

Facts For The File

(One of a series of Studies for North Carolina, economically and socially).

THERE are at least two schools of thought concerning the tone one should take when speaking of North Carolina. One which has risen in popularity over the past decade holds that the state should be mentioned on every count for its low standing in virtually every index of economic and social civilization—a diversified sort of economic and social inferiority—proceeding in a sort of super-civilic manner that we must always boast, and never knock, unless that we emphasize North Carolina's economic and social backwardness and let the shortcomings take care of themselves.

We don't belong to a school. We've tried to show, from time to time, just how far below the national level North Carolina stands, and we've also tried to show the extent of North Carolina's leadership over other Southern states. We've never been so emotionally patriotic as to attribute this Southern leadership to manifest destiny or the existence of a "Tar Heel" super race.

But nobody who talks about the state, or pricks into its wounds, can accomplish much without revealing the whole picture of the state's economy, social structure, politics and general history. We can't pretend to do that, and the size of the task is such that, even when it is done as by University of North Carolina sociologists, the public can't get at the truth of things.

This reason for this irregular series of statistical presentations is partial enlightenment. The figures in the table below may not look like that, but they are important to the life and well-being of every North Carolinian, just every Southerner, every American. They were prepared by the N. C. Household and Family Care Commission, and just happen to bear on two phases of state life: Health & Medical Care and Income & Level of Living. The left hand column shows the state rank among all states, and the two columns on the right show the national average, and the North Carolina averages.

The table doesn't make pleasant reading, but it's no reason for despondency. And we'll insist in the last turn of our press that these statistics, so readily translated into everyday life, are far more significant than others which show North Carolina leadership, as railroad mileage in proportion to population, value of farm products—even "First at Bethel, farthest at Gettsburg, last at Appomattox."

Note that our average rank is "way down around 40th place, that we pace the nation in only one respect: average number of people per home. And that we stand high in birth rates, which classifies as an act of God.

Our Standing Among The States

Table with 4 columns: Rank, HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE, Average or Percentage, U.S. N.C., Rank, INCOME AND LEVEL OF LIVING. Rows include infant deaths, mortality rate, birth rates, etc.

Veterans Af Large

For the past few years there has been an apprehension that we were due for a return of the gasometer after this war—that sergent-major discipline to kill and injure to wholesale slaughter would come home to institute a reign of terror. We've thought it was more of a misapprehension, and that has been the view of the services, whose claim is that men trained to discipline for several years would return to make better citizens.

And lest the capture of three veterans-turned-bandit in a swamp near Raleigh convey no picture of a real gangsterism, we hasten to submit our opinion that this case is decidedly exceptional. There is no reason to fear that great numbers of veterans will leave the service, whose claim is that men trained to discipline for several years would return to make better citizens.

These three ex-servicemen, one of whom had fought with the Bangor and pulled at least four holdups, besides attacking their army and an automobile. They are going to have companions, father-and-sonners. A great number of the men now in service owe much to civilian life and had their training in this country. They would have been engaged in criminal activity. The lowered prison population vouches for that.

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Come And Get It

The three veterans organizations, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans, have been looking into the way veterans hospitals are run. This week they made a report of their findings to a committee of the House. Verdicts ranged from the VFW's indictment to the American Legion's commendation.

The care of hospitalized veterans is certainly a proper concern of veterans organizations. But if anyone jumps to the conclusion that this solicitude is expressed only for a man, or that he is regarded as a piece of property, or that him jump back. The disabilities of a majority of the veterans treated in these hospitals have had, up to now, no more connection with their war service. Patients are there to have an appendectomy or tooth attended to or a fracture repaired, in some cases even for the treatment of illnesses tracing to their own misconduct. What's more, they are given a travel allowance and a travel allowance.

Overcrowding was mentioned in the report of one veterans organization. It did not go on to say that overcrowding was a direct result of this same organization's lobbying for free hospitalization for men, but because they had worn the uniform.

Any veteran of any war may go to a Government hospital for any disability, without regard to its nature or origin. In 1910 more than 7,000 of them went. This is the explanation of why the Government, to make room for the wounded of World War II, is having to build up an enormous hospital system. The World War I system is so occupied with peace-time ailments that there is hardly room for the return of service casualties of War I let alone II.

An Old Hand

South Carolina's Congressman James P. Buchanan was back in the House to hear the bill for the House to buy the already camp of Germany. He had been in his own time, having volunteered as a private in 1911 and fought in the battle of Belleau Wood. He was with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Brigade, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Brigade, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Brigade.

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Phosphorus Shells

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Quick Triggers

Whatever else it is, the new City Council is surely one of the most responsive public bodies in Charlotte has ever seen. Its sense of public service, intense, is in such debate balance that citizens have only to make their wishes known, and the Council snaps into action.

We have already heard from Council policy concerning the grass strip in the block of East Morehead which fronts Alexander Graham Junior High School. That grass strip, planted with a line of trees, would take them away, but they were looked upon as a traffic barrier—and we suppose it is. At any rate Councilman Fred H. McHenry proposed that the Council order it removed, so that traffic could flow freely down the street. That was a couple of weeks ago.

This week, in Councilman McHenry's absence, the Council was confronted by a few citizens who protested removal of the strip for one thing, they accepted the safety of school children along the sidewalk, and the removal of traffic. With scarcely a murmur of dissent the Council rescinded the former action. For the moment, at least, the strip is safe and so is the Council.

Liberal Council men also proclaimed the appointment of W. Stuart Simmons as the new chief of the Board on the ground that he was engaged to ease a monopoly on parking meters. Here's a case in which the Council has gone on time and a-half to the rescue.

Statesmen At Work

A LETTER from the Honorable James P. Buchanan, Congressman from South Carolina, to the Honorable James P. Buchanan, Congressman from South Carolina, to the Honorable James P. Buchanan, Congressman from South Carolina.

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Tut, Tut, Mister, You Aren't Out Of The Woods Yet



The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

It comes to hard-core lobbying. He has one of the most unique lobbying agencies in Washington, has seen some of the most unique lobbying agencies in Washington, has seen some of the most unique lobbying agencies in Washington.

Moritime Scandal

Senator George Allen, liberal Vermont Republican, is protesting a bill that would give the State Department a big hand in the old Hoover Administration. The Maritime Commission, the State Dept. will help Chairman Allen to get a full committee report by Committee-General Frank Weaver, the Maritime Commission, the State Dept. will help Chairman Allen to get a full committee report by Committee-General Frank Weaver.

OWI Sabotege

White Republican leaders in Congress are using their legislative muscle to cut the OWI budget. The OWI is the Office of War Information, the OWI is the Office of War Information, the OWI is the Office of War Information.

Broken Tariff Lobby

House-Senator Danahoe of Connecticut is doing his best to break the tariff lobby. The tariff lobby is the tariff lobby, the tariff lobby is the tariff lobby, the tariff lobby is the tariff lobby.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



What Are We Doing?

By Samuel Grafton

THE House of Representatives has cut the annual appropriation for the Office of War Information from a record \$10,000,000 to \$11,000,000.

Mr. Harter of Arizona then defended O. W. I. but was followed by Mr. Clegg of South Carolina who did not believe that the speech, per se, was anything and quite wrong as to facts. She said she had checked out the O. W. I. office in San Francisco and had found that its total output for a day is 13 million words, 800,000 words a month.

Mr. Taber of New York left off with the amendment proposing the \$11,000,000. It is one of the most important debates in the history of the national legislature. Mr. Taber's amendment, in fact, is one of the most important debates in the history of the national legislature.

That is a pretty vague way in which to cut appropriations. But Mr. Taber immediately found himself some vague support, in the person of Mr. Vorys of Ohio who said that the rate of the Associated Press overstates on a budget of only \$12,000,000. Well, and you cut this out, you cut this out, you cut this out.

Mr. Woodruff of Virginia himself a strong economy advocate, ventured valiantly to stem the amendment. He explained that the OWI is a business, but no matter, it was a corporation, not a government agency.

Chaos In Germany

By Dorothy Thompson

A statement issued from Washington June 8, according to the Associated Press, is that the German Government has announced that it will accept the terms of the Potsdam Conference.

It is likely separation also will be encouraged by the American and British governments. The Western Union All parts of Europe are voluntarily nationalized, and the German Government has announced that it will accept the terms of the Potsdam Conference.

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