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HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SOMETHING?

MANY thousands of you News readers will take part of this weekend to check over your gift, lists and make sure you haven't overlooked any persons on it. Won't you take that opportunity to remember the poor and unfortunate residents of the community, young and old, who are dependent upon, the funds donated Empty Stocking Fund for their Christmas

gifts?

Last year, a total of \$6,982.36 had been contributed to the Empty Stocking Fund on Dec. 20. Today the figure stands at \$6,815.72, more than \$150 below the 1951

In spite of the signs of prosperity, the oolunteer workers at the Christmas Bureau, who administer the funds given to the lampty Stocking Fund, have found the need

greater, not less, than last year. One reason is that the community is constantly growing. Another is that the very inflation that has brought prosperity to some groups has squeezed tighter the family budgets of the poor. And there are the foster children, and the very aged to remember.

News readers-have been kind and generous this year. Some of the contributions are small, some are large But all of them are needed if the community Empty Stocking Fund is to fulfill its objective.

So in checking your lists, ask yourself: "Have I forgotten something?" And if that something happens to be the Empty Stocking Fund, won't you do your part to see that no child in Charlotte or Meckleiburg County will miss the thrill of Santa Clausent Thursday morning?

FOR A MORE REALISTIC OBJECTIVE

CHAIRMAN Paul R. Younts of the Urban Redevelopment Commission has made a sensible suggestion to the Charlotte Planning Board. We are confident that it will be acted

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The 'recommendation stemmed from a year's study of Charlotte's blighted areas by the Urban Redevelopment Commission and engineers. They found:

(1) That the 15 areas designated as blighted contained a total of some 900 areas, and that there was no possibility of redeveloping all of them in any reasonable period of time.

eriod of time.

(2) Meanwhile, the fact that the areas had seen tabbed for redevelopment had inconcenienced owners of property within the reas by impeding normal buying and sell-necessaries.

perations.

nce, Chairman Younts asked the
ning Board to cut down the number of
nated sections to a more realistic and

OBJECTIVE

more carefully defined redevelopment objective.

In this new study, it will be essential for the Planning Board to follow closely the wording of the Urban Redevelopment Act as it may be aimended in the forthcoming session of the General Assembly. The act spells out a very precise definition, rather than the Planning Board's standards, which must be athered to if the Urban Redevelopment Commission is to be on solid legal ground in future projects.

Mr. Younts' progress report to the City Council, a full account of which was published in Wednesday's Naws, shows what can be done with two relatively small areas at a relatively low expenditure of public funds. It opens up for Charlotte residents an expanding herizon of municipal, development if they but continue their warm support of this worthwhile program.

READY FOR THE TREATMENT

HERE NOW, what's this? Congressmen are turning up information that reflects unfavorably on other Congressmen, and publicly spanking the Army Corps of Engineers. For legislators who might want dams in their district some day, this takes considerable

For 15 months Rep. Robert E. Jones, Alabama Democrat, and his Public Works subcommittee members quietly gathered data on our public works program. Here are some of their conclusions:

The Army Engineers exercised "flagrant disregard of a law requiring them to keep plans up to date"; and submitted deceptive cost estimates.

cost estimates.

The Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation spent more than the amounts authorized them.

authorized them.

Nearly \$4 billion will be needed to complete partly-constructed jobs, the costs of which continue to rise because of inflation and the old practice of underestimating

It all started when Congress authorized It all started when Congress authorized funds to plan various projects to have ready in case of an economic slump after World War II. That was sensible enough. But the slump didn't come. Some of the projects were started anyway, even though

the executive branch, which is supposed to control the Army Engineers, disapproved many of them. The Army Engineers simply curried favor with the legislative branch, where enough logrollers could usually be mustered to approve the projects.

The subcommittee got to the heart of the public works program deficiency when it examined ways of determining need for construction. One factor, it said, should be "the willingness of the immediate beneficiaries to participate in the work by the contribution of funds separation to the local benefits."

contribution of funds proportionate to the local benefits.

We'll buy that idea Public works programs are often financed practically in toto by the Federal Government. In some cases, a device for costsharing by local beneficiaries is devised, but often the local share is preposterously low.

When communities are forced to bear a fair proportion of the cost of public works from which they benefit, there won't be so much pressure for unnecessary projects, and Federal funds won't be tossed about so freely.

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We'll soon have in Washington an administration which prescribes, as the remedy for many ills, more local government, fewer Federal handouts. The public works program is ripe for this treatment.

THE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WE LIKE

OUR HOUSE is now well-grammented with Christmas cards. They're very attractive when strung, with bright red ribbon, along the wall where there should be, but fan't, a picture. They'll brighten up the room until New Year's, then be sorted. Those without accompanying, notes will be discarded; the others will be answered later (next Christmas, most likely.)

ing through a whole stack of Christmas s gives one a warm, happy feeling. It's to know you have so many friends, to know what some of them are doing.

and to know what some of them are doing.

But what do you find out about a friend from the average card? Not a darn thing, except that he can still spell his name, or that the printers didn't misspell it. Some persons, and they're in the minority still use Christmas cards for their original purpose—to exchange thoughts about Christ's birth-day. This idea largely gave way to one of catching up on correspondence, renewing old acquaintances. But now the conventional form and procedure take precedence over the real renewal of old friendships. Millions of Americans knock themselves out before Christmas, addressing envelopes and poking inside them a picture of a pine tree or Scottle dog, an Olde Englishe or Biblical scene, then rushing to the overburdened

Post Office with these impersonal things which mean little to the recipient. With just a little imagination, and no more expense, the Christmas greeting can be transformed from a chore to a pleasant reacquaintance. A few personal words written on a printed card will work wonders, or you might send along a picture of the family, or a newspaper clipping about you, or a mutual friend, rather than trite poetry. B-Newsman Cam Shino word a piece on

or a mutual triend, rather than trite poetry. Ex-Nrwaman Cam Ship wrote a piece on "How To Write A Letter" for the Christian Sgience Monitor a while back, and in it he tells of some of the meaningful brief messages he's received. One fellow wrote, "We are eating three times a day, How are you?" That didn't say much, but it was written on the back of the writer's bank statement, which intrigued Cam and his family for an entire evening, as the sender intended. Another time, Cam's Aunt Marzent back here. entire evening, as the sender intended. Another time, Cam's Aunt Margaret back here in North Carolina sent him a receipted bill for her new \$28.75 hat. On the reverse side she wrote: "Wheel" There, too, a moment's effort by the sender afforded the recipient a few chuckles and pleasant memories. We'll hang up all the colored cards, and they'll look pertuy. But we'll berish more highly those pictures and clippings and meaningful if brief notes from old friends. And even hat bills, if they're paid."

From The Providence Evening Bulleetin

THE PEOPLE YOU PASS

YOU'VE READ about drivers who per- of a crazier one than the one by Fred form extra acts while driving—finish Evans of London the other day.

Getting Up Time



People's Platform

PAA Denies Pearson Charae

W son column accusing Pan American of ob-structing return of servicemen on Sabena Airlines for Christmas. The charge is not true.

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It is not ordinarily the policy of Pan American to complain to editors about what they print.

In this case, the error is so serious and involves so important a subject that we are taking the liberty of brigging to your attention our answer to the Person charges. People in our position are defenseless even for the protection afforded by the traditional fairness of the American editor. We shall be grateful for your assistance in correcting the damaging impression which the Pearson article must have lower than the processing the pro

More than a thousand servicemen and women are being brought home for Christmas under Pan American World Airways special "Operation Way Back Home." Willis G. Lipscomb, vice president traffic and sales, said today. The program is keyed to the low-fare tourist-class services which Pan American fought for many years to secure. The low fares now are making possible this mass movement of troops on furfough.

Commenting on charges by Drew Pearson that Pan American is obstructing the return of service-ment from Europe on Sabena Belgian Airlines for Christmas, Mr. Lipseomb pointed out that the charges were reduted by a letter from Sabena to Pan American and published in the press 12 days before the Pearson column appeared.

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"In co-operation with the armed forces special services in Europe, PAA months ago set up a special program to help servicemen get home for holidays," Mr. Lipcomb said, "At that time, Pan holidays," Mr. Lipcomb said, "At that time, Pan ters, at a lower rate even than the regular tourist ters, at a lower rate even than the regular tourist ters, at a lower rate even than the regular tourist dare, but could not be certain that such charters would be permissible under U. S. government regulations and under the international agreements and the part of the p

"The plain fact is that PAA is not resp for the decisions of other carriers to run to run charters. All we know is that our or gram is on an unassailable basis and is serv servicemen dependably." Mr. Lipscomb said.

-WILLIS PLAYER,

NEW YORK Favors Non-Segregated Schools

Editors, The News;

MY older son, age seven years, is a student in the public school system. I regret the fact that in patenting a segregated school. I though condition my your child toward undernorging south stitled and behavior. I am guilty of a trime against we will be a state of the sta

America now lacks the ability to lead a free world to lasting peace. Our moral stature is inadequate for such leadershin. Unless we first show its value here for all people, the world will reject to mocracy as a way or life.

Arguments in free cases of race segregation have been completed in the United States Supreme Court. If the court rules against segregation in our elementary schools, we finust accept the decision in good faith. Any attempt to evade it would be tragic.

If we have the Christian spirit to practice broth-theod unlimited by color, we can establish peace, ontinuance of our unholy caste system will make third world war certain.

—REV. ORA WILBERT EADS.

Congressional Quiz

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

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Q—Has a former U. S. Senator bene elected
to a seat in the House recently?

Seem of Forest L. Withers (D-Ky.),
unopposed this year in Kentucky's Second Congressional District, will take a House seat when the
Edd Congress convenes. He served in the Senate
from 1984-1951. He will be addressed properly as
"Senator" since former Senators at M. Neely (Dthe Congress of the Senate of the Senate
to that title for served in the Senate, then the
House, now is a Senator again.

Q.—How can the State of Maine elect its Sen-ators and Representatives in September while the rest of the states do nge elect state officials until candidates for national office are picked in No-

A—Maine merely exercises its prerogative un-der a section of the U. S. Constitution which says, "The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives shall be pre-scribed in each State by the Legislature thereof..."

Q-I've heard of a "standing committee" of gress. What does this mean?

Bankrupt Democratic Party Split Wide By Factionalism

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
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for a high order of faith and capacity, the Winter of their discontent, the outlook for the Democratic party looks unrelievedlyblack. But the political climate can
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Postwar Shabbiness Gone, Italians Are Happy Again By ROBERT C. RUARK

ROME we gave Italy after the war. It is possible for a man to fall was a sad and shabby nation at theroughly in love with a land war's end, and it seems neither or a city or a piece of ground, and I am not abstract to said nor shabby now. I am not abstract to said nor shabby now. I am look one look at Italy a long time ago and yelded up up heart.

ago and yielded up my heart.
There are a great many things
a man can love about Italy. There
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Ike Suppressed Angry Retort To Truman

WASHINGTON
WHEN President-elect Eisenhower heard what President
Truman said about demogracuery and his trip to
for a statement for the press.
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starled round the world It would have made more headlines
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Roughly, here is what Eisenhower wrote out in long-hand and planned to say:

and some for Korea it would have been political demapquery, since Mr. Truman is a poli-tician and doesn't have the military background tonaystes such a situation.

However, Jim Hagerty, press-relations adviser to the President-elect, tacfully taiked him out of it. In the end, the statement was tabled: "File and forget."

Pacific Pipeline

Military strategy — When MacArthur's announcement the had a plan to end the Korean War was relayed didn't want to give the public the impression he want open to any and all ideas re Korea ... Some of the people around him were much harher in their reaction agward plac Arthur, called him "chiletah." At Arthur, and the Arthur, and the

Navy Ambassador

IT looks like fiery, redheaded Adm. Arthur Radford, com-mander of the U. S. fleet in the Pacific, has talked him-

self into a potent position with the President-elect.

Most Navy men have been dubious about Eisenhower's attitude toward the Navy, figured that as a lifelong Army However, persuasive Adminal Radford, scheduled to see Eisenhower for exactly one hour at Iwo Jinn, stayed no for the entire trip. Eisenhower's stop at Iwo was to refuel and to give the President-elect a chance to stretch his elect. There Admiral Radford, like came bock to his claim and asked the pilot. "Can't we hake room for the Admiral?" So Radford went along. Furthermore, he had such a yay with Eisenhower that he persuaded him to revamp his schedule and stop off at Radford's guest house in Havail.—The cruise on the Helean had been arranged well before Eisenhower left the U.S.A., but the stopover him to the stop of the stop