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'SELL-OUT' ON CITY STREET FUND

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WHEN the State Municipal Road Com-WHEN the State Municipal Road Com-mission began its study of the city street problems in July of 1949, TER NEWS had hopes that a long-standing injustice to urban dwellers would be rectified, and that out of the Commission's surrey would come a formula for a more equitable divi-sion of highway fund revenue.

This newspaper is deeply disappointed in the "compromise" pian worked out by the Lesque of Municipalities, the State Highway Commission, and Governor W. Kerr Scott, to obtain more State money for city attreta. The compromise calls for an increase of \$5 in license plate fees and a boost of one-half cent in the gazoline tax in order to create a municipal street fund of \$9,000,000.

Apparently the League of Municipalities Apparently the League of Municipalities has bowed to political expediency. It has abandoned a very sound and justifiable position from Governor Scott and the Highway Commission to any diversion of present highway revenue to city streets, and has agreed to seek ness revenue (a major portion of which urban dwellers will have to pay anyway in order to remedy the ancient injustice.

LET US RECALL for a moment the findings of the Commission. In the first days of publicly-supported roads, etly streets were paid for by advalorem taxes on city property, and rural roads were supported by taxes levied on property in both cities and rural areas. That far back the urban dweller paid for his own street, and in addition paid for part of the rural roads.

In 1921 the State took over primary rural roads connecting county seats, using registration fees and gasoline, taxes to support them. Once again, the urban dweller paid for his own street, yet contributed, to the support of the State primary system.

In 1931 the State took over all ryral roads, financing them from State revenues. Under this system, urban and rural dwellers paid for the State roads, but the urban dweller still had to pay ad valorem taxes for the support of his streeta without getting any help whatsoever from the

It was not until 1935 that the State allo-It was not until 1933 that the State Allocated any money for city streets. That year the sum of \$50,000 was appropriated. State appropriations have grown slowly, reaching \$4,000,000 in 1948-40. But even so, most of that money is spent on city streets which are extensions of rural roads. Reviewing history, the Commission came to this conclusion:

lar service to motor vehicles and other traffic because they provide a surface for the following the provide a surface for the following the service of the following the service of the following the service of the se

THE injustice in the present arrangement is crystal clear. The urban dweller contributes a major share of the highway fund revenue, and gets pathetically little in direct return. It is a gross inequity that should be remedied not by the forced addition of new revenue but by a fairer and more equitable division of present

Treening. The Highway Commission and Gover-nor Scott are firmly opposed to any diver-sion of present funds to city streets. All the thinking and planning of the Highway Commission is fixed on primary and sec-ondary roads. No one in the department is, or has been, trying to find money from present sources for city streets. Instead, there is a strong wall of opposition to using current money, and an insistence on new revenue.

Such an attitude on the part of the Governor and the Commission is difficult to understand, since secondary road needs for the forseeable future have been taken care of by the \$200,000,000 bond issue (which urban dwellers will help repay), that sum, in turn releasing great sums for improvement of the primary road system (which urban dwellers will help pay for, also). Such an attitude on the part of the

The compromise is a gross miscarriage of justice. The League deserves the censure of the urban dwellers it purports to represent for sacrificing a principle to political expediency and advocating what is certain to be an unpopular increase in license tags and the gasoline tax. The remedy is not in hew revenue, but in a fair share of existing revenue, and this newspaper proposes to keep hammering away at that point.

ARCHIE CALEB LINEBERGER

Like his father and grandfather before him, Archie Caleb Lineberger Jr. was a pioneer.

Out of college just a few years, he bought, in 1927, a Gaston County mill that had been losing money heavily, and then took what his friends thought would be a disastrous plunge. He converted the mill from cotton to slik, using the same machinery, and presto, the mill started making money.

Soon Mr. Lineberger was using artificial silk, or rayon as it later became known. He discovered that the rayon could be put on cones, like cotton, instead of in akeins, thus opening up a new field for weaving. As a consequence, his mill was one of the first in the nation to weave fabrics of 100

In later years he took another "white elephant", named it the Piedmont Process-ing Company, converted it from a dye

plant to a 15,000-spindle plant, and profits quickly began piling up

These incidents are typical of the way in which a combination of daring and business acumen brought wealth to Mr. Lineberger and profit to Belmont, the community where he lived. A friendly man. community where he lived. A friendly man-courteous and good-humored, he was loved and respected by everyone who knew him. Throughout, his life he carried on the de-velopment of Gasion County's industrial strength that had been set in motion originally by his grandfather, John Caleb Lineberger, who bought the old Pinhock Mill fin 1835, and his father, A. C. Line-berger Sr., who in 1908 built the Impecial Mill, the first constructed in the South to make combed yarn.

Mr. Lineberger died this week at the age of 50, but he had already contributed more to his community and his region than most men do in a full span.

COMPLAINT OF THE RESERVISTS

IF MEMBERS of reserve defense units are being treated like Col. Harry S. Keck says they're being treated, they have a just cause for complaint.

Col. Keck is commanding officer of the 518th Airborne Infantry Regiment, and is, we take it, a responsible man. Yesterday he related such experiences at these to

- 1. One employer put pressure on an employee to "get out of the reserves".
- One employee, negotiating for a net job, had to sign a statement saying he wa not a member of the Army reserves.
- 3. Several men in line for promotion have been by-passed because they were in the reserves.
- 4. Job applicants are frequently asked bout their reserve status before employ-
- These are serious charges, and THE NEWS pes the practices are not widespread. as can understand the daire of the busi-

nessman to make long-range personnel plans, but there should be no discrimination against reservits. In normal times such discrimination would be bad. In the current crisis, when these men may be called upon to defend the nation, it is reprehensible.

Texas gets the "Maid of Cotton" for 1951 and the Kaiser aluminum plant. Without any help from Jesse Jones or Congress, apparently.—New Orleans (La.) States.

A husband should never worry if his ews are different from those of his wife. he keeps them secret all will be well.—reenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth.

Now and then occurs a character such that taking pen in hand is equal to putting foot in mouth. — Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Back in 1932 things looked pretty blue but someone reminds us that then all we had to fear was fear itself while today there's the snorkel submarine, the atom bomb, the hydrogen bomb, flying saucers and the national debt—ogsin (Mo) Globs.

'Lofty' Acheson Alienates Ablest Men In State Dept.

By MARQUIS CHILDS

mentied later than passess or someting friendship, the meeting had motting friendship, the meeting had lineds as confidence and a harmonious working relationship go, the Secretary is today toolsted even from some of the ablest and most viers in the State Dept. He has rejected their jews on two major points of foreign policy. They are two points valual to the Truman-Acheson policy and they happen points on which failure with grim consequences is most likely to come.

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What Was There To Be Lost About In The 'Twenties Era'?

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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MORE TO WEEP ABOUT

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our goal used to be riches: un-ess a man, today, is crooked or n the oil business, no amount of schlevement is worth the effort. You can't keep it, Mac.

make my grade", "The principal and I had a run-

yearned respect for authority.

WE TALK about juvenile delinquency and parental in terms of community delinquency. Our children in terms of community delinquency. Our children parenta, are merely the medium through which children are brought into the world. They are a particular with the parenta of the age in which they live. We, parents, must face privileges for all the children of all the people; that the most privileges for all the children of all the people that the most privilege children enjoy. This is the only way. Of cheese, parents must accept responsibility for the children of the children

understanding of the overall problems of the public section. A good illustration of the fact that a better understanding is needed may be tillustrated by this story. Recently in a corrected in any way by any respective to the corrected in any way by any case, the content of t

Quote, Unquote

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

cone over Washington dinner tables—even including war contracts.

The other day, Victor Emanuel, a power behind the far-fluing Aven Manufacturing Corp. Standard Cas & Effective, Crosley Broadcasting, and Bremules of the National Security Resources Board.

Symington got a lot of publicity once before from accepting the hospitality of Floyd Oddim of Consolinated Vultes, who manufacts of the Air Force. Emanuel is now making B-36, parts, Symington is out of the Air Force though the gasks a powerful vallop in a lot of other remobilization flesh.

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At any rate, Symington, an extremely busy man, went, to the dinner, which was attended by various bigwigs, including homey Sen. Homer Capehart of Indiana. Later it developed that Homer had used the dinner to do some quiet lobbying on war contracts.

Dinner-Table Friend

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SENATOR SPARKMAN of Alabama has just written a
Denetrating report showing how small businessmen are
not able to get war contracts. He should have included in
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but this is leased for eight years to Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp. He would like us to work closely with his son, especially in the field of subcontracting.

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his son.

"At your convenience, could you get in touch with Tom Capchart and ask him to come to see you and tell you about his facilities which, to repeat, are not large, and, everything being equal, as and when we can utilize his facilities, we will certainly do all within our power lod as o? I know you will agree that this is a good thing to do."

Assurances To The Senator

VICTOR EMANUEL wrote a similar letter to another of his company executives, Ray Donaldson, and so anxious was he to please Senator Capehart that the same day he wrote Capehart the following letter:

"Dear Homer:
"I flew back to New York this afternoon and am trying
to make a start on my desk.
"I have just written Ray Donaldson per the enclosed
copy and, before I left Washington, I wrote Mr. John W.
Craig, vice-preadent of our company and genoral manager
of our Crealey division, about your son and the Prackers
Manufacturing Co, asking him to get in 1000sh with your

It was awfully nice seeing you last night and having a good visit, and I will look forward to seeing you on occasion of my next trip to Washington.

With every good wish to you please believe me.

Mode sincerely.

'Watch Out For Tome'

THIS was followed by several interoffice memos regarding the type of business which young Capebart's plant might be able to handle, plus a letter from Tom Capehart listing his plant equipment in great detail. Finally on Dec. 12, F.W. Warner, or the Crosley division

Capehart Indulges In Social Lobbying

ds:
"Subject: Packard Manufacturing Corp.
"Copies to: All Duyers.
"I am enclosing, herewith, copies of my file on the above ject company which is completely self-explanatory.
"The Honorable Homer Capelant is a very important ander in Washington, and a very close personal friend

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Somebody's Awfully Burned Up About Something

Educational Problem

Schools Need Parental Interest

r undertaken in the history of civilied man? Suppose we start with a child as he enters school the first time. In most school systems, he will be been examined at the pre-school class when the control of the control of the control of the control of the corrections made. At this step his life, his parents have not been distillusioned ut his possibilities of becoming a great national ire. Their hopes and aspirations for him know bounds.

sout in possibilities of the most process of special process. The child's environment immediately changes from anything he has ever known. The child services the comes one of many. From an environment, private the comes one of many. From an environment, private the railroad or what section of town he lives, he now finds himself with all types of children. He begins to broader had, the may select for his playmattee children with the selection of the many select for his playmattee children with the selection of the many select for his playmattee children with the selection of the many select for his playmattee children with the selection of the many select for his playmattee children with the selection of the many select for his playmattee children with the selection of the many selection of the many selection of the many selection of the selection with the selection of the selec

develop an understanding for and appreciation of ma-reacher and what she is trying to do for him and vice versa.

WE MAY well afford to stop here and examine the Worldwing statistics: Out of every 100 who enter the first grade, only \$8 to 100 to every 100 who enter the first grade, only \$8 to 100 to 100 to 100 to 100 to the 100 who started will chingly 20 to 100 the hun-dred who started will finish high school; only 12 out out of the 100 who started will enter college and only out of the 100 the cause the schools are too crowded and unattractive? Is it because of exonomic condi-tions in general? Is it because of the failure of the school proglim-to exert a vital influence on the lives of the children?

In an effort to find out why the figure given have in working with and stalking to boys and girls who had dropped out of school and who were found in the Civilian conservation Corps and the member, existed in the 1900's. I talked to boys and girls from 11 states in the Union as to why, they figure members, existed in the 1900's. I talked to boys and girls from 11 states in the Union as to why, they had dropped out of school. The main "Data" like the teacher", "Just didny tile school." Couldn't go to school reg-ularly, got behind and just dropped out," Didn't