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NOTE ON WORDS AND DEEDS

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AND 80 the U. 8. Senate, not liking the Aidea, squashed M. Truman's executive crief creating a Department of Welfare by 80 to 32 in the process it also overrode the painstaking and judicious recommendations of the Hoove's Commission on the Organization, of the Executive Branch of the Government.

There is a good field in the record of the present obserges to suggest that it is boiler at utlering the word than-doing the deed. It has, for example, an aggressive economy bloc which is committed to the reduction of Pederal expenditures, a highly worthy cause. The only trouble with this economy bloc is that it hasn't, to date, blocked any Frederal expenditures. If the Senate's rejection of a Department of Welfare is followed with continued and the senate and words and another senate are recorded as the senate and words and another senate are recorded as the senate and words and another senate are recorded as the senate and another senate are recorded as the senate and another senate and another senate another senate and another senate anothe

regard of the other, the result will be only further confusion.

And yet we confess to an insultive sympachy with the opponents of the Department of Welfare. There is a tendency for Federal departments, once created and supplied with a fat appropriation, to start prospecting for more business. Occar Ewing as a member of the President's Cabinet would have been a more influential offi-

cial than he is as head of the Federal Se-curity Administration. In time the De-partment of Welfare likely would have come to be accepted as an integral and essential part of the Government, just as the Department of Commerce, whose serv-ices are in minute proportion to its up-keen.

The Senater action in turning down the proposed new Wylfare Department could mean a governmental gain only if the negative attitude werp followed up with postively negative action. Senators have a greater privilege than the Hoover Commission in that shey are empowered to deal with policies instead of mere organization. The 60 Senators who yede together against the word welfare and against Oscar Ewing and against the thought of socialized medium. the word teelfore and against Oscar Ewing and against the thought of socialized medicine should go a step further and bring out legislation designed not only to group the administration of Federal welfare activities but to eliminate and consolidate and moderate such of them as appear to be undesirable in themselves or inadvisable in the aggregate. A good starting purpose the health of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government now dispense in varying degrees to more than one-sixth of the people of the nation.

DEATH OF A FRIEND

IN READING through what the newspa-leyers of the mation have had to say about the death of Margaret Mitchell, one gets a pretty good idea of what Margaret Mitchell meant to many people. The Birmingham Age-Herald called her *among the foremost writers of her day."

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The Florida Times-Union: "... one of
this section's most brilliant writers of all

time."
Jacksonville Journal. ".. a great writer."
The New York Herald Tribune: "... she
wrote the South's greatest novel."
But it remained for The New York Times
to touch the essence of the South's regard
for her. Said the Times: ".. one of (the
South's) most beloved and admired personages."

ONCE, many years ago, a young girl re-porter who signed her stories "Pegsy Mitchell" was lowered over the aide of air Atlanta skyscraper. It was a duild ay and it was a trumped-up story but it was some-thing to do. She was lowered in the swing-chair that Gutton Borgium had used when he made the preliminary carvings for the Mountain.

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He didn't finish his monument to the Confederacy, to a time that was gone with the wind—but the youngster who used his chair for a stunt story did finish her

monament.

It was a long, colorful, living book called "Gone With the Wind."

Eight million persons bought copies of it, millions more read library copies, mil-lions more saw the pages come alive in the famous motion picture.

She told of a fabled time, and though scores of writers could, recreate the time only in silly cliches, Margaret Mitchell told her story of the Old South with originality, vigor and reality. The days were relived, sights seen again, sounds heard again. The very pages of the novel seen to cmit now the odor or magning the country of the original told sight of smide from Sunning Atlanta.

And those who peopled the pages of this Southern saga are real and tangible. Scar-fett O'Hara and Melanie Wilkes, Rhett Butler and Ashley Wilkes and even the ill-fated Tariton twins, dozens of them whose lives you lived, whose pain you Telt, whose joy you shared.

But Margaret Mitchell was more than a

writer. Though few outside Atlanta knew her well, those who did had high praise for her as a person. She was, they tell us, modest-tremendous success such as she achieved would have turned the head of aimost anyone. She was, in the words of a fellow Atlantan: a person of "rounded normality... a warm, friendly woman normal enough to be also hallow and and delighted at the recognition." tion the world accorded her, and physinclude and mentally normal enough to wear those worldly laurels with a gracious and lovable manner that endeared her to all who knew her."

THIS, then, was Margaret Mitchell Marsh —literary figure and normal-American housewife. Beloved of the thousands who knew her as a friend, beloved of millions who had never seen her but who had met a friend in the pages of her book.

POSITIVE PROGRAM FOR CHARLOTTE

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CITY MANAGER Yancey outlined an important program of municipal improvement pretendary in his memorandum to city
council recommending immediate attention to eleven major projects.

Most of the projects have been before the
Council, some having come up from the
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Planning Bourt of the importance of action on each was emphasized by Mr. Yancey.

While the City Manager did not set up
a priority list it is likely that street repairs and paving of new streets will have
top place. The streets got in bad shape during the war and maintenance and repair,
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protests of those who have suffered the stench of Sugaw Creek. The Council is proceeding on the project at present, en-deavoring to reach a decision on a course of action to eliminate the nuisance.

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The City Manager recommends, too, that definite action, be taken about the regulation of taxicabs. An ordinance was passed some years ago for the regulation of taxicabs but all of its provisions have never been invoked. There has been much talk, little action on this matter and it's high time that the Council took a positive stand. Exhibits on the second of the control of the commendations regarding traffic control, set-back lines, cutting back curbs driveways and curb cuts, and changes in parking meter regulations.

Other major projects which Mr. Yancey suggested "should-be disposed of as promptly as possible" include changes in the sonder and changes in the sonder abatement ordinance.

And the council and the course for the City Council and it is to be hoped that his recommendations will receive the attention they merit.

From The Winston-Salem Journal

SAVE DRIVING AND MENTAL SLOW POKES

IF YOU are a mental slow poke, it may be dangerous for you to drive a car.

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One out 'of three automobile drivers divived in a fatal accident is slawwitted) or just plain stupid, according to a survey made by a large life insurance company, and one out of eight piedestrians who get killed on the highways or streets losses his life because his brain doesn't work fast enough in an age of sechnology and lightming speed.

ning speed.

As far as physical movement is concerned, man is just about the same kind
of being he was hundreds or thousands of
years ago. And his mind has about the
same capacities. But the mind that is intelligent and constantly aler's can be
trained and conditioned to act quickly in
the right way. The hands and feet of the

quick-witted motorist can be trained to act fast enough to avoid accidents when their vehicles are moving at reasonable rates of speed.

Drivers, like ears should be tested for-their mechanical shortcomings. And the psychiatric angle should be given attention, too. Motor vehicles in the wrong hands are extremely dangerous weapons. In the right hands, they are highly useful and usually safe.

One of the fine things about living in a small town is the fun of trying to make it bigger. — Pittsburg (Texas) Gazette.

The Double Whammy



They Have Some Queer Ideas

How Russian People See America

MOSCOW-Here are some of the things that a writer in "Moscow Bolshevik" has ascribed to American culture:

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"Refined essimism.
"War psychoeis.
"Misanthropic racial theories.
"Subtle psycho-pornographic introspection
"Romanticizing of gangsterism."

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This was put forward by Yur Kiemanov in an article entitled "Marshallized Austrian Culture."

"And all over this," he said, 'howers the gloomy shadow of boungeols cosmopolitanism—propasands of disrepert downards one show country, for disregard of national culture and state frontiers."

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MARIK TWAIN continues to be a very popular author in the Soviet Union.

In fact, he is regarded as being not only an important writer as such but also a major social critic
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has become an "appendage of the United States
Navy." The Soviet navy paper based its view on
"press reports."

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The Soviet may be a said Canada's Nay carries out almost all its training and maneuvers with the United States Navy and not with British Navy. Konstain Siminov's new pily. The Allen Shadow. The play takes the spectator to a scientific-re-search institute in a large university city in Ries. The listitute is experimenting with a new dis-

which would make possible a successful fight against disease-carrying microbes.

This work is being followed by American intelli-gence, which desires—the plays brings out—to make use of the Soviet discovery to the "detriment of man-kind."

A number of Soviet types cross the stage during the play and in the end their joint efforts prevent the discovery of the Soviet bacteriologists from fall-ing into the hands of the Americans. "The author" said a reviewer in "Evening Mos-cow," 'unmasks the reactionary character of the bour-geois ideology and brands the deference and kow-towing of certain scientists to the pseudo-science of the capitalist West."

A N official from the British Embassy, travelling in Georgia, struck up a conversation with a resident of Tiflis.

"Tell me," said the Georgian. "since you are a for-eigner perhaps you can help me explain something about the Americans."

WAT? The magazine Zvenda' said that to fall the majority of plays on Broadway 'theatrical' would be an insult to theatrical and uncertainty would be an insult to theatrical and uncertainty of the said, 'characterize the innumerable farces and white of the said, 'characterize the innumerable farces and whose of Broadway.'

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In American films, it added, the millionaires act a part of saviours of the people from all ills.

Marquis Childs .

Weimar Pattern Again

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the results of the German elec-tions.

The hope of those-following the truggle for German democratiza-teringle for German democratiza-tion parties. The Christian Dem-ocrats would embody the conserva-tive forces and the Social Demo-erate the top-Commonwhile to clear-cut centest and the victor would be able to form a stable government, with clearly recog-tive to the companies of the con-trevialed, and there has Seen strangely little comment on this phase, the growth of splinder par-mepts.

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Consequently, a comment became necessary. The junior partner in such a government can evade real responsibility and engage in the kind of sniping from the inside that makes for instabilities.

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just 30 years ago. The Communist
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Stewart Alsop

Cost Of Doing Nothing

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Merry-Go-Round

California Democrats In Bitter Battle

(NOTE: While Drew Pearson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen—Editors, The News.)
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CALIPORNIA'S muddled Democratic scamble for governor is getting more heetic by the hour—although the primary is still a year-off.

The air is blue with table of intriguies and secret deals. The still higher primary is still a year-off.

At least a half-down are in the field, led, by James Roosevelt, elseis and of the late President, and George Luckey, millionaire cattleman, openhanded 1944 Truman, supporters, and historic foe dyoing Roosevelt.

Luckey press agents claim he has White House backing.

Luckey and other than and all other state contests. James Roosevelt is saying he has AFL and ether labor support, lackey and other candidates counter that California labor is split on a spoke.

following:

A secret conference recently took place between James Roosevelt and George McLain, top poobah of Galifornia old age-pennion promoters. Purpose of the meeting was to consider the property of the pennion plan, on which the state builders and second plan to the property of the

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