#### The Great Dry Victory In Rockingham

THE season's first effort to bring ABC stores westward into the Piedmont has saided in a great and overwhelming victory feat the polls for the Dry forces of Rock-upham. There was a heated campaign and an extraordinarily heavy vote: there is no specified but that the will of the citizenry secondary.

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Since the triumphant Dry campaign in Rockingham may very well be emulated in Mecklenburg, it might be well to examine the It was highly emotional, it was directed largely from the pulpit, and there were several new and disturbing wrinkles. School children, obviously 'too young to have any faint idea what the shouting was about, were used by church organizations about, were used by church organizations as pickets, parading the streets with pla-eards proclaiming, "A Vote For Liquor Is a Vote Against Me." Church organizations checked off membership lists as they haul-

a Vote Against Mc." Church organizations hecked off membership lists as they haulsd Dry voters to the polls in wholesale lots. 
And, two leading ministers, a Baptist and Methodist, posted the names of church 
members who had signed the ABC petition 
and condemned them from the pulpit. 
Those who favored ABC could counter 
only with factual arguments, citing the 
count's record for bootlegging and drunktenness under prohibition and asking for a 
chance to control the liquor traffic. (Virginia liquor pours into Rockingham just 
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who had decided to make a vote against ABC the price of admission to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Because Mecklenburg's population is predominantly urban, and perhaps less susceptible to the hellifter and brimstone technique employed in Rockingham, there is still a chance that Mecklenburg's voters may be allowed a chance to decide, the ABC argument on its merita, which is all we, who favor ABC, have ever asked. There is a strong case against ABC, but theology has nothing to do with it. The question, which was lost to sight in Rockingham, its control—can temperance best be promoted

has nothing to do with it. The question, which was lost to sight in Rockingham, is control—can temperance best be promoted by driving the liquor traffic underground or by bringing it into the open, placing it under rigid restrictions, and taking private profit out of it? There is room for deeply religious persons on both sides of that argument, plenty of room, and the effort to drive a man from his church because of the stand he takes on it strikes us as un-Christian, to say the least.

Consider the end product of a crusade such as Rockingham's churchmen waged. Since the county came within 500 votes of accepting ABC once-before, it seems certain that Saturday's two-to-one dry majority resulted directly from the tightly resulted convictions by fear of public condemnation? Encouragement of hypocrisy, it seems to us, is rather a high price to pay for a political victory which will have little bearing on the availability of liquor in Rockingham.

## A New Test Of Party Loyalty

DRESIDENT TRUMAN, delivering an avowedly political address on Jackson Day, selected his Housing Program as a test of Party loyalty. It was, we think, an excellent choice, for the basic issue—the responsibility of the Government for providing adequate homes for veterans—is, or should be, above the ideological debate that surrounds most purely social legis-

that surrounds most purely social legislation.

The test, of course, has already been made in the House of Representatives, although there now seems to be an excellent chance that the Rousing Bill will be restored by the Senate and sent back for another hearing. The two specific points mentioned by the Senate and sent back for sucher hearing. The two specific points mentioned by the Fresident were the provision for \$900,000,000 in subsidies, and the provision for ceilings on existing dwellings, both struck out by the coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans.

Of these two, the President dwell longest on the old-house ceiling, Here again, we think, he made a wise choice. Democrats who voded against subsidies could have sound and logical reasons for so do dispending for any purpose. But we have not yet heard any adequate defense of the opposition to old-house ceilings; there is every justification for Mr. Truman's aside to the effect that the vote here involves a choice between Party principle and the real estate lobby.

The ceiling, as proposed, is the essence

The celling, as proposed, is the essence of simplicity; after a specified date the initial sale price of any dwelling would establish its teiling. This obviously could

work no hardship on individual homeowners, who would still be free to seil their dwellings at inflated priess. It would only prohibit speculation in dwellings, an indefensible practice in these times.

The attuation, however, is complicated by the fact that the Southern Democrats, who were the objects of President Truman's appeal for Party unity, are already publicly committed. Eight members of the North Carolina delegation—Reps. Kerr, Barden, Cooley, Durham, Doughton, Ervin, Bulwinkle and Weaver—voted against the old-house ceiling. They will have to make a complete about-face in order to meet the President's test of Democratic loyalty, which means a public admission of previous error, no light penance for a politician. If the rift in the Democratic Party is to be made official, we can think of no more appriate issue than housing to accomplish it. Agreeing with the need for millions of new low- and medium-cost dwellings, the Republican - Democratic coalition rejected the Administration's method of accomplishing the necessary construction. But when the coalition failed to substitute any plan of its own it took the argument beyond method, and demonstrated its own belief that the Pederal Government has no obligation to veterans made homeless by virtue of their military service. That consideration, whether or not it provides an adequate test of Democratic loyalty, is going to afford several million ex-servicemen with a handy method of separating the sheep from the goads next November. Mr. Truman, in focusing attention upon it, is taking up the one political weapon the coalitionists have every reason to fear.

### The Signs And Portents Of 1946

VELL, cotton the last of the un-pricecontrolled commodities, has passed 27 cents and is still on the way up with brok-ers having trouble filling their orders. And still the Cotton Congressmen proclaim that the OPA's half-hearted threat to clamp on a ceiling will be met by a battle to the death.

death.
We confess that we remembering the
dark days when a pound of raw cotton
wouldn't buy a spool of thread, are also
delighted to see the market soan. But we
have The Atlanta Journal's puzzlement at
the reaction of our Congressmen to the
OPA's proposal to increase margin requirements on the cotton exchanges.
Cotton speculators, not cotton farmers,
deal in margins, And the speculator was,
until a few days ago, the cotton farmer's
natural enemy. As The Journal recalls:

Why, there is not a slippered and palsied octogenarian nor a grammar achool lad in all of Disk; from the gently flowing Polomes to the tricking Rio Grande, who pumped to the tricking Rio Grande, who pumplist all his life that it was the speciators and the nefarious exchanges which keep it the horn-handed sons of toll in a bondage more terrible than that of the Israellies in Egypt.

Jaraelites in Egypt.

There's not one of us but has been taught by silver-tongued ontors runding for office that the New York and New-leans Exchanges were hot-beds of inequity, infeated with ramblers, whose by purpose was to extort by their speculative schemes the very life-blood of the honest tillers of the soil.

of the soil.

To The Journal the career of the Cotton
Congressmen proves that "times have
changed and 1946 is a Year of Revolution."

It's all of that, perhaps something even
more portentiols. It's beginning to look
like The Year The Leopard Changed His
Snots.

#### Another Voice

#### A Resonant, Reverberating Keynote

SELECTION of Robert L. Doughton, now SELECTION of Robert L. Doughton, now serving his eighteenth term as Congressman from North Carolina, as keynoter for the state Democratic convention strikes an old, if often disappointed, friend of the family as a stroke amounting almost to genius. Parmer Bob has helped two Democratic administrations conduct the two greatest wars in history; if he cannot flad something substantial by way of a centession of faith, it would be futile to look farther.

True Mr. Doublet.

ook farther. True, Mr. Doughton has never set trends, at when he sets his hand to the plow he one of the party's most persistent forwardlookers. Not that his gaze is always togitly ahead; there is some reason to pulsers that, like every hisbandman who

has had to devote a bit of attention to the contour of his vineyard, he can see around a corner.

around a corner.

And North Carolina Democracy currently, as aforetime, really listens more readily to its elder statesmen than to its visionaries. The keynote at the next state convenion will not be, we bet you, a series of short yelps, but a reasonant reverberation attesting to the lead dog's scent and sight of the quarry.—Greensboro Dally News.

Forgive us our apathy, but a public wised up to the Fred Allen-Jack Benny feud just can't seem to raise a temperature over the Bevin-Vishinsky thing.

"Shall We Say Grace?"



#### People's Platform

### Policies Of The Platform

Wonkoe

I write to sak this you not print the article I sent
you on March 17. I am asking this because I
know you' are saving it until you can play it up
like you did my first article. You will recall that
you saved it for three weeks so you could play it up
as a "cheerful little lem for Brotherhood Week."
Yet, replies to the article were printed in just a
few days. In an editor's note to the article by the
anonymous writer, you stated that my article was
intemperate and bigoled but that I had as much
right to my opinion as Father Coughlin . . . ect.
These editors' notes were not only unnecessary but right to my opinion as Father Coughlin . eec. These editors' notes were not only unnecessary but were blows below the belt, and it is quite obvious that you are saving my last article for another such blow. I would much rather mot have my articles printed than to have them printed and condemned by the editors. You don't have a people's platform; you have an editor's platform. So, just destroy my article, which I'm sure you will enjoy doing, and we'll let it go at that.

——ROBERT E. McLLWAINE

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(NOTE: The flow of communications to The Platform is irregular; Winston Churchill's controversial address at Pulton and Burke Davis' controversial series on the ABC stores brought it to flood tide, and lately there has been a considerable delay between receipt and publication.

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It is our policy, however, to give priority to those letters dealing with nessent Thin transinal to the property of the

NE of the chief objections to my article of Feb. 12 (Orders from the Vatican) is that it yells fire when there is no fire. The editors, however, are quite right when they say that it is a matter of opinion as to whether or not there is a fire. I would like to give the opinion of Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Pederal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Those who know much about Bishop Oxnam know that he is not intolerant and certainly are much of the when there is no life. In his Scientarion Day

we, Disnip Unium said in part as follows:
"The Protestant pledges himself to accept, and
in humility calls upon his Roman Catholic fellowChristian to practice, a very simple principle of religious liberty, 'Do unto others as ye would be done
by.'

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"Protesiants have been subjected to serious misrepresentations in the Roman Catholic press. When
Protesiants have protested their protests have been
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practice where the Roman Catholic is in the mapractice where the Roman Catholic is in the maSo, in the opinion of the president of the Federal Council, which represents about thirty million
Protestants in the United States, there is reason to
believe that there is a fire. Many other Protestant
of the Orthodox Churchi, hold the same opinion.
Of course, those who insist that there is no fire
will not be convinced by any of this, but they will
have to admit that there are many who disagree
with them.
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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything poes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Thu Nawa.

## Marquis Childs CIO's Soviet Report

WASHINGTON

ONE of the most insulating documents released in a long time that they concluded it would it was a long time to the first visible Russin last Orders. It was released rater a backstage dispute horsement the pro-forced raters when took in the war that upon the control of the pro-force raters when took in the war that they was released to the pro-force of the protot of washing is inertially to the protot of the control of the control of the protot of the control of the con

TRAINING PROGRAM
"Efforts are being made," says
the report, "to train workers as
tool and die makers, and the need
to work with only als months'
training instead of the six years'
training that the director considered normal as a training period.
Some German and for training purposes, the director said, but the
practice is not general."

In private talks, some members
of the delegation were much more
careless use of precision machinery.
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were years behind industrial technology in this country.
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in jobs calling for skill. They
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#### Samuel Grafton

## Inflation Dangers

WE HAVE HAD earnest warnings new price control (or in 1 to new shall all auffer because we shall all auffer because we shall all auffer because we shall have to pay more for food, clothes, rent. That is true enough; yet the fact that we might have to pay 35 cents for an ice-cream sods, or 450 cents for an ice-cream sods or 450 cents for an ice-cream sods or 450 cents of an ice-cream sods or 450 cents or

the other potential biases.

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# Drew Pearson's Lehman Quit Partly Because Of Hoover

WASHINGTON

THE tight veil of secrecy which surrounded he resignacan now be litted.

An one was litted to the former New York Governor resigned
because of poor health was mere "diplonated double-talk."

Actually, Lehman resigned because he was disgusted with
the deceit and fraud which has surrounded the entire question of feeding a hungry world, plus Herbert Hoover. Hoover
More was involved than the fact that Hoover was given
permission to make a food survey of territory which UNRRA
ad already carefully surveyed. Lehman was Franklin Rosseveit's close friend and Herbert Hoover was one of Franklin
On the law atter Hoover's appointment was announced.

Lehman recalled to friends the way Hoover used relief for
Delittian jurposes after the last war, and he was convinced
that Hoover would repeat the same errors in 1946.

Lehman was not even count chainer member who was
consulted, Henry Myalace, protested vigorously. But in the
cond, he went sign as a "good soldier" under urging from
President Truman and Becretary of Agriculture Anderson.

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L'Van before the Hoover appointment, however. Lehman

L'van van in the verge of resigning. For months he had been
warning that world famine was imminent. He had appealed
for the continuation of rationing and charged at inner Govermment conferences that the Administration had west crocodile tears for the rest of the world while ducking rationing

Lehmant: experis estimated that another 3,000,000 to
7,000,000 tons of food-could be exported by rationing, and
that this amount would spell the difference between life and
death for 10,000,000 people.

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death down of Chandain, Britlah and American members,
which has a virtual death, grip on the assignment of food for

export. Lehman felt that many of its decisions were frankly political, and that coorders are interested exports to the coordinate of the c Diplomatic Victory

DURING the heyday of the Roosevelt Administration. Vice-Persident Jack Garner gave a dinner for the late Will Rogers at which the cowboy humorist, commenting on a forthcoming international conference, and control of the formation of the comments of the conference.

"This country has won every war, but lost every conference."

Last week, however, one international conference closed at Savannah, Ga, at which the United States, won every single round. It was the first world monetary conference, and the man responsible for the American victory was hard-hitting Fred Visson, Secretary of the Treasury.

In the stabilization from the stabilization international hank and the stabilization from to be established under the Bretton Woods plan. The British wanted the bank and fund located in New Yark-but Secretary Vinson wanted them in Washington. When he finally tried to pin dawn Lord Keynes as to why he didn't like Washington, Keynes replied:

"It's too political."

"And the dead of the dead of the working on lend-lease, you didn't find it too political."

"That ended the debate. When the vote was taken, there was only one vote against Washington—Lord Keynes vote.

Stettinius Cashes Check

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gave Edward R. Stettinius when they made him American
delegate to the World Security Council. Utimately I affects
the Tuture peace of the world and the lives of she next gen-

eration.

Here is the inside story of what happened:
During the San Francisco Conterence, vivacious George
Allen flew out as special emissary of Fraident Trumin to
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this top Cabinel Job.

But as a sop, Stettinius was told that he could become
American delegate to the United Nations. Stettinius asked
for 28 hours to think it over, then agreed.

Since then, both Truman and Byrnes have reserved and whiter
offer. Stettinius, who is one of the best-hearted and whiter
consign on the ball when it comes to deleaste, difficult international neglocations. At the London conference, it was
noticed that he read his remarks from statements previously
okayed by Byrnes or Dean Achson. About the only time he
departed from a prepared text was when he proposed that
the meeting adjourn.

A BOUT three weeks ago. Stettinius returned to Washing-A on and asked Byrms to name a deputy delegate to the United Nations, so he "Weidle fine have to carry the burden United Nations, so he "Weidle fine have to carry the burden will ease himself out of the United Nations pleture.

That is the inable reason why Byrmse himself is representing the United States at the current New York meeting. Instead of having a deputy to help Stettinius. "Stee" will be Byrmse deputy.