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## 'Down On The Farm'

Figures compiled by N. C. State College recall the old song, "How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen Paree?

For the State College figures, covering the period 1940-50, clearly indicate that the more education rural parents give their children, the less likely are the children to stay on the farm.

For example:

Of those young people with no formal education whatever, only 1 out of 5 left the farm.

Of those with five to eight years' schooling, 1 out of 3 moved from country to city.

And of those with as much as one year of college, 2 out of 3 were lured by the bright lights.

What do those figures mean?

They could mean, of course, that only the unintelligent remain in the country.

They could mean, on the other hand, that there's something wrong with the kind of education we offer - that it emphasizes the wrong things.

## Now To Keep 'em Clean

Hats off to the firemen and others who got out before daylight one morning last week to hose Main Street. Our compliments to Mayor Burrell, too, for pushing the town-wide Clean-up Week.

What we need now is some plan for frequent and regular washing of the town's streets-doing it once a year is a little like taking a bath every spring. Beyond that, we need a campaign to create county-wide community pride, so the town authorities will get citizen backing in keeping the streets

Regular, thorough cleaning, though, is the first step. Just as a man would hesitate to spit on the new rug in the living room, so people would hesitate to throw trash on a spotless street or side-

## You Can Count On It

You can always count on the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue.

If there's any way to make simple things complicated, the Bureau will find it. Witness the income

If there's any way to rob Peter while paying Paul, it will find that, too. Witness the fact that, for years, it has permitted businessmen to throw lavish parties and travel in regal style-and charge the cost off as legitimate expense; but during all these years, it has sternly forbade school teachers to deduct the cost of improving their education.

That injustice, at long last, has been remedied; but in remedying it, the Bureau is careful to warn all and sundry that the cost of education may not be deducted, if the purpose is to qualify for a bet-

Now who, we ask you, is the first one to take a bite out of the bigger salary that goes with a better job? Your Uncle Samuel, of course. But your Uncle Samuel's Bureau goes out of its way to discourage folks from qualifying for better jobs.

That brings us back to what we said in the first place: You can always count on the Bureau of Internal Revenue. For this evidence suggests it's tops, even, in finding new ways to be stupid.

Quote of the year (Claude H. Farrell of the N. C. Educa-on Association): "We in North Carolina , . . must raise both the per capita income and the per capita insight of our citi-

## Eating Humble Pie

Well, it seems, we're going to have to eat our words. Back a couple of months ago, we talked too much and too fast . . . about something we didn't know enough about.

The piece that has us in trouble appeared on this page under the title, "All Potatoes Just Potatoes?" It was provoked by an editorial in The Saturday Evening Post, That publication referred to the Irish potato simply as "the potato"-as though there were no such thing as the sweet potato!

Our Southern pride boiled over. We deplored such ignorance. We pitied the benighted souls who never had reveled in the palate joys of the many luscious dishes made from the sweet potato. We declared "the sweet potato is to the Irish what a luxury liner trip to Europe is to a trip downtown to the post office". Then, to emphasize all we'd said, we exclaimed: "Imagine, if you can, creoled Irish potatoes, or candied Irish potatoes, or Irish

Alas! just four words too many! If we'd only had gumption enough to stop four words sooner! For, it seems, there is such a thing as Irish potato pie. We're assured of that by a woman. Furthermore, she gives the recipe. And who are we to argue with a woman about a recipe!

So we call attention to the letter on the subject, on this page. We're starting to masticate those fatal four last words. And, if we can pursuade the culinary department at our house to try Mrs. Watson's recipe, we're prepared to eat humble (Irish potato) pie. Yes, sir, we're going to be a good sport about it . . . but already we don't think we're going to like it!

## Who Owns What?

(Johnstown, Colo., Breeze)

Some of you pedestrians walk as if you owned the streets. Yes, and some of you motorists drive around as if you owned your cars.

## Pointing The Way

(Tulsa, Okla., Daily World)

The journalism school at the University of Tulsa deserves a pat on the back in its new policy of giving "spelling" lessons. The idea seems to be to correct a glaring omission in earlier schooling even though it requires the taking of valuable time that count to be recovered to be required by the second lates the taking of valuable time that count to be required by the results of the recovered to the results of the result able time that ought to be going into higher educational ef-

Now, if the elementary schools would accept the hint and pour a little more effort into teaching spelling—and making the pupils stick with it—it is just possible that one of these days Professor Wood at T. U. could go back to teaching what he is hired to teach

## Letters

## Irish Potato Pie

Editor, The Press:

A while back, I read a reprint of one of your editorials in The Atlanta Journal, re the sweet potato. Very interesting!
And, being a native Southerner, I, too, love (yes, love) all your suggested dishes and menus. Sweet potatoes are one of my most favorite foods!

However, I cannot refrain from saying to you: "Think of it! never to have known the taste thrill of Irish potato custard pie!" Here is one recipe from an old country cookbook of 45

Rub 1 pint of Irish potatoes through a colander or sieve. Add a pint of sweet milk,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of sugar, pinch of salt, the yellow of 2 eggs and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Bake in one crust. When done, spread on a meringue made from the two egg whites and two tablespoons sugar. Bake to a golden brown.

Hope you enjoy it as much as I do! MRS. CHAS. WATSON.

CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

ated until certain hush-hush

One of these is the alarming-

A Negro scientist of Chicago,

Percy L. Julian, spoke up brave-

about 30 per cent of all arrests and 60 per cent of the arrests

for crimes involving violence or

threat of bodily harm-murder, silence"

ly high rate of Negro crime.

courage and candor.

Atlanta, Ga.

P. S. In years gone by (many a one), I have spent a number of pleasant summers in your nice town. I always stayed with the Sellerses—down the hill and over the rise from the

the United States—both North Negroes. New York's N Negroes. New York's N population is 14 per cent.

High Negro Crime Rate Must Be Faced To Be Remedied

A good bit of the racial mis- court disposition of their cases, as these same groups seek,

and through legal channels, to push understanding now bothering 44 per cent of the males and through legal channels, to push understanding now bothering 44 per cent of the males and through legal channels, to push the United States, both North 65 per cent of the females were widespread racial integration in

subjects are examined with many Negroes as whites were example, concentrate so much

Similar statistics are available

Percy L. Julian, spoke up bravely about the "conspiracy of silence toward the increase in the Negro crime rate" at a Y.M. N.A.A.C.P., claim that segregation itself accounts for much the economic level of the Negro also say the results of the problems of the problems of job procurement and other steps to raise the economic level of the Negro also say are results.

especially when the knifing and

making up 10 per cent of the ed, sometimes do not get stiff pools would devote more effort sentences.

and bodily harm.

San Francisco.

"Our Negro crime rate has become so alarming that those of us who have struggled so than whites. Yet, most South-

long to merit freedom are erners know that the very op-struck with panic. . . White posite tendency often has been friends of the Negro should not criticized by Negro leaders; the rationalize the crimes of the argument is: Negro offenders,

What does the record show? murders are among their own An FBI tally for 1956 reveals race, do not get arrested often that in 1,551 U.S. cities Negroes, enough and even when arrest-

York's Negro the public schools

In Chicago almost twice as Why does the N.A.A.C.P., for

arrested on charges of violence of its attention, time and

Similar statistics are available from Detroit, Los Angeles and Clarendon County, Virginia, and Clarendon County, South Caro-

What can be done about this? to raising the economic, moral,

The first responsibility lies in lations would improve, North

abolishing the "conspiracy of and South. Compulsory segre-silence" and recognizing that gation as a government policy

where.

# PON'T YOU WORRY, DON'T YOU FRET, WE'RE FOR YOU ... DEAR EVERETT! N.C. DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION Strictly Personal By WEIMAR JONES

"Roll, Jordan—Roll! Roll, Jordan—Roll!"

conscious of such things as psy-choanalysis, "aggravate" has been pretty well displaced by another word, "frustrate".

Both convey the idea of a situation we somehow can't seem to handle; one that balks us in everyed of it.) thing we try to do, until, at last, we become so frustrated (or aggravated, if you prefer), that we get the "all-overs". Nothing goes right; our fingers are all thumbs; we wish everybody — and that means everybody! — would go on and just let us alone.

We all get that feeling sometimes. (I wonder at the child that "there's no sense in a man's psychologists' saying, "the child spending half his life looking for must not be frustrated". I wonder, things, just because somebody else because he's going to be frustrated, is too careless to return them". and the sooner he gets used to The other half of the time, after most to blame? it, the better.)

The other day I got to wondering why it is we all seem to get that way, and so I started setting down on paper a list of things that frustrate me. And what did I find? I found

just what I suspect you would, if you'd stop to make your own list. I found, first of all, that it happens oftenest when I haven't slept well, or I have an upset put my nerves on edge. In other tion; the other half, because good words, part of it is physical. The other thing I found is that what I'd like to, "Who wants to

it's not the big things, as a rule, kndw?") but the little ones - sometimes that rile me worst.

that I find most frustrating:

Looking in a newspaper for something I know I've seen there,

money on pushing integration

in areas (such as Prince

lina), where it is bound to pro-

Tragically, for both whites

and Negroes, the big school push has stymied chances for

considerable advancement. The rise of racial tension has cut

down lines of communications

If friends of the Negro race

who spend 90 per cent of their

time pushing for Pyrrhic vic-

between the races.

much less having borrowed it; so I rage—to the world in general accusing everybody. I find it -

right where I'd put it myself. And is that frustrating!) Trying to convince a woman any woman - against her will. They can come up with the darndest, most unexpected argu-

ments . . . and the first thing you know, you're on the defensive, and don't know how you got there.) Being asked, when I answer the telephone, "Who is that?". stomach or headache, or when the time, I'm frustrated because can't change. I've smoked too much and so have I don't like that telephone ques-

Seeing words misspelled in print. the most insignificant things - (The word is already printed, and ern North Carolina.) so there's nothing I can do about Here are some of the things it; but, invariably, when I spot such a misspelling, I can feel

my blood pressure rising.) Hearing an automobile horn

honked insistently in the street tourist: "Well, you drove a right in front of office or home. (Half smart piece to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the street tourist to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and several to the series to see 'em, didn't ing and see 'em, didn the time. I get frustrated at my- you?'

newspaper or a magazine or a to my door as it is from my door Let it roll! Let it roll on in full to your car.").

doctor or a dentist, when my apothers. (If the guy is half as impointment was for 3. (Sure, my portant as be thinks he is, people But w time isn't worth much; but it will find it out. If he's not, they'll isn't very flattering to be remind- find that out, too, sooner or later. countries? But the bigger the bluff, the more

Little things. All of them little

You'd guessed the answer before I even asked the question

Try making your own list. If you have my experience you may not find it very flattering but I think you'll find it enlighten-I suspect you'll find just what

and fumin' we do is about something that either we ourselves are responsible for, or something we

manners forbid me to demand saying that "if you go any farther eign ministers at the NATO connorth, you'll have gone south . . . ference in Paris last December out of north Georgia into south-

> Said the tourist to the mounthese mountains?"

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Looking Backward Through the Files of The Press

65 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK (1893)

Summer visitors are beginning to arrive at Highlands Shooting fish is now a popular sport of some of our Nim-

Sixteen hands, all white men, left with Col. Stoner Monday to work in the gold mines at Georgetown, near Cashiers

The Rev. G. A. Bartlett preached a very interesting sermon at the Baptist Church last Sunday and baptized six candidates at the Iron Bridge in the afternoon.

## 25 YEARS AGO

(1933)

A class of 35 pupils was graduated from the Franklin High School Tuesday night.

Many Franklin residents have raised a howl about dogs runming loose at night, a howl so loud that Mayor J. Frank Ray was prompted this week to call attention to the law requiring all owners of dogs to keep them tied up at night, unless accompanied by the owner or some other person. Some residents, who have complained that dogs have been chasing their cows at night, are going to bed with shotguns handy.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Some 50 South Carolina pilots will fly their airplanes to Franklin this week end for a Sunday morning breakfast at the

manslaughter, rape, robbery, the problem exists. As long as may be on its way out, but Neand aggravated assault. Negro pressure groups are groes, as a group, and their
For example: In New York joined by white sympathizers friends, are foolish to believe
City, of prisoners confined in in ignoring the facts, tension that integration per se is a
houses of detention to await between the races will increase panacea. Franklin High School will graduate 84 at exercises June 1 at the Macon Theatre.

The Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests last year pulled far ahead of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in popularity. They drew 1,800,000 visitors.

## U. S.-British Relations Are Improving

By HENRY S. HAYWARD (In Christian Science Monitor,

Let's record it: British-Ameri-

can relations are encouragingly

good at the moment. We-that is, both nations-are acting more in accord with Sir Winston Churchill's great dictum: "If we are together, nothing is impossible, and if we are divided all will fail."

.On the surface, this might not seem a particularly apt moment for a flourishing of Anglo-American amity.

Britain currently is preoccupied by strikes and threats of strikes at home. And abroad, trouble once more has flared on Cyprus a problem colonially minded Britons and anticolonial Americans standpoint.

## Always With Us

The small chaff, moreover, is always with us. As one tiny, almost ridiculous example of the would-be irritant, take the Mary land Chess Federation's disqualification of a state champion de scribed before a congressional subcommittee as a Communist organ-

That fact was reported in this country as part of a summary of happenings in the United States. "Un-American Chess," it was entitled. To Britons, this seems further evidence that Americans go to silly extremes in their condem nation of communism. And to Americans, such a British reaction does nothing to foster the desired brotherhood of the English-speaking alliance

### Hear Churchill

Yet-listen again to the wartime rumble of the Churchillian words when he said that Britain and the United States will have to be some what mixed up together in some of their affairs:

"For my own part, looking out In the old days, the word most of us used was "aggravate". A now. (About half the time, it the other half, I'm burned up process with any misgivings. I woman would exclaim: "The children just aggravate me to death!"

Today, since we've all become but that doesn't seem to be there self for answering the summons; upon the future, I do not view the process with any misgivings. I could not stop it I wished—no one can stop it. Like the Missishalf the time, it was in another it's just as close from your car sippi, it just keeps rolling along. newspaper or a magazine or a 'to my door as it is from my door. Let it roll! Let it roll on in full. Waiting till 4 o'clock to see a People who try to impress nignant, to broader lands and bet-

But what can we describe as "good" today between the two

Item: Despite British eagerness Not finding a pencil or a ruler likely I am to fall for it, tempor- to see the United States Atomic or a pair of scissors (all constant. arily. Then, later, when I realize Energy Act revised to permit exly necessary in a newspaper of I've been a sucker, am I glum! change of nuclear information, fice) in the place on my desk And, as usual, what makes it so and despite the difficulties still where it's supposed to be. (Half bad is that I'm frustrated, aggrathment it's supposed to be. (Half bad is that I'm frustrated, aggrathment is considered by the Eisenhower admits to having seen it; at myself.) vinced American officials have things. Far too little to let them half. Revise or not, there will be no rancor

And who is the fellow who is mation is constant and without inhibition. London and Washington still do not see eye to eye on recognition of Communist China or the strategic embargo of the

## Communist bloc. Soviets Help

But the Soviet Union inadvertently has helped enormously to narrow Anglo-American differ-I have — that most of the frettin' ences on how to approach summit talks

Recently, Britons even have heard good words in public about John Foster Dulles, One newspaper likened the American Secretary Down at Rabun Gap, just across of State to a gnarled tree stump the line in Georgia, they have a standing apart from the other forwhen they preferred to resemble spring flowers heralding the expected East-West sunshine ahead

taineer: "What's the good of all at Copenhagen this month, it When the same ministers met Said the mountaineer to the now is admitted, "the gnarled tree stump seemed congruous and seaing and sounding badly out place.

## Seek Understanding

Item: The State Department has sent a man to London to confer with British publishers. His job is to improve British understanding of American policies.

Praiseworthy as that may be in the opinion of this reporter, the most effective antidote for anti-Dulles sentiment in Britian long has been the distribution of transcripts of the secretary's press conferences to news media by the United States Information Agency. Even his critics admit that his grasp of world issues shines through his answers to newsmen's questions.

## Unity Vital

Item: The issues to be discussed during Prime Minster Harold Macmillian's forthcoming visit with President Eisenhower have not yet been mapped-out, although one is almost certain to be Brit ain's long-range economic future.

Nonetheless, the Prime Minster is convinced Anglo-American un ity is so vital that the leaders of the two nations must talk at frequent intervals — personally and informally - to keep little problems from becoming big ones.

Of course, we are not out of the woods yet as far as relations with each other are concerned. We doubtless never shall be, for nowadays the effort to sever the Western world's indispensable trans-Atlantic linkage is ceaseless

But unless we acknowledge our present blessings, can we demand that "good" remain good-or become even better?