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FOUNDATION PLAN CRUMBLES

THE North Carolina State Senate showed good judgment yesterday when it rejected the proposed Foundation Plan for financing the North Carolina school sys-

tem.

The News has consistently opposed the plan on the grounds that (1) it was discriminatory against industrial counties;
(2) it handed over to the State Board of

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(3) it handed over to the State Board of
Education complete authority over a major
part of local ad valorem tax rates, and (3)
it took away from countles and cities their
voice in running their own school affairs.
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But instead of tackling that problem directly and trying to get that extra money from the Legislature, they changed the Foundation Plan from the 90-10 ratio first proposed to 85-15 so th at the counties would have to bear a bigger share of the cost.

This was the year of The Great Oppor-This was the year of The Great Opportunity for public schools in North Carolina. And, despite linept leadership and poor strategy, there is reason to hope that the opportunity has not yet been lost.

Yesterday the Joint Appropriational Committee approved increases in school appropriations of \$12,830,130 for 1949-50 and \$134,1218 for 1950-51 equals to establish

\$13,617,916 for 1950-51, enough to establish \$13,917,916 for 1930-51, enough to establish the \$2,290 to \$3,100 teacher salary range and reduce the teaching load to an aver-age of 30 students per teacher.

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Apparently this money will have to come
from the \$30,000,000 postwar cushion fund
which has been zealously guarded so far as
insurance against a decrease in revenue.
But it it has to be spent, there is no better
use for it.

use for it.

In this fashion we will improve our school system without revolutionizing it—which should have been the original objective of the Foundation Plan proponents.

A ROAD-STREET FORMULA

A MONG the most gratifying news of re-cent weeks is the report that the State Highway Commission has at last saxted a general survey to determine the relation-ship of city streets to the highway system in an effort to define State responsibility for street maintenance within municipali-

Too long have we gone blithely along under the assumption that State responsibility ends at the city limits; too long have we carelessly used the words roads and streets as meaning different things when his reality they are the same. Chatman Henry Jordan estimates that there are some 8,300 miles of paved and unpased streets within the State's 469 municipalities, of which some 2,300 miles are now maintained with the under the same that the state of the stat

The highway has one purpose only: traffic: the street with its curbs, gutters, drainfic: the street with its curbs, gutters, draining age system, etc. is a complete utility of the curb of the street with the street are an average of 30 feet wide while streets are an average of 30 feet wide while

State and county roads are only about 18 or 19 feet wide."

Be that as it may, city streets are still basically for vehicular traffic, and they bear a terrifically heavy load—much greater than will ever be borne by some of the rural bypaths we propose to pave under the voyage on either died have to about 10 to 10 feet of the rural bypaths we propose to pave under the voyage on either died have to abell out for the original cost plus eternal maintenance while the gaoline and license taxes they pay for the privilege of using those streets are virtually all spent on rural roads.

Dr. Jordan apparently is sincere in his desire to work out some formula which "would relate in the maintenance funds appropriated as the city streets are related to the entire rural and urban system in North Carolina. We would advance two suggestions for his consideration:

f. That the formula also include the orig-inal cost of opening up and paving the city

streets; and
2. That something be done in a hurry, before the \$200,000,000 bond issue comes to a vote, so that urban residents will view it more charitably.

LIMITING FREE COMPETITION

A sikasurk now before the General Assembly, known as "The Unfair Sales Practices Act." has certain merit for the retailers and wholesalers of North Carolina, but it has no place on our atatutes. The bill is an attempt to prohibit the practice of selling certaints. The sill is an attempt to prohibit the practice of selling certaints. These are known as "loss leaders." They would'be outlawed by the requirement that each wholesaler and retailer sell his merchandise, with certain exceptions such as agricultural produce and damaged goods, at a specified minimum mark-up, Proponents of the measure agrue that price-cutting is a vicious practice, particularly harmful to the small merchant whose volume will not permit him to take such

They contend that such "loss leaders" re deceptive, anyway, since the customer

pays more for other items than he would ordinarily to make up the difference. They point out that floors have been es-tablished by law under farm products and wages, and that a floor under profits is

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Furthermore, our fabric of trade is woven with such complexity that it would be impossible to enforce the provisions of the act.

We Americans are strong believers in free enterprise. It may get vicious at times, but it's the best system yet devised to ascure consumers the ultimate benefits of a capitalistic society.

REGIONAL COLLEGES APPROVED What the Southern states are trying to do is to find some way, within their limited resources, to prepare their young people, octh white and Negro, for such specialized fields as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and the like. By pooling their resources, these states expending their resources, these states expending their resources, the states are expenditured to the state of the stat

PaccED with the hard truth that the cost of giving young people specialized education is increasing at the same time that State funds available for the purpose are being squeezed by other demands, Southern educators, business and civic leaders gathered at Florida Southern College hast week gave virtually unanimous endorsement to the proposed regional college program.

There was only one dissenting voice, that of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president emeritus of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla. She opposed the regional education program "because it would encourage and accentuate segregation."

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Her attitude is typical of 'those who
would impede a project which clearly will
benefit young people of both races merely
because it does not also radically abolish
the traditional social structure of the
South. As such, it is short-sighted and

FONETIKS FOR FORINERS

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British Medical System

No Miracles Expected

(Fourth of a Series)

No one outside the general public expected an interior of the property o

dition.

It will take years, therefore, before the scheme can be judged impartially as a whole. When the State described the benefits of the new health program to the public, its leaflets cautioned the service would be available "as national resources allow in Knopitals had difficulty meeting calls on their services were before the health system stared functions.

tioning.

The country was short of 45,000 nurses. London hospitals alone had 33,000 patients waiting for admission. Patients suffering from tuberculosis sometimes had to wait a year or even two before they could be admitted into sanatoria. Surveys showed a shortage of 100,000 hospital beds.

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and an are attracting more full-time hospital
nurses and midwives. Health Ministry figures show
an increase from 115,200 interes in England ship
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Britain's hospital system, which it says was "in a mess" before the national health service started.

"Hospitals didn't know how to make ends meet," British Medical Association spokesman said. "The tate unified the system." The hospitals now are state supported. Before, they were dependent in the main on endowments, private contributions and charity drives. The latter have been forbidden by the State.

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By freeing the hospitals from everyday running operations, which were eating up endowment funds, the State released much of the money for medical research. At St. Bartholome's Hospital, dating from 112s and Britain's oldest, an endowment pool of \$400,000 now is released for research.

Ancurin Bevan, Minister of Health, foresees from the long-range point of view a great increase in medical research. "We must be vary careful not, to regard the national health service simply as a service for the relief of sickness." He warmed publicly.

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"It must be much more than that—it must strike out for the prevention of illness and the building of positive brailin." force medical resument to the whole population, the State gave hospitals more opportunity or clinical swork-midelized soon to such specifically on research, the British Medical Association was used to experience the stationalization of medicine might eventually increase restrictions on instances of the state of the sta

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PRITAIN'S socialized medicine scheme hasn't operated long enough to see the effects on medical research. "Come back in two years," doctors say, the season of the s

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Money Troubles

WASHINGTON

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James Marlow

The Lost Leaders

PRESIDENT TRUMAN and his Democratic Party are beginning to look like lost leaders.

This happened in Congress in the past few days while Mr. Truman was vacationing in Florida:

His civil rights program for Negroes was about hopelessly wrecked.

Wrecked.

2. His nomination of his personal friend, Mon C. Wallgren, as chairman of the National Security Resources Board, was showed saide.

3. His rent control program was shot full of holes.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Mysterious American Heads Anti-Reds

Germany.

The mosterious American, who owns a farm twelve miles outside Hillman, Minn., operates under various names induding Edward F. Trikach, Count Heinrich Von Gelbe, Baron von Tanthen, Heinrich Woyceho, Dr. Edouard von Rothkirch, or schietimes just Baron X.

cluding Edward F. TKach, Count Helvirle, Von Gelbe, Baron Tanthen, Hentirch Woyce, Dr. Edward von Honkhitch.

According to associates, he is the head of the Frei Corps of Barbaroses. In name of the auth-Russian underground in parts of Poland and the Soviet zone of Germany. Baron X-barbaroses are the state of the Article Poland and the Soviet zone of Germany. Baron X-barbaroses are the state of the Article Davie semigrated arms and ammonition into the Soviet zeras via Austria and Seandmarvian profits. He is also reported to have terrorized officials and ment in these zeras.

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Where He Got The Money

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Council, and was active on Capitol Hill among isolationsis
Concressmen and Congressmen of German descent.

He was also connected in 1966 with the Ontire Envisora
Are. Brooklyn, and headed by Father Don Ode, self-proclaimed Duke of Wuttenberge.

Baron X has been able to
raise his funds may be had from the fact, that the assets of
the Central Eurosean Rehabilitation Association in the Riggs
year in 1964-17. It is believed that some of these funds were
drawn on to finance underground operations in Bortlet areas
in Central Europe.

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to succeed Gen. Clay in Germany.... Other likely candidate
to succeed Gen. Clay in Germany.... Other likely candidate
the Fifth Army in Italy... There was something very
fishy about the delay in confirming Ernest Gruening as
governor of Alaska. The salmon lobly was agin' him...
At first Secretary of State Acheson was inclined to overlook
the pro-Nata board of governors selected to govern the Ruin'

Under The Dome