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One of Two Policies

While the greater part of the world is talking about communism, there is a big fight on in this country to determine the fate of two policies.

One of the policies, advanced by the economic royalists, advances the theory that a few at the top should control, dictate and operate, leaving the many to be fed with crumbs falling from the top crust. The other policy advances the theory that all men should have at least a fighting chance, that it is not right for monopoly to sew up the country, stifle competition and make the false claim that that is the American way

Appearing before congressional committees recently, some of the economic royalists demanded legislation patterned and designed to cripple the little guy. It will be recalled that some of those same royalists fought bitterly against reconversion for war and then delayed conversion for peace, placing the fate of the country secondary to the welfare of a few in the nation.

The reconversion story between Donald Nelson and General Electric's Chas. Wilson makes for poor reading after hearing Wilson testify before the congressional commit-

Could it be that the industrial magnates are pulling for deflation to better their bargaining capacity at a time when their reactionary movements can do nothing more than pave the road for the isms?

Ideas and Atoms

Christian Science Monitor

David E. Lilienthal is a man who lives and breathes and sleeps with atom bombs. While the general public much of the time may comfortably tuck away the implications of man's most ruthlessly horrible weapon, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission can never forget them.

Hence his recent commencement address at Lehigh University comes with double force. It is an eloquent statement of faith in an idea—"a weapon that makes the atomic bomb seem a firecracker by comparison." The idea is this: "that technology applied for human welfare can bring not only material well-being but can also nourish the free spirit of man."

Mr. Lilienthal is no exuberant technolator, worshiping the machine and its productivity. But neither is he a frightened defeatist, pertain that technology brings us inevitable. closer to the bring of self-destruction. Instead, he says:

The machine and technology are neither good nor evil in themselves. They are good only when man uses them for good. They are evil only if he puts them to avil purposes. Floridani does saucro de ele-

mentary, but seldom regarded in the days since Plato showed that a "techne" or art is only as good as the good it serves. Is this the good of people as a whole or the "good" of a selfish power bloc?

The free spirit—the faith in people, in education, in the free flow of ideas, which Mr. Lifienthal sees as basic to democracy—is up against stupendous new forces controlled by experts. The average man is far from understanding these forces. All the more reason why he should strive unceasingly to understand and insist on the ends for which they shall be used. A right ideal is still the most stupendous force of all.

Somebody's Doing An Effective Job

Somebody is doing an effective job up in Raleigh. The stage has been set perfectly and expertly for a general row over minor issues such as motor vehicle inspections and so on. Tust what 'somebody' is doing is not clear as yet, for not one thing has been accomplished as of March 1, 1949.

Could it be that "somebody" is allowing the General Assembly to wear itself down to a frazzle, and when there is just enough breath left in the lawmakers to say "yes" the "somebody" will come forth with a program planned and patterned in accordance with the wishes of the money changers and industrialists irrespective of the wishes of the people?

He Confesses

During the last 25 years the American people have heard a lot about Big Business men who came to Washington and "slaved and sacrificed" for their country. Some were "\$1-a-year men"; others accepted nominal

Of course, there have been skeptics who pointed out that most of these "patriots"-or at least a very large percentage of themused their government jobs to advance the interests with which they were associated in private life. At this moment, at a court hearing in New York, we have a classical example.

Needless to say, the newspapers are not paying much attention to the story. It's not the kind of story they like. Well, here it is: James A. Moffett, an official of the Stand-

ard Oil Company of California, packed his grip and came to Washington in July of 1934 to become Federal housing administrator. He brought along his private yacht, and tied it up at a Washington wharf, so he could entertain his friends in the "right atmosphere."

In November, 1941, Mr. Moffett addressed a letter to H. D. Collier, president of the Standard Oil Company of California, in which he flatly declared that, while he was in Washington, he "was really doing more work and was in a much more helpful position for the Standard Oil Company than if I had remained in the office at 30 Rockefeller Plaza," in New York City.

For example, Mr. Moffett tells how he was "entertaining" one night when the telephone rang. At the other end was his "buddy," the Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Moffett says the Attorney General told him: "I have dismissed the indictment against your boy friends on the Pacific

Of course, Mr. Moffett was delighted, and he transmitted the good news to Standard Oil headquarters at once.

That Mr. Moffett did a lot of "entertaining" in those days is evidenced by the fact 'that he demanded \$100,000 from the Standard Oil Company of California to cover "outof-pocket expenses" incurred during the 13 months he was housing administrator. One can buy a lot of "booze" and other things with \$100,000. Standard Oil objected, but

compromised by giving Mr. Moffett \$25,000. All that, however, was mere "chicken feed." The big deal, which is now occupying the attention of the Federal court in New York has to do with a little "work" Mr. Moffett did in connection with certain oil concessions secured by American promoters from the king of Saudi Arabia.

In the course of time, the king asked the oil companies to pay him \$30,000,000. The oil companies went to Mr. Moffett, and Mr. Moffett says he went to President Roosevelt and various other public officials. Finally, he fixed things so the Arabian king got the \$30,000,000 from Great Britain from certain funds advanced to the country by Washing-

Mr. Moffett thinks he should get a fat fee for this transaction. He is suing for \$6,000,-000. We don't know a blessed thing about the merits of the case. We simply relate testimony as presented in court.

But we think it proves that when a Big Business man is put in a topnotch position someone should keep an eye on him.

There Are Many Doing Good

Orphan's Friend. Crime and disobedience to law are ram-

pant over the country, but altruism and better living are more widely disseminated. Today were been y chance to do right or go wrong, as they choose, and there are more people going right of choice than ever before. A dozen bad men keep front-page news columns full of sensation, but hundreds and thousands of good people follow the even tenor of good living and never are noticed. In the days of strict puritanism, when there were fewer people, many bad ones were produced. In the covered-wagon days savagery and general looseness of conduct were not unknown. While it would be folly to ignore the fact that very much crime is constantly committed in the country and that something must be done about it, nothing is to be gained by trying to sell the public the idea that virtue and honesty are dead and gone. Nothing could be more false. The causes of the deplorable things about which we complain were generated in the past and are merely manifested in the present.

So grasping is dishonesty, that it is no repecter of person it will short friends we'll as fees; and were it possible, would cheat God himself.-Exchange.



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Boy Scouts Report Their Activities

February 23.

ago. Some of the boys were giv- Lawhorn, Bernice Ward, Trulah en badges and senior scouting was Ward Bailey and Elizabeth Taylor discussed. We voted William Tet- and Mesdames Clarence Britton, sidered as a senior scout master fashions in cihldren's wear are and further plans for the camporee were discussed. Bobby Coburn was named to have the program for the next meeting.

March 3

The gyro compass was discussed at this meeting and the camporee plans were considered. This is to be held in Washington. Little Bear told of the camping trip to be held in April at the high school grounds, the date being the first Saturday in April. The troop also made plans for a camping trip Saturday after next. Fletcher Thomas, Billy Glover and Ralph Parker were named to a party committee. Bobby Coburn was in charge of the program and David Davis, Jr., received much praise for his part of the program. Dr. J. A. Edens read something on the Wild Life Contest. The troop dismissed with the scout oath.

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William Manning, III, Scribe.

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day, March 11, at 8:15 P. M. The movie, "Blondie's Secret,"

will be shown at 8:15 and the 'Fashion Revue" will start at 9:30. The very latest in spring and summer fashions will be presented by Pioneer Shoppe, Margolis Brothers, Proctor Shop, Ann's Specialty Shop, Belk-Tyler Company and Wear Rite Shop. Modeling the spring styles will be Misses Mil-Hyman Edwards told something dred Thomas, Edna Rae Thomas, about the camping trip they took Frances Raynor, Katie Leggett, out at the fishing pond some time Elizabeth Manning, Angela Mcterton into the scouts. It was de- John Whitley, Charles I. Harris, cided that in the future it will J. O. Manning, Jr., Alton Carson, take three black balls to vote a J. T. Llewellyn, George Mahler, scout out and a secret ballot will Frank Carson and L. V. Baker. be used. Ben Bunting was con- Modeling the spring and Easter

Jeanne Trahey.

tion picture which will be present- 100 years ago and members of the 1949. ed by the Williamston Woman's Woman's Club will model a num-Club at the Viccar Theatre on Fri- ber of dresses worn through the

> ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late George H. Harrison, Sr., deceased, of Williamston, Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said

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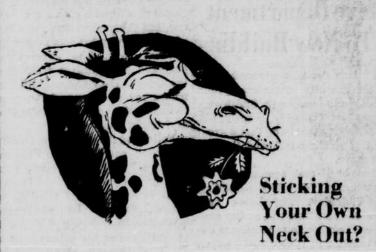
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ground.



'All season long those spots where the wagon done stood look greener and growed thicker than the rest of the field. The farmer figured that every place he stop must's got about 300 pound of Sods an acre and made twice at much oats. He told me, ? should'a parked that wagon all over the field!"



Master Joe Siffin, Master Mi- estate to present them for pay- late W. T. Roberson of Martin chael Harrison and little Misses ment on or before the 27th day of County, this is to notify all per-Jean Davis Ashmore, Mary Emma January, 1950, or this notice will sons holding claims against said Peele, Lela Frances Harrell and be pleaded in bar of their recov-Plans are nearing completion Fashions of yesteryear will in- estate will please make prompt for the "Fashion Revue" and mo-clude several dresses worn over settlement. This January 27,

> of George H. Harrison, Sr. 1-8-15-22 mr 1-8

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the f 15-22 mr 1-8-15-22

ery. All persons indebted to said estate to present them for pay-February, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Administrator of the Estate estate will please make immediate settlement. This February 12,

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