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Sound, If Temporary

Five Bonny Candidates

To the first six weeks of their strike at General Motors the 175,000 production workers, who are, of course, members of the United Auto Workers, have around \$50,000,000 (\$47,460,000 ac-

bers of the United Auto Workers, have paid around \$80,000.000 \$421,450.000 acreding to the union \$83,844.000 according to the union \$83,844.000 according to the company to back their, demand for a new contract with the company. It is a right high price one the union members are funding it increasingly difficult to meet as the strike draws on And, of course, elementary arithmetic indicates that they will soon cancel out the monetary benefits to be derived during the first year after they obtain the 30 per cent wage increase they domand. But the mounting total of lost wages is a measure not only of the futility of the strike, but of the convection and discipline of the strikers, but of the convection and discipline of the strikers. But of the convection and discipline of the strikers though the strikers though the strikers though the interest—they have insisted on more than a mere wage insisted on more than a thirty reverted the demand for a wage increase, and it has been even more vehement in its opposition to the new principle, delying the President of the United States and takes.

tion to the new principle, defying the President of the United States and tak-President of the United States and tak-ing a series of newspaper advertisements to explain why it is doing so. The com-pany insists that it has, at its own dis-cretion, always based wages upon prof-its, but it also insists that any attempt by an outside agency to determine its

The entire County Board of Commis-

sioners will run for re-election on a single ticket, offering their joint serv-ices to old Mecklenburg for another heavy combination.

single tacket, offering their joint services to old Mecklenburg for another term. It has been a happy combination, that established by Messrs, McAden, McEwen, McDonald, Porter and Cashion, and they will be able to ofter their record to the voters as evidence of their capacity.

There will be, we suppose, politics behing the sort of business it is, some opposition to the Board's joint candidacy. There are always outs who would like to replace the ins, and enough disgruntled citizens around to give them hope that

ability to grant an increase would be a violation of its fundamental rights.

The General Motors argument is sound many ways. Certainly the effort of the Federal Government to dictate a private corporation's wage scale would be intolcrable in a free economy. But, at the moment, and for some three years past, the economy of the Unifed States has been lar from free.

Under our present system, when we employ arbitrary price controls as a substitute for competition. The President's demand for a fact-finding approach to the settlement of labor disputes seems to us logical and sound. Collective barcaining is an empty phrase at the moment, for one party to the barcain is pluned beneath a ceiling; in sistice to both sides the Government must have access to all the facts in the case when it assumes the role of arbiter.

Fact-finding, recarded as a temporary

fract-finding, regarded as a temporary sheasure, is no greater threat to our system than price controls, and it is just as essential. But fact-finding, like price controls, should be abandoned at the first possible symmet. That moment the

first possible moment. That moment will come when supply and demand are nor-

mai again, when competition serves again as a brake on prices.

The way to get rid of controls, oddiy enough, is to accept them and make them effective so that the volume of production can increase as it should. They will, then, vanish of their own velition.

County during its tenure. But that seri

of criticism doesn't carry much weight out in the back country, the rural areas where the service of these gentlemen is most important, and, we suspect, most

most important, and, we suspect, most appreciated. We have been struck by the fact that they are such a fitting group to govern this Scotch-frish stronghold. It is no accident, we think, that the board includes three Mos and one Sandy among its membership. We are not critain whether Mr. Cashion springs from a highland strain or not, but we suspect he does, for he has worked smoothly with the others, contributing materially to the record they have established as

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to the record they have established as one of the canniest and most purser-prudent Commissions in county history. They are a bonny group, indeed, and we trust that the voters, if they decide to replace them, will select five of the same dour strain, gentlemen who could turn up at the Court House, wearing kills without exciting too much com-

THE NEW YEAR greets Harry
Truman with two big housekeeping problems right inside his
Che is slow-moving, procrastinating John Snyder of St. Louis,
the war recontruman is not a single show the single show help
the help when it
comes to getting
back on a smoothrunning, peacetime basis.

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James F. Byrnes
di South Carolina,
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Jimmy Byrnes

And His Boss

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on inside the White House.

Again, before he came back from the London conference last Fall. Jimmy announced—without consulting his chiefthat he would deliver a radio address to the nation. The White House didn't like this, either.

White House didn't like this, there, there, there, there is the side of the third from his Moseew plane last week, he oner again was a side of the third from his Moseew plane last week, he oner again the side of the begree ones, have ride reations between the President and is no. 1 Cabbinet officer. Both are sensitive beneath is no. 1 Cabbinet officer. Both are sensitive beneath the surface. In addition, the President happens to be surrounded by the surface in addition, the President happens to be surrounded by the surface. In addition, the President happens to be surrounded by the surface in addition, the President half of the surface. In a fairn strong the foreign affairs front.

PREDICTION: There is bound to a clash between Byrnes and running before the year 1946 as

The case of John Str. LOUIS
The case of John Snyder is different, Harry Truman and Snyder used to train together in the Missouri National Guard, know each other intimately. But Truman, in this case, has inherited the old tenderness of his late chief—FDR. He hates to fire a real friend.

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der is not a real Missourian, but from Mekansas.) alltien met eine Missourian regardiess of personalities, how-rer, Sulger has made error after regardiesse met eine met eine met eine nomie ifte of the nation, and or which Truman gets the blame. Her is the scorecard: her is the scorecard: War Labor footed just at a line when the sab. most needed, Later Truman sep put in the embarrassing po-ficient of because the War Labor footen in the second of the second position of the combarrassing po-ficient of the second of the second position of the second of the second of the second position of the second of the second of the second position of the second of t

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Quote, Unquote

One of the greatest weapons with which to combat inflation is a plentful supply of goods made "wilded in areas of plentiful buyl: "ower. — James J. Newman, vice p.esident, B. F. Goodrich Ce.

Isn't It About Time For A Little Kibitzing?



From The Hendersonville Times-News:

There Are Banjos In Flat Rock

(NOTE: Not long ago we came upon a peem by Miss Olive Carruthers in the Chicago Sun, bidding farewell to the poet, Carl Sandburg, who is moving to Flat Rock. In the course of her rhythmic remarks, Miss Carruthers wrote: "You will hear the darkies chanting a lazy coonline." "You will hear the darkies chanting a lazy coonline miniphinds." Ille a mold banjo. "Bit a mold banjo."

banjo . . . "

We wondered, editorially, how
those words would sound up in
Henderson County. Now we
know. Here is the reaction
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Let it be placed in the record here and now, that in spite of the chanting consulpines by the "darkies" and the thrumming of hummingtimes and the thrumming of hummingchanting councilled the spite of the chanting council on extends a hearty. Southern welcome to Mr. Sandburg and his family as they take up residence at Connemara. That having been read in the most spite of the council o

Rock!

In conclusion, let us say that the last paragraph of the foregoing the last paragraph of the foregoing of the last paragraph of the foregoing in the immediate vicinity.

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"song of Chicago?" to which reference is made, expensely the same serial that the same serial that fall flock and the outlands surrounding it, are populated by folk who are warmly desirous of having any songs or undreamed dreams. Chicago site, pulled down this way from the vast city by Luke Michigan, even by so distinguished and talented writer as Mr. Sandburg.

The reason is that in our simple North Carolina way we imagine that the "cong of Chicago" not Mr. Sandburg's sons, of course is similar to so much of the stuff which is received by what old all similar to so much of the stuff which is received by what old all similar to so much of the stuff which is received by what old all similar to sell the similar to so much of the stuff which is received by the similar to some similar to the similar to some similar to the simila

The People's Platform

"Monkeys Are Stupid..."

By LEWIS AVER SMITH

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It's Time to Pull

By J. O. HOLLOWAY

Out of the Orient

Rr J. O. HOLLOWAY

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Here is a copy of a letter I have mailed to Senator Heey:

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Merquis Childs A Mixed Bag

Off To London

MEMBERS of the American delegation to the United Nations Organization—a mixed bag of human beings, if ever there MEMBERS of the American delegation to the United Nations Organization—a mixed bag of his and one—are on their way to London for the fligst momentous meeting of the mixed the control of t

ct. Even before they had left these shores, me members of the delegation had begun to fret over a problem which will confront tem almost at once. That is the question the location of the new home of UNO the northeastern United States.

INTENSE RIVALRY
The rivalry between certain cities is intense. Members of the American delegation fear they will stir antagonism if their recommendations become known.

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But one special problem is troubling the
Republican members of the group. They
have heard of a growing movement to locate
the headquarters of the new league at HydePark near President Roosevelt's home.

FIRE the ar President Roosevelt's home. They do not like this at all and they are determined to oppose it if it actually comes to an ISSU. They will speak up even though It becomes necessary to do so in the presence of the widow of the late President. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who is a member of the delegation.

the deliquation. While this sounds extremely petty, Republican members support their view with the following argument. There is danger, they say, of a revival of isolationism in this rountry. This danger will be accentuated if the new league of nations seems about to become a mountain the formation seems about to become a mountain the strength Research and the same a

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IT'S NOT THE BOMB



"I still think we Congressmen are shockingly underpaid!
—look at the national debt piled up without us getting our fair share of it!"

replace the ins, and enough disgrantled citizens around to give them hope that the attempt will be worth their time. But it is going to be extremely difficult to find a point of attack in this case, for the Commissioners have kept Mecklenburg running smoothly and efficiently with a marked absence of alarums and excursions. There will be some, perhaps, who will eritize the Commission for its lack of imagination, its failure to rebuild the Let's Talk About Money

Despite the embittered cries of servloemen stranded in the Pacific, the current demobilization figures are impres-sive; as of January 1 the strength of the army was estimated at 4,300,000, which means that over 4,000,000 men have left

the service since V-E day, and by June.

if the present rate is maintained, the
total will be reduced to 1.630.000; the navy had, as of January 1. released slightly more than a million men. about

one-third of its total strength.

This rapid demobilization has been formidable task, more difficult, und the circumstances, than the origin formidable task more difficult, under the circumstances, than the original mobilization. And it stands as evidence that both services have, after their usual fashion, achieved over-all success, even though many an inequity has been worked and many an individual has been unjustly penalized.

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The task of dissolving the great fielding machine has been enormously complicated because neither service is clear as to what sort of pracertine establishment as to what sort of pracertine establishment as to manniam. The may's preliminary as no manniam, the may's preliminary as no manniam, the may's preliminary as to manniam, the may's preliminary as to manniam, the manniam of the manniam of the pracertine serving the property of the present of the present of the present of the manniam of

These figures are off the cuff, and These figures are off the coff and unquestionably they will be revised when General Eisenhower completes what he has called his first major task, the dratting of concrete plans for a peace-time army. Aiready the Chief of Staff has saked his subordinate commanders for their estimates of troop needs, and he has asked them to bare their demands on the "minimum mini-

mum". Even so, as Authony Leviero notes in The New York Times, the General "recognizes that despite the most conscientious parine the post-war army will be of unprecedented size . . . and he recognizes that he must sell this army of large proportions to a Congress and a public which are inherently opposed to huge and expensive military establishments."

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It has been the custom thus far, when It has been the custom tims far, when speaking of the post-war military establishment, to stress the need for it and to pass quickly over the expense involved. There are no cost estimates yet at hand—but certainly it is noing to be tremendous, so high the old WPA budget in the days of the burgeoning schoolhouse will look like a deticincy

appropriation.

Estimates will have to be made soon. appropriation.
Estimates will have to be made soon, perhaps by President Truman in his adverse tongilat. We are delicited that the debate over building our future on the debate over building our future on the dubious sort of security a huge military establishment would give us has now progressed to the dollars and cents stage. Up to now, while the matter was stage. Up to now, while the matter was stage. Up to now, while the matter was trip desired in the control of the progression of

men who are sutdenly zong to conclude that it might be cheaper to get along with our neighbors than to arm our-selves against them. And if enough peo-ple, for whatever reason, decide that we've got to get along with the rest of the world we think we will find it sur-prisingly cases to do so.

From The Washington Post:

The Prominent Chanticleer

During the last few days the male of the gallina, vulgarly known as the cock of rooster, has been attracting considerable notoriety. First we, heard of one who continued to walk about and partake of food and even pose for photographers after his head had been neatly severed from his hold. Now the United of rooster, has been attracting con-siderable notoriety. First we, heard of one who continued to walk about and partake of food and even pose for photo-graphers after his head had been neatly severed from his body. Now the United Press reports from Nashville that a cocky little rooster awam the Cumber-land River in six minutes in order to

land River in six minutes in order to clude two pursuing hounds.

We cannot recall many cock-a-dood-levs who have thus distinguished them-salvas in history. A generation ago there was the romantic lover of the hen-phasiant, made famous by the French playeright Bostand, who gained much

saved Rome with their carkling, was the rock whose triple crowing caused Simon Peter to weep so bitterly.

No doubt the rooster of the Gospels gave rise to the legend that the "bird of dawning," around Christmas is wont to crow at midnight, or even, according to Shakespear, "all night long." Taken all in all, he is a doughty fowl and not unweithy of the honor paid him by the more than the control of the cont