There Are Still Stray Schools

THIS week the State Board of Education drew back to hammer at the most important single defect in the North Carolina school system. It put all the one-horse, high schools in the state on notice. It virally condemned those with one and two leachers, and that is a short stride in the right direction. For sometime the law has powifed that the tiny high schools could be consolidated with others, thus eliminating the evils of the one-teacher schools. This, to be sure, is just the beginning. In the elementary and secondary schools we must still do a sight of consolidating to lift standards and provide adequate faculties. Especially among the Negro schools

we must still do a sight of consolicating to lift standards and provide adequate faculties. Especially among the Negro schools has consolication larged. The example of smallish Oxford, with thirteen separate Negro schools, is classic. Patentity, efficiency is at a low ebb under such conditions. There are dozens of maps in Raleigh, many of them of ancient vintage, spotting the too-small schools all over the state. Progressive educators have known that our unique school system could not really succeed until most of these small schools were consolidated. We have talked a good desidence of the state of the state. The state of the state of

North Carolina has been more adventurous in education than any other state, and dared undertake state-wide control during dared undertake state-wide control during the darkest years. She aweats harder than most states to pay her school bill, and yet falls far short of meeting acceptable standards. Except for Alabams. Mississippi and Arkanass she spends less per pupil than any other Southern state. That amounted to \$55 a head in '20, on a total expenditure of something over \$41,000.000 for the year.

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A good deal of that total was spent to little advantage, for we will never get our dollar's worth in the little one- and two-teacher schools. As long as they remain, scattered far and wide over the state, we cannot lay claim to anything like equal education, even among white children. And we will continue to get a pretty poor return on our investment.

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The fact that we have to educate the nation's largest families, and of the largest child populations, on low income should only spur us to complete the job of consolidation. More than any other state, we must make our deliars count, We can't do that by pouring them into the little red achoolhouses, unchanged in a generation.

The House Pushes Its Luck

IT would be wise of the House Military Committee to handle General Jacob Devers with caution, even though he is for bidden by Army polley to swear at Members of Congress. The gentlemen would do well to chat with him informally and casually. They should avoid pushing him to the limit.

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the my would not only hear unpleasant ruths about hemselves. It might well establish a tradition. And if the general public ever sat in on the game, all would be lost. It would be well-night fatal for the flouse to stand up and submit to close scrutiny in this year; someone might think of other things than the draft act. General Devers, talking with a reporter, unburdend himself on the subject of House action on the toothless draft bill. He dented that he called Members out-and-out "cowards," but admitted that the report was substantially correct, and set forth his thoughts on the subject.

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The Committees was bold enough, foolish enough, to investigate, in defiance of the old admontton to let well enough alone. It is prying, verily, at Pandora's box. Having escaped the first interview with whole skins, the Committee should drop the whole affair, quickly. The public is in the mood to put on the rousements, and the General's voice might prod it on.

Suppose that the lip-reading public, fol-lowing the exchange of epithets, began to puzzle on that curious House draft act for Itself, and began dully to raise questions. Suppose some alert citizen thought back over the whole of President Truman's proover the whole of President Truman's program, bequeathed to him by Franklin Roosevelt, Suppose the House had to fend against cries of cowardice on the housing issue, inflation control, the diliy-dailying about the coal strike and John Lewis, the health program.

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The consequences must be plain to the most obtuse Member. The House record won't stand up under questioning. The hows and whys of the unholy coaltines, formed on the spot to hall progressive-measures, would rise embarraschigh, comagress, with the country in a fredful and questioning mood, would be hopelessly lost. Among the ranks its own members would arise to heap on the coals, as they have risen already to cry warnings. In the end, amply because a General caught them in a cowardly act, looking over their shoulders toward November while they fashioned an alleged draft law, they would feel whole weight of responsibility for our post-war muddle crushing down on them. And then Rovember would become a gay old time indeed.

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We have known for a long time, for example, just what we lacked in the way of hospital facilities for Meckenburg's 50,000-odd Negroes. Table after table has revealed our inadequacies, but none inspired action. Last week, under the aegis of the Rotary Club, a most complete report on the need for a new Negro hospital, clinics and additional facilities (a Good Samaritan was made public, if outlined clearly the desperate need, but it will avail nothing if we stop there.

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Something of the sort happened in the case of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts, thoroughly probed several years ago by a competent committee which

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In Mecklenburg the survey has been a particularly lethal weapon. We have surveyed this and surveyed that for many, many years. More than once, they have been piled aloop one another, so that succeeding posses have been bewildered by marshalled facts, all in order—and never heeded, Sometimes it seems to us that the survey carrier a deadly kiss, that it almost guarantees community inaction. We have never suffered from lack of knowledge about our shortcomings; we have known the worst for a long, long time. It a simply that we pull up short, once we have the evidence down in black and white.

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Mecklenburg would probably have sat it out.

Apparently this curse hauge over all communities, and works on state and nutional levels. Yea, even on international levels. Man shows a natural disinchination to advance past the point of survey. So Mecklenburg isn't alone by any means, but until stout challengers advance, we'll claim the championship.

Another Voice

Why Run For Governor?

Not since the retirement from office of Richard I. Manning in 1919 has a Governor made a marked and lasting impression upon the policies of the State.

The Governors have not found the veto power effective to check waste, extravagance and multiplication of officers.

Unleas they be leaders of factions, or parties, they be leaders of factions, or parties, they are stuffed prophets. Yokels rapt with admiration gaze upon them They can and do strut, attend Governors' conferences, at taxpayers' expense, and deliver commencement addresses. They can by appointments construct machines for

MEN (no women as yet) of excellent character and abilities are announced as candidates for Governor of South Carolina. Not in years have the citizens had before them so many worth candidate. Why does a good man wish to be Governor of South Carolina?

Unless a Governor have a party of majoritles in the two houses of the general assembly win recognize and accept him as leader he is a figure-head file may be a made and the second with the control of the second with the second with the parameter of the parameter of

In Buffaio, an estranged pal took a hard awing at an august U. S. Senator, badly cutting the solon's lip and bending his immunity.



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Two Little Matters Of Perjury

The News:
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have been brought signifed the persons,
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no matter who may become involved." B

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—E. J. PRESSER.

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they who are accumation accepting when it is they who are the victims. You are earning the respect and admiration of many. Please keep up the good work. Note: The editorial attached warned that the reborn Ku Klux Klan must be stamped out.—Eds., The Nowsk.

As Henry Sees Us

WASHINGTON

Editors, The News: WASHINGTON THE News: The copy of the editorial in Your March 21 leave of The Chariotte News. I feel quite hyphogene writing you at this late date, but the pressure of official wink and the demands of a personal mail until the last few days. I have never been my habit to compain that I

kept me asso, w days, abit to complain that I newspapers—even when I had been. However, I c which, I hope, cannot

CHARLOTTE conservative. I am just as convinced that it is inherently liberal. In this connection, did you see the article, "The Conservative South—A Political With," in the current Spring issue of the Virginia

Soretary of Commerce.

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-ARTHUR GOODMAN, Temporary Secretary Carolina Spastic Association.

Ervin On Strikes

By Mr. Harry Ashmore, associate editor of The News.
My own attitude toward the coal strike is that there are three sides to the question, namely, the side of the coal operators, the side of the coal miners, and the side of the public.

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No permanent solution of the age-old contest between lators and capital is to be found which does not take into consideration all the rights and obligations of all parties to such contests. That is the fastd defect in the Wagner Act. I sincretly hope that we can write some lator legislation which will protect the public and safeguard the rights of both capital and labor. For a long time, capital dominated against labor, Nor allows its understand; the same role, What

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SHORTLY, we shall have rounded out the first year of the
Atomic Era. It was on July 16 last
year that a little group of eleminate
and military men gathased on the
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the first steams bound in history.
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Bertram Benedict

Union Legislation

WASHINGTON
THE Senate has before it sechputes bill tish. 4908, passed by
the House on Feb. 1 last, but
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Labor Committee re-wrote the entire Case bill, and reported a
complete substitute.

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MINORITY REPORT

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He has decreed that all Medical Gorps officers who have seved 30 months as of May is on he released from the Army between the control of the