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DEALING WITH A STACKED DECK

STATE Treasurer Bradford F. Hodges pointed up a painful truth when he told the League of Municipalities the other day that city governments are losing their influence in State Legislatures.

There is another reason cited recently by the Washington Post—and that is the movement of population to the suburbs between 1940 and 1950, our dozen largest cities grew 87 per cent while their suburbs increased by 219 per cent, and this trend is apparent in smaller U. S. cities.

WE CAN DO BETTER YET

THE STATUS of North Carolina's public school teaching staff in the 1949-50 term compared very favorably with other Southern states, yet did not measure up to other regions of the country.

DECISION IN TIBET

THE world has not yet, apparently, figured out how to react to the reported Chinese invasion of Tibet. It is a matter of fact, the world is not yet entirely convinced that any such invasion has taken place.

This much only is known: that the Peiping (Red China) radio has reported that Chinese troops have been captured in advance on Tibet "to free 3,000,000 Tibetans from imperialist oppression and to consolidate the national defenses of the Western border of China."

Whether or not we are to attempt to stop the invasion of Tibet, once again, such an invasion is taking place—will be up to

From The Raleigh News & Observer

HERO'S HEIR

THE lure of the spangles and bright lights proved too much for one Raleigh boy who followed the State Fair midway when the shows left town. That incident will remind many North Carolinians of an earlier day when nearly every community contained one youth who had "run away with the circus."

Usually, the circus runaway enjoyed a special prestige in the village, whether his excursion lasted for a day or a week or longer. In a day of slow transportation and infrequent circuses, some of the glitter around the elephants, trapeze artists and gaudy paint remained with the boy. For varying periods, he was the hero of the young. Juvenile literature of that time featured countless stories and books about him.

But the village hero virtually disappeared as cars became faster, roads

residence in the area surrounding the city. Still, the city has to provide services for him even though he doesn't contribute city taxes. Says The Post:

"This means expensive speedways, grade crossings, tunnels and bridges for vehicular traffic; police and fire protection; maintenance of reservoirs and pumping stations to provide water to the whole metropolitan area, water disposal, but not only for the central city but frequently for the suburbs as well."

The natural result is that the suburbanite, who pays no city taxes while enjoying city services, also joins forces with rural dwellers in resisting any legislative measures to redistribute the financial picture of municipalities.

In North Carolina a good start has been made through the League of Municipalities to give towns and cities a stronger voice in the General Assembly. But equality of representation will never be attained until urban dwellers realize that State Legislatures deal with a stacked deck, and add their own individual voices to that of the League.

\$69,650,000. Arkansas made the lowest state contribution, \$30,981,066.

Some states outside the South have a fewer number of substANDARD teacher. In the states—Nebraska, with only seven, Rhode Island with 35, Pennsylvania with only 22 out of a total of 59,560 teachers.

When you make allowance for the fact that North Carolina ranked 44th in the nation in 1949 in per capita income, it becomes immediately apparent that this state has made a generous allotment of its tax revenue to public education.

Even so, we have not done enough. North Carolina can still afford to spend more money on education—teachers, buildings, libraries, laboratories, gymnasiums.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

LOS ANGELES. There are days in which so many claims are made by candidates that it's hard on the average voter to sift the true facts before election time.

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'David' Ferguson may Depose Ohio's Goliath Taft

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio. DON'T WRITE me, Joe. The traveler in Ohio who so refrain everywhere, from Republicans even more than Democrats. It is universally conceded to be at least possible that an obscure resident, the second part of his magic formula when he was asked his views of the Brannan bill, was that he really didn't know what it was all about, but that if, continued the farmer, "I'm for it, I'm against it, I'm against it, I'm against it."

Ferguson has been vociferously in favor of every existing large voting group, whether farmers or workers or veterans or old people, except the state revenue. But Ferguson has followed this rule with exceptionally strict-minded devotion.

Ferguson's second aim is simple. A likeable, sound man himself, a second, sound man as affable and as combative as an announcer, he has the instinctive politician's friendly gregariousness. This is precisely what Taft, who is not an instinctive politician at all, lacks.

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All The Makings Of A Tough Halloween



Collected By Bill Sharpe TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

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In Between

(Canadian Chronicle) These North Koreans who are now caught between the United Nations forces in the North and South are in about the same fix as the man who was strolling through a pasture one afternoon with a friend when suddenly a big bull came charging towards them.

Tender Hearted

(Business Corp. Extension News-Herald) The late Lum Garrison could have rated appropriately as a "grass roots philosopher." His observations and sayings are still quoted locally.

Grand Land

(Twin City Sentinel) 'Tis a grand country, and in spite of everything it does a pretty good chance of getting out of it alive.

Big Producers Have Board's Ear

THE Munitions Board also permitted the nation's wool supply to dwindle so low that the Army is short of cloth to make uniforms for the troops.

No War Production Plan

THE industry has never been bold of the shocking truth and neglect that forced Hubert Howard out as chairman of the Munitions Board.

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This newly resulted in disaster a week before the Inchon landing when the Air Force almost ran out of aviation gasoline. The manufacturers were supposed to keep a 30-day supply on hand in the Far East.

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