WHEN a city grows casually and with-WHEN a city grows casually and without plan over a period of many years
it eventually reaches a point where wasjor surgery is required to prevent it from
strangling itself, to death. This has happened to Charlotte, and so a variety of
operations—sonit, street widening, rerouting of railroads, etc.—have been proposed to repair the damage of the planless past.

less past.

It is quite natural that opposition to all these projects should spring up as soon as they reach the discussion stage. This does not represent blind reaction necessarily, but stems from the fact that any sarily, but stems from the fact that any sizable improvement project in an urban area results in major dislocations for the residents in affected districts.

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The problems attendant to construction of a badly-needed cross-town boulevard, as Pete McKnight has noted in his sweete, boil down to the simple fact that everybody in Charlotte wants the new attent to run in front of somebody destabouse. The Real Boundon's combody destabouse. The Real Boundon's combody destabouse the Real Boundon's combody destabouse, run Real Boundon's combody destabouse, run Real Boundon's combody combody and the street from somebody clanace apparatuly aprings from somewhat similar considerations; property owners don't want anybody to build an abatical racross the street from their own houses, but they would like to be free to build one across the street from somebody else's.

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Obviously it is impossible to build a boulevard or institute a zoning system without upsetting somebody's private arrangements, and all those who are affect-

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ed have a right to a full hearing before any final decision is made. So far, it seems to us, the various agencies concerned have been more than generous on this score; every project now under consideration has been undertaken only after long soul-searching and every citizen with something on his mind has been invited to The opposition, however, has not been equally generous. In the matter of the boulevard, certainly, there have been deliberate efforts to muddy the waters. One of the chief weapons employed against the boulevard has been a whispering campaign made up of wild rumors, some of them of the chief waspons employed against the boulevard has been a whispering campaign made up of wild rumors, some of them quite vicious.

We commend to all concerned the example set this week by the citizens of Pineville, who have a far more serious complaint to lodge with the City than any householder who thinks he may lose a rosebush when the boulevard is built. They are the create site for the new sewage plant which they fear will foul the air in their pleasant village. We have no opinion as to the merits or demerits of their proposal, but we were struck by the first phrase in the newspaper account of their appearance at City Hall. It began: "A calm but sincere protest..."

Calm, you will note, and sincere. The other protestants who are building fires under Council these days seem to fall short of that definition on one or the other of its two counts.

Theodore Bilbo from public life, we have never given editorial aid and confort to those zealots who would declare him unconstitutional. There is, of course, no question but that The Man has violated vitrually every precept of the Constitution in his day, but this has sensed to us largely a matter between the Senator and his white constituents, who still hold in their hands the power to destroy him when they have finally had enough. Our reluctance to intervene stems, we suppose, from our states rights heritage, and from the realization that even progressive old North—Zarolina still, maintains certain doubtful electoral practices that prevent the grace-jul casting of stones.

statesmen and Southern voters. The pun-gent odor of personal corruption which has followed Senator Bilbo through all his ca-reer has apparently be come noticeable even in Washingtoh. It is reported that the Senate's Kilgore Committee is plan-ning to invite Bilbo in to answer a few embarrassing questions.

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Item number one on the Kilgore agenda will probably be the matter of a check for \$25,000 The Man is supposed to have received from a contractor during the war. This is old hat in Mississiph, for the Sentines of the control of the called during the war.

documentary evidence of this transaction from every stump in the state during the campaign. Bilbo's characteristic reaction was to c harge persecution and refuse, wherever possible, to discuss the allegation. But there are also several other aspects of the phenomenal Bilbo career that have puzzled some Missisteplans, at least, for quite a while. There is, for instance, the matter of the Senator's estate near Poplarville, described by those fortunate enough to have visited it as opulent in the extreme. It has only been a few years since Bilbo, by his own confession, was penniless and dependent for substitence upon a clerk's job in the_Department of Agriculture obtained for him by influential frends. His only occupation since then has been public service, and no other Senator from the provide more than a modest living.

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Senstor's income tax. According to his
political opponents Bilbo has never paid
more than \$72 in income tax in all his
years of public service, including those
during which he acquired what he calls
his Dream House.

All of this raises some very interesting
questions that have nothing winatever to
do with the War Between the States,
white Supremacy, the Bonny Bilue Flag,
or even States Rights. We only hope the
Senator has recovered sufficiently from his
recent attack of inflammation of the
mouth to answer them when the Kilgore
Committe invites him to sit down in the
witness chair and rest a spell.

A Look Into The Republican Future

THE Republican Party, by its own loud confession, offers the people an esentially negative approach to government. It promises to undo, insofar as possible, those things done by the Democrats during the past 14 years, with particular emphasis on the abolition of Federal agencies

phasis on the abolition of Federal agencies set up to "interfere" with private business. In a loose sort of way this is a political program, and, unless we miss our guess, a popular one. The problem of translating these generalities into specifics, however, is most difficult. Republicans refuse to be connered as a rule, substituting invective for details.

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The diligent diggers of Editorial Research Reports, Inc., a Washington organization that rounds up facts for harrassed editors, have devoted a good deal of time and energy to figuring out what might be expected of a Republican Connection of the second o

April 1, 1946. Herewith the results:

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People's Platform

Old 97's Lone Survivor

Coming In On A Wing And A Praver

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THAT was as interesting letter the other day in the T People's Platform column of Tux News, headed whore on 97', from Mr. J. P. Long, now of Lincoliton, who at the time of the wreck of No. 97 at Danville, of the time of the wreck of No. 97 at Danville, of the time of the wreck of No. 97 at Danville, of the time of the wreck of No. 97 at Danville, of the time of the wreck of No. 97 at Danville, of the time of the wreck of No. 97 at Danville, of the time of the wreck of No. 97 at Danville, of the time of the time. He said that 'I did, Mr. Cakidwell-said he saw them?' He said that 'I did, which was a to the train that same through all right'.

Well, one of those birds was for me. At that time I had a young lady friend in another state time I had a young lady friend in another state time I had a young lady friend in another state time I had a young lady friend the work of t

Oxford Orphanage

Editors, The News:

THE Oxford Orphanage at Oxford, North Carolina, has a record of seventy-three years of service has a record of seventy-three years of service and have been cared for and trained. It graduates and former pupils are in all walks of life and three is no record of a former pupil having been convicted and sentenced for committing a major crime in North Carolina. It is the dottest Orphanage in the hearth of the converse of the supporting order.

At the present time less than forty per cent of the population of the Orphanage is of Masonic parentage. The home possesses valuable buildings, grounds and equipment and has had no operating deficit for several years.

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ment and experienced case was to a same, of children. Gill are needed this year for operating expenses in order to maintain the Home and provide emergency repairs.

The Oxford Orphanage is more than a philantropy—it is an investment in the lives of North Carolina boys and girls who would not otherwise also the high dividends in character and trained young people. It is an opportunity today for North

-M. E. PARHAM, Acting Superintendent

Little Is Known . . .

Editors, THE NEWS:

W little seems to be known about it by the ordinary citizen.

Apparently its fundamental principles are that communism hates God and all forms of religion. Protestant, Catholic or Jewish, and is opposed to any individual owning private property.

It also proved that the property of the

Leas mercilessly persecuted millions of unratians.

Communism is atheistic, anti-Christian, and uncommunism is atheistic, anti-Christian, and uncompress should outlaw the Communist Party in

Everyone who is loyal to the American form of
government will do well to ask his Congressman to
preserve and quard our American form of government from Communism which undoubtedly seeks to
destroy it. -JOHN S. WILLIAMS.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communication is should be less than 300 words, typeurities any possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libet and obscently will be deleted-otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon reactions, the will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Taus News.

Quote, Unquote

THE Good Neighbor policy must begin paying its own way, and the State Department is ready to accommodate those who want to engage in business abroad.—Spruille Braden, Assistant Secretary of State.

The two ideologies, capitalism and communism, can exist in the same world peacefully. We must not be tricked into European absolutism by seeking to destroy those who do not believe as we do—Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman, professor of social philosophy at Columbia University.

Harold Ickes

'Approximate Justice'

Some in Tennessee unless over of Safety, is brought to justice.

UNREST SPERADS
Starting from a fight between a white shopkeeper and a Negro woman and her sailor son, unrest spread through the usually quiet city of Columbia and by nightfall a mob of white men had gathered in the courtbidue square. Shortly after dark, automobiles ran up and down through the Negro business section with the occupants firing indiscriminately. The Negroes, and indiscriminately. The Negroes, and four policemen usuade and start four policemen usuade and start four policemen usuade and the same were short three firings are were short for the start of the same were short three firings in start of the same way and the same way and the same short of the same way and the same short of t JUSTICE CALLED FOR

Samuel Grafton

Liberalism Revived

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The meat shortage has been solved down to a certain income level; below that a kind of line as the control of whether you get meat or don't get meat now depends on how much money you have, to a far greater degree than was true in the worst black market days. A universal different solved as the expense of one group; and where before we could join hands and rail at circumstopy of the control of the control

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Drew Pearson's : Greedy Congress Sold Out U. S. Public Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note—Drew Pearson's column today takes the form of a letter to his brother in Paris.) WASHINGTON

Leon Pearson, International News Service, Paris, France,

Paris, France.

DEAR KID:

Well, we are in for some interesting times in this country.

A meal-mad America has been threatening to tear Harry

and the standard of the standard wines in appetite for reference was me. and poor Hardy unless its appetite for reference was me. and poor Hardy unless the appetite for reference was the standard with the standard was th

Remember when we were kids? We never had meat ore than three or four times a week. Mother said it was o expensive and that vegetables were just as good, anyway, emember what a big event it was when, once a week, we di round-steak ground? Chicken In Every Pot'

A T THAT time chicken was an even greater delicacy. We always had it on Sundays, and I guess most every fam-ily did, for when Herbert Hoover wanted to promise the

American people the super-duper of food, he told 'un they'd get 'a chilcen in every pot' If they elected him President, If so thim elected all right, but now that Harry Truman has given us a chicken in every pot, and sometimes turkey to boot, were not satisfied. Now it's to hell with chicken and Truman. We've got to have a beefsteak in every refrigerator. Sitting over there in Paris you will hardy believe some of these things. And if you came back on a quick trip you would hardy recognize some of your fellow Americans. They simply went berserk over meat.

I took a quick trip through the Middle West last week, and that was all they were talking about—meat. Our dangerous problem with Russis, the hopes of the Peace Conference, the relative merits of political candidates all were forgotten in the rage over meat.

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But in addition to the politics involved, I am afraid that riotism and unselfishness and the things that have made country great, have sild into a terrific backwash.

Congressional Greed-Bag

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September 1. September 1.

Patriotism Goes Into Doldrums

P.S.—I am planning to run for Congress on the platform pledge of a side of beef in every deep-freeze and two deep-

A Precedent From Pineville

The Fortunes Of Theodore Bilbo

EVEN though we have long believed that the public morals would be materially improved by the forcible retirement of Theodore Bilbo from public life, we have

electoral practices that prevent the grace-jul casting of stones.

The Honorable Harold Ickes and others are now going after The Man on another count, however, which does not involve the sacred relationship between So ut he rn statesmen and Southern voters. The pun-

No "federal bureaucratic interference" with the state system of social security; or social security or social security or social security or social security of the securi

antagonism and class exploitation.
It will be noted that this summary is
also loaded with generalities. Even when it
is specific it consists, in large measure, of
campaign promises. It is, however, the
best available forecast of the sort of government we're likely to enjoy, or suffer,
depending upon the point of view, during the next two years. We thought you'd
like to know.

We must make the most of things, in this housing jam. A veteran who is mis-understood and lives in a garret is all set to become a poet.

A forthcoming book will straighten us out on counter-espionage. There is more to it, it seems, than tapping someone else's tap on a telephone line.

A Toronto bake-shop bandit waves a gun, empties the cash register and walks away without having spoken. Evidently a new kind of totalitarian.

A meeting of wire-nail manufacturers is called by the Government to examine their problems, and from every side comes the suggestion, "Can't the brass-tack boys sit on this one?" All signs point to good hunting in the Maine wilds, where the deer population at this time is given out as 300,000, thus out-numbering the Democrats.

Just to complete the record: Was there a straw hat season this year?