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## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

**T**HE dismaying thing about the steel strike is that it occurred despite the maximum use of well established methods of settling labor-management disputes. It leaves us without a chart for the future.

The Steelworkers presented their demands five months ago. They asked for a wage-pension-insurance package totaling \$200 a month. In the hours of negotiation failed to budge either the union or management.

Then the President stepped in and appointed a fact-finding board, emphasizing that the committee's recommendations would be merely advisory and not binding in either side. One extension of the strike deadline requested by the President was agreed to in order that the report of the fact-finders might be studied thoroughly.

They said that a wage bust was not justified at this time, but recommended that the steel companies grant a pension-insurance program which would cost about ten cents per hour per worker. The whole expense of the plan would be borne by management. Workers would not have to contribute.

Mr. Murray immediately accepted the recommendation as a basis for settlement, and negotiations were started once more. Two days later, however, the fact-finding board was agreed upon in an effort to reconcile the Steelworkers position and management's contention that any pension-insurance plan should require contributions from the workers.

Finally, U. S. Steel, biggest of the companies, offered to pay the amount recommended by the fact-finding board, but on the condition that the remaining steel plants would have to meet an even better pension-insurance plan, but Mr. Murray stuck to his guns.

## A BETTER BALANCED STATE

**S**HIPPING for today, at least, our running lift with Governor Scott over his brasserie appetizer. The industry has been slow to join voice with him in lamenting the geographical imbalance in the state's industrial development.

At his address at Lumberton Friday, delivered a luncheon at the North Carolina Power & Light Co. steam generating plant swung into operation, Governor Scott said:

"Industry has concentrated in Piedmont and western North Carolina. It has shunned eastern North Carolina to the extent that only five per cent of the state's industry is located east of Raleigh. The whole state suffers as a result of this disproportionate dependence upon agriculture in this large area."

The Governor blamed the lack of electric power as the main reason for Eastern Carolina's deficiency in industry. He urged it hard "to attract industry to process farm produce, to process forest, and mineral products and to expand the facilities of the ports of Wilmington and Morehead City."

This comparative power-deficit dates

OF HENS AND HUMANS

**W**HY have mused more than once that chickens are, in some respects, more intelligent than the human beings who look after them.

It was not so long ago that we related, with this page, the information that chickens had become adjusted to the extent of staying in an appearance on rural roads, the chickens alongside the road would become completely fixated at that particular place. They would stay in that place, they insisted on flying right into your radiator or windshield.

Nowadays you seldom hit a chicken along the road. In a comparatively few generations, they have learned what damage an automobile can do. There is more than you can say for the human race.

And now comes along an interesting little story out of Minnesota about the ex-

From The Asheville Citizen

## ARE THE FIELDS A LITTLE GREENER?

**T**WO years ago last March the then active but now unappily defunct State Planning Board disclosed that approximately two-thirds of the technically trained graduates of North Carolina's three largest universities would leave the state to find careers elsewhere.

This figure was for the ten-year period, 1930-39. It covered graduate degree holders and all under-graduate degree holders in the technical fields at Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and N. C. State College at Raleigh.

Things may be looking up, now. At least, a report of the Placement Service at Chapel Hill encourages the hope that more and more graduates of our universities are staying Down Home in furtherance of life,

liberty and the pursuit of happiness. More than 60 per cent of the University's graduates, says Placement Service Director Joe Galloway, remained in North Carolina after securing job offers through his agency. Obviously, this doesn't take in the wide and alarming scope of the Planning Board's 1947 report for 1930-39. And it does not apply specifically to those graduates who are technically-trained—in engineering, ceramics, textiles and other fields of specialized knowledge. But it does lend some support to the hope that North Carolina is now beginning to hold its own for its own enrichment. For too long we have been exporting our best brains to greener fields of technical and business opportunity. It could be that the fields at last are somewhat greener hereabouts.

Mr. Murray seems to have entirely too optimistic, by insisting that the fact-finders' recommendation be the basis of settlement. He tried to change the whole theory of Presidential boards and that he was not binding on either party, and industry was under no compulsion other than that of public opinion to accept it.

Furthermore, in turning down the counter proposal of U. S. Steel, Mr. Murray denied his workers a more luxurious pension-insurance program than he himself was trying to get for them. It would have cost the workers some 3 cents an hour for their share.

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If only the steel companies and the steel workers suffered from the effects of the strike, we could well afford to let them settle the matter. But the effect of a long steel strike will bring our whole economy to a grinding halt and cause distress and hardship for countless millions. And because of an impasse which is a matter of two three cents an hour.

It's a sad commentary on the inability of a great industry and a great labor organization to work together toward a common objective.

back many years. The first industries came to the Piedmont because the tumbling and rushing rivers and streams could be easily dammed and their water diverted to turn the clumsy, lumbering water wheels. Subsequently, the bold and imaginative genius of an American engineer, Mr. D. created a vast network of electric power which, added to such other factors as climate, proximity of raw materials, transportation and the like enabled the Piedmont to continue to develop.

Industrialization, a self-perpetuating process, feeding upon itself, and through the years the imbalance to which Governor Scott referred continued to grow.

Yet there is no reason why Eastern North Carolina is to be a laggard power plant. If its business men are sufficiently alert and aggressive, can not begin to bridge the gap. North Carolina's industrial potentialities have scarcely been tapped. It diversified industries can be developed in the lowlands, the whole State will be further because it will be moving together.

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But not when they look through roostered spectacles. Then they can see the blood, and they continue on their way as peaceful as can be, laying and cackling for all they are worth.

The significant thing about the Minnesota experiment, however, was contained in this paragraph from the AP story:

"At the end of the second year, the hen, if not ready for the brasserie pot, is relieved of the incubator, as she has enough sense to stay out of fight."

May we repeat, that's more than you can say for the human race.

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## We Hope



## A Pleasant Experience View From A Dentist's Chair.

By LOUIS GRAVES

(The Chapel Hill Weekly)

**T**HIS popular conception of a dentist's chair, that person who is too tense to visit the dentist only in order to be measured for a new set with no nervous reaction. The thought of this prospect, the nervousness of the future equipment, coupled with the memory of the pangs of cure, gives a really good deal of the cure for fear.

Well, anyway, I actually enjoyed the hour and a half I spent with Dr. Newton Monday morning. Observing the life of the village is a professional activity with me, and if I can have a life passed before me while I sit in a comfortable chair, you would have to parade up and down the streets, myself, to observe it. When I fixed his chair, I feel that I am a part of the village, and that's how it is at Dr. Newton's because his chair faces a window overlooking the Post Office plaza and the busy junction of Franklin and Henderson streets.

While I sat there I saw hundreds of people creating the plans and walls along the two streets, and a good many of them were people I knew.

There is Mr. Kenneth, smoking a cigar as he walks into the Post Office building. He is going to get out of his lock-box, for he is here reading it, in the lobby many a time. He is followed closely by George Coffman, coming from the campus. I note approvingly the English professor's slow and watchful habit of carrying a book, and my thought is: 'George, maybe if you had been that cautious five years ago, when you started your own store, you would have been knocked down the way you were.'

Presently Mr. Kenneth reappears, with the wall street journal folded under his coat. There is a cheerful look from which I conclude that he has given the stock and bond quotations a reading in the Post Office plaza. Mrs. Burnham comes up the street. She walks briskly, the coat brightened by her fern-colored fur.

"Hello, Johnnie!" I call to her through the open window. She looks at me for a moment, because I have known her 40 years, since she used to come to my office and talk to me. She looks around and around and sees nobody who is trying to speak to her. I call to her again, and she smiles and waves of the hand, and I see that she is smiling and waving to a pretty one, too. She looks young enough to be not yet out of high school, but she has a baby in her arms. This is the first time I have seen her with a baby. I see every day she see girlish-looking girls, wives of the men who are building the houses. Sometimes the child is in arms, sometimes it is in a perambulator, and I see the mothers and the fathers, too.

Down Franklin St., east-bound, goes a man whom I recognize immediately. He has a hat toward me, it is Archibald Henderson. He carries a silver-headed cane. The fact that it does not

often touch the ground, but is constantly being swung around, shows that the man who carries it is not to give support but to serve as an ornament and to provide a congenial occupation for the hand.

The jauntiness in Mr. Henderson's gait is abandoned temporarily as he stoops on the curb to look at the traffic and goes on across quickly to the other curb. In a moment or two he sees an interval in the traffic and goes on across quickly to the other curb. In a moment or two he sees an interval in the traffic and goes on across quickly to the other curb.

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## People's Platform

### Two Questions

By CHARLOTTE

**E**DDY and I wonder how many people read in October Reading. I wonder how many people read in October Reading. I wonder how many people read in October Reading.

## Quote, Unquote

The snake-bitestness man in the country is the Seattle guy who was driving 70 to escape from a highway patrolman and headed into the church at Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appal.

Charlie (Red Devill) Tolbert, new correspondent for Happy Hound, was arrested Saturday afternoon for drinking beer. He was charged with violating the law. —Bahnsen (Ga.) Nigger.

Whether the kid is a hopeless delinquent or merely a high-spirited youngster "passing through a rough patch" he happens to be on the wrong side of the law on the next block or your own son. —Rosa (Va.) Times.

Greenview is getting to be such a big town that it's not known as a suburb anymore. It's a town. —Columbus (Va.) Commercial-Appal.

"The car designed with YOU in mind"—Caterpillar. It's not a car. It's a machine. —Columbus (Va.) Commercial-Appal.

ambassador in Prague protested to Czech Prime Minister Smeral, and the threat was implied that unless Czech uranium miners returned under Soviet jurisdiction, the Red Army would march in again.

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Tobacco Vs. Schools

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## Joseph & Stewart Also

## Victory For Truman

**W**ASHINGTON (The Present Session of the Eighty-first Congress has already adjourned for nine days. It is the only Congress in our history which will not wind up until Nov. 1. It is now, however, the political season of the year. It is the season of the year. It is the season of the year.

Nothing could have seemed more unlikely during the early part of the year than the President's position. Congressional leaders were always being driven into corners by the President's bold moves. The President has the peculiar knack of the wounded knight in the old ballad who declared:

"I hurt but I am not slain. I'll be down and bleed awhile. Then I'll rise to fight again."

This habit of obstinate resolution has been a success in a political opponent, and the Republican leaders seem to have learned this lesson. The President's bold moves have been a success in a political opponent, and the Republican leaders seem to have learned this lesson.

First, all the really essential measures of the administration foreign policy have been passed. The President's bold moves have been a success in a political opponent, and the Republican leaders seem to have learned this lesson.

Second, just enough has been done on the domestic front to answer the charge that the President promotes the interests of his own party. The President's bold moves have been a success in a political opponent, and the Republican leaders seem to have learned this lesson.

Marquis Childs

## Court Traditions

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of the glare of our Federal campaign have been effectively frustrated.

Third, Congress has also amended these areas of the sort he has been working with the election coming up, it is likely to give much more serious consideration to the President's bold moves.

In short, the new Truman strategy is a simple modification of the strategy on which the President went to the country in 1948.

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