

The situation with regard to lynching in the United States hardly justifies the time the Senate is giving to the anti-lynching bill. However, as Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bunch. it was brought forth primarily for vote-gathering purposes in Northern home with flu. and Eastern states, Southern Senators have been forced to come to the defense of law enforcement officers in their respective states. Nowhere in the country is there to be found more able and efficient men than the second to see their brother, Steve Leary, those who enforce state, county and municipal laws in the South. A Fed- tal. eral anti-lynch law would be a reflection on these officers-and all possi-

Fortunately, the debate on the antilynching bill comes at a time when the Senate is awaiting a conference report on the farm bill and action on other measures pending in the House. Thus, Southern Senators are carrying on their fight without, up to the present time, serious delay to much-needed and important legislation.

Perhaps never before has the Senate given such time to the control of a non-existent problem. Lynching is no longer a real problem. Greater progress has been made in control of lynchings than in perhaps any other form of crime. In 1901, there were 130 people lynched in the United States. In 1936, there were nine. North Carolina had none. What other crime has been reduced so rapidly? Who reduced it? Not the Federal Government, but vigilant law enforcement officers in the Southern

One feature of the proposed anti- Lane, at Belvidere. lynch law would provide an indemnity for the families of unfortunate lynch victims. What about funds Mrs. Emmett Jones. for the families of Federal officers killed by gangsters? The govern-ment provides none. Yet, the legis-Mrs. N. Bunch made lative controsity known as the anti- trip to Norfolk, Va., Monday. lynch law is being given attention as if it were designed to control a na- ed her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. tional problem, instead of to get Leary, Sr., in Rocky Hock, Sunday

votes for the sponsors. This is being done at a time when the South is the safest part of the United States for law-abiding people Mrs. J. S. Turner, Mrs. J. N. Boyce and in a section where law-abiding and Mrs. H. E. Lane Monday even-Negroes have their greatest number ing. of friends. What is really proposed is to "lynch" the Constitution and her home with diphtheria. its guarantees of states' rights solely such idea is, of course, extremely

instances in which officers of the law Spurgeon Evans, a recent bride. prevented lynchings. Thirty-nine of is evidence of what officers in the at the risk of their lives. The Federal Government could not do the job

Since the year 1862, there have

United States, according to available records. While nine people were lynched in 1936, nearly 40,000 were killed in careless and negligent highway accidents. This is a national problem. Does the Federal Government propose to do something about that? Certainly it is of more na-tional concern than the unfortunate lynchings of nine persons for crimes for which they would have, in most instances, been executed by the state.

Congress in the anti-lynching bill is endeavoring to make a legislative mountain out of a local mole hill.

CENTER HILL

Mrs. S. W. Glover and two children, of Mackeys, spent the week-end with Mrs. J. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Parker, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with

Mrs. Otis Ellis is confined to her

Mrs. T. H. Byrum spent Monday night in North Edenton with her sis ter, Mrs. H. T. Layton, and accomwho is very ill at the General Hospi

Peggy, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner, is improving. ble effort is being made to prevent it. She has been very sick. The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Lloya

Mrs. Ida Reed. Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Walston are sick with colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodwin, on Greenhall, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O.

Furry Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce and Mis. Myra Boyce visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parker, at Sunbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boyce, Sunday at ternoon.

Mrs. Herman Lane, who has been quite ill, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Smithson and son, of Edenton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane.

Mrs. W. H. Lane and H. E. Lane attended services at Belvidere Friends Church Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie N. Palin spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. V. C.

Mrs. Ida Reed is spending the week in Norfolk, Va., with Mr. and

Mrs. W. N. Perry is visiting Mr.

Mrs. N. Bunch made a business Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Boyce visit-

afternoon.

Mrs. Lindsey Evans and Mrs. F. . Elliott, of Cross Roads, visited

Mrs. W. N. Ward is confined to

for vote-gathering purposes. Any SHOWER FOR MRS. C. S. EVANS Members of the Merry Hill Y. W. distasteful to Southern members of A. entertained on Thursday evening Congress schooled in the traditions at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Louise Smithwick, at During 1936 there were forty-four Merry Hill, complimenting Mrs.

About thirty guests were invited. these were in Southern states. Here Mrs. Evans received many usc? ..! gifts. A sweet course was served a newspaper.

Wisses Ethel Bowen and Louise Freedom of religion, speech and assem-South are doing to prevent lynchings by Misses Ethel Bowen and Louise Smithwick.

Oldest Mountainous Formations In America, the oldest mountainbeen 4,673 people lynched in the ous formations are in Quebec.



Bunch is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Jones, or "True Confession," new comedy-drama which will be featured at the Taylor Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with Theatre, Edenton, Friday, with John Barrymore co-starred with them.

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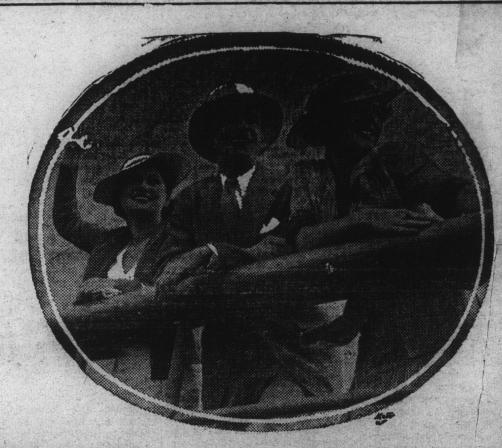
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