nflation Down On The Farm

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ampered production.

The trouble is that inflation takes hold The trouble is that inflation takes hold of the prices of basic commodities, as well as less urgent necessities. For instance, prices of Tarm lands in North Carolina are now 86 per cent higher than they were in 1940, and they are still on the ries. North, Carolina stands sixth among the 48 states in the spread between normal and current farm land prices.

If the increase in prices reflected a permanent increase in value the figures might be encouraging; obviously they do not—they reflect instead the abnormally high prices of cotton, tobacco and other farm produce. When prices of those commodities plummet, as they certainly will

es plummet, as they certainly period of scarcity passes, land prices will follow them downward.

The long-range effect of this inflation is easy to forecast, for it has happened be-fore. The farmer, realizing more cash from

his crops than ever before, turns to the purchase of additional acreage in order to expand his operations. When prices level out again a few years from now he will be lucky if he loses no more than past profits; if he has used his credit as well as his cash he will face the danger of losing his original holdings along with the acreage purchased at inflated prices.

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the acreage purchased at inflated prices. This is no fanciful picture. It happened in 1920 when conditions were almost identical. The after effects of that war-born period of boom and but extended over two decades and wiped out the fruits of many a lifetime of backbreaking labor. The Winston-Salem Journal, viewing the situation with alarm, still hopes that "every farmer who remembers what happened after the first World War will be exceedingly careful about going into debt for land now." It's a hope we share, but we have a feeling it is rather thin. Every sound and proper instinct of the farmer urges him to expand while times are good, or seem to be. Failure to turn some of seem to be. Failure to turn some of his profits back into land is a confession of lack of faith in his future, and it goes against his grain. The answer, we think, is as obvious as it is unpleasant—Federal controls to check the rising price of farm produce which pulls the price of farm land skyward with it.

The Season For Transplanting Colleges

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, gazing from the heights of Buncombe toward the sentle hills of Wake, where the trustees of Wake Forest College are considering transplanting their institution to Winston-Salem, thinks it has spotted a new westard trend. Noting that the entire Unirsity system is now concentrated in three unties within a 75-mile radius of Raleigh, d that there is no co-educational instiion of senior rank west of Orange inty, which is still east of the geo-phic center of the state, The Citizen arks that "this situation makes for quality in educational opportunity." We have the greatest sympathy for The

the new the greatest sympathy for The fisence plaint, particularly when it goes to comment upon the preponderance of pulation in the collegeless west. We were, fast, silmost moved to point out that user Charlotte, the largest city of them i, deserves a university of her own when deserves a university of her own when plane passed overhead and we were inded that geography isn't the factor was when The News and The Citizen

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state universities closer to Asheville
Chapel Hill, and that a student from
kee has to travel three-fourths of the

way across the state to attend college. But the journey, formidable though it was only a few years ago, is only a matter of a few hours now

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We'd be delighted to see Asheville acquire a college, and perhaps she will if she has at hand a civic-minded multi-millonaire looking for a good work to perform. A college makes a nice monument, as the Dukes demonstrated when they bought up little Trinity and erected a brand new institution upon its hallowed ground. The Reynoldess, apparently moved by that precedent, have added a new twist—leaving Wake Forest its old name, but transplanting it, lock, stock and tradition, to the locale where the family flourished. There is reason, therefore, to believe that The Citizen's eagle eye did not fail it when it spotted a westward trend. But the primary motive behind the migration will not be an interest in greater educational opportunity for the west, but rather the private reasons, perhaps even the whims, of wealthy North Carolinians who have discovered they can't take it with them.

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Still, it's a fine new trend and we wel-

come it, recognizing, as The Citizen ap-parently doesn't, that the world does move, and that it no longer matters where a college is, only what it is.

An Exercise In Double-Talk

WE have no desire to belabor the con-trast between the words of the countern Democrats and their deeds, but we keep running into examples too flagrant to overlook. Here, for instance, is Repre-sentative Richards of South Carolina, giv-ing forth with this comment on the pro-posal for a formal coalition of Southern disedents and Republicans:

Those fellows are out to discredit the iministration and elect a Republican Present and a Republican Congress. Presint Truman is doing a manful job in the so great difficulties. I do not intend take part in Republican plans to dissili him and his Administration. If misoratic Representatives fall for this sees, they are suckers.

But now consider Representative Rich-red voting record. The Republican Payty possored three important measures in ourses designed to wreck the Admin-teration's legislative program. They were, course, denounced by President Tru-lars and opposed by the Democratic Party sedership and by a majority of Democratic Journe the United States Employment Serv-torn the United States Employment Serv-to the States (166 Republicans and 96 senocrats for it, 3 Republicans and 109 senocrats against it), the Case anti-strike

bill (149 Republicans and 109 Democrats for it, 33 Republicans and 120 Democrats against it), and the amendment to strike out the provision for old-house ceilings from the President's Housing Bill (162 Republicans and 87 Democrats for it, eight Republicans and 124 Democrats against it). It certainly seems fair to assume that any Democrat who followed the G.O.P. line on all three of these measures is a coalitionist in fact, if not in name. Representative Richards so voted, as did his South Carolina colleagues Bryson, Hare, Riley and McMillan, and North Carolina Representatives Bulwinkle, Durham, Doughton, Kerr and Weaver.

Mr. Richards, in proudly refusing to officially join the Republicans, establishes a definition of party loyalty we can't quite seem to grasp. The great difficulties, in the face of which he finds President Truman doing a manful job, are difficulties himself habelped to create. He has defended the President against the efforts of Republicans to discredit him by voting for three major Republican measures. This, he asys, prevents him from being a sucker, which he would be if he publicly admitted that he believes in Republican principles. Frankly, we don't get it.

Another Voice

Praise For Chief Anderson

GOVERNOR Cherry's administration seems determined to secure the services of Waller F. Anderson, Charlotte Police in Winston-Salem, Last year Governor Cherry maned Mr. Anderson as head of the State Highway Patrol, but after having tentatively accepted the appointment, be finally yielded to Charlotte's insistence that he wannin as head of the Queen City rollers. in as head of the Queen City police

ow Mr. Anderson has been named as cor of the State Bureau of Investiga-

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This Charlotte doubtless will be as
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services of this extremely capable,
by trained and circ-minded police extive, Attorney General Harry McMullen
dly could have made a more fitting
see for an S. B. I. director. Walter Anson not only knows all the fine points
t most modern methods of crime detecbet is keenly conscious of the sociolsel lactors which mater both directly
indirectly date the crime situation.

Experienced saministrator, he knows
to handle men and how to obtain the

co-operation of other law enforcement agencies in any given program. With Walter Anderson as head of the S. B. I. not only should be work of the State bureau prove highly effective, but greater co-ordination of the equivilies of this agency with local. Federal and other state enforcement agencies should result.

The man friends of Mr. Anderson in Winston-Sale from the force of the first program of the fir

Actor's Equity, asking that the Broadway ban be lifted on burlesque, calls it 'the 'poor man's musical comedy.' For other details, see the Police Gazette, the poor man's Esquire.



Good Heavenst What's This?

People's Platform

A Note On Intimidation

There are no seen as a second of the campaign with control of the Great Dry Victory In Rockingham' and also the article by Mr. Davis which appeared in yesterday's News, and in these articles both Mr. to the control of the present o

Naque?

You say further, "That there is room for deeply religious persons on both sides" your adjective is almost ascriligious. To say that deeply religious persons, especially exponents of the Christian religion can find room on the side of the liquor interests simply has no counterpart in a logical argument and certainly runs contrary to the teaching of the Holy Scripture as interpreted by Jesus which is a minister's in—REV. J. T. SISK

Faster, Second Baptist Church

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(NOTE: The complete statement, which Mr.
Sisk regards as almost sacrilegious: "There is still
a chance that McKienhurg's voters may be allowed
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a chance to decide the ABC argument on its merits,
which is all uw, 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
ance beat be prompted by driving the liquor traffic
underground or by bringing it into the open, placing
it under rigid restrictions, and taking private profit
under rigid restrictions, and taking private profit
out of it? There is plenty of room for deeply religious persons on both sides of that argument, and
of the stand he takes on it strikes us as un-Christian, to say the least,"—Eds., The Nawa).

Protestant Dictators?

I long ago learned to love the Church for her divinity and the apirituality of her missions are divinity and the apirituality of her missions that the fold (the like of which you find in any sect or group the world over). I have studied religious history extensively. Most of the Protestant historians are very candid in their appraisal of the Reformers, which is far from complimentary. Read them and the contract of the Church had needed reforming, Christ would not if am sure have chosen such men for the work. Newman and Paber went searching for the Truth and were freed. England its where I spent he first thirty years of my life. In my early womanhood, three of the greatest minds of that time fault of the contract of the contr

Gecil Chesterton and many others I can't name offhand.

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(NOTE: THE NEWS has several editors, of several eligious faiths. The only libel THE News wears is Democratic. And you can spell that with a lowerase "d" if you like.—Eds., THE NEWS).

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 380 words, typewritten if 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, Tun Nws.

Quote, Unquote

A LTHOUGH there is a great unfilled need for A new construction as a result of curtailment of civilian building during the war, the peak of post-war construction activity probably will not be reached until 1949, or perhaps a little later.—Charles E. Young, member National Producers Council.

While we wish nothing of fascism in the United States, neither do we wish anything of communism in the Government.—Muncle, Ind., Press.

Muddle Conspiracy

Marquis Chilles

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almost every phase of atomic energy.

But a study of the committee's record shows that many of the 11 members were absent from mest example, at five assions only 3 out of the 11 members were present—as I read the record. At one session, only 4 were present, and at two other assions, 5 members out of the 11. Six was good, and at two other assions, 5 members out of the 11. Six was good, and Senator Vandenberg was of necessity absent because he was at-

my execution over the military uses of sionic energy. It, in the execution of the control of the

Samuel Grafton

Misplaced Hopes

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IT seems to me that somewhere in the backs of our minds we set ill! reserve the hope that the secret of the atomic bomb can be kept foreven dependent of the secret of the atomic bomb can be kept foreven dependent of the secret of the atomic bomb can be kept foreven dependent of the secret of the secret of the atomic bomb can be considered and postures we would not otherwise assume. For if our Congressmen really believed, as on the secret of the secr

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Drew Pearson's : FR Thought Catalogue Would Win Reds

WASHINOTON

NOT long before he died, Franklin Roosevell was talking to this friend Morris Ernst, author of "The First Freedom," about the problem of penetrating the iron curtain Ernst had told Roosevelt how an OWI illustrated magnaine, "America." finally had been permitted to enter Russians in limited quantities. Although given away by the U. S. Government, the finagazines were in such demand that the One-strictle in the magnaine described the life of George Washington Carver, famous Negro scientist, and the high recognition he was given in the United States. Ernst told FDR that this article was the first evidence the Russians were besten or the Chomina United States. The Russian were besten or the Chomina United States and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio urged the importance of getting more books and radio was the property of the property of

Reason For Iron Curtain

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curtain around Russia is motivated by one compelling
fact: Soviet leaders do not want the Russian people to
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However, regardless of economic or political theories, permanent peace can rest only on the intimate understanding and friendship of peoples. It cannot rest on the whim of Governments. That is the control of Governments. That is the control of Governments of the control of Governments. That is the control of Governments. That is the control of Governments. That is the control of Governments. The control of Governments of G

swayed by any Prime summer, remains a mound, in fast, In Russia, however, public opinion are mound, in fast, and y Moscow. If does not apring from the Russian people.

For instance, after Prime Minister Atties made his offer of Independence to India, not one time appeared in the Russian press. Moscow here for the independence to India. But when the offer independence to India. But when the offer finally was made, the Russian people had basolutely no way of knowing it.

Thus, if the Soviet Government, or need a foreign threat to attempt the thing internally, it has the propagands machinery to do so.

That is why diplomats are intently watching to see whether Byrnet follows up Stalin's opening, calls seed each of the seed of the s

figured that long-range bombers, by knocking out Russian oil, would paralyse the Red Army—if it started to march against Turkey or the Dardanelles.

Bouncing Mr. Lie

TRYOUE LIE. the bouncing Norwegian on whose bread houlders rest some of the vortice proteins, appears the dehoulders rest some of the vortice proteins, appears the Lie gets a great kide out of living, realists confidence and friendship. No international conference has seen any-thing like him.

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When Lie and family first arrived in the USA from London, they were up early planning their new life in America. Present at breakfast with Lie, his wife and three daughters, were several top of include of UNO.

"Well, gitts," said Lie happity, "now that we're in Marken et al. and the early the said lie happity. "Too that we're the large that way."

"No. Papi," said one of his daughters, "first we must yo to see an loc-hockey game. That will be most exetting," to see a playing in Sew York."

"Je Sonja Henie playing around hers?" asked another daughter. "Papa loves to dance with Sonja Henie. I hope she's playing in New York."

The whole family then mourned the fact that Miss Henie is not well liked in their native Norway.

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"I certainly hope I can see a good prize fight acon" continued Life. Then, turning to A. A. Sobolov, a top Russian official of UNO, he continued, "Sobolov, you've got seem wonderful heavyweight fighters in your country."

Sobolov, shouged his shoulders. Russia, he observed, doesn't go in for boxing much.
"Nonsens. Sobolov," boxmed the secretary-general of the United Najions. "why your people are wonderful lightiers. Look what they did to the Germans!"