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Statistical Skeletons Haunt Our Schools

There are few skeletons left in the closet of Tar Heel education that can be dramatically hauled out to horrify and then edify legislators and taxpayers on the pressing needs of the schools.

Haunt Our Schools

gation in some quarters that Mr. McPherson's advocacy of the Pearsall Plan has called into question his interest in a better future for all school children.

The one-room schoolhouse advertised the need for its own replacement. Inquiry was written all over it as it has passed. But the inadequacies haven't. They have only been obscured by the impressive sight of the educational plants that have replaced them.

We refer to the statistics: North Carolina is 46th in the number of pupils per teacher. 41st in amount spent per pupil for current expenses, 34th in average classroom teacher salaries. There are a few. Another is that of 2,700 teachers who left the state's public school system in 1954-55, only 7 per cent of them retired. And the warning of UNC President Bill Friday still stands: The State has a high percentage of its population in the 18-24 age group.

Insomuch as it can create that consciousness, Gov. Hodges' appointment of a North Carolina Citizens' Committee for Better Schools is a meaningful action. The positions and potential of committee members are great. Its chairman, Editor Holt McPherson of the High Point Enterprise, is a highly energetic friend of education who doubtless will make the committee a positive force in defining education's problems and taking them to the people.

What these and other dolorous statistics mean in terms of short-changing Tar Heel youths must be made as plain as the broken windows and sagging doors of a little red schoolhouse. They are equally serious.

One bit of nonsense that ought to be knocked down immediately is the sug-

Having seen the problem clearly Tar Heels will tackle it.

Fiscal Policy Must Be Streamlined

President Eisenhower's fiscal program for 1957-58 is admirable in purpose but questionable in design.

first, increase in postal rates, and second, continuing increases in revenue from inflated corporate and individual income taxes."

In an era of unprecedented prosperity, a balanced budget is a thoroughly desirable goal. But an even worthier goal is a balanced economy—in which both tax reductions and spending cuts are achieved. It is equally essential that every reasonable effort be made by Uncle Sam to resist inflation.

Certain financial compulsions governed the making of the new budget, just as they have governed the making of every budget in recent years. Uppermost among these is the necessary notion that safety in a world of struggle lies only with great exertion and high cost. The world situation demands a continuation of high defense spending and foreign military-economic aid.

As a matter of fact, Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) got to the heart of the matter yesterday when he observed:

But the nature of the times—and the nature of certain economic inequities—also demands adjustments in income taxes for individuals and small businesses.

"The small estimated surplus and debt reduction hang on two shaky reeds—

The President has provided a sturdy fiscal chassis. But a good bit of tinkering will still have to be done on the body design.

Mr. Dulles' Big Supply Of Spectres

UNFORTUNATELY, John Foster Dulles always seems to have a ready answer for portentous questions.

news from the Middle East."

"If (the Eisenhower doctrine) resolution passes," he replied to a questioning senator, "there is very little likelihood that American troops will have to fight in the Middle East. If it doesn't pass there is a very great likelihood."

The administration is asking Congress for a blank check on military action, and for a freer hand in Middle East spending. Obvious need for at least the military authority, however, must not obscure the rather solemn fact that Congress is being asked to cede a large piece of its power and responsibility to the executive branch. Such questions deserve to be considered in as calm and as objective atmosphere as possible.

The "wolf, wolf" cry is one way of showing legislation through Congress. Without doubt, this particular legislation is needed to begin filling a critical vacuum of power. But crises are recurring, and the readiness with which Mr. Dulles raises spectres is hardly calculated to abate congressional suspicion of his objectivity, or to create confidence in his future appeals for congressional support. There was another prediction of his, just before the Suez invasion, about "good

Unless they are and the decision is thus clothed with congressional conviction, instead of with apprehension, the whole point of the administration's strategy is blunted.

He Carved Beauty Out Of Sound

THE curtain came tumbling down on the golden age of music yesterday when Arturo Toscanini died in his sleep in New York.

That strategy is, we take it, to project a united, long-term determination to protect the Middle East, rather than to suggest that the U. S. is back on Mr. Dulles' brink with its finger itching on the trigger.

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Toscanini's fierce artistic integrity was his most famous trait. He demanded—and usually received—perfection. Nothing less would satisfy him.

Let us recall the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three children at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917: "If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed... In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me; it will be converted, and a certain peace will be granted to the world."

As long as music is performed, men will speak. Recently on the Parma tailor's son who gave millions brief glimpses of the lineaments of art, truth and beauty.

The whole world is saddened by the maestro's death.

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

Those who don't know what "dinner on the ground" means, have missed one of the finest social concepts ever habitual in this western land of ours. How those improvised tables have "ground" with the burden of food.

But his contributions to the art of music will live forever in the hundreds of superb phonograph records he made with the NBC Symphony and other great orchestras.

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Tight Money: Here's What The Shouting Is All About

By WALTER LIPPMANN

THERE is an overriding condition in our domestic affairs which is that our economy, though enormously productive as compared with any that has ever existed, is still not productive enough to satisfy all the demands made upon it.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER A Major Headache . . .

STRESS AND STRAIN Although the American economy is growing prodigiously, it is not growing fast enough to keep up with the growth of the population, with the rapid rise in what Americans have come to expect as their proper standard of living, and with the expanding commitments and responsibilities of the United States, which is now the only real great power in the non-Communist world.

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SECOND PROBLEM

But insofar as we solve the fundamental problem of preventing inflation, we run into a second problem which is not so well understood. About it there are many differing views among the experts and authorities. This is the problem of how to allocate the required supply of credit. It is a problem of how to ration credit as between the stronger borrowers, like the big corporations, and the weaker borrowers like home builders, and as between public

borrowing, say, for schools, and private borrowing, say, for office buildings. The president showed in his message that he is acutely aware of the primary problem, which is how to combat inflation. Besides exhorting business and labor to practice self-discipline, the federal government has two main ways of reducing the inflationary pressure. One is for the government itself to spend less than it takes in taxes, and to budget out for a mere balance but for surplus. But in fact not much can be done with the budget to combat inflation. The new budget is expected to show only a small surplus, and one can say that if this is the best that George Humphrey can do in a period of abounding prosperity, no one else is likely to do so much in any other time.



SECRETARY HUMPHREY . . . A Minor Remedy

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takes effect, the second problem arises. This is the problem of the allocation of the reduced supply of credit among the various interests, public and private, who want to borrow. The allocation today is made by the financial markets, and as the supply of credit is less than the demand, the price of credit, that is to say the rate of interest, is rising. This means that those who can afford to pay the most get the most credit. Credit is expensive and scarce for the weaker interests, for small businessmen, for families in need of mortgages to build homes, and for state and localities needing to borrow for public works.

'Hey! This Canary Looks Like He Could Eat A Cat'



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

How Will International Communism Tumble?

Springfield, Mass. Editors, The News: HOW and when will world communism be overthrown? The current arms race between East and West would seem to indicate the general belief that this will be accomplished by weapons of destruction and terror.

and that before his forces are defeated, mankind will be forced to undergo suffering such as it never has before a kind of general judgment in miniature. The Ven. Anna Catherine Emmrich mentions in her writings that the Antichrist will come about 40 or 50 years before the year 2000. It is good for us to reflect on these things occasionally.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON NOW that President Eisenhower told his staff he will not accept Prime Minister Nehru's invitation to visit India, and now that Harry Truman has come so emphatically to the support of Ike's Near East doctrine it might be a good time for some presidential reciprocity.

Ike Should Send Truman To India

southeast Asia is not good, also because American envoys in that area have been urging the State Department to send a top-level American as a good-will ambassador.

Touring Royalty

Just as the Queen of England, Princess Margaret and the Duke of Edinburgh are kept busy visiting various parts of the workaday world, our government necessarily send distinguished citizens on good-will tours.

HST's Knack

Last year Mr. Truman took a trip on his own to western Europe, got a tremendous reception, made a lot of friends and the states were crowded with shoulders with the man on the street in a way that sells democracy. He was also the first to initiate the Marshall Plan and the Point 4 Program, which helped save Asiatic countries from Communism in the post-war years.

U. S. Prestige Dips

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Peace Pact Needed

Politics being politics, however, the president should learn that a lot of things that happen in the heat of a campaign must be forgotten afterward. And he would give a real boost to the free world's fight against Communism if he sent his predecessor to Asia on a special mission.

Men's Hearts Skip Skyward In An East African Paradise

By ROBERT C. URQUHART

IKOMA, Tanganyika I HOPE you will pardon me a touch of sentimentality today, but the rain has stopped, the sun is out, and I am on my way — first time in seven years — in the spot I love better than any other place on earth. This is the Grummett River, where first I came to know Africa.



"They yawned, as they'd recently killed. . ."

We made a camp we called "Whatt," or "Lucky" in Swahili. It was lucky in every sense, with a long luck that changed my life, health and hair. I read a couple of books, a couple of magazines, and a sudden realization that there was more to the world than New York had to offer.

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EDEN-LIKE POCKET

There is no more beautiful spot in heaven or earth than this Eden-like pocket of Tanganyika, freshly greened by the rains, and the animals pouring in by millions from the reserves of Ngorongoro, the strongest Park in the world, on the Masai country in Kenya.

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When the big migration is on, it's easy to see a million zebra and wildebeest crossing the plains in a day. Frank Bowman, a professional hunter who is out with me, said the count was four million in one day.

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What's nice about this trip is we aren't trying to shoot anything, apart from a little venison. We aren't even taking many pictures. It's enough just to look.

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The lions were out last night, complaining bitterly about the damp, and there has never been sweeter music to sleep by. Unless, of course, you are a hyena fan, when they turn on the sphygmomanometer, or perhaps the sawing grunt of a hunting leopard and the shrill curses of the barroom may be more to your fancy.

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MOST HAPPY FELLA

I do not really know how to describe a day so beautiful if it too good for people. All I know is we came back, without firing a shot, to one of Ali's old guinea fowl and salad lunches, and I gained at least 20 pounds.

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