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"Give its only weapons and suppries the Chinese primised in fire years ago, and we will give you variety over lapan." Every day makes it more certain that dapan will be defeated on the day that her armies are driven out of the Anatte mainland. And every thousish a should be new exidence that the Chinese control to each out they need to these

intend to carry out their part of 't bargain, if we can only do our share,

Sirens for 4ir Raid Drills?

In this war, when nothing is incredible it would be foilish for anyone to say that there is no chance of Charlotte's

being subjected to all bumbardment. It could happen. On the other hand we'd guess that the insurance odds against

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But when it comes to spending more
than 12,000 of the City's funds for air
raid sirens—well, we are inclined to
doubt they are worth that to us, either
actually or psychologically. The combined wailing of seven sirens—as ominous as such a chorus must be—would
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isn't there some other way the niarm could be spread—by radio, perhaps, or by simultaneous warning signals on all telephones?

It should not be necessary to plead economy before a City Council that has certainly done nothing so far to deserve being called spendthrift.

Atlanta Likely To Succeed to

Charlotte's Murder Title

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No Bargain Can't We Use Home-Made

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### One Hand of Government Gives the Other a Stinging Top

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Three is no doubt that the Civil Service Commission chose to make an example of the Charlotte postmastership and that in doing so it as much as uttered a strong reproof to Mr. Bulsinkir, Victimized in the process was Keely Orice, acting postmaster, who got the place because of his service to the Younts-Bulsinkie machine in Merklein-burg. There will be little sympathy for Mr. Grice, who had lived by the sword of politics and who now has his head chapped off in the process of sheathing the weapon, but it needs to be said to this credit that once he took the job, he not only avoided politics but the appearance thereof as well. There is no doubt that the Civil Serance thereof as well.

The de-politicalizing of the Charlotte

The de-politicalizing of the Charlotte-Poat Office will have a wholesome effect locally, but we retain considerable skep-tledom that il represents nationally a departure from the debasing practice which is accepted by both major par-ties. After all, if the Government really wanted to take politics out of the Poet Office Department, the way to do it would be to dispense with postmasters altogether and let the assistant post-masters. altogether and let the assistant post-maxiers, the true career men, take over.

## At The Half

### Council Shows Teamwork At a Very Hopeful Session

At a Very Hopeful Seasion
Maybe it was the cold snap. Something happened. And Charotte's mean-dering Cily Council got back on the beam yesterday with an almost breath-taking rush of concerted activity. Passed without objection was the long-delayed amendment increasing accident liability for taicabs. Passed slow with only Mr. Albea dissenting was the ordinance to give parking meters a try. Put up for hearing was a proposed law regulating the sale of milk products.

It is not know what the respective coaches of the Seven iron Dukes and the Four Blocks of Grante said during skull practice preceding the public meeting, but it must have resembled a peptidic at half time. At any race, these conditions of the products of the product of the products of the product of t

It now remains to be seen whether this ew-found energy and team-work will new-found energy and team-work will last. If it does, the present Council can give Charlotte good—even progressive— government. If, however, it was only a flash in the pan—a fluke—then the Council will of course slip back into in-effectiveness.

effectiveness. There is still time to make and keep New Year's Resolutions. It will do the members of the Council no harm if they quit freezing the ball during the last half of their terms and try for at least a few field goals.

## Changshu

### It Reminds Us of What We One the Chinese

the municipality great shame, not to mention the lives of a whole score of its population.

Bill, 25 murders in a year remains quite a crime wave in itself. In the whole connect than two dozen cities, which brief liat includes the very largest and the very wickedest, have to report as many as 25 murders in any one year. And almost no city has at its worst, so had a record as Charlotte had last year at its best. And no section of the country, even with the same racial characteristics as those which color the murder figures in Charlotte, execeds us in this morbid respect.

Verity, great as the improvement which came about last year, there is from for more. Let no one assume that Charlotte, in stepping down as the murder channy of the sountry, doesn't remain a strong contender. en, with full air and artiflery suptake Changaha.

A long-termor who lately escaped a
western prison in a laundry wagon was
returned this week with the flat work.

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such an act would run considerably longer than the thousand-to-one rate now offered the property-holders on the West Coast. Our chances of being hombed ought to be no worse than a tenth as great as San Francisco's. By this computation the chance is about one in-well, call it one in several thousand.

## CONGRESS GIVES FOR FULL CO-OPERATION

ro-operation with the authorities who are planning blackout drills here. These drills are designed to improve our way psychology as much as an actual defense measure and to guard against that one chonce in those several thousand. FUL CO-DURATION

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salid: "Well, there is no other way."

In all, the new sension marks no change from the old. It has the same leaders, same problems. A doreshadow of lossible crifiction scaling the conduct of the war has trace, but not very high yet.

## POOR ICKES: HE TRIED SO HARD

ARIED SO HARD
The political gas and oil administrator, Mr. tekes, authered wing-elipping again in Mr. Roosevelt's order ariting up the Office of Defruis Transportation under centre about new pipelines and the Nelson priority division (SPAB) will decide about materials for pipelines.

Mr. Ickes and his merry men have an elegant rationing pian for gas and tiple oil all ready, but may not get a chance to use it. The Heuterson suite and tiple has will earthly circuit it use of cars and gas consumption increasingly, and care and gas consumption increasingly, or the desired of the desired o

# Charlotte's Murder Title Twenty-five murders had Charlotte last year, as against 46 in 1940. This reduction nearly by half represents not only a most encouraging improvement locally: It probably relieves us for the year of the defamation of being the country's most murderous city. On the basis of the FBI's crime reports through the third quarter, Atlanta, with 88 murders in the first nine months of 1941, appears to be the likeliest contender for the murder belt. It is a still we relinquish without regret. What's more, the city owes its acknowledgements to Chief Joyner and the Police Department for their part in preventing murder and thereby saving the municipality great shame, not to mention the lives of a whole score of its population. Specially When All There Is To Talk to Is a Swamp

Billy Arthur In Onslow County News & Virus

County News & Urses
There's more war talk and conretin in Charlotte than in Jackconsiller, the center of defense activities in North Carolina.
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### TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Do not exhaust God's patience; practice charity and humanity: Whose priority standereth his neighbor, him will I cut off; him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.—Pealms cl-5.

# Spars Your Breath To Cool Your Portidge.—CERVANTES. Putting Brains To Work

By Dorothy Thompson



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Norway's Share In The War

The Baltimore Sun

Every delay in mobilizing all the resources and talents of the mation is going to prolong the war and root the lives of American bows—and give our enemies breating apaces and new leases on life.

my spaces and new loades on life. With our forces concentrated in the East, we can at least prome a political warrier and prome as political warrier in the discomfilure of our western enemies in Russia. But here, too, arganization and political the state of the sta

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merchant their that was not only fourth in sore but which outstands all others in quality Pacifilms of the freet were tankers, the finest lot of tankers in evistence, according to Fortune Sixtence per cent of the vessels were

# Senator Soaper Says:

The speeder who telly the huge he was burning to the filling station before he rain out of gas has furned up again, in a Pennsylvania court.

and who can move in and untangle pro-duction jams and get orders moving, The Navy hasn't responded as yet to the need of similar action,

The Dinay Social Whirt

Demarce Early spent the night with Martha Lou Camp.

Belty Belley spent Wednesday sysning with Carolyn Hill.

Confusion By Raymond Clapper O'NE glaring; almost unforgivable fact tells the whole story of our trouble with war production. That unfortunate fact is that we have no opposite number

War Work



fact is that we have no opposite number who can do business with Lord Beaver-brook. The British Minister of Supply. Beaverbrook came here with Churchill to sit down and try to dovestal British Minister of Supply. Beaverbrook came here with Churchill to sit down and try to dovestal British ours. But nobody in the American Government can talk with Beaverbrook on a fooding of equal authority except President Rocowers. Mr. Rocowers! Is trying to be our Churchill and Beaverbrook combined. When the Brook of the production corresponds to the President of the United States. More than the Churchill delegates to the Galacte Ministers Yet that the States Ministers Yet that Yet and Yet and

## GROPING IN A FOG FOR SHADOWY FIGURES

When Beaverarook tries to deal with an body except Mr. Bouwell, he has to claref in a for for shadowy figures. When he gets hold of one of them, they can't reach a decition because no Ameri-ran official, whenever he may be, has the authority to Act.

Donald Nelson, executive director of SPAB, is regarded by many as the lop man in war production, That is not correct. In fact Nelson was in flubs, taking a few days' rest, when the automobile industry seembled here to discuss with DPM assemiled here to diverse with OPM the rigantic task of converting this enormous industry over to war work. I was under the impression that Nelson would have something to do with that. But I understand on! That is OPM's baby-Knudsen and Billiman.

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SPAB is an actionity board. Pour of its search members are also members of OPM. Select is receive officer of OPM. Select is receive officer of SPAB but it not on the board. But Select is also a subordinate of Knudson but principles officer under OPM, Loon Henderson is a member of SPAB. But he is also under OPM if you are becoming confused don't mind. Everyone site is. Received. Nather, through the principles of the interest in the property of the principles. becoming confused don't mind. Every-one else is Recently Nelson thought copper production should be increased. He persuaded SPAB, of which Knudsen is a member, to adopt a resolution di-recting him to expand copper producrecting num to expand copper production. Nelson started out to get a copper expeditor. But Enudaen stepped in and said he was supposed to expedite copper and technically he was within his authority. The more you look, the less you see.

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will be something more than a make-size like SPAB.

Undersecretary of War Patierson is arting on his own to improve produc-tion under the Army's conful He appointing ordnance expeditors, to be heated around the country as trouble-shooters. These are mostly civilian hust-ness men who know their local industry.

ONLY THRE RATIONING
WAS ORGANIZED QUICKLY
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production. He can't let a single confract. The Army, Navy and Martinue
Commission do their own contracting.

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Commission do their own contracting. That is why, when OPM prepared to-day to put the automobile industry to work on war orders, the Atmy and Navy had to clear the way by annumering they stood ready to grain the automobile industry five billion dollars worth of new contracts.

There is the same confusion in the Office of Civilian Defense. The only clean-out jet that I can cite offisend is the quick organization of the tre-rationing machinery. Lean Hendelson gave the job to Frinck Baire, of this Council of Baire Covernments. Bairs moved to decentralize it by laying reaponability on each State Covernor plus the marors of New York and Obicogn. That is not the pattern for war production, except that in the ther-tailming job overybody's authority was clearly defined and was complete within the presented limits.

## Visitin' Around

"All Out!"

-By Herblock

