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Mint Julep Without The Julep

DACK in the dismal year of 1932 several millions of American voters read in the late-lamented Literary Digest that Rethert Hoore was going to wallop the daylights out of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the race for the Freedency. It didn't quite turn out that way, of course, and the prestige of public polls fell like the 1929 stock market averages.

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Since that time, the people who take the public's temperature have learned new tricks of the trade, and their accuracy record gets better and better. In 1956, Eimo Roper's prediction on Roosevel't's popular vote differed from the actual election returns by 1.1 per cent: in 1960, it missed by only 1-2 of 1 per cent: in 1964 by only 3-10 of 1 per cent.

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Mr. Roper, then, speaks with some authority, one and a september 9 last, he seems that fairs as Replember 9 last, he may be fair as rediction that the election mas all over, that Dewy had the Presidency in the bag. "This is not a hare and tortoise race, and neither is if a race between two closely matched thoroughbreds; it is a very ordinary horse race—a race in which one hores already has a commanding lead over the other horses," Mr. Roper said in amounting that he was predicting the election of Thomas E. Dewey by a heavy margin—and would thereafter devote his time and effort to other things.

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Trade School Training

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than 15 per cent of the voices and the no opinion.

It's rather strange, too, for, as Time Magneties has pointed out, Harry Truman has been drawing huge crowds who have generally been friendly and even enthusatio over his speeches, whereas the Dewy audences have been rather dignified. Time summised the at the traditional American sympathy for the underdog might explain the response to Truman. More probably, it is because Americans like a good side-show and the state of the response to Truman. More probably, it is because Americans like a good side-show any time, any place, and they knew in advance Harry was going to "pour it on" and "give 'em hell" and that Dewey was going to ait tight and talk in vague terms about such things as national unity and his love

for peace.

At any rate, it's a highly disturbing trend, this poll business. It takes all the fun out of the campaign, and the American voter has nothing to argue about or laugh about. The elections become merely dry runs, no sest, no sip.

Maybe Dewey is going to run away with the thing, but we'd prefer the semblance, at least, of a good horse race. This one is as though Citation were running in a claiming race.

Welfare's proposal that two trade schools— one for white children, one for Negroes—be established in Mecklenburg County. This proposal is included in the Board's annual report which is distributed this week.

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A second reason for establishment of trade schools is the economic value of such institutions to the students and to the city itself. Business men would benefit by having trained personnel reading available, and young persons who need to become breaddone to the their trade as semi-experienced workers at a higher wage than if they had gone to work as apprentites.

It must be made clear that in supporting the trade school proposal we are not joining that group which considers all scadenic training useless, which would see all high schools devoted to instruction in trades and crafts. That group is short-sighted, it cannot see that a student trained merely for utilitarian purposes is only fluid a person deriving little or no fluid in the stablishment of the schools and the schools which is the schools which is the schools which is not educational system.

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A Matter Of Centuries

In SOUTH CAROLINA these past weeks there has been much comment concerning a proposed South Carolina historical drama, to be staged, probably, in Charleston. Our neighbor to the South has, without doubt, a background worthy of celebration and commemoration. The historical drama plan deserves the support of all South Carolina's citizens.

Charlotte itself, as the scene of an outstanding historical production, "Shout Freedom!", extends its congratulations to the Palmetto State for its initiative. But, on the same basis, it cautions against un-

the Palmetto State for its initiative. But, on the same basis, it cautions against undue haste in preparing the drama. Impressive as this year's production of "Shout Freedomi" was, it probably would have been much improved if plans had gotten under way earlier. The show was, in effect, put together within a very few

months.) The Mecklenburg Historical So-clety, sponsor of the production, profited in experience from the staging of "Shout Freedom!" last May and those who will at-tend the show next May will find a much improved production.

It is for this reason that South Carolina should proceed without due haste. The famed Dock Street Theater in Charleston offers an excellent nucleus around which the production could be formed and there are numerous writers in South Carolina more than capable of preparing the script. South Carolina will be wise enough sure-ly to use its resources to best advantage. When one considers that the history it is to celebrate involves several past centuries, a year or two does not seem too long to spend in preparing a drama to commemo-rate it.

From The Greensboro Daily News

They Can't Hold It

ASSOCIATED PRESS relates the story of two Cleveland, Ohio, policemen who got drunk in the line of duty.

They were serving as guinea pigs to test a drunkometer. One was 50-odd years of age, 'tother in his early thirties. They polished off between them one-half fifth of 85.5 proof whisty—80-oth, we assume, because it was served with soda. And then, saith report, both to all intents and purposes went down for the count.

As a chief of non-gadgeteers we would be loath indeed to argue with a drunkometer; but if Cleveland is affecting the type of policemen who cannot in pairs assimilate one-half of a fifth of even 100-proof whisty, it certainly is time to strengthen cops er cut out whisky in those parts.

If the peace officers of the Ohio city are to be accepted as measurement of navigable shallity, anybody throwing a cocktail

party in Cleveland would be an accessory before the fact to a score of accidental deaths, to say nothing of sundry suicides, murders and such-like.

Editor Oliver Emmerich, of the McComb Enterprise Journal, who recently returned from Washington, tells us that Congress-man John Rankin is familiarly known in that city as "Silent John." It appears that some fifteen years ago he went an entire day without making a speech.—West Point 'Miss.) Times-Leader.

The man who has no secrets from his wife has either confessed or been found out. — Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

A pastor says it fakes a woman to make a tome. But it takes a couple of women to reak one up. — Rosnoks (Vs.) Times.

Hey, Can't You Wait A Minute, Mr. President?



Administration Forecast

Dewey Stand On Domestic Issues

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Labor: "On labor the Republican administration follow a hard line. This means no basic rest on the Tall-Tartley Act, but it does not practe revision to allow for better administration of loncal labor policy. This means, primarily, remote laboration of long laborations, primarily, remote laboration of laboration for laboration and laboration of laboration and arbitration that were piped from that branch of Government by the last argress. It also means the appointment of a strong

People's Platform

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Farm Policy: "On farm policy the Republican candidate takes the now politically orthodox line on Tax News.

Marquis Childs

' Two-Way Race

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to Okishoma's state exhools. The real states-righter and op-posent of Federal enforcement of civil rights is the Republican Sena-torial candidate, Rep. Ross Rizley, Rizley is running in place of Sena-tor Ed Moore, a wealthy Republi-can oil man who decided to retire. Rizley voted against the bill in the House to aboilsh the poil tax in the House to aboilsh the poil tax and the House to aboilsh the solution of the still a perceputate for votting, Both

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for the GOP ticket and spend manier generously, as in the past, in the belief that any Republican is better than a New Deal Democratic form of the past, in the belief that any Republican modity in Oklahoma politics. Detached observers guess that, Senator Moore spent upward of a half million dollars of his own money in his campaign six years ago.

James Marlow

The Economic Side

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NEVER SET UP

Merry-Go-Round Rosenman Not Asked On Truman Train

speech-writer Clark Ciliford gave a noncommittal an-Te tuses Sam doesn't have time for us any more, he said. Real fact, however, was that Roseman did not run out It was Roseman who helped prepare the Presidents. It was Roseman who helped prepare the Presidents It was Roseman who helped prepare the Presidents, It was Roseman who helped prepare the Presidents, the same that the president of the same and the same e greatest Truman ever delivered. Roseman also had had not in the message to the special Congress, has advised runan to do more ad-libbing, told him to lay-off the eith-his same during the campaign. This as affected on Rosewer, Clark Ciliford, Truman's other chief shoet Rosewer, Clark Ciliford, Truman's other chief shoet riter, and John Rayder, Recreator of the Treasury, who is alous of anyone with too much Presidential influence.

GOP Draft Record

Truman's advisers also wanted him to call the roll of the four men on the Dewey Brain Trust, and point out that though of draft see, none, saw war service. That was what was behind the President's reference to his own war record in California.

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Blue And Grey Understanding

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Rep. Thomas Gets Lockjaw

who contributed to his campaign away from the sattle front.

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conscious of what has been written about him.

Meeting Thomas outside his office, his secretary asked

for a lift into town. Thomas instructed her to walt in the

car for him. As she headed down the hallway, he called

her: ou'll find Drew Pearson around that o

Silent Atomic Bombardier

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