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SCHOOL BOND ISSUE-I

The only solution to the school building problem is immediate and substantial aid from the State based on the needs of each county and its ability to finance its building program. program.

—Report of Education Commission

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The people will be voting for more than a mere \$35 million in school building bonds, to be retired from taxes paid into the general fund. They will be voting on a sharp departure from past policy, and on a new pattern for the future which will demand an extensive reorganization of the whole State-local final they understand just what they are being asked to do.

Anyoke who addresses himself to the \$25 million school bond issue must real-

ize at the outset that the people's mind-is pretty well made up. They want bet-ter schools in North Carolina. They want better teachers. They want a better brand of education for what Governor Scott has aptly termed "our most precious posses-sion" — our children.

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He must realize, also, that this particular bond issue is likely to be approved, not because it is to be approved, not because it is to the people the deceptive hope that their tragically inadequate school plants are somehow, by some miracle, going to be decided by emotion, not by reason; that the people are willing to vote for this fault-ridden measure because it is the only one before them, and because they see ho hope of any other opportunity to express their opinions before 1951.

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press their opinions before 1981.

Even so, it is of utmost importance that
the people have the full story before they
east their ballots on June 4. They have
heard the chorus of proponents. It is only
fair that they be made aware of the sound
arguments against the bond issue.

STAMPEDE IN CONGRESS

If may be, as Democratic leaders charge, that the Republican effort to cut all Senate appropriations measures a straight Senate appropriations measures a straight five per cent is a poorly disguised move to drum up some political propaganda for next year's Congressional elections.

next years Congressional elections. It may be, as other opponents say, that the straight percentage reduction is not the best way to cut Government expenditures, that such a method does not distriminate between necessary and unnecessary functions of the various agencies and

Bureaux. Even is becoming increasingly ob-vious that no one in Washington really wants to cut governmental expenditures. And if the repeated defeats suffered by the percentage economists make the people respite the said state of affairs, they will have served some purpose effer all. The U. S. is facing a defleti for the pro-lines of the potential defleti is now runing there is the potential defleti is now runing history.

higher.

Mr. Truman stubbornly insists that the budget cannot be cut, that new taxes are needed. Senators and Congressmen, who shy away from new taxes, say just as firmly that the budget can, and should, be cut. Yet when the time rolls around for them to use the paring knife, they shy, away from that too.

There have been several moves by the GOP leadership to achieve a straight percentage reduction. The first came on April 38, when the Senate voted to recommit the Labor-Pederal Security appropriation of the Committed Committed

Hifed.
It is of interest to North Carolina that
Senator Clyde R. Hoey voted with the Republican group on April 28. Senator Graham was not present.
Both of our representatives have, since
then, stood with the Democratic Administhen, stood with the Democratic Adminis-

THE COKER PLAN

THE novel educational plan at Coker College, described in a special article elsewhere on this page, represents one very eensible approach to a problem which has serplexed educators for many years—that of reconciling the admitted value of a libertal arts education with the ever-increasing demand and need for specialized training.

At Coker the faculty has decided it is t Coker the faculty has decided it is firly impossible for the student to dabble all the subjects which now are listed the average college curriculum and, at same time, get the adequate prepara-in a chosen field he needs to compete to other young people in the business of thirs a living.

making a living. Recognizing the need for a thorough grounding in the so-called liberal arts—if man is to be anything more than a highly-geared machine—Coker has instituted a tour-year study of human culture which seeks to acquaint the student with the best that has been known and spoken in the principle fields of knowledge.

Certainly, the Coker plan strives for an minently desirable objective. It may, or may not, be the final answer, however.

may not, be the final answer, however. Byecalization is necessary in this com-plicated economic life of ours. Yet, as Dr. Agnew points dut, "until specialists in vat-dous Helds have a common ground of in-fellectual understanding, what hope is there that they will live together in har-mony and create a mutually beneficial so-citaty?"

tration in each of the successive moves.
On May 11 there were three parliamentary test moves which sought to cut the Treasury-Post Office appropriation figure Senator Hosy voted against them.

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tions.
On May 19, Senators Hoey and Graham joined with the Administration again to defeat two motions to require a five per cent reduction in the Agricultural appro-

cent reduction in the control of the N. C. Senators once more helped beat three separate proposals designed to trim the Army Civil Functions appropriation by 40, 10, and 5 per cent respectively.

A COORDING to Richard L. Strout in the Christian Science Monitor, the economy coalition—having lost every round of the battle so far—is now cooking up a five scheme to pass the buck to President Truman. The strategy; to wait until the last appropriation bill comes before the Senate and then affix to it a rider ordering the President to go through executive expenditures on his own account and make an over-all five per cent reduction.

It is argued that this method will give greater leeway to the President so that cuts can be made where they will least hurt. This appears to be an artiess attempt to shift the blanders of the relation deficit to the aboutders of the resident budget, and at least had the courage to stand for a positioned with the courage to stand for a positioned with the courage to stand for a positioned match outgo.

It would seem that the responsibility now rests on Congress to make such reductions in spending as are necessary to bring the budget in line. We retain the hope that Senators Hoey and Graham will not continue to let themselves be stampeded into greater and greater spending.

Coker's program is a sincere attempt to answer this question in order that the young people who leave that institution may be better equipped to live a full and productive life in a troubled, complicated

A plano that records little Johnny's practicing is called an inducement to make Johnny practice more. But now, when mother is upstairs, she whon't know whether she is listening to Johnny practicing today or yesterday. —Ringsport Tenn.). Times.

An embezzler was caught and discovered to have two wives and to be aponsoring two basketball teams. It does seem one basketball team would give any aponsor all the work he could handle. —Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

An automobile manufacturer nowadays can announce a \$12 price cut and get, without cost. \$12,000,000 worth of front-page advertising, because price cuts are genuine news. —Lexington (Ky.) Herald.

Few-things look any grimmer, as a rule, than the people described by the cut lines as "chatting gally." — Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal.

It's one thing to show distinction in clothes, and something else to show dis-tinctly. Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

You're Killing Your Caddy!"



Report On A Program

Coker Civilization Course

the garly einsteamle century had a curriculum almost completely prescribed, the colleges of recent years have had what has been called a cafeteria system in which the students must select many tempting and waluable courses, simply from lack of time.

Ortitizem of this free elective system is heard increasingly from many sources. It is said that these comprehensive. That is, they are set up to lead to further work in a major field, even though the comprehensive. That is, they are set up to lead to further work in a major field, even though the work in a major field, even though the work in a major field, even though the course, without apparent organization. If any organization is the curriculum is accomplished, it has the control of the control o



preparation in them.

To assure adequate professional training, the customary departmental organization of specialized courses has been retained and expanded. All students who are candidates for degrees must also as before do intensive work in a chosen major field of specializa-

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It is one being at Goder that this new departure in line with the best curricular trend in American colleges and universities. At the same time, it is so unusual that it may prove to be one of the most one of the control of the control

colleges.

Dr. Elizabeth H. Davidson, head of the history department, is in general charge of the civilization course, and has supervised the preparation by the faculty of a comprehensive syllabus and list of readings for it. Other members of the faculty conduct class sections of the course and give special lectures in their particular fields.

People's Platform

Atlantic Union Stories

WASHINGTON

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Note Of Appreciation

Editors. The News.

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May be use a small space in your paper to express

our thanks and appreciation to the 'owners and
management of the new Seers, Roebuck shooping
enter, for their thoughtfulness in providing a restroom and comfort facilities for Neuro women.

This we assure you will fill a loug needed service
for many customers on shooping tours in the new

COLLEGE WOMEN.

Marquis Childs

Betwixt And Between

WASHINOTON

If RUMA'S BEINGS are capable of the temperature of the tem

James Marlow

What About The 81st?

Sen. Lacas listed these three things as the main goal to "hat-thirty."

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11 the Sensies ever time to tackle it, you can look for weeks of decrements of the remaining time.

2. Sensie approval of the North Allantic Pact. This probably will importance in our foreign dealings that it be done.

months.

3. Continuing the reciprocal trade program. This program, which affects our foreign trade, has been in effect for years. The House has ekayed it, but not the Senate.

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READ And REMEMBER

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Barkley Kidded About Language Ability

PRESIDENT TRUMAN and Vice-President Barkley suboved some good-natured banter when Secretary of State Acheson left for the Paris conference. Both went to the airdiplomatic clothes. Barkley a few moments later wearing "Bey. V.P.", said Truman raiving first in dark semi-diplomatic clothes. Barkley a few moments later wearing "Bey. V.P.", said Truman, hidling the Vice-President. "What did you do forset to put on your pants this morning?" Barkley meets writing the president said good-by, but Barkley shounder Jen vorgae!" "What was that?" asked the President with a kidding. "I said Bon voyage!" Barkley repiled.

Halling French Ambassador Henri Bonnet who was rearry, the President made the "Vice-President report his promunication.

"V.P. I think you're just trying to show out?" coordinates.

nunciation.

"VP_ I think you're just trying to show off," concluded iman, as Acheson flew away.

State Dept. Spanking

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WAREEN AUSTIN, popular U. S. delegale to the United

WARION. Is now in the State Dept. dosphouse—for disbeeying orders.

Secretary Actiseon is furfous at him for deithersately
glinering instructions on what do do when the question of
granting that the state of the state of the state of the state

sensiti. The Invasits were in thermat violation of mediation orders from the U. N. see Acheson felt it was only
proper for them to cool their heebs at Lake Success.

Just before the vote, therefore, he sent Austin a lourpage telegram carefully instructing him to vote for the
tas admission, prest but not formate than the vote for the
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GOP Senator Balks

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THE GOP economy drive tripped over Minnesota's Sen. Ed
They the other day—and lost some of its momentum.
At a closed meeting of Republican Senators, They had a
few things to say about the 5 per cent across—the-board apsenators to plead for more money from the appropriations
Committee—anometimes privatel—then turn round and voice
a 5 per cent cut—publicly.
"Few of you." They waggled a finger at his colleague—
"havent' appeared before the appropriations Committee and
when your request was granted and wired your home folks
to tell them about it."

Then these same Senators.

when your sequest win grantes has used your none was a Then these same Senators came up on, the floor and voted an over-all 5 per cent cut, childed the ex-governor do finnesota. Whacking off a straight 5 per cent is a most careless way of trimming the budget, he added still con-mittee and ast through hearings and never objected to specific items." rationalized Thye, who used to be a chicken farmer. "There were many terms with excess political most-ture that could have been squeezed out. But instead of con-tingent to the still still the still still still the still still the Senate floor to cut reverything 5 per cent." NOTE: Missouri's Sen. Porrest Donnell added his amen Triye's arguments, pointed out that soon everyone would arbitrary 5 per cent cuts.

Dulles Turns Franco Tide
SECRETARY of State Acheson was hauled over the coals
by the Senate Appropriations Committee Just pefore he

son said.

Actually, Wherry was right, There was a major split inside the American delegation at the United Nations, and the voting was three to two against Franco. Favoring the Spanish dictator was chief U.N. Delegate Warren Austin and Ray Atherton. On the other sade were Mr. Roosewelt and Ben Cohen. The deciding vote was east by a surprising figure. John Poster Dulles—who voted against Franco.

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