

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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# The Churches Branch Out

Park area.

They have in mind an extensive play-ground, a field house, and a playground director who will organize an ambitious athletic program. The site will be in a neighborhood convenient to all their congregations, and they will jointly provide funds for its upkeep.

## No Greater Provocation

In its quietest days, during Leon Henderson's occupancy, early in the war, the home office of the OPA resembled a badly-located foxhole, serving as a handy target for every citizen irritated by wartime restrictions. And when peace came its blessings were not extended to the OPA: the volume of dead eats hurled in its direction seemed to increase day-by day.

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Mr. Bowles was once lattice a filling fellow, and for a long time he absorbed his punishment without protest, busying himself with the monumental task ing himself with the monumental task of holding the line against inflation and ahrugging off the slings and arrows that came his way. But not long ago he apparently passed the breaking point and, like that famous monk from Siberia, he emerged from his cell with a heli of a yell. He has, we suppose, been guilty of some indiscretions as he laid wildly about him with his verbal shillelagh, but he should be forgiven, for no man ever had greater provocation.

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There may be reason to question some of Mr. Bowles' economic theories, but let no man doubt his courage. The other day he walked boldy into a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, looked squarely into the hostile years of 5.000 members, and said. "The nation has already saved \$56.000,000,000 by not taking your leaders' advice." He then proceeded to rip the whole program of the NAM apart, charging that the constant effort to stab holes in price tellings is "a most dangerous threat to the future-wealth and success of our-entire system of free enterprise."

Senator Taft, of Ohio, a man after the NAM's heart, promptly replied with the tamiliar charge that the OPA is "propagandizing wildly for a further renewal e may be reason to question some

Ministers have long been worried over the fact that the church, in a few hours on Bunday, touches the life of the young only briefly. In the formal atmosphere of a building dedicated to the spirit, the philosophy of the scriptures too often impresses the healthy young animal as unrelated to the everyday business of living.

Now, five leading Charlotte churches have banded together to promote a scheme for bringing religion to the young in. a less restrained and formal fashton. A joint committee, including Baptiats, Presbyterians. Episcopalians, Methodists and Moravians, has worked out a \$35,000 recreation program for the Mycrar Park area.

They have in mind an extensive playground, a feld house, and a playground bership, to those children in the slum churches could some day see fit to ex-tend their program beyond their mem-bership, to those children in the slum areas of the city who are in greater need of recreation, and of a demonstration of the soundness of the church's moral values, than are the children of Myers Park.

of its powers... setting up a complete control on profits instead of prices."

This, we-think, is a fair sample of the fashion in which anti-OPA arguments degenerate into fantasy. It is apparently the conviction of a large segment of the population, including practically all those who have something to sell, that the OPA is a useless organization under the command of a man who is interested only in perpetuating his own power and giory. Mr. Bowles does have a fair amount of power, of course, but we can't think of a man in Washington who has less glory.

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Those who honestly believe that we Those who honestly believe that we can remove controls without insuring inflation, or who believe that a little inflation would be a good thing for the country, can make out an excellent case for the dissolution of Mr. Bowles bureau. But even if such a belief were vailed, and we can't see how anybody who has added up last month's grocery bills could accept it, there would still be no good reason for doubting Mr. Bowles' interrity and sincerity.

bills could accept it. there would still be no good reason for doubting Mr. Bowles integrity and sincerity. He has said repeatedly that he is weary and anxious to clean out his desk and go home. He's not a career bureaucrat, he's a businessman, one with enough vision to see that no real profit can be derived from an unbalanced economy. There have been flaws in his judgment, perhaps, and an occasion-al innocent bystander has been nipped by the grinding of his sprawling DPA machinery, but he has, at considerable personal sacrifice, served his country well. We only hope he continues to hold down his difficult post, although we wouldn't blame him if some bright morning he hurled his "In" basket through the window and walked out.

## **Last Of The Pentlands**

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altered names and places, chronicled the the and times of his own sprawling family. They were a remarkable and a lusy clan, and Thomas Wolfe. set down all he had seen, heard and felt in the course of his growing up. His transparent honesty, his deep understanding, and his great creative talent gave Look Homeword, Angel an immediate place among the great novels of the period. Look Homeword, Angel also became a best-seller, and in Asheville it created a sensation. Reading the intimate, details of the homelife of the Wolfes, tinding all the family, and indeed, the town candals set down in black and white and sometimes treated to a touch of biting frony, many a good burgher was outraged. And beyond those personally touched there were thousands of good Southerners who said of Ellen Glasgow—that some of the scandalous things that the same of the scandalous things what they had once said of Ellen Glasgow—that some of the scandalous things what they had once said of Ellen Glasgow—that some of the scandalous things he wrote might be true, but that a gentleman leaves such things unsaid.

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But, through all the hue and cry, there was one person who understood, although she was a central ligure in that great first novel and in the various revisions Thomas Wolfe published later. She was Mrs. Julia Wolfe who remained understand unchanged by the fame that harried her brillant son; she was proud

but more than that, she knew that he was incapable of writing a line in malice, that he was groning for truth. The truth, Mrs. Wolfe figured, might be unpleasant sometimes, but that never gave a man a license to suppress it, or even to temper it.

Perhaps some of Thomas Wolfe's restless vigor, the driving energy that produced that great, unchecked river of words, he inherited from his giant of a father, but a great measure of it must have come from his mother's side. She was a Pentland (that's the name her son gave her family, not its real name, on gave her family, not its real name, was a Penlland (that's the name her son gave her family, not its real name, but it is as a Penlland that she will be remembered; and she lived for 85 years, bearing the burden of raising a big family and nurturing a genius. Last Summer she operated her old boarding house in Asheville, and this Pall she set out for the North to make arrange-

set out for the North to make arrange-ments for a motion picture version of Look Homeword, Angel and for the pro-duction of three of her son's unpublished plays. It was in New York, far from the towering hills of home, that she died. A few weeks ago in Washington she said of her son: "You know, he'd have been 45 years old last October. And, I think he still ites." He does indeed, and so does Eliza Pentland Gant, who birth-id him. understood the fury of his brief life, and who, in her own way, retained some of the great spirit she passed on to her youngest boy, Eugene.

From The Asheville Citizen:

## Pickets On The Pavement

"You have nothing to lose but your thains," said Marx or Engels or Lenin. Or maybe it was the automobile club. or mayoe it was the autofinoble club, Anyway, on the theory that workers of the world must unite, no less than four pickets from, the District of Columbia Communist, party paraded before the State Department the other day demanding the risignation of Secretary Byrnes and the withdrawal of American iroons from China.

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It is possible, but hardly probable, that Art. Byrnes quaked in his boots while this terrifle leftist demonstration was going an After all, here was a display of naked political power with the warning "Hurisy Out, Byrnes Must Go, Too" (our punctuation) and snappy subtitles on the placards such as "Bring Our Marines Home." It evoked memories of those criss back in early 1941, "The Yanks Are

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We will grant the Communists one thing—a certain amount of forthrightness for coming out in the open as Communists and not as a United Committee for This or That, as in the days when fellow-travelling ate up so much ideological mileage. Indeed, it is when they come out in the open that one realizes how ineffectual and how impotent are these zealots who, in the last election where they ran a President candidate, polled all of 45,000 votes out of a total popular vote of 48,315,000. In the current "Hurley-burly," as our Washington bureau describes it, we should say that while the comrades have nothing to lose but their chains, Mr. Byrnes should be relatively safe from four forforn pickets tramping the pavement of a cold December Washington day.

# The Merry-Go-Round

LAST month out Ambassator Kursan, special entory that two high-up Ambassator Kursan, special entory that two high-up Americans were working closely with Japanese diplomats in order to head off war. He said that one of these was an influential but unofficial American.

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Since then, ex-Postmater General Prank Walker has disclosed that he was the member of the Cabinet, and this column can now reveal that the influential but unofficial Americans was the sense of the column of t

#### Lion and the Mouse

Freshman Representative Hugh Delacy of Seattle, Wash, whose speech is given credit for goading Pattlebene of Seattle, which we will be seated for goading Pattlebene to veteran Senator Tom Connailly of Texas, required for the seated for the seated

you. Delacy assured Connally that the information on China which he used in his criticism of Hurley had not come from the State Department, as charged by the exceeding Ambassador.

\*\* know that, young fellow, replied Connaily. "It becomes the control of the cont

### U. S. Fights Dutch War

While the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is looking into our policy in China, it might also cast an eye on the Dutch East Indies.

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#### Tied to Britain's Skirts

Before Congress okays the \$4,400,000,000 loan to Britain. It dught to take a look at the way the USA its getting the blaume for British cut-throat Imperialism in various parts of the world.

The Dutch East Indies is one example. Greece is another. One of the worst is Ethiopia, where British troops still insist on occupying part of a nation which fought to the death against having Italian troops on its soil.

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Soll tatest case is Siam, a nation with 700 years of proud independence, but over which the firtish now demand a protectorate. The British are censoring the Stamese press, handling all trade and intercourse with the outside world, controlling all the banks, and keeping troops in Siam indefinitely.

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## Maybe He Should Get A Stronger Boy



# It's One World Or No World

By Marquis Childs

Now that the British-U. S. loan proposal has been of-ficially inveiled, it will promptly move into the arena of politics. We are certain to hear a great deal of noisy, irresponsible oratory that will have very little to do with the propo-

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### Smart Cotton Broker

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Clavions initial success came in another field. With
great shrewdness and foresight the developed a worldwide business in cotton and other commodities.
His knowledge of world trade came out of his own
far-reaching operations.
Because of his business past, he took a great deal of
criticism affer he entered the Government that was not
merely unfair, but downright dishonest. Unlike his good
friend from Texas. Joses Jones, Clavion has pigfitted by
his Washington agent promisestip.
He is largely responsible for the proposed Inter-

WASHINGTON national Trade Organization, the outline of which was made ambile along with the terms of the British-U. S. more into the more into the ar a great deal with a recommendation that it be made public. Clayton wroe out of his experience in business and Government.

#### Mutual Problems

"All countries are faced by serious commercial problems and are taking action on them every day. Unless
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defent there is every possibility that the peoples
of the world may enjoy, in our lifetime, a higher degree
of prosperty and welfare than they have ever had before. Powers of production are now the greatest that
agreement on principles of exchange and distribution
which will permit trade, production, employment and
consumption all to expand together."

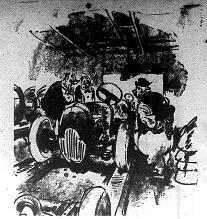
When Clayton and Vinson go to Congress to besteed about the loan, they will go with the deep contexwill be the consequences if this effort falls. They know
that failure can open the door to the manifold evils of
a trade war around the globe.

When Clayton sand with the service of the treasure we spent in the war, it is small,
only the cost of fifteen days of modern warfare at an
average of 250 million dollars a day.

### Hot Political Issue

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One hat political issue will be the right of American commercial planes to land on British soil and especially that Empire soil in various corners of the world which was improved with American money and American toil. The commercial planes of the table of the commercial planes of the commercial planes are all the commercial planes. In the commercial planes were sense of the commercial planes are all the commercial planes. In a commercial planes were commercially and the sharp differences that have existed in international communications. In spite of what seems to be the beginning of a rate war in the air, the same thing may be a sense of the commercial planes. The issue is so clear. It is one world or no world.



"They don't have to hold together too long. Potnik—the finance terms on new cars are much shorter now!"

# Two Vital Dates

**By Samuel Grafton** 

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THERE is a desperate note in Mr. Cheater Bowles' voice as the argues for continued price currol. He has tried everything the present of the first state of the first would happen, with the result that the boxes, with the boxes, which was been a price of \$250 per unit. to \$500, while oranger climbed in some midwide per comparation of the property of the p

single reference to the danger of infinition but, rather, the bare declaration: "Wartime limitations declaration: "Wartime limitations removed." When Mr. Bowles reads articles of this sort, his sewings and ten-cent orange float before the series and ten-cent orange float before the series and ten-cent orange float before the series and the series an

their eyes fixed, while their hand heirs in its work.

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The People's Platform

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# Students Must Be Free

By LT. L. N. SATENSTEIN
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