The Lynching Record For '46

come years there has been a down-d arithmetical progression in the of lynchings in the United States: mmer of lynchings in the United States: re in 1943, three in 1943, two in 1944, se in 1945. This continued through the tryears when passions ran high, and it we rise to the hore. we rise to the hope, expressed here a ar ago, that we would reach the goal of to in 1986.

at appears, however, that peace was too much for us. According to the official scords kept at Tuskegee Institute in Ala-ama, a Negro college that has more than a, a Negro college that has more than ussing interest in the matter, six per-were lynched in 1946. All of them, as ial, were Negroes. All the lynchings, as ial, took place in the South.

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In these six cases there is no doubt at ill that the victims came to their deaths at he hands of a mob. There were also four order-line cases which Tuskeşee did not nedude in its count because of insufficient vidence. And there were 17 other insances, involving 22 victims, in which sances, involving 22 victims, in which specificate on the part of law call of the country of the

hese took place in the South except one. The offenses with which the lynch mobs harped their six victims were, as usual, virial. One was believed to have stolen is adding (two other persons confessed to the their after his death). One was charped with breaking into a house the harped with breaking into a house the land been arrested, but released when the indictement wouldn't stand up in court). Three were simply innocent by the marker of the case they happened to be in

wanted.

The number of deaths, of course, is not impressive when laid alongside the highway fatality list, the home accident casualty roster, or the court record of individual crimes of violence. But lynching is a peculiar crime that does not lend tisself to comparisons; it does not involve a moral lapse on the part of one person, but a lapse in the morals of a community. It is an organized and premeditated business, always undertaken ostensibly in the public interest. It tanits not only the man who ties the rope or pulls the trigger or lights the fagot, but all those who actively or passively condone his act.

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We in the South 'cannot blink the fact
that lynching is possible only where theretable the state of the state of the state of the
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non suil not be punished for their act,
and will not even lose caste as a result of
it. When that prejudice is methodically
fanned for political purposes lynching is
the inevitable result, the final, dark flowering of a brutality that also shows itself in
a dosen less conspicuous ways. It is no
accident that five of the six lynchings in
1846 took place in Georgia and Mississippi,
where Theodore Bilto and Gene Talmadge
campaigned on the spurious issue of white
supremacy.

The death of these six Negroes is not

supremacy.

The death of these six Negroes is not particularly important, but the manner of their passing is. It stands as a measure of the region's failure to solve one of its fundamental problems. It shows that 1945 was a year in which we lost a good deal of the ground so painfully gained in the past by members of the two races fated to live together in the South of the past by members of the two races fated to live together in the South.

ment, and perhaps it is just as well. But we are, as always, troubled by the prac-tical aspect of the immigration problem.

On the day we read Senator Thomas' statement we came upon a photograph of the American scientists who perfected the atomic bomb. Einstein was there, of course, and so were Fermi, Oppenheimer, Urey, and and others whose names were

Missner, and others whose names were decidedity un-Anglo-Saxon. Except in the case of Einstein, who is a late arrival on these shores, we don't know whether these ladies and gentlemen are immigrants or the children of immigrants, but certainly they do not stem from what we like to call "native stock."

The question posed by Senator Thomas is whether it is practical to allow any more immigrants to enter the country. But the development of the atomic bomb seems to pose a question of perhaps greater urgency: Is tractical to keep them out?

The Matter Of Immigration

O'NE of the hot issues in the 80th Congress will center around the question of immigration—whether the present relatively small quotes about the relatively small quotes about a part of the new American nationalism such worthles as William Randolph Hearst and his hatchet-man, Westbrook Pegier, are arguing that all immigration should be halted. They now have a new and influential convert in the person of Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma.

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"I am against immigration," says the smator. There may be a few exceptions, ut as a general principle I am opposed to until we get our domestic seconomy tille more stabilised—and that may take

the moral and humanitarian issue— ther the world's wealthlest nation ald turn her back on her starving hbors—is avoided in the Senator's argu-

Report On The Man In The Cab

A S a sort of Christmas present for its readers, The New York Times last t presented the most ambitious fea-store in the history of journalism. The week presented the most ambitious fea-ines store in the history of journalism. The basic fides involved an interview with the common man of 1946, and the entire for-ning staff of The Times was mobilized for the purpose. By arbitrary decision, the icomotive engineer was selected as a uni-versal type and Times reporters headed for the roundhouses in every quarter of the globe.

the globe.

In Argentina and China, in New York and Moscow, in Mexico and England, in Sweden and Egypt, in a done on ther countries engine Grivers were invited to discuss their life and kimes. There was a great variation in living standards, in pay, and in working conditions, of course. A hogger in the United States gets 3600 a month, in Japan 325, in Russia 3500, in Spatin 358, in Great Britain 3109. The Russian sagineer lives with his wife and two children in a one-room flat, the Australian

engineer has an automobile, the German engineer hates his job.

But there were also notable similarities in outlook among engineers all around the globe; none was particularly interested in politics, all were interested in technology, all were seeking for their children a better life than they had known. It is safe to conclude, as The Times did, that the re-sults would be about the same if workers in almost any other occupation had been put to the same test.

but to the same test.

But the most important result of the survey is that each of the engineers emerges, sharp and clear, as an individual. The average locomotive engineer cannot, The Times observes, "be pinned neatly into a category... As, like Casey Jones, he climbs into his cab with his orders in his hand, it is hard to think of him in masses." This is comforting evidence that, despite the march of the faceless men in the last decade, the common man of the world remains extremely uncommon.

Another Voice

Charlotte Looks It Over

OUR neighbor Charlotte has grown warry, it would seem, of the regular Monday morning parade of the bleary eyed and thick-tongued before the bar of local justice. Arrests for dru nke nness, drunken driving and excessive use of alcohal in the Meckineburg capital have reached 10,000 annually. The obvious conclusions to be drawn from these figures. Observes least in Meckineburg and the drunkenness are allied violations. But the law alone, of course, which public drunkenness and allied violations. Only of the Carolinas, No. one cannot be be drawn from these figures. Observes tte News, "is that prohibition is

That conclusion is not a deduction re-That conclusion is not a deduction re-served solely to a public-spirited news-paper. Apparently it is joined by Charlotte City Council, which has requested a spe-cial legislative act authorizing a legal liquor election for the municipality exclu-sive of the County. Three of four members of the Meckinburg delegation to the Gen-of the Meckinburg delegation to the Genembly favor such an election

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Drunkenness is hardly guaranteed to derease under a control system. The fact
i, however, that dry Charlotte and Meckinburg Head the State in the number of
Ourt cases involving alcohol. The Neur
as published a series of articles by Burke
wis, special staff writer, which cites
hear figures for the AB.C. municipalities;
burham, 13 arrests for drunkenness per
500 of county population; Wilmington;
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35 per 1,000 of county population.

It is not the law alone, of course, which pays the freight on Charlotte's traffic in public drunkenness and allied violations. The bootleger flourishes in the Queen City of the Carolinas. Not one cent of liquor revenue goes into public funds — at least in Meckienburg. The public beneficiary, if any, is the adjacent State of South Carolina, tax-paid caterer to the tipsy Queen.

We do not propose to argue the merits of any action which has been taken or any We do not propose to any any action which has been taken or any be taken in the future by the city fathers of Charlotte. The simple fact is that they seem to have outgrown their tolerance of prohibition—the kind, that is, which prohibits with a plous wink.—Asheville Citi-

Uncles sending gifts to faraway kin will bear in mind that, except in comic strips, nieces and nephews do age from year to year.

Only a woman can remove a recipe from a newspaper with a hairpin—and in such a manner that nothing left on the page is legible.

-Can Spring Be Far Behind?



People's Platform

Christmas At Croft

Editors, The News:

THIS afternoon as I was reading The Charlotts

News I saw the picture of Mrs. T. W. Holton and her son in the paper. I would like to tell you just what has happened to use virted from our partients. The saw is the paper of the same property of the paper of the paper of the same property of the paper. I would like to tell you just what has happened to use we writed from our partients. The same paper of the paper

sure that in the next selection we would receive an apartment.

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Editors, THE NEWS:

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New York passor.

CROFT Nurse Shortage

DAVID E. QUINN, M.D., Manager, Oteen and Oteen Annex VA Hospitale

CHARLOTTE

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications and the state of the possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name—Editors. Tax News.

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Marquis Childs

Hannegan's Holiday

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Harold Ickes

U. S. Senate On Trial

WASHINGTON

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CYNICAL POLITICS

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Drew Pearson's: Churchill Vetoed Marshall As Commander Merry-Go-Round

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"GEORGE," Roosevelt said, "you deserve the job. You can have it if you want it. I'll just announce that you've been appointed and Churchill will never dare deny it."

STALIN then made it quite clear that he didn't trust Churchill, that he believed Churchill would still a comment of the commen

the session.

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the British Prime Minister, who considered himself quite a
military strategist, had not reliabed these requires
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Marshall was not anti-British.
Finally, Roosevelt summonded Marshall and told him the
result of his conference with Churchill.

got a fine record.

Roosevel's reply was that some day history would learn
of Marshall's selfless greatness.
And that's how Eisenhower became Supreme Commander
of the Western European invasion.

Unique Bureaucrat

In a city where the average bureaucrat would cut a rival's throat quicker than his own official powers, it is heartening to find one Government bigwig who ukases himself out of a job. That is what happened when the Office of War Mobilization was reorganized out of existence.