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THE FIELD FOR LIBERALS IN RALEIGH

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IT DOESN'T matter what kind of a liberal you are if you're one of those who associates the term with sexual and political crunge, or the kind that of a return of governmental as a return of governmental properties of the properties of t

State governments throughout the na-tion have been in process of deterioration for years. Their ills are several, and are summed up succinctly in the current issue of Harper's by a member of the Oregon

The part-time status and negligible ries of state legislators and most state riet attorneys:

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The first two points apply with special emphasis to North Carolina. Assembly-men's nigardly pay, 815 per legislative day, is not enough to maintain them in Raleigh and permit occasional trips home, let alone raise a family. This low pay scale discourages men of modest means, encourages bribery. The General Assembly has the power to raise these salaries, but until enough legislators insist the change be made the inherent disadvantages of the low-pay system will prevail. Bural members dominate the Assemblers of the company of t

Rural members dominate the Assemislature's refusal to redistrict, as the constitution decrees, in accordance with population changes. Thus urban problems that are of mounting concern to North population changes. Thus urban problems that are of mounting concern to North Carolina cities, things like urban redevelopment, traffic congestion and mental health, often receive scant attention from the rural-minded legislature. The cities only recourse then is to look to Washington. Thus the federal government is forced to do what the state will not do. It will be too late if you will until after the next Assembly meets to wail about its infection of the state will not do.

It will be too late if you wait until after the next Assembly meets to wail about its ineffectiveness. It will be too late if you wait until the election, or when the cam-paign gets hot only a few months away. Now is the time to get the views of and impress your views on prospective legis-lators. Now is the time for men and yom-en who want to clean up the mess in Raleigh to get busy.

HOW TO GROW OLD DESPITE CARS DEPT.

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THERE'S GOOD NEWS today from the Car War front.

Sunday the State Highway Patrol started operation of its new electrical speed checker on Wilkiason Bibd. Good place to start it too. In no time at all 17 speeders were caught. Two pleaded guilty and were fined; the rest forfeited bonds ranging from \$15 to \$25. Wonderful It won't take long to amortize the investment in the new gadget that way.

Over the weekend the State Highway Patrol started a "saturation" patrolling technique on seven of the state's highways. This technique is even more effective than the electric speed checker or the radar-operated "whanmy". The presence on the highway of so many patrol cars cuts down violations as well as accidents. Yesterday Motor Vehicles Commissioner Scheldt started a campaign against the oft-dangerous "slow poke" drivers. Patrolmen, with the aid of the electric speed checker and the "whammy", will locate these traffic longers, remind them of the

trolmen, with the aid of the electric speed checker and the "whammy", will locate these traffic cloggers, remind them of the hazards of highway ambling.

Then in the morning's mail came this letter from Raleigh, telling about formation of the "Motorists Protective Association Inc." This organization apparently was not, as the name might imply, set up to counter Columnist Tom Feeperman's "Pedestrian Protective Society," but

aims to promote driver training educa-tion, inform members on activities of the state legislature affecting highway safety. state legislaturaters of accretics of the state legislaturater affecting highway safety, work for economical insurance rates, oppose unjustified increases in taxes affecting automobile owners, and "make North Carolina the safety center of the South." Time will tell whether this organization is more interested in curbing taxes and competing with the Carolina Motor Club for membership than it is in highway safety, but we won't argue with the Association's laudable goals.

These encouraging developments in highway safety brigh to mind an idea that service stations operators might like to mull over. A friend was telling about his brother, who travels a lot and has his own rules for survival on the highway.

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A PROPER CONCERN FOR OIL CONSERVATION

IF YOU'D like to increase your vocabulary, visit an oil field. Inside 24 hours you'll be using knowledgeably some of the most of the property of the department of the department of the department of the department of the property of the p

But one term now current in the indus-try in understandable to all. It is "con-servation." We are pleased to note that the industry chose to make it the theme of this Oil Progress Week. For oilmen themselves bear a heavy responsibility in the conservation of the resource that is their livelihood.

Right now there seems to be an over-supply of oil. Iran recently announced that she was ready to arrange the return of Iranian oil to world markets. When Iranian production ceased because of the hation's political prostration other pro-ducing areas filled the gap with scarcely a noticeable drop in worldwide produc-ant producing the producing the pro-ture of the producing the pro-ture of the producing the pro-ture of the producing the post two years devel-opment has begun in a vast new field.

the Williston Basin of North Dakota and Montana.
But despite present abundance of sup-plies, war and technology have in recent years made record demands on petroleum resources. U.S. oil demand this year is 50 per cent higher had been supported to the petroleum of the petroleum of the support of the petroleum of the petroleum factor pecently warned of the urgency of conserving this non-renewable natural re-sources.

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The oil industry itself has increasingly concerned itself with conservation. The use of "mud." a mixture of water, clays and chemicals to prevent a well from blowing out, has made the gusher an exception. Dead fields are being brought to life by new techniques that bring out a second crop of oil which couldn't be brought to the surface before. Well spacing and the capture and use of gases that formerly were wasted are good conservation, as well as good business.

The history of the industry is filled with instances of waste and reckless exploitation. This record, the recognition that public interest must be paramount in development of this vital resource, was one of the reasons why many thoughtful persons questioned the wisdom of turning offshore oil rights over to a few state governments. Always, the gublic should concern listelf with the careful husbandry of resources so vital as oil. The more the industry lateful attends to this conservation, the less will be the need for public surveillance.

m The Lynchburg (Va.) News

ANYBODY LIKE TOMATOES?

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If the Tar Heels' answer is because that's



People's Platform

Recognize Alcoholism As Illness CHARLOTTE

AT a recent meeting of the American Association of Social Workers, Charlotte Chapter, the group voted to endorse the recommendation of the Mental Health Society board to use county he pitalization funds for indigent persons who are till with alcoholium.

We recommend to the County Board of Commissioners the suggestion that alcoholism be recognized as an illness treatable under the same hospitalization plan as other illnesses.

We hope that the Board of Commissioners will see fit to take favorable action and lead the way for a practical and sound approach to the treatment of alcoholism smoorn infigent persons.

Chairman, Charlotte Chapter, American Association of Social Workers.

Put Yourself In Russia's Shoes

Editors. The News.

BYENTIVE one of my anonymous friends wrote many along it lever hoped to be on the winning side. He referred of course, to the outcome of the school bend election, which I opposed as being premature in that we did not know for what kind of a school the funds. Too, his was a reminder of the fact that I am very often on the losing side of public questions.

However, this fellow has not known me or the funds of the

The civilizations of the past have gone down by great majorities.

In the Oct. 13 News you had a very interesting editors in the payment behavior of t

nature, and time is of the essence of the situation.

See are losing this cold war, as I see it. Russis is getting relatively stronger. Her allies are becoming more firmly statehed to her, while our advanced in the second of t

tile intentions in ever tightening the circle of mil-tary air bases about her. Just recently we con-cluded arrangements with Greece for air bases and emphasized the fact that they were in easy reach of the heart of Russia; and just a little be-fore that we made like arrangements with Spain, with like assurances to our people.

In fact, all our foreign air fields are for it express purpose, so announced, except we they are for defense. Were Russia doing this, at would we do and think? That's the test,

We are now on the verge of a top-level con-ference with Russia with respect to the situation in the Balkans and Middle Europe generally. We do not trust Russia, but we are realistic enough to understand that she will not get out of the middle of Europe unless she is protected against invasions from the west. The thought of a re-armed Germany terrorizes the Russian people. They are not also the second of the control of the second of the control of the control of the results of the control of the control of the results of the control of the

So let's do a little two-way thinking as to the going situation. Would we not insist not only

The Price Of Republican Victory

Truce Has Settled Nothing; Conference Success Unlikely

By JOSEPH ALSOP

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Revolt Of Farmers Against Republicans Is Very Real

By MARQUIS CHILDS JIS CHILDS

leader in the LaFolleite Progressive Party.

For one thing, the district is the center of the strength in the state of the National Famers Union.

The Farmers Union is related to the Samers Union. The Farmer Union is rival of the American Farm Bureau Federation. While the Farm Bureau has grown increasingly conservative, with its president, Allian Kinne, embracing Reers Union has launched a vigorous campaign to capitalize on farm disconneging to expitalize on farm disconneging to the property of the pro

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Secretary Charles Brasnan.

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Would vote for Johnson. But the result cannot
But the result cannot be explained away by local circumin the Midweet has been apparent
to some Republican leaders for a
long time. During a recent visit to
Washington, Gov Thomas E. Deston the Company of the form of the farm vote with frankees
bordering on bitterness.

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Drew Pearson's **Grain Storage Shortage Angers Farmers** Merry-Go-Round

BACK in 1948 the farm belt thought it had won, once and for all, the battle of government storage for grain. And one reason farmers today are so sore at the Republicans is that this year they've had to flight the storage battle all over