The Coroners Are At It Again

NE note, without pleasure, that the west no longer has a monopoly on ntric coroner's verdicts. Mecklenburg tinues, of course, to contribute remark blie examples of coroner's justice at her usual rate. (In two recent instances po-Boemen have been completely exonerated of fatal shootling.) And we still have the memory of the Gaston coroner's finding in the Carpenter case—death of causes unknown—which surely stands as one of the uninque examples of all time.

The Fayetteville coroner, however, has lately trampled on a suspect's constitutional rights in a manner that gives him real distinction among his fellows. In the Ewing case the Fayetteville coroner went far beyond the determination of the cause of Mrs. Ewing's death: her husband was able examples of coroner's justice at her

Far beyond the determination of the cause of Mrs. Ewing's death: her husband was arrested, held in jall without bond, and, according to his lawyers, not given notice of the coroner's hearins, which he did not attend. He, of course, had no opportunity to cross examine the witnesses who testified, for the record, against him. His lawyers argue, with compilete justice that the coroner's trial of the case on its merits therefore has no standing, and we trust that the Superior Court, to which the case has now been bound, will agree. The coroner's powers are broad, and under, North Carolina law not too well-defined. It is certainly his right and his duty did not be the coroner's powers are broad, and under, North Carolina law not too well-defined. It is certainly his right and his duty

det. North Carolina law not too well-deamed. It is certainly his right and his duty
to investigate any unusual death, but the
action of his court should be confined to

determining the manner and cause of death. His court is informal, loosely organized, and not equipped to try any case on its merits. Certainly he should not be allowed, as is done so often, to dispose of any case except by a verdict of death by natural causes; or perhaps, by suicide. If his preliminary evidence—and in view of the haphszard way in which it is gathered it should never be allowed any considerable weight—indicates individual responsibility he should, of course, bind over this suspect to higher court, but without any effort to determine guilt or innocence. The ambiguittes in the law covering the coroner's duties and responsibilities are perhaps as responsible for these recurring travesties of justice as the tendency of individual coroners to exceed their powers. That such ambiguities do exist is attested by the frequent courtroom arguments over interpretation of the law; according to one reading of the North Carolina statutes the coroner has authority to take any action short of sentending and personally hanging a suspect.

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This, we think, is a matter for the Legislature. A fool-proof statute, based on the precedent that applies in most states and intermittently in North Carolina, could settle the issue for all time, limiting the coroner to his essential function—not the trial and disposition of murder cases, but preliminary examination of evidence to de-termine whether there is the basis for a proper trial in Superior Court.

Restoration Of A Great Lady

WE HERE take belated note of one of the happiest events of the tender Spring season, the restoration of Winthrop College to good standing in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools The action, which returns to the College all its rights and prerogatives and places it again where it belongs, in the first rank of Southern women's schools, is a happy ending to an unpleasant inter-

a happy ending to an unpleasant inter-lude.

Perhaps even more damaging to the Col-lege than its brief loss of status, was the public brawling that accompanied it. It was one of those battles—with faculty and alumnae divided among themselves and against each other and a faint odor of politics hanging over the whole busifiess. The action of the accrediting body will also, we trust, bury all the dark memories of the period.

Restoration of Winthrop's cacdemic trainding is the result of hard, intelligent work by a good many people, in and out of the College. But a large measure of credit belongs to Henry Sims, Winthrop's

new president, who was formally installed

new prestdent, who was formally installed only a few months ago. Dr. Sims' appointment didn't evoke many loud chers when it was announced; he came to the presidency with a background of newspapering and South Carolina polities, and, to borrow the Spartanburg Journal's figure, he had two strikes on him. But what he lacked in academic background he made up in understanding and firmness, and he has demonstrated, we think, the sort of administrative capacity that Winthrop so badly needed.

We have always, somewhat improperly, perhaps, in view of the state line that separates us, looked upon Winthrop as our own. We never had any doubt that her fall from academic grace would be of short duration; no unsound institution could have produced so many graduates who combine intelligence, charm and usefulness in proper proportion. And if we seem unusually courtly in making our manners to the institution and its young ladies, past and present, it can, we suppose, be ascribed to Spring, which affects even the ancient bones of Tuz News.

New Moral For An Old Proverb

ACKING our way through the jungle of learned opinion that is the editorial section of the Sunday New York Times, we me upon an unexpected clearing in the unbroken columns devoted to the UNO Security Council meeting. There, basking, in the luxury of considerable white space, acquired at Heaven only knows how many dollars per inch, was a startling display

"Electronic Traps, Inc." we read, following with a moist forefinger the odd syntax and spontaneous capitalization of the adman, "Now Ready to Offer FOREIGN PATENT AND FULL MANUFACTURING PATENT AND FULL MANUFACTURING RIGHTS for Rochester Automatic Trap." The trap, we discovered down in the eight-point type, is a "revolutionary sew electronic rat trap... now in wide-spread use and increasingly heavy demand."

Our first reaction was amusement. Now that this precedent is shattered, we mused, what proverb can long stand? If the in-

ventor of the better mousetrap is no longer content to wait until the world beats a path to his doorstep, shall we continue to save nine stitches by taking one in time? Should we not, after all, cry over our vast quantity of split milk?

Amusement never lasts long these days. Away from that advertisement in three directions stretched the chronicle of the world's misery. New York Times correspondents reporting in detail—starvation and mass death the world over, rampant corruption in the American Army of Octupation in Germany, weakness and vacillation in Washington, the world's hope for peace withering in the strange almofor peace withering in the strange almofor peace withering in the strange atmo-sphere of the Hunter College gymnasium. The world, exhausted and begging for a

chance to breathe, looking to America, the land of plenty. And America, with sublime indifference to the rats gnawing at her own conscience, offering the world the foreign patent and manufacturing rights of the revolutionary Rochester Electronic Trap. It isn't funny, it isn't funny at all.

Another Voice

Reflections On The ABC Argument

E are often admonished to count our blessings. One of the blessings high-est on my list is the belief that I shall never be called upon to again engage in never be called upon to again engage in a prohibition campaign. There was a time when I was as wildly enthusiantic as any of "the moral forces." I thought legal prohibition was the complete answer and with it I was sure that soon a generation would grow up that wouldn't know the taste of liquor and therefore would mere want it. But I have long ago concluded that there is a large per cent of the population which want it so much that they will have it regardless of law. The facts of the last twenty years seem to prove that this is true. But that does not prove that this is true. But that does not prove that this is true. But that does not prove that the last rue. But that does not prove that the last rue. But that does not prove that this is true. But that does not prove that this is true. But that does not been made. It seems provides that the result of the provides are far less prevalent than they once were. I think it will continue to grow less.

If this general statement of the situation is true many of the old shibboleths of both sides are out of date and can have real meaning. It is a practical question at how the sale of luquor that certainly will se sold, with or without prohibition, can be sold with the lesst harm. To assert and come to prove—which is admitted—that liquor is a great evil is certainly not equivalent to proving that an ABC store is not a prohibition campaign. There was a time

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the most desirable way to handle it in some places. And to assert that a man's personal rights entitle him to buy liquor unlawfully is as out of date. But all the old heat, the old intemperance, the old fanaticism both sides are all being warmed over and gone through with wherever there may be a suggestion of change. The Charlotte News has been advocating an ABC store in Charlotte. Out comes all the antiquated arguments and heats of twenty-five years or more ago and the distraw is again threshed out for the thousandth time. I certainly would not vote for the creation of an ABC store in Union County because drinking here is at a minimum, but if I were a citizen of Wake or New Hanover or Durham or Mecklenburg or some other county where conditions are different, I might vote for an ABC store.—R. F. Beasley in The Monroe Journal.

"Hold everything!" cried the Atlas pub-lisher to the lads in the drafting room. "Uncle Joe is having another of his strange new spells."

You can't live with them and you can't live without them. We refer to OPA price controls, and, of course, women.



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People's Platform

A Dirt Farmer's Protest

MT. HOLLY Interest the property of the propert

land.

I personally know of at least twenty men who are looking for small farms, but they are not real dirt farmers. I personally don't know of anyone who is getting rich farming as you seem to suggest. If I should give you my farm rent free and pay or any or you cared to, you would not break even at the end of the year. If you are going to give the farmers added you should have someone write your editorials who knows at least a little about farming, and also the real cause of farm land advancing so rapidly.

-J. L. HUNT.

(NOTE: Heaven knows, we never intended to imply that the farmers are getting rich. We were, while admitting we don't know our onlons, concerned about their getting poor.—Eds., The News).

Stranger In Town

COLUMBIA, S. C. If find your feature page most interesting, My fast vortices on this page are The Worry Clinic, Looking at Life, Everyday Counselor, Mirror of Your Mind, and Teen-Age Topics, Yesterday I made only average in your Horse Sense Test, but on Thursday I scored very superior.

very superior.

The suggestions and nids given by your authors are both timely and to the point.

I have been following our newspapers in Honolulu ever since I was a boy. Dorothy Dix scemed to be the only adviser to the daily readers, although, occasionally we have something on etiquette by Enilly

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I haven't seen anything like it before!

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Aloha.
—HAWAHAN ADMIRER

The Irish Memory

GREENSBORO

IN reference to Ester Blair's letter in the People's Platform of March 28, I wish to make a few re-

marks.

She states, that the English people are being blamed for things done to the frish thousands (?) of years ago in Gromwell's time! She need not go that far back, let her read about things that went on in Treiand from 150-23, and if she thinks the historiau 150-25, and it she thinks the historiau to the American Committee on affairs in Ireland. This committee was composed of Protestants, Catholica and Jews from all walks of life and their findings are enough to chill the blood of any one who hates op-

pression. These were no war mad Nucl beasts, who did this but elvillesed pesses-loring Englishment The limit of the property o

now? Yes, Miss Blair, many people say nasty things about the British but in the case of the Irish, it is with good reason. John Bull is not all "hope and glory" as some would have us believe.

—SCI. JOHN E. McMILLAN

Wailing Of Angels?

WHEN I read your editorial today about the electron in Rockingham you sure showed your own self up just as I expected when the news came about that wonderful victory in Rockingham. You are just as I once heard a good preaches say one timewall. I hope all the liquor busards have learned their lesson in Rockingham.

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wall. I hope all the liquor bussards have learned their lesson in Rockingham. In the highest properties of the liquor has been been enought to the liquor has been as the seed of the liquor has been as the l

one who has read the Bible will find that God says no drunkard can enter the kingdom of Heaven.

I say God biess every pastor of Rockingham who had the course for light his average to Ight this average to Ight this average to Ight with a seven such a causes little children to suffer for food world down there knew what they were doing: they were not scared into voting dry, they knew the liquor interests were just out to rob the youth of their decency and respect. Who ever seen a respectable for the second of the sec -MRS. CHARLIE McGAHA

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libet and obscently will be deleted-otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tux. News.

Under-Cover Fight

Marquis Childs

LEFT-WING SPLIT

feud with all its twistings and curriens.

Senator Robert La Follette, now a Republican, has been joined by Senators Bernette and the senator of the senator

of the factors in bringing about public acceptance of the Wagner Act.

The investigation proposed by the four Senators would be much broader in scope. The job to be done is an even more important one. A coal strike may soon para-lyze all industry.

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In his searthing testimony before a line searthing and Currenty Committee, Bernard M. Baruch Indicated what the repeal of the excess-profit tax did to our economy. It touched off demands for wage and price increases that have not yet subsided.

It would be the cause and the effects of our present position. It would help us to understand how we got where we are. If legitlation is needed to help ease the management-labor criteria. If legitlation is needed to help ease the management-labor criteria gashats such a background. Without this understanding and clarification, we are likely to blumder into

Samuel Grafton

Taft And Housing

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enough votes in Congress.
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one shortage which threatens to be the sharpest of all and to last the longest.

BROAD-STRONE ANT

But the trouble is that Mr. Taft and his friends do not like Government in this smart and known of the control of the

INSTITUTIONS BAYED

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Drew Pearson's: Mauldin's Testimony On 'Caste System' Merry-Go-Round:

WASHINGTON

WARHINGTON

I doors, but the GI heroes of Bill Mauldin's war careons
would have been proud if they had heard young Mauldin
stuff at the War Department secret hearings.
The GI cartonist gave the Army probers a blazing earmined morale and efficiency in the armed forces.
Incidentally, the secrecy surrounding the testimony of
Mauldin and other witnesses was not the doing of Secretary
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bear General Jinnay Doublitie.
Mauldin, for instance, requested a secret hearing, fearing
that tome parts of hie explosive testimony might embarrass
or part of his remarks can be revealed. He hammered hard
or two castle-system evils; censorship of GI publications; and
inequalities in food, quarters, dress, courts martial, and other
fevoritiem.

Defends GI Editors

REGARDING censorship, Mauldin bluntly told the board

Athat the Brass Hate had created false issues in the case
of two OI editors who were fired from the Toyko edition of
"Sitars and Stripes."

"They tried to make it appear that this paper was dominated by Communists or servicemen affiliated with Communist." Muddin told the caste-system probers. "If the
whole story were told, the public wind know that this is not
the truth. It seems strange that, shortly atter the two edi-

consider the control of this nature does more harm than good in an army. If 'Stars and Stripes' were allowed to function unhampered, so that soldiers could blow off steam consistently, morale would benefit and you wouldn't have these off demonstrations."

Truman Reminisces

OHO'S Senator James Huffman and Representatives George Ender and Milte Feighhan recently preceived Fresident Truman with a specially engraved invitation to the

Death Inspires Democracy

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When Maudin was fishing and cartooning in the Army,
When Maudin was fishing and cartooning in the Army,
the had several hot run-ins with Lk Gen. John ("Gourt
House") Lee, Commanding General of the Mediterranean
Theater, who recently caused the entire staff of Stars and
Stripes to reign in protest against his centorship,
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solders who pop off."
The solder-cartoonist also took Gen. Douglas MacArtion into camp for being a great advonct of the caste your
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Secquientennial of the Founding of Cheveland in July.

Admiring the engraved invitation, Truman said it reminded him of a story he had read a few hights before.

"I was waiting up for Mother this wife." the Freidens said. "and started reading a book on the history of the White said. "and started reading a book on the history of the White wedding of Grover Cleveland there. Cleveland didn't send out formal invitations as they do now.

"He said down and wrote invitations to Cabinet Members and other friends in longhand. He must have been a bear for punishment."

and other friends in longhand. He must have been a bear for punishment. Truman then reminisced with OOP Congressman Bender, famed in Congress for his singing voice, about the song seasons and the congress of the single state of the congress of the congre