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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 system. The news has consistently opposed the plan on the grounds that (1) it was discriminatory against industrial counties; (2) it handed over the State Board of Education complete authority over a major part of local ad valorem tax rates, and (3) it took away from counties and cities their voice in running their own school systems.

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 that the counties would have to bear a bigger share of the cost. This was the year of the Great Opportunity for public schools in North Carolina. And despite inactivity and poor strategy, there is reason to hope that the opportunity has not yet passed.

A ROAD-STREET FORMULA

AMONG the most gratifying news of recent weeks is the report that the State Highway Commission has at last started a general survey to determine the relationship of city streets to the highway system in an effort to define State responsibility for street maintenance within municipalities.

State and county roads are only about 18 or 19 feet wide. But as that may be, 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 Scott-free road bond issue. The property owners on either side have to shell out for the original cost of street maintenance, while the gasoline and license taxes they pay for the privilege of using those streets are virtually all spent on rural roads.

The highway has one purpose only: traffic; the street has two, the primary being a system, etc. It is a complete utility of the city of which traffic is only one function. It is necessary to have a close relationship between streets and highways in order to prevent highway work from being an extra wide road.

We would advance two suggestions for his consideration: 1. That the formula also include the original cost of opening up and paving the city streets; and 2. That something be done in a hurry, before the \$300,000 bond issue comes to a vote so that urban residents will view it more charitably.

REGIONAL COLLEGES APPROVED

FACED 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 last week gave virtually unanimous endorsement to the proposed regional college program.

What the Southern states are trying to do is find some way, within their limited resources, to prepare their young people, both white and Negro, for such specialized fields as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and the like. By pooling their resources, these states would be able to provide larger and better-equipped institutions and more capable instructors, all at a lower cost, than they could on their own. They are trying to get financial support, but the institutions would accept a specified number of students from each state at an agreed-upon tuition charge.

FONETIKS FOR FORINERS

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Fruits Of Victory



Joseph & Stewart Also

Money Troubles

WASHINGTON The conservative coalition which now clearly commands an effective majority in Congress will soon make its choice. Such men as Sen. Walter P. Reuther and Sen. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, who bitterly oppose any tax increase, must either stand forth inconspicuously at the clamorous demand for deficit financing, or they must find themselves realigned to support the deficit Government spending.

The facts are simple enough. Already this year, the Government is expected to go slightly into the red, as a result of the tax cut passed last year. The huge Government deficit will be hardly more than a scrap of paper.

The Budget Bureau estimates that the new tax law will result in a deficit which will be in the neighborhood of \$2 billion, or \$1 billion more than the original budget. This estimate is based on all sorts of assumptions, some of them demagogic.

James Marlow

WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TRUMAN and his Democratic Party are beginning to feel the heat.

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

- 1. His civil rights program for Negroes was about hopelessly wrecked. 2. His nomination of his personal friend, Gen. C. Wallace, as chairman of the National Security Resources Board, was shoved aside. 3. His real control program was about hopelessly wrecked. 4. His program to promote the program Mr. Truman promoted the voters last Fall... 5. His program to promote the program Mr. Truman promoted the voters last Fall... 6. His program to promote the program Mr. Truman promoted the voters last Fall...

WHERE HE GOT THE MONEY Where he got the money of Edward von Rothkirch as a lobbyist for the Central European Rehabilitation Council, and was active on Capitol Hill among isolationist Congressmen...

Under The Dome THE Southern Senators filibustered 39 hrs. 45 mins. which, in effect, helped the filibuster. Prime Minister Attlee has called on all members of the British Cabinet to keep their mouths shut about Britain's recovery. Allen doesn't want anyone to brag about the recovery...

Merry-Go-Round EX-Secretary of State George Marshall is so provoked by the Russian action in the name of Fred T. Koch, and is nominated to succeed Gen. Eisenhower in Germany... Col. Sydney Gross, commanding officer of Rolling Field, has announced his resignation as an aide to the Secretary of State...

British Medical System

No Miracles Expected

By EDWIN SHANKS, Associated Press Staff Writer (Fourth of a Series) LONDON No one outside the general public expected a miracle to happen between July 4 and July 5 last year, when Britain launched its immense State medicine program.

Hospitals had difficulty meeting calls on their services even before the health system started functioning. The country was short of 45,000 nurses. London hospitals alone had 32,000 patients waiting for admission. Patients suffering from rheumatism some times had to wait a year or even two before they could be admitted to sanatoria. Surveys showed a shortage of 100,000 hospital beds.

By freeing the hospitals from everyday running operations, which were eating up enormous funds, the State released much of this money for medical research. At St. Bartholomew's Hospital, dated from 1125 and Britain's oldest, an endowment pool of \$400,000 now is released for research.

STUDY OF MEDICINE AIDED MANY educators believe that socialized medicine will prove a boon to the study of medicine.

WILL TAKE MORE TIME THE STATE will take more time to determine the effects on medical research.

When the time came to increase in students puts an extra burden and responsibility on the colleges to train only those who have a real vocation for the profession.

specialists are to be paid in a range from \$4,000 to \$10,000 a year. These payments are in terms of 1939 values and are subject to a betterment allowance to reflect recent conditions.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

UNCENSORED diplomatic reports indicate that the Soviets are planning to recruit an American citizen reported to be the leader of the anti-Russian underground in Poland and Germany.

also served as Chief Bonn's Mate in the U. S. Coast Guard in a temporary, nonpaying capacity. At that time he used the name of Fred T. Koch.

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