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1950 LYNCHING RECORD

TWELVE months ago today in this space Tax Naves printed its annual comment on the Tuskesge Institute lynching report. For 1949, it was noted that there were three lynchings. The record for 1890 is better two lynchings and only seven attempted brockings.

We are pleased by this just as we would be pleased to learn that a sick friend's temperature had dropped from 108 to 101. We would realize that the friend was still sick but we would be heartened by the fact that he appeared to be retting better. For the record, here are the lynch victims in 1850:

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Charile Hurst, white, 39-year-old rolling store operator of Poil City, St. Ciair County, Aisbama. He was mortally wounded on Feb. 22 in his front year for unmasted men. They cited to gree to his thought the state of the state

body was found on Aug. 18 in a creek near the Flint River by a group of fishermen. He had been shot to death by three men for whom he worked. Walker is said to have known too much about illegal whisky

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3t is notable that these lynchings are proportioned to the classic pattern; the Negro polyrited away from his home in the dead of night by maked men for some alleged injury to the white community. Indeed, some semanticists might question whether the two cases fit the term "lynch" at all.

We will not, however, quibble with the Tustegee report, because we are only too well aware that the patient—the South-still alling, that lynch fever can lie dormant within the body for many years before asserting itself with renewed vigor.

The two questionable lynchings in the South in 1850 is a remarkable record because the South's temper is still short, as witness the recent Myrtle Beach dance hall arffair. Statistics on lynching are valuable, but even more valuable would be statistics to measure the enlightenment of the average Southerner in matters involving the two races.

We fear they would be not half so comfortable to look upon as the lynch record.

MAN OF THE YEAR

TIAD we known, a couple of weeks ago, that David Ovens was to be named Charlotte's Man Of The Year, we probably would have delayed editorial comment on his \$280,000 gift to Queens College, and would have wrapped up that donation with the other things he's done through the years to merit this latest

In passing, we would compliment the committee for the discernment it showed this year, as in previous years, by select-

Tom Fesperman's fine story on Page 1 coday doesn't leave a great deal for the editors of The News to say about Mr. ovens. The tabulation of the Ovens record is long and impressive, and includes a

good many things some of us had forgotten about.

about.

The major Ovens enterprise in the calendar year of 1860 was the active direction of the special auditorium committee
as it went about the job of preparing a
5,00,000 auditorium-colliseum project that
the voters of the city approved by a handsome majority.

This undertaking would probably have
been enough to win the award, but the
committee members also took into consideeration the man's lifetime record of service to his community—a record that is all
the more striking when one considers that
Mr. Ovens was also very busy helping to

proportions.

David Ovens joins a select group of Men
Of The Year-Coleman W. Roberts (1944),
C. W. Glichrist Jr. (1945), James B. Marshall (1946), George M. Ivey (1947). J. Norman Pease (1946), and Henry C. Dockery
(1949). It is compliment enough to say,
that he belongs in that company.

HERE'S A WAY YOU CAN HELP

WE HAVE said it before, and we say it

again today, it is absolutely essential

to reduce non-defense expenditures to an
absolute miniam if we are to maintain
any degree of economic stability during the
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President Tuman has instructed Budget
Director Frederick J. Lawton "to reduce
non-military expenditures to the minimum
required to give effective support to the
defense effort", a move that was lauded by
the perennial watchdog of the Treasury,
Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia.

But Senator Byrd did more than pay mere lip service to the Presidential econ-my directive. He wrote Mr. Truman a let-ter setting forth in detail how reductions in excess of \$7 billion may be made with-

on in all.

The average citizen (and the average The average citizen (and the average newspaper editorial writer for that matter) is hardly competent to say precisely where savings can and should be made. But there is one thing the taxpayer can do. He can write his Representative and his Senators and demand that they support every valid proposal for reducing non-military expenditures. In the final analysis, the responsibility for curtailing non-essential expenses falls on the Congress, and it is there that the citizen has some hope of making himself heard.

'EVE' AND 'THE BOULEVARD'

THOUGH we're sometimes inclined to balk at the motion picture industry's insteart chart that "movies are better than ever", there were indications in 1950 that, if they aren's actually getting better, they're not half bad.

Last week the New York film critics put the spotlight on two of the best examples of modern movie making: "all About Eve" and "Sunset Boulevard". They awarded "Eve", the story of a scheming actress, their top prize; "Sunset Boulevard", which concerned itself with a faded half-insane star of the silent screen, was runner-up.

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The fact that both films were about how business is more than mere coincidence. It's a symptom of the trend toward

disenchantment in Hollywood, Finally, it appears, the men who make the movies are divesting themselves of their spangled tights and tambourines. Hollywood, in these two horsest pictures at least, has demonstrated thabit, too, is becoming tired of

onstrated that it too, is becoming ured of its diet of meringue. Box-office support of the two top pictures of the year has demonstrated that a strable portion of the public is grateful for the opportunity to choose the sort of entertainment it wants. We like Grable in technicalon, but we don't want Grable, or even a reasonable facisimile, every week. Hollywood, as has often been said, is growing up, there's never been better evidence for the claim.

From The Christian Science Monitor

EDUCATED DRIVERS

OUTHFUL drivers of automobiles in A panel of six such students appeared not long ago before the annual convention with more than their quota of traffic mishaps and resultant injuries. In 1988 more than 30 per cent of the drivers in fatal actional students and the control of the American Automobile Association. They agreed that both parents and school-make should act to curb 'show-off' driver odicing were under 25 years of age. In 1949 thos also that saming adult drivery ordinate preventions are with a saming adult drivery ordinates that saming adult drivery ordinates the saming adult drivery ordinates are saming to the saming and the saming adult drivery ordinates are saming to the saming and the saming adult drivery ordinates are saming to the saming and the saming and the saming and the saming adult drivery ordinates are saming to the saming and the saming adult drivery ordinates are saming to the saming and the saming and the saming adult drivery ordinates are saming and the sa this percentage was reduced to below turn in the heretofore upward trend.

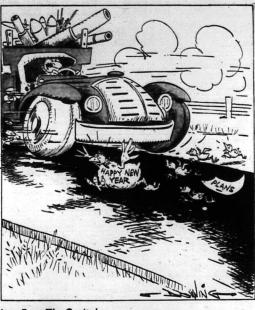
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An important factor in the turning of this tide and the improvement of driving at high school and college ages has been, the spread of driver education courses in American high schools. According to a progress report of the President's Highway Safety Conference, nearly 7,000, or about a third of the high schools in the nation offered this instruction in 1800, an instruction in 1800, an instruction in 1800, an instruction in 1800, an instruction in 1800, and including the conference of the previous filter, would there be any politics left?—

Greensboro Delty News.

tion also that among adult drivers ordi-nary lack of courtesy is the most common

Well, Here Goes



News From The Capital

Congress Takes A Breather

CONCERSE was in season this week, but you'd by a many of the bear of the control of the control

bers.
Senator McKellar consulted a paper in his hand and deliberately told Sens. Kenneth 5. Whetry (R-Neb.), Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) and Arthur V. Wathus (R-Utah):

kins (R-Utah):

"Pursuant to the Senate order, I hereby declare
the Senate in recess." That was all.

That will be about all the major legislation handled before Congress expires officially a normal Jan. 3.

Jan. 3. Before the Senate quit for the holidays, it agreed that no legislative business would be conducted this week and to limit deable to one hour on its two pieces of legislation remaining.

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EVEN though Administration leaders look upon the House with more hope, the situation there could be just as bad. A Republican-Southern Demoratic coalition could control the lower chamber by a margin coalition could control the lower chamber by a margin chie coalition may first its muscles on the opening day by seeking to restore power taken from the Rules Committee by Administration forces two years say. The Rules Committee decides when make bills can be taken up, even after other committees are the committee of t

bills can be taken up, even after dure commission was approved for will have 23 House seats to 198 Republicans and one Independent. With 218 required of a majority, this represents a, paper majority of 17 for the Democrats.

The fight can be counted as Fair Desires. The number varies on different issues. The fight on opening day may center on an effect to repeal the Administratower to bottle tip legislation. The rule now makes it possible for any committee chairman to get a vote in the House on the counter of t

in the Union upon their return.

The prospect arose this week as members of the incoming Congress began looking on the newly decorated House chamber which has been revamped in line with views of a committee of college professors and historians.

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At their suggestion only eleven silver stars have been affixed to the marble mantle behind the desk of the speace. As one of the strength stars have the speace, as one of the strength stars have been expected to the star of the stars of the star of

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Teen-age Heroes Risk Lives To Keep War Away From U.S.

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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U.S. Should Evacuate Korea To Build Japanese Defenses

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MacArthur, Intelligence In Conflict Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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and mand unmess army estimate, General Willoughby cabled as follows: interest to be on Estimate March are west to add the state of the

This it does not appear that the hordes of Chinese which MacArthur claimed, actually are facing us. General Willicaphy, of course, could be wrong, and this is one reason why the Army Dept. in Washington is puzzled. Since his early-December estimate, General Willoughby has increased his figures on Chinese over-all strength. But were the reviewed figures on the materially change the picture. He now estimates that the total Chinese out the total Chinese with the control only the life of the control of the course of the control of the course of t

be stated that they are somewhat more than the consecutions of the strength.

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most of his ammunition on him, plus his rice for the lack.

Another of Willoughby's intelligence cables to Washington about mid-December is interesting: "Lack of CCP on 8th Army front. Due to deep withdrawal executed by

8th Army, it is evident that enemy. Aching any great de-gree of mobility has been unable to reann contact:

Chinese, lacking any means of transportation, were unable
to keep up with the fast retract of the 8th Army. In other
words, we failed to keep contact
understand under of military transports.

Slow-Moving Chinese

such deficiencies can only result in servortyped campagns, and helfo directive action to allow succession of limited objectives. It follows them, continued General-Willoughby, that CPF high command, being unable to predict degree of management of the management of the properties of the continuation of immediately realigning his forces for the continuation of the effective of continuing to objectives according to their set schedule. Dept. as meaning that the Chinese serve allow-movine, had only limited objectives, and never expected to run us out of North Korea so quickly. Though it was not been continued to the continuation of the continu