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agreeably tax, spring up in their places and charge all that the traffic will bear

plus a little more because of the aurrep-titious nature of their occupation,

Whereupon the moral forces awaken to what's going on and to the knowledge that the Pullistine boys have got a good thing, so they amend and recodity their principles, allow themselves a fancy thut withal a somewhat leaser; rate, and go hack into the usury business recure in the confidence that they are only thinking of the best interests of the common people.

Inconsistencies

Council Had Best Reconsider

The Whole Gas-Truck Case

Either gasoline tank trucks are too dangerous to be permitted the use of city streets, in which assumption the danger is a frightful one, or they are not. And if they are not, well and good. They should be permitted to traverse any

should be permitted to traverse any streets they please, just as the rest of

But if they do constitute a public men-

But if they do constitute a public men-ace, and the City Council's disquictude over its first refusal to pass a regula-tory ordinance would indicate that the Council feared as much, then to limit through trucks to certain sirects is only to compound the danger to the residents

to compound the danger to the residents and property-owners and users of those streets. To let trucks making a local development and the same of the streets is to Ignore the hazard which has just been indicated by the proposed regulation of through trucks.

Matter of fact, if the traffic is hazard-

Matter of inct, if the traine is misser-ous to a degree, it should not be per-inited within the city at all. Through trucks should be compelled to defour this jurisdiction, and local deliveries should be made first to lanks in some isolated place autiside the city, whence gasoline can be distributed in smaller quantities.

quantities.

Nobody, of course, with the possible exception of the railroads (who haven't got anything to do with this ordinance), wants to cause the pasoine hautes trouble just for the fun of it. But either there is a harard in the movement of these trucks over city streets or there is not. That's the Council's duty to establish by competent authority.

Never Again

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The sad fact was never very widely
publicized, for obvious reasons, but at
one time the state of North Carolina
contained more defaulting units of goveermment than any other except Florida.
That was back in 1933, when times
were harder than we like to remember.
There were \$2 North Carolina counties out of 100 in default on the principal or interest for both) of their
bonded indebtedness, and 152 cities and
towns. The bill for all those schools
and county reads and grantle courthouses had come due and couldn't be
paid.

paid.
Since that time, the Local Government Commission has done a magnificent, though distracted, lobe of refunding debts, getting bondholders to take new securities, anometimes at a heavy discount, so that today the number of countries in default has been reduced from 92 to nine, and the number of cities and towns from 122 to 35. Nor is that all.

The State, not to be caught short

The State, not to be caught short scain, has adopted for its own government, and all subordinate governments the constitutional limitation that no unit may issue bonds in any year for more than two-thirds of its debt retirement in the previous year, except by vote of the people. And the people, it may be asserted, have learned their leason.

German engineers are moving into Russia to organize things industrially and systematize distribution. It will be efficient, but will it be Russia?

. In Germany, they say, the larger junk has all gone into the melting pot for munition needs, and any hour now they will call in bridge prizes.

"He's the most wonderful person in the world," says Actress Doris Dudley of the man she is to divorce. And women weep, as women should, because they're so misunderstood.

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## **366 D**ays

Since Last March 26 No Fatal Accident On Airlines

Here's a statistic that, in recognition of the accomplishment behind it, truly deserves a hand:

Good luck must be given a share of the credit for this achievement, but other factors responsible for it are tangible as well as altogether praiseworthy. The unrelenting caution of the lines themselves, their continued research and themselves, their continued reseases well turestiment in up-to-date equipment with facity as their primary objective; the creation and the functioning of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, which took over and revitalized the old inept Bureau of Air Commerce of Uncle Damy Roper's Powartment of Commerce, as well as the

Commerce Commission.

In fine, this remarkable record of safety was the result of full and hearty cooperation between Government and
Business which might, were one minded
to moralize about it, be used to point an
object lesson. In any case, it points to
an ascomplishment of the first magnitude.

#### Hamlet

Some Remarks On An Odd Case In Police Court

The kindest view of the malter scoms to be that Deputy Sheriff Martin is down with a Hamlet complex — can't make up his mind. Nobody, however, can well suspect Judge Howard, County Recorder, of that.

of that.

Baturday evening at 6:45 o'clock, Departy Martin arrested a man named Christenberry for driving drank, after seeing him drive into a ditch eight miles out on a belt road — according to his testimony in court. But then he did a strance hing. He ordered Christenberry to drive on ahead of him along the crowded road. Later he picked up a Irlend, had him get into the car with Christenberry, but all the control of the court of lowed the latter to continue to drive through swarming Graham Street and across town to the County Jail. At least once, according to the testimony, he fell several blocks behind the Christenberry

Orriously, it adds up to one of two things: (1) Deputy Martin was exceedingly careless of the public safety, or (2) the public safety or (2) the public safety or (2) the public safety or (3) the public safety or (2) the public safety or (3) the public safety or (4) the p Obviously, it adds up to one of two who has just adjudged him competent i conduct a "deadly weapon" through crowded streets.

## Usury

It's A Hard Word But A Profitable Business

South Carolina law fixes the legal rate of interest at not more than 7% per amnium 65% on contracts). Charges beyond these rates constitute usury, which is a haird word.

these rates constitute usury, which is a hard word.

Tet the Bouth Carolina Legislature even now is debating, quite as though there were now is debating, quite as though there were no usury law, a bill to limit starcer rates on small loans to 3½° a magnith, or 42% a year. The purpose of the bill, and we may assure is honestly, is not to enable loan sharks to kouge the people but actually to reduce the cost of small loans and to save impecuations borrowers from having to pay rates that rain up to two or three times the proposed 3½° per month.

This, in a convenient mutatell, is just about the history of usury in this about would be a short of the proposed and the proposed and the proposed and the proposed and the period of the proposed and the p

proscribe the charging of more unm a-moderate interest, upon path of some ching or other. The more or less respect-ble money-lenders, unwilling to risk a time in with the law or public opinion, in with the law or public opinion, the public of make a commensurable withdraw from the business. The having been curbed, everybody re-

# Jimmy Blurts It

By Raymond Clapper



Young Gromwell idealized the Al-d case somewhat, but he substan-

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for England and France.

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went into Poland it was clean
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Mr. Billopp:

## Umbrella-Bearer

You tell him please not to bother; you're getting on all right. Let him keep the umbrella over himself. But he says, "Oh, noi" he wouldn't think of doing that, but he says, "Oh, noi" he wouldn't think of doing that you have been allowed by the says he will be end of one of the ribk hooks your hat neatly and lifts it off your head, lifts a for your head, he was he will be more carried. He holds the umbrella so that the ribk holds the umbrella so that the ribk holds the umbrella so that the ribk holds the umbrella one shoulder and seaks you theroughly. You say you-wish—he-wouldn't bother to hold the umbrella over you. You know that he must be should not sacrifice his comfort for you. But he insists that he is mily too glad to do so, And to you have he will be the same your year. You would have a sacrifice his comfort for you. But he insists that he is mily too glad to do so, And to you have he will be umbrella over your year. He was the same your shoulder to that it will take up less room, and keep. You auggest that he let you hold the washels over him for swille.

you; so you pull your hat down and twist you shoulder so that it will take up irus room, and keep for the beat. If closed and he profession was also to the beat. You august this he let you hold the unbrills were him for a while to the working the working to the working to the working to the working to the makers unbrittlions jabas and you endeavor to dodge them. And when you crome to your destination you tell him how grateful you are not to mention it. It says there is no more pleasant experience than real limit that you have been of real use to a friend.

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Commentator Magazine

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Comes Sumner Welles Back From Europe

-8y Herblock



### Letters to the Editor:

# Warning To Republicans

Dear file:

If the Regulilean Party thinks that they can persuade volers from voting for Franklin D. Roosevelt this Fall by using washed up radio commendators to four the country for the party of the following the following the following the following the strong tree, Every American that can read and understand government can are where this Administration has done dragged into the conflict than any other has ever done during a major catastrophe. First, the cash-and-carry more than the conflict than any catastrophe. First, the cash-and-carry more than the cash-and-carry more first than the first the neutrality zone in which the U. S. merchant matter is kept to safe-guard American shipping, lives and more proposed by our President, his brilliant appeals to belligerents and his sagrestiveness towards peace more, prooped by our President, his brilliant appeals to belligerents and his sagrestiveness towards peace more, proof that lastead of leading to the first the safe the world in peace.

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If the Republican propagandists would try first to find a candimuse the second propagand the second propagand to the second propagand

Lincolnton Lincolnton.
(Note: For the record, it should be noted that Congress, not the President, insisted on our neutrality safeguards.—Editors, The News.)

#### Man Says Our Letters Column Has Lost Interest

Column that Loss satterees.

Dear Sir:

I should like to voice my strenuous objection to your persent polley of cluttering up your celltorial
page with letters persisting to not
well the column to the column to the
record of general significance
of importance as to completely
destroy the allure of a page formerby alive and vibrant with inconverse giving their loggest and sincere opinions on local, national or
international topics.

In other-words, where you once
in the resulting and diversified subjects,
you are now running and essay
contest on abstract questions which
are being answered, for the mostcian on the subject, but who
with rite phrases and arguments
hope to win a tive-dollar bill.

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without your picking out subjects
for them.

—R. C. Andrews.

-B. C. ANDREWS.

For Want Of Letters, Democracy Perishes

Democracy Perishes Everybody talking about De-mocracy but nobody writing us letters about it. Here it is Wed-nesday, with the deathing of off, and betters have been as source as hats on high school boys.

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It's still a good subject: have writer to be a construct. A construct of the construction of the constructio

when the spirlt moves them. Meantime, letters on any subject, prize contest or not, are doubly welcome, but the contests will have to go or or awhile. And they're prefy good fun, too, aren't they're Editors, The News.)

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in If his work is behind he cannot make it up. He just makes the hours sounded by Mr. Rooseveit. The slave was given a certain number of bushels of wheat for sustain him. Today at the sound of Mr. Rooseveit he is given just a few acres of wheat for his bread, and if the wheat is a failure he must rob his clother fund — the final control of the control of the sound of the sound of the work of the sound of the sound of the sound of the sound of this own.

adde for clothing — to buy bread. He is not starting at the sound of his own. There is the one thing which Mr. There is the not taken the consideration yet, and that is a many breating. He can still breathe starting at the sound of his own. Teey in the United States today is that the United States today is that the United States does not have Democracy for breathing. —WAVERLY RUDISILL. ITOM Station.

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ing against this barbarous experiment.

—AMERICAN HUMANE ASSO-

# An Astute 🖫 Decision

By Hugh S. Johnson



WASHINGTON.—The solety of the President to permit the Almes to bour most advanced type of military and our most advanced type of military and mark planes is 200 per cent correct. A principal problem in our preparation i.e., defense is productive capacity. Time is "of the cessence in war. Napoleon us as d to say." It may lose a battle that I will network to the control of the cessence in war. Napoleon us as d to say." It may lose a battle that I will network the cessence in war.

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can't get into production without first
going through a slow and complicated
effort called "tooling-up."

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This means the arrangement of build-ings and machine looks to provide a continuous flow from one operation to another without back-tracking or loss motion. It means the making of the working points of those tools to insure abosities uniformity in all the thousands of separate peris that 20 into the assembly of any such complex and wonderful thing as a modern war plane. It means the making of patterns and squages to insure accuracy beyond the split fraction of a mouse hair—interoscopic accuracy in some cases.

# THE BOTTLE-NECK OF MASS PRODUCTION

This requires the highest mechanical akill that is demanded of any workmen. The scarcity, due to the depression, of sufficiently skilled pattern and tool-makers is one of the great "bottle-necks" rearding production. Once the original tooling is done fewer of those experts are

Erersbody who is old enough will remember that preparation to build the radically different successor to the old nodel T Tin Lizzie, paralyzed the production of even the great Ford plants for the better part of two years. It is be-lieved in the motor industry that a sin-gle last minute chance in arrangement gle last minute chance in arrangement and design coef the Ford Company mil-lions of dollars and months of time, When this great preparation work is done, increase in speed and reduction in cost are very great.

#### KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

To put the American aliphane indus-try on this kind of mass production basis would give his semething that heard ex-isted and, under conservative plans for our own equipment, might never have been completely attained. But a bullon dollars worth of Allies business coupled

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For undisclosable reasons, our For undisclosable reasons, our mar-velousty accurate bomb-sight is in a slightly different class but, as to standard plant and engine types, we would be shortsighted not to give the Allies the best we have for quantity production, even if it somewhal delays our own pro-gram. If was threadens us well take all this new factory capacity for our own use—exactly as well dis. 1971. The DFP of the control of the control of the con-position of the control of the control of the production of the control of the control of the production of the control of the control of the production on the control of the control of the production on the control of the control of the production on the control of the control o production, put us in the vanguard of invention and design and very greatly lower our costs.

## Visitin' Around

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(Marshville Rome) (Markville Rome)

John W. Wents of Indian Trail and

Dulon J. H. Baucom of Marshrille were
among the 142 men who enlitted in the
United States Army, through the recruiting headquarters at Charlots last

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(Lumber Bridge Hem, Lumberton Robesonian)

James Malloy left several days ago
for California, where he will yield an
uncle and probably spend some time.

A Lady's Gat To Sit Down Some

(Ramilton's X-Roads, Monroe Journa

I was talking to a salesman and he had different things to sell, but as we out in this section haven't had electricity long, we want to buy electrical applilong, we want to buy electrical appli-ances, So he was telling me the ad-vantages of the many things stong this line. He asked me if it took me itemity minutes to churn on an average per day. I told him I guessed it did, and be used a penell, and paper a bit and said in a year I spent estreen days churning. I had not thought just how much time I, put on these thile things, but I just said him I needed to all down sometime.



Side Glances

"Inform the tradesmen they need not call for three days. I am going on a liquid diet and prescribe the same for the household."