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## AN INVENTORY OF ROAD NEEDS

O'ME fundamental weakness of Governor Scott's \$200,000,000 rural road program is that it represents a snāp-judgment decision to depart far from the present theory of State road responsibility without first making, an adequate study of our long term, continuing highway needs or our ability to pay.

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Rawing formulated his own program, overnor Scott has been pounding away and krying to convince the Chemral Asmby and the public the dispersement of the program ust not be altered or reduced in theory the State is utilizately responsible.

In theory the State is ultimately responsible for all roads outside city limits; in practice, there is a limit to the amount of money that can be spent on paving roads which have as few as, say, two or three families per mile. The questions which ansurally arise are (1) What are our long term needs, and (2) How much can we afford to pay? Answering the he m before plunging heavily into debt is simply a matter of common sense.

nging heavily into uccount of common sense, me method of finding the answer has a suggested by Coleman W. Roberts, sident of the Carolina Motor Club. Mr. perts has proposed that a study committee appointed, composed of members of assembly and representatives pointed, composed of members of eral Assembly and representatives neral public, to explore "our high-

way needs, our ability to pay, and our administration of the highways. He would have the committee make an interim reform the committee make an interim refore the convening of the 1951 General Assembly Presumably the report would give the General Assembly a much sounder that the convening of the 1951 General Assembly Presumably the report would give the General Assembly a much sounder that the third that the convening of the 1952 General basis for mapping a long-range highway program than that it now has.

There is, of course, the inherent danger that any such committee could be "packed" with people of presoneisted opinions. The probably a siready available, at the probably a live of a support a property of the committee would need in arriving at its final recommendations.

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But it's not so funny now—not to the American consumers, at least, who have been forced to pay a premium price for second grade polatoes while to p grade spuds were kept off the market entirely. The Iull story of the Spuds Scandal has Just been regulated by The Baltimore herafage Sun, and if goes like this:

Last year the Agriculture Department set a high support price of \$22 per hundredweight for No. 1 grade polatoes, and \$14.6 for No. 1, and No. 1-B grades. This was about 30 ce n ts per hundredweight above the 1947 support prices.

Acreage was restricted somewhat, but the Impenius U. S. farmer packed his rows closer long-time, used fertiliner freely, and ding up a whopping 445,000,000 hundred of spuds compared with 365,000,000 in 1947.

This over-production broke the market price on No. 1 grade potatoes, and it dropped below the \$2.22 support price set by the Government.

Bo the Government went into the market and started buying up the No. 1 grade potatoes at \$2.22 a bushel tand turned them into potato flour, stock feed, and almost them into potato flour, stock feed, and almost and the stock of the pressure off them arket, and then the pressure off them arket, and the stock of the pressure of the property of the stock of the stock of the property of the

## SPORTS FOR YOUNG BOYS

THE Charlotte Kiwanis Club, which has I long been interested in the welfare of youth, is undertaking an eminently worth-while enterprise in its new youth sports

The comprehensive program of organis-ed sports and recreation will reach out into every area of the city. Boys in the 3-14 year age bracket will be organized into neighborhood sports teams, with their equipment and uniforms largely furnished by co-operating business concerns.

Regular schedules will be set up so that boys of the same age will compete with each other. Neighborhood playrounds and parks will be used, and schedules will be arranged to fit the school hours. This program attempts to meet a recog-nized deficiency in Charlotte and in most

every other city of the country. When children are left to their own devices in inventing forms of recreation, they sometimes dream up schemes which can be detrimental to themselves, and to the community. It is considerable better, where which is considerable better, where which will keep the both arrange recreation which will keep the both arrange recreation which will keep the both arrange recreation which will keep the both arrange recreation. And it is especially important that boys learn the fundamental lessons of teamwork and experience the sets of competition which are inherent in any organized sports program. The sooner they learn that this is a competitive world, and that teamwork can accomplish miracles, the better citizens they will be. The Kiwanis Club and its co-operating business concerns deserve full commendation for sponsoring such an important community activity.

# THE COST OF EDUCATION

IT Is regretiable that the trustees of the University of North Carolina found it necessary to increase tuition at its three branches to \$150 a year. The trustees apparently had little choice in the matter. The Advisory Budget Commission had recommended such an increase, and Governor W. Kerr Scott had said he would "ask and insist" that the fee be so increased.

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stored soon. We join in that hope.
The University was never intended, as
Governor Scott said in Charlotte recently,
to be competitive with private colleges and
universities. It was intended to give the
best possible college education to as many
North Carolinians as possible at the lowest possible cot to the student.

Now and then there is discussion of how to pack the greatest possible number of grammatical mistakes into a few words. We have always rather favored the fellow who said: "If I'd a-knowed I could a-rode, I would-a-win-Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal.

It's funny. Every time an editorial writer strikes a blow at a foolish piece of legislation intended to bamboosite the ignorant and the unthinking, he's labeled as the enemy of the "poor man." — Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Radio networks gave away \$4,297,557 in 1948, but those who got the money had to earn it the hard way—listening. — Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel.

Fred Tolbert was driving a new Ford un-til his wife caught him riding by with a load of lumber tied on the side. Now he's walking again.—Omega (Ga.) News.

'All I Object To Is A Plan That Works'



#### People's Platform

# **Disintegrating Democracy**

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#### More On The Trucks

Stewart Alsop

# Senate Girds For Battle

# DeWitt MacKenzie

# **Defeat For Custom**

#### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# Truman Balks At Flowery Note To Draper

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But when, Undersecretary of the Army William Draper resigned the other day, Truman looked at the letter praising him and refused to sign.

In the end he demanded that the letter be rewritten, and the second of the letter be rewritten. In the end he demanded that the letter be rewritten. In the fact is that the President had informed several Senators that he had no objection to their staging a full-dress-probe of Draper and his conduct of the American Military Government in Germany—If a preliminary investigation by the old Persuano Committee seemed to warrant

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# U.S. Senator In Argentina

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### Blonde Lady's Ire

HE HAD set up a system whereby the Argentine wool producers came into his office and ponted-up 3 per cent of the value of their crop. He gave them no receipt, and they were never sure what happened to their cash. When they protested, Miranda informed one of the

"Corruption in China," fired back Judd, "is petty pill compared with what we did at Yalta, where we han control of Marichuria to the Russians after China I int off the Jans for fourteen years."

This time Acheson really let the ex-China mission