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matter, is that when the City of Char-lotte builds an imposing memorial to its soldiers and sailors of World War II. Is-nancing it: with serial bonds the last of which mature in 1972, it is simultaneous-ly handing them the bill for their own memorial. Or the tag end of it, any-how, for by 1972, most of the taxpayers will be veterans.

Will be veterans.

We believe they would approve the tundertaking, even so. The War Memorial should be a utilitarian as well as a handsome structure, a standout facility affording pride and enleyment to us all. But by the proposed method of financing, the monument, its honorrees would have to catch some part of the check.

isn't there some way of making the memorial as a true gift, fully paid and with no installments as a lien on the rising generations of taxpayers? Could Thing generations or taxpayers? Could we hot vote to tax ourselves heavily this. Year, next year and for two or three years. Instead of deferring a settlement (and paying for the privilege in interest charges? It will not be feasible to build the War Memorial for a period. During that time, at least we could be laying by.

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Be does, there is a very good chance that Meckienburg County will have ABC afores one of these post-war days, and with them the opportunity of reducing the tax rate substantially. With this relief City taxpayers could stand a special tax and not feel it. Then without embarrassment they could inscribe the plaque on the War Memorial, "Erected to the Everlasting Memory of its Vollant Soldiers and Sallors by the City of Charlotte, 1949 A.D. (Absolutely Debtfree).

### Rear Guard Action

Well, the poll tax fight isn't done, though the last bastions are falling, and Georgia's accomplishment in killing the restrictive principle is being halled across the land. There are yet seven poll tax states, and millions of Southerners who remain unconvinced that the tax on the poll restrains voters from exer-cising their Constitutional rights.

eising their Constitutional rights.

There is the National Committee to
Abolish the Poll Tax, still in active servfee. A recent publication of this group,
aimed at South Carolinians, has drawn
the fire of the strong-minded and alert
editor of Bennetistille's Per Dec Adpocente, W. G. Hazel, Mr. Hazel was sent
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REPRESENTATIVE:	LINK	HARE
State:	Illinois	S. C.
District:	Seventh	Third
1940 Population	914,053	304,379
Votes cast 1944:		
For incumbent	261 473	13.105
For opponent	217,680	404
TOTAL	478,680	13.309
Ratio of votes	52%	4',
For every one perso	n who vote	d in the
poli-taxed Third Congr	essional Di	strict of

South Carolina, 35 citizens of the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois went to the polls.

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There was the further charge that, as one out of every two voters in the III. nois district voted, as against one out of 20 in South Carolina, the half-million voters in Illinois were, voted 35 to 1 by South Carolina, in Congress.

It stirred Mr. Harels/ire. He answered that the polt tax-had not been leved to distranchie voters, but to raise money for schools Yankee carpetbaggers had impowerished. And he reasoned that, though 43.500 people pand pull taxe- an Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 13 - and Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 14 - and Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 15 - and Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 15 - and Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 15 - and Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 15 - and Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 15 - and Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 15 - and Rep. Hare's district last Fall, only 15 - and Rep. Hare's distric

Memorial, C. O. D.

178 bad manners to look a gift horse in the mouth, but honesty is still the best policy. And the honest fact of the mether, is that when the City of Charlotte builds an imposing memorial to its: obte builds an imposing memorial to its: only in the policy. The policy is obtained by policy is obtained by the policy. The policy is obtained by the policy is obtained voting, there is also the universal lethar

woting, there is also the universal lethnary of voters in a democratle state which has already held its primary. Thirty million Americaux, eligible to vote, Just don't want to vote—and there are plenty of them in South Carolina.

But Mr. Hazel must consider what happened in North Carolina 25 years ago, when the poll tax was removed as a prerequisite for voting tout not to give the Negro the vote, by any means). Our voting activity shot up mirraculously, in the Presidential campaign of 1916, North Carolina cast 289,000 votes, In 1920, with the poll tax bars down, it cast 338,000 votes, So there must be something there, and whatever our reaction to Yankee pressure in our politics, other to Yankee, and whateve our reaction to Yankee pressure in our politics, other Southern states should be able to see the wisdom of the home-grown example offered by North Carolina in the past generation.

### The Wrong Jail

It doesn't mean much, we suppose, when we report that the State hospitals when we report that the State hospitals are pitfully overcrowded. A story like that means that over 2.700 patients, a good many of them helpless and in need of more or less constant medical and psychiatric care, are packed in behind Morgantion's walls. And because there are only four dectors on the staff, it means that each physician, including the Superintendent, has an average of almost 700 patients in als care. Decent attention under these conditions to the physical condition of these patients, much lies the treatment of their mental disorders, is plannly impossible.

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disorders, is plainly impossible.

And things are netting worse, not heter. There is an increasing number of North Carolinians seeking admittance to the hospitals. The rate of mental disease grows apace, You can see it at Morganion, where the recommended population was set at 1,500, and should never have one over 2,000. But there are other hundreds on the outside, in deplorable condition. There is not room for them, and so they languish in county julis, or training their hours to place unbecarable beforems upon their families.

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Mecklenburg knows the problem, Just mow there are five mentally ill citizens —linsane, if your prefor—in the Mecklenburg slail. One of them, a woman, has been there for a week. The jail la not equipped to treat them, and makes mo attempt to do so. Because hospitals are crowded, they often stay for several days. It should not, of course, be so. And the date of a differs is not con-

and this state of affairs is not confined to Mecklenburg. Counties all over the state are having the same experience. They cannot long continue at this. In the first place, this is a State problem, and the State is going to have to solve it, quickly. It cannot wait for new building-programs in which may not be the final answer anyway. It could be solved, by use of abandoned Army facilities to the state, and work on that is going Torward now, slowly. We need action immediately. It is criminal neglect that we allow mental cases to be stuck-in juils, at the very time when proper care, observation and treatment might save them lives of misery. Some other way must be found.

It is discovered that a schoolbook in use in New York State describes the Japs as "friendly beauty-lower, alert, clean and intelligent people"— one of the longest typographical errors on record.

## Statesmen At Work

(Serious facetious and comic excerpts from the Conoressional Record). DURING House debate on the meat theirs - have an extra amount in there to take

or consumer subsidier?

Mr. WOLCOTT (Mich): Sectify consumer unbeidles. They have nothing whatevere o do with production. They are not related back to the product They are insidies for which & have always contended there is no authority in law. The law now

The Merry-Go-Round

of these men wanted to aid the big food ifrms. others couldn't forget the days when Federal polity was to kill of the days when Federal polity was to kill of Last year. for instance, War Food Administration concentrated on trying to clear of all surplus faits—even personal paint. This year there is a short-age. Last year WFA held out to the bitter end against bringing all meats couraged to production and permitted meat canning facilities to work at less into the couraged to production and permitted meat canning facilities to work at less into the couraged to grow the work of the couraged to grow the work of the couraged to grow the work at less into the couraged to grow the work of the couraged to grow the grow the couraged to grow the g

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### Poultry Stamps

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Tounoblen's pitz echemic lent year was for a poultry subsidy program awarding one dollar per hen if 70 million hens were marketed at once. At that time of course, eggs were plentiful and poultry was not. Fortunarly, the plan was never adopted.

The plan called for issuance of summary by WFA. The plan called for issuance adopted with the plan was never adopted when at marketing time. The stomp would then remain with the hen throughout various transactions until it reached the whole-sic market. At this point, the stamp would be returned to WFA agents, who would compare farmer the other 50 cents—at the poultry population of his farm had not increased since he originally sold the hen.

Finally, WFA never critists of over OPA clients to crack down on the potitive black market. Today, with the Army unable to lay may stockpile of poultry despite a complete set-aside in four major poultry areas, the black market is such a skeable racket that trucks are being hi-Jacked in the Midwest Just as in prohibition days.

Present plan is to order a set-aside for the Army of all poultry in the entire Midwest—metading Traxs.

Iawa, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. In addition, CRA may soon announce a system for licensing all poultry handlers.

On the bright side is the fact that farmers responded so well to the April call for increased poultry production that hatchery production in that part of April was greater than in any corresponding period in the past.

### Congressional Fist Fight

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Inside fact about the filet fight between New York's
Republican Congressman John Taber and Missouhi's,
belligerent Democrat Charence Gannon is that their
scratch-sech-other's-syss-out animosity dates back to a
scale of the control of the control of the control
much-dealted 25.00 extra expense allowance to Congressmen. Democratic lenders had okayed the increase,
but Republican leaders had not. They wanted the Democrats on stick their necks out first. However, the rank
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just as much as the Democrats.
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just as much as the Democratic line when the cash when the appropriations committee men. Congression when the appropriations committee men. Congression and the confidence of the would not approve the \$2.500 boost if it could be drawn in a lump jum. Whereupon the committee slapped bim down with a twenty to skitcen vote jump jum if they whited.

The believe Taber then threatened a floor fight. Faced with this, the committee back-tracked and agreed to restrict the expense abovance to monthly payment; office of the committee back-tracked and agreed to restrict the expense abovance to monthly payment; office of the committee of the

one voted "ave," until suddenly Taber droned "no."

He Who Gets Slapped

Whreupon, Chiffman Cannon, who had already voted "ave," changed like vote to "no." Representative Joe Hendricks of Deland, Fin, asked why.

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I have the state of the state of the state of the profit of the favors this \$2.200 allowsnee," replied Cannon, "When I voted just now, I firmly believed that the gentleman would vote likewise. And I do not intend to have this break of the state of the sta

also wait in or in possible of But a few days ago, when the whole matter did become a political issue, just as Camon predicted, the trate Missouritan lastic fine bits office and socked him in the eye.

## "There's No Shortage Of White Crosses, Mister!"



## The Rise Of The House

and intention was adopted by a confortable major-ty. A better example is the Bretton Woods mouetary surcement. The rooking trepublican member of the House Bankling and Currency Committee is Represen-tative Jesse P. Welcott of Michigan. Wolcott labored long and conscientiously to come to an understanding with the Treasury on minor changes that would make the Biretton Woods proposal acceptable to the great majority of Republicans. Successful, and he deserves all praise for it. AB but three of the eleven Repub-licans on the committee view for the Bertlem Woods proposal, and the table on the final vote in the Hause

by Marquis Childs

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Since the same sense is an adoption of the same sense in the same sense of them, are likely to find themselves in the unevalvable position of advocating inflation. They will insist it is something else, but that it will come down to in the terms of the same sense in the same sense is a bad time to teck the boat The Senate.



"I'll be glad to get my job back, Gus, but you'll have to watch me for awhile—I'm used to cooking for 300 men!"

# Europe's Future"

By Dorothy Thompson

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# Pay For Peace

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