

CHARLOTTE NEWS

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City-County Consolidation

COMMENTING on City-County consolida-tion some days ago we wound up an editorial with the summary: "The need is great, the prospects dim." Since then there re been some changes. The need remains at, but the prospects are considerably

righter. The County Board of Commissioners has nown a marked interest in the possibility consolidation; so, as individuals, have east members of City Council. All those rectly concerned are, naturally, confining self-comment to generalities, but nowhere there any evidence of the sort of closed ind the discussion has always run into the next.

in the past.

The point has been made, in which we concur, that nothing can be done until more specific information is at hand. Burke Davit's investigation, as reported in Trax News, was admittedly superficial, designed only to show the need for eliminating overlapping governmental functions and the waste and inefficiency of the present dual system. He did not attempt to evaluate the two principal proposals of the past —extension of the City limits to the County line, or complete separation of City and County.

Chairman McAden of the County Board came forward yesterday with the eminently practical suggestion that County and City jointy retain an outside organization to make a complete survey of our local gov-ernment. Mr. McAden suggested the Uni-versity of North Carolina's Institute of Cor-er and Carolina's Carolina's Carolina's Carolina's carolina's Carolina's Carolina's Carolina's Carolina's familiar with it, and far enough away to be free of political pressure.

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This seems to us an excellent starting point for what is certain to be a long-range project. It may very well be that immediate consolidation, or immediate separation, of City and County is utterly practical and that the best solution will

The Virtues Of Conflict

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S Armistice Day pronouncement, in which he tossed the ball to the Republican Congress and pledged his co-operation, is being halled statesmanlike utterance. Certainly it ned in statesmanlike language, in

a statemanlike utterance. Certainly it so couched in statemanlike language, in it it bespoke an absence of bitterness, roud that we can't see that it means rishing at all, unless Mr. Truman plans abandon his Party's basic principles. The sole issue of any consequence in the interestical campaign was the question Federal intervention in the daily life the etitizenty—how far should the Government go in reculating the secondary of the common go in reculating the secondary of the common go in reculating the secondary of the common go in reculating the secondary of the national community? The more action of the national community? The more season; the Republicans insisted that leral regulation must be held to an absence of the national community. The season; the Republicans insisted that leral regulation must be held to an absence of the season. There is actions per in the season of the common season of

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roughout his political life.

The people have spoken against the Democratic theory, it is quite true. (Although there is merit to the argument of the displaced liberals that they voted not against the fumbling application of that theory in recent months. But three times before the people gave Democratic theories an overwheiming efdoorsement. There is little doubt that they will do so again, perhaps compromise between the extremes of the Republican and Democratic positions.

But it is certainly not a Democratic or

co-operation in the destruction of every-thing he stands for.

Another Voice

The Great Cotton 'Mystery'

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When the nation's principal cotton exwhen hanges suspended trading on Wednesday of this week it marked the third
time within a fortnight that such extreme
action had been found necessary to restore
order in this temporarily de moral its ed
market. The exchanges reopend for business yet a cree or a first or the control of the regulations of the Office of Price Administration, while Georgia's State
Commissioner of Agriculture sees it as part of "a drive by the Administration to put cotton back to what they think is parity." The most charitable thing that may be said of such explanations is that may be easify of years of the control of the contro lating as a result of uncertainty as to price policies and that consumer resist-ance has been mounting steadily, and much of the mystery about the market's decline disappears.—New York Times.

If necessary, the veteran rounder holds, let's have prohibition back to bring the price of whisky down.

Maybe it isn't the drinker himself who ets into barroom fights, but those neutral



Equal Educational Opportunity

Editors, Tex News:

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schools. As superintendent I have frequently been
dol when requesting some consideration from patrons
for co-operation in school matters: The State is
them. This is indicative of the attitude of many
patrons with reference to their local schools.

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Good Luck

Writers' Boost

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Editors, The News:

A TTACHED hereto is a copy of a resolution adopted by The Charlotte Writers' Club at its last regularmeeting held 5 Nov 1946. This resolution was adopted after a lengthy discussion of the teachers' salary question:

tion:
Whereas the Charlotte Writers Club has a natural
and inherent interest in promoting the educational
welfare of this community and state, and Whereas;
The Charlotte Writers' Club has observed with distress the descrition of members of the teaching profession and the curtained enrolment in teachers'
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Therefore be it Resolved: By the Charlotte Wilters' Club in regular meeting assembled on November 1946, that full and complete endorsement be given to the action recently taken by the South Piedmont Teachers' Association in requesting permanent and substantial increases for public school teachers salfries in North Carolina.

—VIRGINIA 8. SUESA, , Secretary.

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Harold Ickes

Republican Prospects

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The Formal Approach

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