons in eleven Southern states,
part of the \$50,000 mentioned above,
will cost only \$40 a relief client. Furthermore, by reapportioning the
funds and the jobs not allotted to
the eleven Southern States, it may
betterm to a fifty that the average funds and the jobs not allotted to the eleven Southern States, it may be shown in a jiffy that the average monthly cost of a WPA worker outeleven Southern states is \$71 and a few cents.

Congress is now considering a wage and hour bill, and one of the objections raised by non-Southerners is against any lower wage in favor of the South. If these champions of would sectional equality would really challenge an adversary worthy of their steel, let them fling a gauntlet at Harry Hopkins. That fellow, Franklin D.'s right hand man, is paying WPA wages in the South that are little more than half of what his fellow New York Staters and their neighbors are drawing down.

Try Again, Doc

"Why" — inquires the eminent Dr. Walter V. Kaulfers, Professor of Eng-lish in Leland Stanford University, — "why should we still be obliged to write a capital 'Q' in much the same way the ancients made it 5,000 years way the ancients made it 5,000 years ago, and for no better reason than that they somehow took it into their heads to draw the picture of a mon-key with his tail hanging down?"

The good doctor wants to do away with all that monkey business and replace our old clumsy alphabet and methods of writing with a kind of methods of writing with a kind of chorthand which can be written very rapidly. Maybe he's got something there, too. After all there is no real reason we can think of why we should go on drawing a picture of Cousin Pocko and calling it "Q." Not canying that that we should go making a "B" in the shape of an early Egyptian house or an "L" in the shape of a camel deprived of most of his anatomy. most of his anatomy.

Nevertheless, the doctor does not argue for his scheme quite so well as he might. For the principal reason he proposes is that "many per ple find it hard to put their thoughts; on paper because their handwriting cannot keep up with their thoughts; in mere self-defense, we'll have to submit that this is gross flattery of the human race—and that those people are merely albib-ins. For our-selves—ourselves, and though we are no speed demons with either pen or typewriter, we have always found it units. Immossible to make our ple find it hard to put their thought it quite impossible to make our thoughts keep up with our hands.

Another Ideal Shattered

Even that vestige which was left of the much discussed Graham Plan after last year's session of the Southern Conference, is now no more. The rule against outside gitts or loans, when made primarily because of the student's athlete ability. has been deleted, and by the Conference's testic consent the policy is laid down that outside gitts or loans are no-body's business, and, oh yes: there is a further innocuous homily to the effect that athletes shall not be dis criminated against in the award of esiminated against in the award of scholarships, and that the members of the Southern Conference all must trust one another to do the right sting, the square thing, the sports-manlike thing.

menillic thing. Well, we are great believers in suiting the rules to the spirit of the same. In professional westling, for instance, anything goes; and who sieves a durn? And it may very well be that in trying to enforce pure makeur standards in intercollegate strieds. We southern Conference

But the suspición persists that the member colleges changed the rules principally because they werent be-ing lived up to. An uglier way to put it is that they were being violated. And when our colleges, our centers of culture and our foundries of char acter, cannot abide by rules of the own adoption, the result is some so of grim commentary on the who expensive business of education.

A Weak Cheer

We quite agree with Governor O. Max Gardner's appraisal of John W. Hanes, whom the President has nominated to the Securities Exchange Commission, as a "fine citizen," who comes from a "most honorable and distinguished North Carolina family." But when Governor-Gardner, who—by—the—very—readiness of his statement indicates that he had something to do with the selection of Mr. Hanes, goes on to say that I should be accepted "as additional evidence of the development of mutual cooperation between business and government," wa are lett quite cold indeed.

For who has a greater, wholly in-

For who has a greater, wholly in-contestable right to one of the places on the SEC than a man familiar with the workings of the exchanges with the workings of the exchanges and equipped to see more than one side of the question of governmental regulation? Have we arrived at a point where competent examination of public problems is the special occasion for a rousing cheer? And why should we take it as evidence of mutual cooperation when the Government chooses a "fine citzen" to serve it? Are fine citzen the example in the competition of the comp ception in governmental circles? Has this administration deliberately cought out men for the nature of their views rather than for the nature of the men?

ture of the men?

If so, if at all so, if the nomination of Mr. Hanes is really something egregious, then, far from emphasizit simply points up the fact of how far the administration has gone in discouraging cooperation and exalt ing mediocrity.

Note on Bargaining

"Star witness for the labor book of the Highland Park case) was Roy Lawrence, Carolinas during the state of the Highland Park case) was Roy Lawrence, Carolinas during sanking, Committee, Mr. Lawrence could not be shaken in his testimony that, while the mill management had met in contertaines, they had refused to har path collectively.

A choler reductio ad absurdu.

action collectively.

A choicer reductio ad absurdum of the Wagner Act as it is as present written we think we have not seen.

"To be sure," says Management, "and since the law says I have to bargain' with you about your hoss, trot him out! I'll have a look at him, though to tell you the truth I don't think I'm going to like him."

And then "And why, certainly, I wouldn't have the crayture for

Ang then —
"And" why, certainly, I wouldn't have the crayture for a gift! Look at them teeth of his'n, look at that belily! He'd eat me into the porehouse in a week! No, not a penny! I won't have him! Take him away from here!"

from here!"
"Forsooth, sir," quothes Labor,
"and it is strangely that you understand the law and its requirement to
'hargain.' Most plainly it requires
that you shall buy the hoss — and
at a salisfactory price. Otherwise
you have not 'bargained' at all!"

"It doesn't. I have so bargained!"
"It does! You haven't!"

"It doesn't! I have!" "Damme, naw -!"

And so on, ad infinitum.

Subsidy, Meet Dr. Herty

I There is, unless it has been eliminated in the flurry of the last few days, a provision in that farm bill passed Friday by the House making available to the Secretary of Agri-

II
One of the outstanding researches into new uses for old farm product has been that of Dr. Charles H. Herty in his laboratory at Savannah, Ga His conversion of Southern slast His conversion of Southern slash pine into page, newsprint, kraft and the finer variety, has been a factor of the first importance in bringing paper mills Southward to the tune of a hundred million dollars invested His discoveries, far from completed, already have given many farmers in the South a new and profitable cash crop, and have brought payrolls into Southern communities which never before knew the bustle of trade that comes after the shoot has walked.

took on more than it should have laboratory at Savannah, whose uplates on.

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By the use of simple arithmetic, I and II make III. By the use of simple common sence, the provision of a Federal agricultural research subsidy and Dr. Herty's impeded researches into commercial uses for Southern woodlands comprise a coincidence that could result happily for all concerned. At any rate, the two, Dr. Herty and the prospective subsidy, should be introduced by the Secretary of Agriculture in lorder that they might determine if they Secretary of Agriculture in that they might determine if hadn't something in common.

FOOTBALL AT WEST POINT

WASHINGTON.—From the beginnings of West Point, any boy who could get by the stiff extrance exams, stick out the tough ordeal of "beast barracks," avoid the double decimations of Plebe January and Plebe January



could play the full four years if he could stick them out. He could play regardless of the fact that he had played at an-other college before he came to West

When other colleges adopted a rule permitting no man to play more than three years in intercollegiate competi-tion. West Point stuck to her ancient tradition although she did follow the flock in prohibiting a piebe from playing on the varsity team.

RULE DIDN'T FIT

Both the three-year rule and the anti-freshman rule had a reason. It was to prevent semi-professionals and football proselyting that attend the migration o prosepying that acted the inflatation football adopts from soft berths in one college to another. West Point is no soft berth for any boy. The entrance exams may not call for the highest eduexams may not call for the highest educational standards, but they are surely the most rigid. They are not designed to let boys in but to keep them out if they can't demonstrate what is supposed to be a peculiarly form of mental equipment called "military."

Beast barracks is a two months period of modified forture—mental and physical—ingeniously devised over 136 years by the cadeta themselves. The two piebe academic gauntlets—January and June exams—are similarly mercilessly calculating affting inquisitions.

THIS IS A JOB
But there is a stronger reason against
it. A cadetship is not a scholarship,
It's a job—a grade in the Army sup-ported by pay and allowances. The
system of advancement is as feecedy
competitive as any. Every step in an
Army career at the day of retirement—
forty-odd years away—depends on what
a kid does at the Academy.
It is training for an army. Therefore

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It is training for an army. Therefore physical accomplishment has a distinct rating in competition for class standing. It seems no more justifiable to handicap a boy because he has had football experience than it would be if he had prepared by taking the whole academic bourse—as some do.

Now, Army has anabdoned its long saind and adopted the three-year rule—with grim-lipped silence about the reason. One wonders why. If it stand was right before, why isn't it right now? I think the change is pure expediency at the expense of both intellectual honesty and an important principle. and an important principle

Cheap at the Price

Report has it that Jackson Day dinner plates in old North Carolina will sell for \$25 per. Well, that's about right for a nice juley steak in these days of economic restriction, isn't it?

Visiting Around

(Morganton News-Herald)

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me 5 gallons of gas, a choo-choo train, a pair of skates, lois of candy, fruits and nut.

William B. Fisher.
P. S. Don't forget my buddy, John Fleming.

in Durham with her husband. Are They the Same Ones on the Nickel

(Laurel Hill item, Laurinburg Exchange) Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Buffaloe and Mr. and Mrs. James Buffaloe had as their guests last Wednesday, Mrs. Louise Payne and her sisters, Misses Agnes and Womack of Cameron.

If You See Another One, Send 'Er Down

(Headline, McDowell News)
QUIET WEEK-END
SEEN IN MARION

Farm Policy Will Restore Feudal Days

Big Planters Will Be Favored And Agrarian Aristocracy Will Be The Result.

Dear Sir:
Over in. England certain "privileges and appurtenances" are attached to one piece of land and not to another. This is a survival of the old feudai system, in which one farmer held his land on condition that he render to the feudal lord (or to the king) a specified service.

to attach one man's land certain privileges, as for example to produce 100,000 pounds of lobacco.a year free of tax, while another will be allowed 1,000 pounds free or 5,000 pounds free, or none at all.

This will create a big farmers' aris-tocracy here in North Carolina. It takes

locatesy here in North Carolina. It takes in right back to the system we repudiated in the Revolution.

There is a man in Eastern North Carolina who never in his life plowed a furrow or sowed as seed. His altoitunet allowed him to produce one million pounds and self ree of tax. Many of his neighbors were taxed on every pound over four thousand. Same way with cotton. It is, wrong, It is un-American. It is special privilege, It cannot stand. We must not have a farmer aristocracy in this country.

must not have a farmer aristocracy in this country.

The big farmers have taken control over some of the farm organizations, and these organizations are controlling the Congressmen. They are trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the small farmers. Will each of the so-called farm leaders come out and publish how many acres he farms, what his allotment is, and how much benefit and rental money Unice Sam pays him? Before I follow him I want to know what he is getting out of compulsory control, and compare it with what I am to get.

We want no farm aristocracy in North

We want no farm aristocracy in North Carolina. Give every man an equa chance.

EDWIN W. BRYANT. Charlotte.

NEGRO ENTERTAINERS OUGHT NOT TO BE PENALIZED BY PREJUDICE AGAINST RACE

PREJUDICE AGAINST RACE
Dear Sir:
In their convention several days ago
the Thesier Owners of North and South
Carolina, Inc., adopted a resolution obpecting to the anpearance of white persans and Negroes in movie scenes on an
qual basis. The movie men might have
been acting with their box office in
mind. Or they may have been taking
action as a result of their own prejudice, In any case it is ismentable that we of the white race deny to the talented Ne gro the right, which we demand for oursolves, of developing his talents to the extent of his ability. Some of the best of our entertainers are Negroes. Why should they be held back simply because of their color?

ANOTHER OBJECTION IS ENTERED TO PAY RAISE FOR MANAGER MARSHALL

Dear Sir I was little less than amazed when I read of the action of the Charlotte city council that increased the salary of City Manager Marshall from \$8,000 to \$10,000

I realize that Mr. Marshall has done a I realize that Mr. Marshall has done a fine job in handling the eity's affairs. But to boost his pay \$2,000, an increase of 20 per cent, seems to me to be re-warding him too liberally. When a textucing hand to some other industry announces a blanket raise of five per cent for its \$12-a-week employees, it is from page areas, yet the city councilimen calmly vote the \$5,000-a-year city, manager a \$2,000 per year raise, an amount that in itself is more than most persons can earn.

Much has been made of the fact that Mr. Marshall, by organizing his own en-gineering force, has saved the city a large sum of money in the water works artice sum of money in the water works expansion project now under way. But what is Mr. Marshall hired for if not to save the city every eent possible? Like-wise, much has been made of the sound flanancial condition of Charlotte, credit of which to a large extent, is being given Mr. Marshall. Yet why was the city tax rate raised some seven per cent this fall for no apparent reason? Prop-erty valuations have increased greatly here in the past few years during Mr. Marshall's regime, the city is bearing no

containing regime, the city is bearing no social security burden or any other bur-den that it did not bear a year or so ago, yet the tax rate is boosted year by year. If the city council feit their bound to vote Mr. Marshall a larger salary it seems to me that a \$500 increase would have been far more reasonable than a

TAXPAYER.

Cheerful Note

(Fayetterille Observer)
Since September I the number of individual shareholders in the United States
Steel Corporation Increased 4.297, thus
demonstrating that John Q. Public as
well as the Big Wall Street Shots have taken advantage of the opportunity to pick up good securities at a bargain.
It also demonstrates the inherent confidence of the people of America in the
basic soundness of their country.

About The War In Spain

What Makes More Noise Than A Pig Under A Gate?

· ECOHOMY EFFORTS,

But there's a third view which we ought not fail to tell you about, Jetta.

Charles A. Beard at their head.
What they say is that in reality Spain
is a country which has not succeeded in
throwing off that incubus of medieval
feedalism (the lord and vascal system,
Jetha which was got off the neck of
other European nations by the French
Revolution and its repercusions: They
say that the Spanish people have been
fighting to throw off that yoke for a
hundred years.

Jetta, these people we are talking abou point to the fact that both Il Duce an

point to the fact that both II Duce and his boy friend have announced many times that they propose to build up great empires and to make their nations the greatest in the world. They say that these two came to Pranco's aid because they wanted to turn Spain into a pun-pet "Paciest state—to conquer it, in a word. And the chief reason that they want to do that is that they could never really build up their empires, without first encicling Prance and breaking the

back of the British Empire. And Spain, you understand Jetta, commands the en-try to the Mcditerranean,—and Britain's "life line" lies through the Mcditer-

. . . They admit, these historians, if you press them, that the Spanish government actually did have some truck with the Reds in the earlier days of the con-

flict, and that for the first six months

of the struggle it was probably as murderous as the other side.

Bu W. J. CASH Editorial Writer for The News

THIS is a reply to a letter which came to our desk in the Editor's Mail last week. It said: or The News
once for all to make impossible. They
fight—they fight for law and order and
true patriolism and the love of God in
Heaven. (That's what they say, Jetta).
As for the read of the nations—they
argue, when they argue at all, that the
trouble in Spain is "a purely local confilet."

Dear Sir:

Please send me any information about the war going on in Spain now. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

now. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

JETTA KING,
Charlotte, Route 4.

To tell you the truth, Jetta, we don't really know all about the war going on in Spain. You see, we haven't been there. Once upon a time, indeed, we did look at a segment of the Spanish shore from the French shore. But that was a long time aso, when Spain was a still, quite, sicepy land under the yellow sum. And so we have to take what we know about the war in Spain from what other people report to us, and since most of them are mad about it one way or the other, it lant always easy to make out precisely what the fact may be. Still. we do know a few things about it, and we have some opinions. . . . And so in our devotion to service, we'll do our best for you.

To begin with, there is really no war To begin with, there is really no war in Spain. Really there isn't. We have it on the word of Signor Mussolinl. Herr Hilter, the British, the French, and practically everybody else including the Portuguese, the Sandinavians and the Greeks-and our own State Department at Washington. A war, you see, is something which is first declared. And no-body has declared anything in Spain first—or yet.

nghting to throw off that yoke for a hundred years.

They deny that the 1935 election was engineered by Moscow. They Insist that on the contrary there was not a single genuine Communist in any post of first importance in Spain at the time the revolution broke out. They say that the government was not taking over land without compensating owners, and that, though a few mobs had committed outrages against hated landlords and churches and priests, there was not any organized campaign against the church. They say that Pranco's revolution was, to begin with, simply a revolution of reactionary militarists, and that it was dead in two days — until Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitter suddenly chose to review it, to send Italian troops and arms and German troops and arms to back him up. And why should Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitter do that? Well, Jetta, these people we are taking about Jetta, these people was realking about Jetta, these people was realking about Jetta, these people was realking about Jetta. To be suce, they are fighting in Spain, In which we put some faith, they have killed off about 100,000 soldlers over there killed off about 100,000 soldiers over there since July 1935. But they are doing worse than that. They have also killed off about a million civilians in the same period. Civilians, Jetta, are old men, women, babies. They line 'em up in long lines and shoot them. They drop bombs on them from the air. And you might think, just as we think, that this is really quite indistinguishable from war—and a particularly aftrocious kind of war. But perhaps that is only our natural simplicity.

of war. But perhaps that is only our mutural simplicity.
Anythow, Signor Mussolini and Herr Hilter—not to any the Pope-agree that what is poing on is "nacification." Along back in 1934, you know, effect, they had a revenition in Spain which set up a republic after a period of dictatorship under a man named Ribera. And in 1935, hey held an election. Well. Signor Mussolini and Herr Hilter say that cheeled no see membered from Moscow. nor Mussolini and Herr Hiller say that clection was engineered from Moscow, the eapital of Communism, as you have beard. Moscow plot, Moscow intrigue, and Moscow intimidation resulted in the election to the chief posts in the Spanish government of a gang of Reds, who immediately, and under the direction of Moscow, launched into a program for the murder of everybody who would not turn Communist; and particularly the priests, and for the abolition of property and the burning down of all churches. priests, and for the abolition of property and the burning down of all churches. So, to save his beloved country from chaos, arose General Franco, Wise, good, gentle, and deeply religious. And seeing that he needed aid, and that Italy and Germany were determined that the Red monster should not engulf Western Europe, why, they sent hina, a few troops and some guns and things. that he needed aid, and that Italy and Germany were determined that the Red so Spain offered to fight, on the Red so Spain and things.

Those million dead civilians? The Red soverament of Spain killed them and Spain Red Sp

(Raleigh News & Observer)
The strike that is disturbing the pundits of Britain in a world which needs fodder for cannon, or planes, or gas, is the strike of the babies: they gre declining to be born. And last week the House of Commons passed on second reading a bill for a special census of birth statistics. The bill was severely criticated as an invasion of privacy, by none so severely as A. P. Herest who is not only an M. P. but a novelist and humorist as well. The New York Times reproduces the metrical memorandum which he read to "a hilarious House." It is as follows:

Baby Strike

ought not fail to tell you about, Jetta. It isn't official. It doesn't come from any government, not directly at least, but from all sorts of private persons ranging from Mr. Ernest Herningsway, the novelist who dotes on builtings, to the Dean of Canterbury and the correspondents for the Manchester Guarrison and the Light Manchester Guarrison and the bigwig historians of the Forcign Policy Association, with Dr. Charles A. Beard at their head. In 1937 was a rumor going round

In 1937 was a rumor going round
that income tax was soon to be six
shillings in the pound;
The cost of education every season
seemed to swell;
And to every one's astonishment the
population fell.

population fell.
They pulled down all the houses where the children used to crowd.
And built expensive blocks of flats where children weren't allowed:
And if father got a job there wasn't anywhere to dwell.
And everybody wondered why the population fell.

The laws were very comical: to bet was

But your betting was the only thing that nobody would tax: You couldn't have a wine unless you'd sandwiches as well:

And everybody wondered why the popu-lation fell.

Abroad, to show that every one was pas-

Abroad, to show that every one was pas-sionate for peace.

All children under seven joined the army or police:

The babies studied musketry while mother filled a shell—

And everybody wondered why the popu-lation fell.

The world, in short, which never was extravagantly same.

Developed all the signs of inflammation

Developed all the signs of innammation of the brain;
The past was not encouraging, the future none could tell.
But the Minister still wonders why the population fell.

the last year It has been General Francoand his Italian and German allies who
have perpetrated nearly all the purders
of civilians. They point to Guernica,
where seven hundered men, women, and
children — all civilians. Yere moved
down by machine gun bullets from German atriplanter Spling Franco's Hag, and man airpianes ning Francos nag. and they fiatly duly you to find anything in the Associated Press reports of the last year which suggest that the Spanish government has been guilty in that time of anything comparable.

This view of the case is probably not free of propaganda and distortion, Jetta. The people who tell us three things are awfully mad about it, too. And when people are mad, they lose some-thing of perspective, inevitably. It is entirely possible, for instance, that they unduly minimize the alliance between