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**Rometimes when highly complex, nip and tuck questions are demanding, to the taken up, or when we are ulterly bereft of any notion of what to do about the world and its tills, we like to seek retuge in the thought that there's an inexhaustible supply of flat right-or-wrong topics needing attention.

**For instance, take this Wallace-Jones controversy. When people declare that thenry Wallace would be wholly unsuitable as Secretary of Commerce and that the President's appointment of him is an affront to the business interests of the whole country, we agree. But when other people come along and say, what the heck, Jesse Jones was unsuitable, too, and if the New Deal is going to depend so largely on business to provide those 50,000,000 jobs after the war, then why shouldn't the President have a New Dealing instead of a Standpalting Secretary of Commerce? When they say that, we half-way agree, but remain puzzled as to whether Wallace would be a healthy influence for the business of the country, or would bank-rupt it.

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The question, you see, is a teaser. To tess off an opinion would require omnistoss off an opinion would require omnis-cience, or at least a fixed and satisfying prejudice. Having neither, and rec-ognizing this as one of those vexing arguments we'd just rather keep out of, we flee to a matter of simple right or wrong.

we flee to a matter of simple right vivrons.

And that is—did Tommy Corcoran (Tommy, incidentally, used to be an RFC attorney and palsy with Jesse Jones obtain the connivance of Attorney General Biddle to quash the Government's suit against his fat client, Sterling Products, or did he not?

If Biddle did connive, as has been charged, why doesn't Congress do something about 10' There is, at the least, this to be said about Wallace: his integrity isn't in question.

Raise The Age

One of the immediate problems facing the General Assembly lies in the
field of general education. Assembly lies in the
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school attendance must be raised—and
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enforced. The present age limit of fourteen years leaves a big gap in our educational system. Over the state thousourced in the property of the state thousourced in the state of the state of the
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state of the state cashing system. Over the state thousands of youngsters, both Negro and white, drop out of school at that age, and there is no power to force them to attend.

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Of these thousands, all too many turn up with some regularity in the juvenile courts, and judges complain that they are unable to direct them to attend school. So, indeed, are parents, school authorities and law enforcement officers powerless. If this age limit is raised to sixteen, average school attendance would jump immediately, dellinquency would almost inevitably decline, and North Carolina's low standing in the ranks of illiteracy would improve.

The increase in age, of course, must be accompanied by some means of stricter enforcement of the law, for without that, the gap would remain as large as ever. North Carolina is the only state to have assumed the total public school burden, and has done wonderfully well with its scheme of 100-county equality. But the record looks black when reduced to cold figures, largely because of our achool attendance requirements.

In the nation, the average years of school completed by persons 25 years old and over 18 64. North Carolina's average is 74, just below the South Atlantic average. There has been progress, but the task is not nearly done. In 1920 publis in the state attended school an average of 31 days a year; by 1800 the figure had jumped to 119; by 1800 its was 146. And in 1940 there were almost 80000 students enrolled in publishing the state attended school an average of 31 days a year; by 1800 the figure had jumped to 119; by 1800 its was 146. And in 1940 there were almost 80000 students enrolled in publishing the seventh grade loss in the 14-year age limit, and inadequate means of enforcing attendance. The Assembly should give this its carnest attention.

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

SENATOR WHEELER was making his vigorous attack upon Unconditional Surander in the Senate when Senator Lucas of Illinois interrupted, and this ensured. Mr. LUCAS. I agree with the Senator that the Origenthau statement was most uniform and origenthau statement was most uniform.

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Dix Hill Visitors

We can tell in advance how the Legislators are going to react to the sights of lis Hill homorrow—those of them who are making their first trip through a mental hospital. They are going to be pleasantly surprised, after all they've heard, at the condition of the physical plant. They will find the buildings adequate for what they are; the food un-savory-looking, but sufficient to maintain life; the treatment skimpy, largely because of war-born shortage of personnel.

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But they will come away from the place shocked by what they have seen, meeting the place shocked by what they have seen, meeting the place to do something, now, about the plight of those people imprisoned in our hospitals. They will not look upon the immates with revulsion, but rather with an outraged plity and sympathy for them. These poor people, themselves will be in the minds of Legislators when they leave the place. It cannot be otherwise, for it is the suffering of the immates, a good many of them destined to drag out their lives behind those walls, that depresses the visitor. visitor.

bemind those waits, that depresses the visitor.

And if the Assemblymen do react as we expect them to, then they'll turn to the business of hospitals appropriations with a new spirit. Many of them will be struck by the hopelesaness of attempting to solve o'ur problem on the present basis. They will have seen enough to convince them that the appealing lack of remedial care and treatment is the chief fault of our system, and that we cannot longer take care of these people simply by stucking them there with a minimum of attention.

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behind bars and leaving them there with a minimum of attention.

They will not see the worst of our negatiats, though Dix Hill is typical of conditions in all four. They will find it scrubbed as clean as it can possibly be, and will discover no reason to place blame for conditions upon the present administration. But they will see enough to persuade them that bigger appropriations alone are not sufficient, and that great sums we have already spartinate not solved the pressing problem. They will understand afterward, we predict, just how vital it is that North Carollan nake all possible haste to accure a competent superintendent to head its control barbon program, designed to restore these people to society, and not merely to put them out of sight and out of mind.

What, Again?

The Gallup Poll has brought up a matter we hadn't even considered. We'd thought it was settled for good, this time, that Franklin Roosevelt would run no more for President. Oh, we know there were those who said the same thing in '40 and '44—but we thought he had reached the limit, and was through once and for all. And we supposed that most Americans thought the through once and for all. And we sup-posed that most Americans thought the same thing, that the political mind was focused upon the fortherming spectacle of a lesser Democrat running against an unknown Republican in '48. In a re-latively calm phase of the post-war region.

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But it lish's on according to Dr. Galup's investigators. They discovered that 30 per cent of the people thought Mr. Roosevelt would run again, for Term Five! We can't know what was in their minds. Perhaps they voted spitefully, or in disgust. Perhaps they untitered in their beards, grumbled that the country had erred greatly in November — that we'd never be rid of this man. But they thought he would run again, they said.

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The balloting wasn't close. Henry Wal-lace trailed as a Democratic Presiden-tial possibility, scoring only eleven per cent, and Truman, with six per cent, Stettinius with four and Byrnes and Byrd with one, tagged along.

Byro with one, tagged along. We don't know whether this is significant. We're simply surprised, and can't understand the political guesses of our countrymen. Perhaps the answer, after all, is in the 42 per cent who told the Gallup agents they had no opinion. Yes, maybe that's it.

Statesmen At Work

prepared the Congressional Record).

Mr. WHEELER. Now I understand where Stettimis got his ideas.

Mr. LUCAS. He did not get them from mr. nor did he get them from the Senator Lord of the Stettim from the Senator Mr. WHEELER. I know he did not get them from me, because I have not talked with him the stettim from the Senator would visit from the stettim from the Senator would visit my office and look at the mail and telegrams which come there, he would not say that Mr. Stettimus, and look at the mail and telegrams which come there, he would not say that Mr. I that I was speaking merely for a discredied minority.

Mr. Lucas. I appreciate the Senator gets that I was speaking merely for a discredied minority.

Mr. Lucas. I appreciate the Senator gets a lot of mail. The Senator is making an interesting speech from his weeppoint; but I had and I was just wondering, after he has made this speech against Russia, whether Russia would be included in his universal.

Mr. WHEELER. I should certainly hope so, Mr. LUCAS. I do not understand how so, of the fact the Senator asys that Russia is totally inspincer in all the statements she control.

EDITORIAL PAGE The Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

FOR about one year after Pearl Harbor, the members
of Congress who rods Jesse Jones hardest for his
failure to provide synthetic rubber plants were the Republicans. In various committee meetings they 'neckled
him unmercifully for overriding the recommendation of
the National Decime Council and retill But now the silutation is reversed.
Apparently certain GOP Senators have
short memories. It is these same Republicans who are now supporting
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publicans who are now supporting Jesse Jones in their fight against Henry Wallace. COP Senator Over For instanction is leading toward Jesse Jones in their client toward Jesse Jones in the current right. But as a member of the committee. Brewster's brilliant cross-examination made Jones look like a monkey. Brewster brought out that 2d Settlinius, then in close Jones look like a monkey. Brewster brought out the 3d Settlinius, then in close Jones look like a monkey in the constitution of the control of the settlement of Brewster even showed Jones up regarding the committee of experts on rubber as recommended by the settlement of Brewster's penetrating cross-examination:

Senator Brewster: The report recommended the creation of a committee of experts to pass on these technical questions. Did you create such a committee of the settlement of the settle

Mr. Jones: Well, I don't know what you call ex-perts.

Senator Brewster: I don't think that is ausceptible of definition. I think either you know it or you don't. It is obvious that you consulted with what you called

experis.

Mr. Jones: We consulted freely with what you called experts of the National Defense Council.

Senator Brewster: Now did you have a committee of technical experts or did you nat?

Mr. Jones: I don't know whether we had a committee of technical experts or not.

Senator Brewster: Mr. Jones, that is a very amazing statement.

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Mr. Jones: I don't think it is masking at all.
Senator Brewster: You don't know whether you
had a committee of technical experts or not?
Mr. Jones: I don't know what an axpert is,
Senator Brewster: "Well, you know what a committee it. Gon't know what an axpert is,
Senator Brewster: "Well, you know what a committee it. Gon't you?
Mr. Jones: I am a committee.
Mr. Jones: I am we had a committee.
And how
was that composed? What was it composed of?
Mr. Jones: I am we had a committee.
Senator Brewster: I am seeking to find out whether
or not you underfook to constitute any that of committee to advise you on this program.
Mr. Jones: 'We got all the advice we could get from
every source.
Senator Brewster: Well, I think, then we will
constitute a committee. Is
that a correct conclusion?
Mr. Jones: That is your answer. It isn't mine.

Willkie Wins

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Sometimes a man who has fought all his life for certain goals and been defeated finally wins them in death. Many of the Republicans who attended the GOF about Mendell Wilkie. What went on there in the closed-door tessions, they considered a victory for him. Two years ago. Wilkie tool out at the 1942 National Committee meeting when the Chicago Tribune Bolatime, Wilkie's old friends were stronger in death, and won out in some significant backstage meneuvering.

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Queer Antics By The So-Called Isolationist Party



The Bleeding Heart Of England

By Marquis Childs

LONDON

DRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL, in his speech last week, pointed to the fact that Britain was entering its 65th month of the war. That goes a lone way to explain the irritation and tenson that have echeed in London is battered and weary. Life its a struggle for almost everyone. You have to stand in line for everything, You have to fill out forms, and hen vositre lucky if you get even common necessities, with our security and relatively plenty, can hardly understand what the long, dreary community of war means to the British sende. Small irritations pile on too Even to those of us who have been here before in warrines, such a mulgieastic surprise. They have the consisting of the sendence of the proposition of the sendence of the se

III was against this background that the conviction he was would be ended before Christmas took a deep of what any official source said, or even in the outside of what any official source said, or even in the outside on the continuem ended by the sweep secrets France, as in the profound longing and longe that had its origin in the heart and in the pit of the stomach was given this. True, some official contractment as given the True, some official contractment about the future helped spread the false bellef that the war was nearly ended. Here, plans for demobilization were well advanced and wives who had not seen their husbands for the found.

Then came Von Burstelds!

of reunion.

Then came Von Rumdstedt's offensive. It was a bliter blow. It shattered all the hopes that had begun
to grow. The end of the war seemed farther off than

to grow. The end of the war scenned farther off than ever.

The Greek mess, on top of all this, seemed like the last straw. A great many Britishers, probably more proportionately than in America, were aroused by what at the time seemed like an effort to suppress the forces of liberation and democracy. But scolding from America, as cabled across the Albatt scolding from America, as cabled across the Albatt, screed chiefly to sitt irritation and annoyance.

It seemed that Americans were falling into the familiar pre-war role of utterling noble preachments while That was indied the straw that brook the last of the British camel.

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I have always marveled at the patience of the ordi-nary Britisher, the man in the street. More than ever I marvel at it today.

America Is Afraid

By Samuel Grafton

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MENICAN conservative opinion is not too improve
at the moment, because it is to paintist in a state
of fear. The Wollner nomination has been like a flashlikelt turned upwan a sea of frightened faces. The opinsition to Mr. Wollner is not merely against him on objustice to Mr. Wollner is not merely against him on obmuch concernitated four is in tacel to fearful specials.

It becomes one of the features of the country, like Boulder Dam; a
manifestation worth study in its own
The vast accumulation of fear in
America spills over into any receptacle
which can hold it. A bill for a modiwhich can hold it. A bill for a modiwhich can hold it. A bill for a moditroduced listo the House, and Immetroduced listo the House, and Immetroduced listo the House, and Immetroduced into the House, and Immetroduced into the House, and Immestrates union amendment. Fear in
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is sounder than some of its defenders' arguments.
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"I notice you've been admiring that coat—well, that's what I've been talking to you about, it's mink!"

Big Dane's Boys By Hal Boyle

SIDE GLANCES

much of the Army as he can.

Back in 1021 he was a star
tactle on the "thunder team" of
the University of California Golden
Bears, but when he tried to enlist after Pearl Harbor the Army,
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By Galbraith

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Henry Or Jesse?

By Peter Edson

NEA Washington Correspondent WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON

IF Jesse Jones and Henry Wallace were presidents of two banks
on opposite corners of Main and
the Sits. In any fown in the
country and any fown in the
country and which on wanted to
huy bank stocks, in which institution would you invest?

To most people, titls latest chapter in the Jones-Wallace affair
will boil down to an Issue as
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private business as being one of the strongers statistical and fore-easting services in Government. Its appropriations and transfers from other Government agencies for the current fiscal year approximate four and a half million dollars. This should give some idea of the scope of BAE operations, although it does not compare with the six million dollars and the constant of the cons