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As Mr. Faricy pointed out, "Freight rates were among the last prices to start rising, have risen far less than prices in general, and are today an even smaller part of prices han they were when war began in 1939. Truly, if there were nothing in the present economic situation more inflationary than the increases in railroad freight rates, we might und of us look to the future without misgivings.

It is folly to oppose reasonable increases in railroad reight charges which are plainly made necessary by the inflation in wages, prices and taxes. The rails are the factor of ur strength, civilian and military. No industry can give its best when it is starved for revenues. The failroads ask only for rates which will pay the bills, and eave a modest profit for the people whose savings make ur magnificent railroad plant possible.

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THE CASE OF JOSEPHINE BAKER

I have never seen Josephine Baker on or off the stage. She is apparently an actress born in the United States but is now a French citizen, which is her privilege. I also see by the newspapers that she is a Negress, which seems to me to be neither here nor there.

A mild furor is being stirred over the lady's visit to the Stork Club, a restaurant and saloon which I have been to four or five times. The owner of this place is Sherman Billingsley, who is pleatans to

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at the purchases is cost \$10.112.35. A truck and dump body cost \$2.31080 and a compressor and the necescary tools \$2.731. All the purchases totalled \$15.563.33.

The amount allotted to the town of Dunn under the terms of the bill is \$23.496. The money, is however, earmarked exclusively for street maintenance and improve ment and any number of a governing body or municipal employe can be held personally liable for any unauthorized eqpenditures.

Some of the things for which the funds cannot be used are, street ighting, sidewalks. payment of vincipal or interest on bonds night spots, particularly as I hate to see women scared to smile because they fear their rigid make-up will crack. The problems of my little daughter at school are more stirring than overhearing gossip about who is fixing to marry whom in order to get some additional alimony in due course.

Nevertheless, I once went to a place with my wife and three Chimese friends and we were rejected. So we went to the Stork Club where we were made welcome although somewhat crowded.

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I did not picket the other place.
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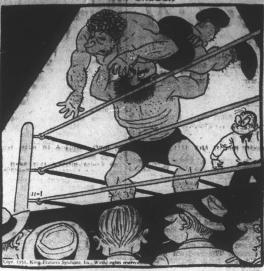
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The right to stay away is a noble human one which Eleanor Roosevelt should incorporate in the document which she is drawing up for the United Nations. Also, the right of a proprietor of a place, where people go to spend a pleasant evening, to keep out anyone who disturbs the kind of decorum his customers prefer ought to be inviolable.

able.

The whole business looks to me like something developed to spoil Walter Winchell's business. Apparently some excited radio commentators and columnists wanted Winehell to throw Billingsley out





"Looks like less'n 3,500-but don't forget we receive 40% of the television fee . . .

Marciano once worked in the leather plants of his home town, just as his dad worked before him.

"I had to give it up," he said, wryly. It was too much for me."
"Is the work that hard?" this reporter asked.

"No," he said, "I just couldn't stand the smell of leather." He's been throwing it effectively ever since. Apparently Marciano has inflamed Massachusetts as no other fighter succeeded in doing, since the halycon days of other redoubtable Bay Stater, John L. Sulivan.

Boston Press Club has a fascinating exhibit of famous page stories. Collected by AP's Jim Smith, and hung in the clubroom is a front page from the first American newspaper published in 1890, Publick Occurrences, Boston Globe's story on Lizzle Borden trial, Boston Post's coverage of sinking of the Maine, Boston American's story of the Lindberg flight and the Boston Herald's reporting of the Sacco-Vanzetti grial ... "TV Jeebies," penned by WCAU's Paul Ritts and illustrated by Dick Strome, now in the bookstalls ... Jamaica hurrican relief show at Carnegie Hall, Monday night .... The Arnold Stangs named her Deborah Jane.

Dear Ed: Betcha didn't know there's a tree on Riverside Drive dedicated to President Grant, by the Chinese Government of that eral it is signed by "Li Hung Chang, Guardian of the Prince, Grand Secretary of State, Earl of the First Order, and Yang Yu, Envoy Extraordinary, Prime Minister of Plenipotentiary of China., also Vice President of the Board of Censors." Best, Dave North .... Fourth annual Comanunion breakfast of radio and TV industry Sunday, Nov. 25, at the Waldorf-Astoria .... Highlighting the opening of the campaign, Nov. 8, of the N. Y. Ass'n for the Blind will be a documentary film "I See The Wind," with a cast of 18 blind and partially blind children in The Lighthouse Nursery School.

Lighthouse Nursery School.

Dear Ed: Knowing your exceedingly great kindness at all time to the ASPCA, I feel compelled to give you the correct version of the Ginger Rogers story which appeared in your column.

In early May, 1949, Miss Rogers reported that a dog could be seen from the windows of the Sherry Netherland Hotel on an adjoining roof. The dog appeared to be without shelter and water. This dog had been brought to the society's attention on previous occasions. On each complaint an investigation was made which bore out the information given to Miss Rogers in a letter dated May 9, 1949. At that time she was told that the owner had provided a well-built shelter which could not be seen from neighboring buildings. While the dog had access to this at all times, he apparently preferred to be at large on the roof where he had an abundance of room for exercise. He was always found in good physical condition, and gave every evidence of being highly regarded by his owner.

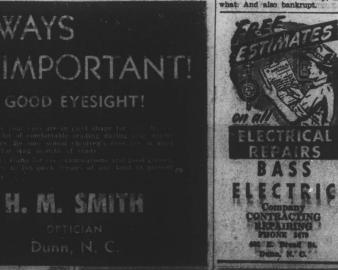
I know you will want this information, for you would not wish to either embarrass the owner or have it appear that the ASPC had been neglectful. Sincerely, Sydney H. Coleman, ASPCA.

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Conrad Hilton trying to reconcile Elizabeth Taylor and his son ...

Ingrid Bergman down with the flu ... Carmel Myers and Paramount exec Arthur Schwalberg honeymooning in Florida ... When Sonja Henie completes her tour, she'll open in Rotterdam, Holland ... Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner to wed in the East, next week ... Mussolimi's remains traced to the Cathedral of Pavia, in northern Italy ... K. T. Stevens expected to inherit at least \$1,000,000 from the estate of her dad, the late Sam Wood. He was one of Hollywood's great directors.

for not serving Miss Baker faster. Stead of a filet mignon. To make his race prejudice because he did not come to the defense of a French lady, who also happens to be a Negress, who also happens to be a Negress, who was given a sirioin steak in-



LYNN NISBET:

## Around Capitol Square

BATTLEGROUND. — Circumstances largely beyond control of North Carolinians may make this state the battle ground for showdown fight for control of the national Democratic party and the government of the United States in 1952 and for several years there after. That is not a new or unique position for North Carolina to be in. From earliest days of national life, this state has been in key position for determine national policy. Next to last of the original thirteen states to ratify the federal consitution, it was next to last of the Confederate states to secede from the union.

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INFLUENTIAL — North Carolina delegates to the national Democratic convention had large part in nominating Woodrow Wilson for the presidency by invoking the two-thirds rule at the Baltimore convention in 1912, and our delegates also had major influences in renominating Franklin Roosevelt by abolishing the two-thirds requirement at the 1936 convention. Adament attitude of then Governor attitude of then Governo Gregg Cherry in 1948, supported by former Governor Broughton, sena-tor-nominate, and Joe Blythe, national committeeman and treasurer of the national Democratic com-mittees, and other state Democra-tic leaders at Philade, mila, is credminees, and other state Democratic leaders at Philadel, hia, is credited with holding North Carolina
primarily, and by indirect influence also holding Virginia and
Tennessee, in the regular Democratic column when Georgia, South
Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi
went overboard for the State Rights
party. So, the role of key position t

Frederick

WASHINGTON-I guess I better

tell you about the lunch the Com-missioner of Internal Revenue did-

n't enjoy; there was nothing wrong with the food, but the poor guy still

Weeks ago Commissioner John B. Duniap arranged to speak at the National Press Club on the subject: The Average Tax Collec-tor Is an Honest Joe.

When time came for him to take his talk, collector Joe Mar-

fired the night before, was on the lam. G-men were looking for him

lam. G-men were looking for him to serve a Congressional subpoena. That was bad enough.

But somebody over at the commissioner's office had announced he'd also suspended Theodore Isaacs and Elias Schulman, tax agents in New York and Brooklyn. At 12:37, when Commissioner Dunlap was plowing into his roast beef, another mastermind at his beedquarter appression of the present of the

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Dunn, N. C.

FIRST — In addition to the fact that North Carolina is recognized as a leader among the southern states, our conventions and primaries come earlier in the year. In most states the candidates to be elected in November are nominated in July, August or September. Our nominating primary is in May. In event a second primary run-off is required, we know who will be governor or senator who have you before July 1, several weeks ahead of the national convention to nominate candidates for president and vice president. This early nomination gives North Carolina a place of leadership.

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TEST — More significant under present conditions is the fact that our incumbent governor, Kerr Scott, and national committeeman, Jonathan Daniels, are admittedly the most openly avowed protagonists of the Truman regime to be found anywhere in the South. That adds to the status of North Carolina as a key state. If they retain their prestige through the primary and convention, the rest of, the nation will be justified in counting North Carolina in the Truman column. If they are displaced by more conservative people, there will

"If the people quit paying their just taxes on a voluntary basis, we can't hire enough men to collect the money," he said. EXPERTLY FIFTED



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the money," he said.

The trouble seems to be that most of the high-bindery so far uncovered in his bureau has involved politicians appointed by the President in such far-flung places as New York' Boston, St. Louis, and San Francisco. One collector, newly suspended, seems to have been a dope addict.

Dunlap wouldn't agree that tax collectors should be taken out of politics; most of the politicos in these jobs have done fine work. "Well, then," demanded one of my irreverent coborts, "how many of these suspended collectors were appointed by President Truman?"

That gave Dunlap his first chance to smile. "No one," he roared, "Not one single one." one single one

ing collector from Brooklyn, I'll let you know what he has to say for himself. (Copyright, 1951, United Feature

Fair enough. And if the G-mer

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