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th City and County Have n Higher Than Necessary

surplus of \$141,175 which the City of its flacal year justifies both a ment for the manner in which operated and a criticism for the tomaervative estimate on which last to budget was based. A tidy surplus nt easily have been predicted twelve was due to the better collection of then the budgeteers had allowed

It was a sure thing. The County Government likewise endthe year with a nice surplus due in rt to this same tendency to unimate revenue. And it is a good bat the County will have another surplus on hand at this time next pite the fact that it col 16 87.30 per cent of current taxes 560-41 and 85.11 per cent of current in 1939-40, the board's estimate of estions for 1941-42 was only 81 per

d on this estimate of only 51 per ions is fixed a tax rate which plainly higher than it needed to be realistic appraisal of revenue in

may be argued that it is as long is broad and that the wise policy play safe and that in any case who is a loading the property of the y in holding down next year's tax But we contend that it is fully said an obligation on our local gov-ment to calculate collections as ex-main possible as it is to fix a tax which will produce the necessary was, with only a reasonable margin media said to deficite.

against deficits. It view, the tax rates of both overnments have been higher bey needed to be, and while the of both have been ably adminishere is no point in making the pay more than they have to,

change Rate uraly One American Worth Seven Navis

sense, America and Germany al-are exchanging prisoners of war. It lepp, and Tonn are on their set to the Reich Dr. Reith had greated for obtaining his American Traudalent and misleading state-Herr Zapp and Herr Tonn were the State Department as allen

hange for these three propaganthe Nazis are releasing N Allen and Richard Hottelet. Both American writers were arrested weeks ago, obviously as a repri-American action against the three

now, by mutual consent, the prisoners being swapped. However the rate tage, three Nazis for two Ameriatrikes us as being grossly unfair. truest Bouthern tradition indicates e American is worth at Seast Nazis. Beven-to-one swapping be even more advantageous for in weeks there would be no more in the United States. And that be just fine.

Hore Steam

That's What We Need in Our New Power Program

Federal Power Commission says sed more sources of electric cur-It announces that the nation to spend a billion dollars during get five years building hydro-elec-sons and steam plants.

is very encouraging to notice that is very encouraging to notice that is plants are included. If any leasures to be learned from the recent is and resulting power shortage this you can't count on water raisons.

done.

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world can't make a kilowatt of
iy. That's what happened to the
her went wild on water power,
sine the drought. Without sufy steam plants of their forced to call on private

intes, which brought on a large of electricity.

Commission proposes to 09,000 a year on steam

struction, which means that the water units will cost 70 per cent more than the steam plants. Yet, the Commission expects to get two and a half million kilowatta from the steam plants and only one million from the hydro units. In other words, steam plants, costing only all III was than the water than the In other words, steam plants, costing only a little more than half as much as the hydro plants, will assess the hydro plants, will assess.

oent more electric power.

Of course there is the cost of coal to Of course there is the cost or coar to coar to coar to coar to be considered. But dams are not always available near the places where current is needed. Transmission lines are expensive as the dickens. And then there's the old bugaboo of slitting, which is a real mobilem in reservoirs on the muddy

the old hugaboo of allting, which is a real problem in reservoirs on the muddy rivers of North and South Carolina. Suffice it to say that the investment in steam stations, according to Chairman Olds of the Power Commission, "may be expected to come largely from private accurace." The private companies have learned the cheaper and more reliable way of making power. They let the Government build the dama and charge off excessive cost to flood control and navigation.

Right Of Review

The State's Good Name Is Entitled to As Much

If Congress had passed the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill, introduced in 1934, Gaston County would today owe the Federal Government \$10,000

That much is explicit in the hill which sought to define the crime of lynching sought to define the crime of lynching and to assess a portion of the penalty for it against counties in which the trime occurred. And it explains a lot, for by the bill's definition, the murder of the Negro bridegroom by four white toughs in Oaston County last April was a lynching, See:

The phrase 'mob or rictors assemblage,' when used in this act, shall mean a assemblage composed of three or more persons acting in concert, without authority of law, for the purpose of depitting any person of his life, or doing him phrasels in jury.

"Any county," the bill goes on to de-clare, "in which a person is put to death by a mob or riotous assemblage"—that is by three or more persons—"shall forfelt \$10,000.

Conservate than in its definition, however, the hill implicitly upholds the conservation made by this newspaper and others, reiterated by Governor Broughton, that the elements of a lynching around the same base of several persons but the assemblage of those persons but the assemblage of those persons for the purpose of usurping the due processes of faw.

If concerted violence by three or more persons is always to be called a lynching, then the St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicage was a lynching, man-handling in stitles is lynching, fights between gashouse gangs are lynchings. This definition of lynching could even be stretched to cover the more extreme forms of hazing by school boys. Otherwise than in its definition, how-

forms of hazing by school boys.

What happened in Gaston County, as has been made substantially clear, was not a lynching in the accepted sense of the word; it was wanton murder. No negligence or remisances of officers of the law were involved. Heavy punishment was dealt out to the four rampaging white youths for a crime which was committed in their own alcoholic anger rather than in the name of Bouthern womanhood or while supremer or any other stock aitsi for lynching.

Governor Broughton is entirely justiced in protesting, Taskegee Institute's classification of this murder as a lynching. The sood name of the siste requires protest—and more, for once this miscalled lynching goes down in the statute, no amount of explanation will studie, no amount of explanation will

tistics, no amount of explanation

expunge it.
What the Governor should do, we suggest, is to ask of the president of the Institute, whose lynching records are generally accepted as authentic, that a board he appointed to review all the facts in the case and determine if a lynching it was, as Tuskegee maintains, or a murder, as North Carolina insists.

In justice to this year's crop of can-taloupes, we must say that only the first fifty were the hardest.

Now that the nation's No. 1 glamour girl is removed from general circulation, only Jack Harrymore is left in the pub-its domain.

Age And The Army

By Hugh S. Johnson

shought more sufficient to the control of the question. He was promoted from a regular rank of captain. The recent considerable flock of appointments to new hars, in some cases is obviously warranted the latter than the control of the cappointment are made or the extensive and melicular than the captain of the retensive and melicular or the captain of the retensive and melicular on officer from our fitter to commission to his last jarewell.

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Every commander under whom
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observed him for a month or a
year. The method of rating is
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favor or amply justified can ruin you with the ruin such a thing as army politics. In more cases than one, the colonel's lady, if not Judy O'Orady, has a finger in that pir. Kipling was right when its ann, what pour peace with the ladies and the men will make you Lo Purthermore, there is the knowledge of the power of the power, mouth after mouth and year after year, of the moving finger which writes and 'having with moves on hor all your piety nor wit shall laire it back to cancel half a line, had

New York Times

Peanut Publicity

In Oklahoma

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No. 2 — A Separate Court District
No. 3 — An Uptown Rest Room
No. 4 — Street-Widening

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WITHOUT TEST OF WAR

FOLITICIANS MAY GET GRAVY

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Another thing, there is no assurance that mere youth without the finest without the services of supply behind the lines.

Another thing, there is no assurance that mere youth without some known disability in courage and vigor, is any universal touchstone. It is trucked to the services of the say of the services of the say of the services of the service

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Reynolds' Embarrassment'

tow felt the full weight of the depression and its up-and-coming Chamber of Commerce select upon "The City of Bristow" asys the writer, "stood solidly behind the farmers and finally resorted to a piece of ballytoo that advertised its industry here from Boston he farmers of an unlimited market. The City Council passed an ordinance requiring, on penalty of fine and impressment, that a penalt before the present of the control of the control of the council passed as penalt before the present of the council passed as the present of the present of the council passed as the present of the prese

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But Where Should Mr. Talmadge Be?

The Calhoun County

(Ga.) Centier
Governor Taimadge says there are a few newspapers in this state that ought to be in hell. I would not know it he had fine Courter in mind or not. But if he did: we would like to add that there are times when he and I are certainly of the same mind.

TODAY'S BIBLE TROUGHT

In Doublast Ways

Again a second time he been away and prayed saying. My

The New York Times

History, or legend, is full of father, if this cannot pass accept. A cases in which a creditor has re-

Side Glances



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sealable tipon to service for more than once year. These has been year. These has been year. These has been year. These has been young in Baction it. The haddless can be held for flat proper to the haddless to the proper to the properties. The haddless had not been year to the haddless with a declaration, the President may carried the period of service to each time he may be inconsary in the inserts of matical defense, the me keys. They administration has rejected the service of matical defense, the law keys. They administration has rejected the flow out to be considerable division in Congress should be seen a position to make a public case strong cough to induce Congress to act, then it would have a case for a declaration of war. There seems to be a general desire not to here a hull-dress public desire not to here a hull-dress public deviate for the properties of the seems to be a general desire not to here a hull-dress public deviate for the period of the period of the latter of the seems of the second of t sire not to have a full-dress public de-bate in Congress on the laste of the

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To second condition under which selectees may be called upon for hurber service is complicated. After completing twelve months of training and service, selectees go into the ungained reserve. In that atatus they are subject to such further training and service as Congress may by law prescribe. To use that method of calling men back into service at once would mean involved procedure. The Administration considers that these two provisions of the Belective Service Act show plainly that there was no unconditional piedge to release the men after twelve months of service. Congress reserved the right, under cortain conditions to hold them.

At the White House conference with inguistative ledienty setterday it was decided simply to amend the Selective Bervice Act to provide for further service during the emergency and to apply the same extension to the National Guard and to Reserve officers.

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IT MAY MEAN A VOIE OF CONFIDENCE ON MARSBALL

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OF CONTRIBENCE ON MARSHALL
Members of the House and Senate are being impressed rather airmspir by the force of the serguments made by Gen. George Marshall, lelief of staff. He is taking the position that as Chief, of Staff he has the responsibility of recommending what he believes is required for proper defense. In scope 74-spects the question is coming days to a vote of confidence or lock of confidence in General Marshall.
Members of the House and Senata arabeing told that about 35 per cent of some outfits in Hawall, Alaska and other outlying possessions are selected or National Guardamen. Except for two Regular Army divisions, confined to three-year men, the other Army divisions run from 25 to 30 per cent assets.

Regular Army divisions, confined to three-year men, the other Army divisions from 15 to 30 per cent as Selected. Regular Army divisions contains from 15 to 30 per cent as Selected. Regular Army divisions contains from 15 to 30 per cent as selected. Regular Army divisions contains from 15 to 30 per cent as now begins whose term of service is now begins and the selected of the selected o whose term of service is now twelve months.

ISLAND DEFENSES MIGHT BE RIPPED APART

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This means that in most Army divisions some 600 officers and one-fourth to one-ful of the men will have to be released-during the next few monutis muless the law is changed. It is being argued that if units stationed in Hawati, Alakar and other possessions have to be ripped spart in order to release one-year men, their effectiveness will be temporarily destroyed. Furthermore, the shapping shortage makes it difficult, if not impossible, to spare bottoms for such large movements of men, without estous ship withdrawals from other service.

Oneral Marshall's recommendation

General Marshall's recommendation that Congress repeal the restriction against using selectors, guards Reserve officers outside the Western Reserve offects outside the Western Hemisphers has been dropped from consideration for the present, at least. There via some auggestion that this recommendation was minunderstood and that General Marthall was not looking to the creation of an expeditionary force for foreign service but forward uniformity in the status of all men in the Army; that is, toward removal of realticitions with applied to some men and not to others.

Visitin' Around

Cotched Up With Rim

(Stony Point Item,
Tayloraville Times)
Mr. Sam Rufty who has been in failing health for sometime is now ill.

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Crovidence item,
Perest City Courier)
Mr. Billy Womack int: Sabardey for
Williamsburg: Va., where he has accopted a, position with his brother, Barri
Womack.