THE CHARLOTTE NEWS Drew Pection

Houses At Last?

American in 1892. And planning is imAmerican is not. 187

Even after the uncertain peace set in,
and the housing crisis became as evicient as a veteran on a park bench,
every Pederal plan for meeting it was
rejected on the grounds that it led
straight to regimentation. And the
builders and the realtors and the materials manifecturers arrived in Washington with loud promises of immediate
action of their own if they were just
left alone.

Well, here it is some

ft alone. Well, here it is six months later, and Well, here it is six months later, and no houses. And the veterans are even the properties of the party of a chance at a park bench with a southern exposure. They have become so manerous their collective ery for shelter has almost drowned out the builders and the realtors and the manufacturers. Almost, but not quite, for Congressional leaders are promising to chance the President's new emergency housing program into law with just one little exception—cell-

when economists began pointing out that the greatest housing shortage in aneitean history was certain to follow the end of the war they were mel with that stony gaze the business community, and its Congressional bloc, reserves for bolders of degrees higher than Bachelor of Business Administration. The professors were demanding Government planning, weren't they? And planning is unamerican, isn't. 172

Then after the uncertain peace set in.

The state of the service of the conditions of the cond the victans, is based on a guaranteed profits for everybody concerned. "Wage and price rises where necessary to get results," is the way Mr. Wyatt puts it. Still, the averace price level of the 2-700,000 houses planned will be kept under \$6,000. How? Why, through Government subsidies, of course, to the time of some \$550,000,000.

It seems to be a practical program, for all we know the only practical one. The victaris will get houses they can pay for. The builders and manufacturers will get higher ceilings. The breithren in the building trades unions will see this process.

for The builders and manufacturers will get higher ceilings. The brethren in the building trades unions will jack their sky-high-wages up another note. The reators will retain a spot of inflation in lots and old houses to keep their ear fabulous trade at its post-war par. And, oh, happy day, we have avoided resimentation, Nobody has been forced by the power-mad bureaucrats in Wash-waters, to help houses at a small notifi.

by the power-mad bureaucrats in Wash-ington to build houses at a small profit. No. sir, nobody's ordering any free American citizens around. Instead, we're going to bribe them with \$850,000,000 in public money to meet their obligation to the returning veterans. The American way, praise the Lord, has survived an-

Pluck And Luck

have a feeling the long arm of coincid-ence has been strained a little in the success story of George Allen, the Mississippi raconteur. We do not rule out sissippi raconteur. We do not rule out the possibility that it was pluck and fact that sent George's income soaring from \$5,000-per-annum to \$50,000 in a period of a few years, but there is a peculiar parallel between the steady in-crease in his Dun & Bradstreet, rating crease in his Dun & Bradstreet ranne and the rising political fortunes of Har-

and the rising political fortunes of Har-ry Truman.

When he was an obscure Commission-er of the District of Columbia. George didn't seem to attract much attention in financial circles. But as he enterged as a Truman-before-Chicago man, a poker-playing crony of the Vice-Presi-dent, and finally an intimate adviser to the President of the United States, his security canabilities became increassecutive canabilities became increasexecutive capabilities became increasingly obvious. An insurance company (with home offices in New York) signed alm on as a \$28,000-a-year vice-president, and 25 assorted corporations felt honored to place him on their boards of directors. None of these considerate employers seemed to object to George's putting in all his working days at a desk in the White House.

in the White House.

When George appeared before the Senate Banking Committee to discuss his nomination as a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has quite frank about his rising finan-

As fond as we are of Horatio Alger, we cial fortunes. He even admitted that his in surance company vice-presidency might be a little embarrassing to a RFC director, and promised to drop that \$28,-000 plum if the Schators would let him have this new \$10,000 Federal job. The Committee was apparently impressed, for it promptly approved his nomination. Nobody seemed to consider it odd that George intended to stay on the payroll of the other 25 corporations, which will probably have far more banking business with the RFC than the insurance company.

The only profest to George's nomination was filed by five Republican Senators, who voted against it. The Democrats on the Committee went right down the line for the President in the matter, although there were at least five among them who have helped split their party wide open by lining up with the G.O.P. in opposition to everything else Mr. Truman has asked for, from Pull Employment to a new wing on the White House.

We question the propriety of the Allen nomination, and, at best believe it

We question the propriety of the Al-len nomination, and, at best believe it should have been subjected to a far more searching investigation than the Sen-ate Committee gave it. Moreover, it is an ironic footnote that the only oppos-tion to it was so obviously partisan, motivated, apparently, by nothing more patriotic than a desire to add to the growing body of campaign material now being compiled by the Republican Party.

No More War &

Reconversion set in around at the Community Chest office last week. The WAR & was erased from the signs, and for the first time since August, 1942. for the first time since August, 1922, the agency functions simply as the Community Chest of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, It's wartime obligation, to channel Mecklenburg's contributions to 19 agencies operating all around the world has terminated, and the Chest will again concentrate on the support of the 16 agencies operating here at home.

home.

The Chest celebrated reconversion with a brief bookiet recounting its accomplishments of the war years. It's an impressive record—volunteer workers raised a total of \$1.421.839.41 during the period, combining 88 separate war agency campaigns with its own annual drives. Many of those war agencies are now disbanding, but their roster is a history of the war—USO. War Prisoners' Aid, United Seamen's Service, United China Relicf, Belgian War Relicf, Philippine War Relicf, and so on through the list of agencies that concentrated on assistance for Holland, Czechoslovakia, of agencies that tollerated on as-sistance for Holland, Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Norway, Lithuania, Po-land, Luxembourg, Greece, and all the other nations that disappeared beneath the tide of Nazi conquest and reap-peared again in the wake of victorious Allied armies.

Allied armies.

There were four campaigns for funds during the period—two beaded by James R. Bryan and two by Henry C. Dockery. To these gentlemen, to Executive Director Fred Huffman and his permanent staff, and to all the thousands of volume to the community owes a unteer workers, the community owes a vote of thanks. We're delighted to pass

From The Greensboro Daily News:

Let Them Stay A While

Governor Cherry, a Gastonia dispatch sweals, has under consideration the granting of 'paroles to three Gaston Delires and Haywood Dellinger, after they had served slightly less than five years of an 18 to 25 years term in State's prison for the murder of Robert Welker, owing peers, who was shot down at his seveals, has under consideration the granting of paroles to three Gaston Soundy white men. Fred Hudson, Robert Sellers and Haywood Dellinger, after they had served slightly less than live years of an 18 to 25 years term in State 5 prison for the murder of Robert Welker, young negro, who was shot down at his home after the trio and a fourth member, Graham Dellinger, who has already been paroled, followed him there atter an altercation which began on the highway.

This is the killing many will doubless recall, which was catalogued as a lynching in at least one generally accepted compilation, but which the Daily News, among others, saw only as a murder and iedu us to defend the good name of the State and of Gaston County accordingly. The prompt and vigorous manner in County white men, Fred Hudson, Robert

ly. The prompt and vigorous manner in which the law moved to mete out justice which the law moved to prete out justice won wide praise. The quartet of defendants were originally arraigned on first degree murder charges, but the State accepted their pleas of guilty of second degree murder with the subsequent metions out of stiff prison sentences.

At the time of the Irial the Daily News thought that the defendants certainly

It is difficult to believe that four Ne-It is difficult to believe that four Negroes, had they precipitated a row with a white main and then gone to his home and shot him down, would get any such hearing or consideration as is proposed the white offenders from the Governor's own County. There should be no difference in the attitude of the State towards white men who molested and then killed a Negro citizen in the yard of his own home. Let the remaining trio, who only narrowly missed being lynchers at that, rest in jail'a while longer in accordance with the findings and the mandate of the courts.

How to split an admiral's arteries: idly suggest that those Army and Navy football elevens be merged, and known hereafter as Army.

Low-Point Men Of The 82nd Come Home

WASHINGTON.

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York on Jan. 12. symbolic of the unight of the United States Army, the finest world. Marching along with the veterans of this finest world. Marching along with the veterans of this finest world. Marching along with the veterans of this finest world. Marching along with the veteral of the veteral of the veteral of the veteral of the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral of the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral world. We will be a subject to the veteral

Recular Army; thus justifying finest carry; return.

But here is what really happened:

On Jan 11 Just two days after the parade; the Commanding of the parade; the Commanding of the parade; the following directive: "Report for discharge as surplus upon arrival in this country all enlisted men assigned to \$2nd Airborne Division, who will have completed two and one-half completed two and one-half sold of the parade of th

given this directive.

These low-point men came to parade in New York, leaving high-point men in Europe; but now, despite the War Department's previous alibi, the low-point men are getting out.

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The last sentence is significant:
"No publicity will be given this
directive." No wonder the highpoint GIs are burned up.

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WHITE HOUSE COMEDIES
Most nelightful individual around
the White House is Mississippl's
genial, story-telling George Allen.
Presidential secretary without portinport of the construction
Finance Corporation director.

important job of Reconstruction Finance Corporation director.
George Allen is the kind of person anyone likes to have around. He never gets irked, Keepa everyone in a topod humor, the Nevertheless, he represents a dangerous influence in Government; capically when sitting in such a key spot as the RFC.

During the 1944 campaign, George Allen was streamly a compared to the property of the House, so he attached himself to the man most other people ignored. If Teaveling all over the property of the property o

ful.

Came April 12, 1945, when Truman moved into the White House and George Alten moved in too.

However, while silting close to the President of the United States. Alten also represents two of the blocked undustrial empire builders. the President of the United States, Allen also represents two of the biggsta industrial empire builders in the nation—Tom Girdler of Requisite Steel and Victor Emmanuel of American Availation, Consolidated rast; and half a dozen other powerful interests.

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BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE
Thus some neople have wondered
whether George Allen, sincere as
he may try to be, as, giving advicetion of the second se

into keeping them on both the public and private payen!. For acveral years Emmanuel's chief Washington representative was Leo Crowley, who at one and the same Chairman of Standard Gas, and Electric, and also a Government Salary as Allen Property Custodian, head of Pederal Deposit Instance of the Export-Import Bank. How 'Growley, efficient as he is, could serve so many masters, no ne ever know. It was during hart of the Export-Import Bank that it is a server of the property of the property

sidiary.

Since Crowley left the Government, George Allen has been Victor Emmanuel's representative in Washington No even more potent to the Company of the RFC—while at the same time keeps his desk in the White House.

Quote, Unquote

THE church's business is not only to proclaim spiritual laws, but to deal with the lawbracker—the sinner himself—to the intent that he may be cured.

—Canon Thomas A. Sparks. pastor. Cathedral of St. John's the Divine, New York City.



The People's Platform

A Tar Heel Supports The FEPC

By FRANCES COX

LUMBERTON

I have for some time wanted
to express my great pleasure at
your splendid editorial page. You
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I especially like the sense of fairness which you have shown in the labor and race questions. While your stand on the FEPC is not everything that could be desired, it was, at least as far as it went, the most intelligent expression of any Southern editorials I have read on the subject.

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demnation.

AN OLD BOOK
This intolerance has reminded
me of a passage from a book by
Olive Schreiner, "From Man to
Man." (Harper and Bros.) published a number of years ago, Our
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that we shall contact other planets gives this passage such a prophetic note that I have copied if
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"sometimes I have had a dream. I have dreamt that as we are in the control of the

laughed at our books and our pictures and all that we made and did. They thought our bodies ugiler than theirs, though we thought we were just as beautiful. They would not ride in the same airships with us nor breathe the same currents of air; they called us 'The Inferior Races'." JUST RETRIBUTION

Will it not be just retribut some day we ourselves so be condemned to the selfsame fering to which we in our sminds and bland hearts have learn condemned williams.

families.

NOTE: When the supporters of FEPC say "our Senators have grossly misrepresented the senti-

"This Is America"

are pleased to ry alone and are pleased to ry alone and whether or not they do any gond a member of the Jewish race neither do I favor the Comminists yet at the same time I believe articles that have no real party good purpose therefore I thought I would let you know just what my humble thinking is about such.

The research this man did not get the properties of the pro

begins this passage such a proholder note that I have copied it
lown here: Quite:
"Do you know boys," she
aaid auddenly, after a pause,
aroused such an immediate and

With reference to the article in your good paper January 19, 1846 under the hesting "Annerson 19 1846 under the hesting "Annerson 19 1848 an internuerate blast, in internuerate blast,

position. Nor has Mr. Davis writciten again.

The point made by Mr. Bragten
—why publish it at all?—is wellrisken We did so because we fait
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Becagise Mr. Davis letter moved

Beegase Mr. Davis letter moved citizens like Mr. Braxton (dis letterhenda: "Braxton's Garage") to express their own faith in a free and, democratic America we feel that its publication was more than justified—Eds. The News).

It's Nice to Have

It's Nice to Have
The Symphony, But—
CHARLOTTE
My husband he a veteran of
World War II. He received his duscharge last year.
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Grehestra here and II. would be
wonderful to house them also. But
don't you think before the people of
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people?
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Marquis Childs **GI Attitudes** Are Shifting

WASHINGTON
RECENTLY several commentators have
referred to the results of a poll taken by
the Army among American occupation troops

and to show a startling deterioration of morals, particularly on the score of the influence the Germans have exerted over the Assumption of the results of the theorem of the results of the theorem of the results of the theorem of the results of the results of the theorem of the results of t

were "much more favorable."

MORE SIGNIFICANT

More significant were the replies to questions which sought to show the extent of sodier agreement with the German argument justifying the Nazi course of action. Fifty-one per cent of the soldier surveyed thought that, although Eitler was wrong in leading the Germans into war, "he did do

hought that although Ritler was wrong in leading the Germans into war, "he did do Germany a lot of good before the war."

Twently-eight per cent of the soldiers, who reported that Germans had tried to tell them the German side of why Germany fought the war, said that they felt themselves in some agreement with the German-made state. Germans had a good or fairly good argument when they said that, since German-was the Germans had a good or fairly good argument when they said that, since German-was the most efficient country in Europe. As had a right to be the controlling influence.

It is important to remember that this poll was taken last September online of if attitudes had already begun to shift so markedly in favor of the German twempoint, what would a similar poll today show? It would probably show a greater persentage of Americans, under the influence of the German's LTGENT DEBATE.

That is one reason why the future of our recumations of the German which was the controlling the should the scene. Secretary of State Pushedleund the scenes. Secretary of State Pushedleund the Scenes.

Samuel Grafton

Product Of Selfishness



ment had to start a new program of busing surplus dried and frozen eggs on our home market to prevent a price collapse on the very day on which Sir Ben made his sad ambouncement.

At this point we ga straight into Aller in which the same money: that stops Britain from busying our eggs; now we find we must spend money, snivary, to buy eags we don't want, and we triumphantly thinks up out-of-pecket for eggs which are to be Rept in Meage in a nurgy world.

ALLE IN WOND

a hungry world.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

There is a bit of the Alice in Wonderland touch about many aspects of our American food situation. We start with the odd fact that we have never raten more than this food situation. We start with the case act, that we have never eaten more than this year, in a world which have never eaten less. Weigio on to the even oder fact that because of President Truman's new program for saving grain; we are going to eat still more. We shall feed less than the case of the control of the saving start of the control of the control of the control of at least several mouths; and a corresponding increase in our meat supples over a period of at least several mouths. Later will be a great plenty, and sevenible will be a corresponding increase in our meat supples over a period of at least several mouths. Later will be a great plenty, and sentieve the solution of the control of the con



"This younger generation, Bah!—In my day we had sit down strikes—and it certainly saved a man's feet!"