THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

It's A Problem In Incentive

THERE seems to be general satisfaction with the "emergency bonus" granted to leachers and other State employees after some days of tervid argument in the General Assembly. Even the North Carolina Education Association, which for reasons of its own was insisting vehemently a few weeks ago that a 20 per cent increase represented the maximum teachers could expect, is pleased that the final settlement was somewhat higher.

Actually, the victory over the Administration was largely a moral one. As The Rallelph Nexts & Observer has pointed out the "emergency bonus" covers only a six months period and there is actually only a \$30 to \$55 total difference for most employee. Somewhat the scale linally adopted by the Lexical latture.

and the scale finally adopted by the Legis-lature.

This by no means settles the school problem, for the Legislature has yet to take up the matter of a permanent teachers pay scale for the neth belnnium. It may be, as a good many observers believe, that the emergency appropriation has estab-lished the pattern that will be followed in the permanent setflement, but the school forces, who have already demonstrated that they are backed by a solid weight of pub-lic opinion, will certainly not give up the struggle now.

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the debate on both sides of the question. It is possible that the starting wage under the present schedule, even in these inflated times, is still sufficient to attract a college graduate to the profession. It is the low ceiling on future earnings that removes any incentive for a young man or woman to undertake a career in the public schools. A college graduate who knows that he can never earn more than \$\$32.70 a week at a teaching job would certainly be refuctant to accept some scept as a schream. We doubt if his decision would be altered if the ceiling were raised to \$32.4 a week, as it would be under Governor Cherry's 20 per cent access-the-board proposal.

This suggests that any permanent pay increases must be weighted toward the top of the scale—as the South Piedmont District teachers argued when they put forth, their proposal for increases ranging from \$2.30 per cent for beginners to \$9.67 per cent for teachers with graduate descreas and to doubt if the Siate can afford the specific increases proposed by the South Piedmont teachers; certainly it cannot without a corresponding increase in taxes or the acceptance of Federal aid. But this does not mean that the theory upon which the South Piedmont scale was predicated is not sound.

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The problem, as we see it, is one of providing incentive — not so much to attract new personnel into the teaching profession, but to keep them in it. Wages which are, on a comparative basis, much higher for beginners than they are for veterans, provide a certain guarantee that teaching will continue to be a transient profession — a means for a college graduate to earn a livelihood while watting for a better offer in another field, or for an offer of matrimony.

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This is the problem still awalting the pleasure of the General Assembly. The "emergency bonus" will not settle it. No permanent across-the-board percentage increase for all State employees will settle it, no matter how generous it may be. What is required is a complete and carefully considered reexamination of the whole whole with the property of the problem of the problem. school pay scale. The time to begin it, we think, is now.

A. Volstead And A. Capone

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In all his years in Congress Andrew Volstead must have accomplished a good many
things, but the authors of his obituary
could remember nothing but the Volstead
Act. He had lived to see his Act perverted
and finally abandoned. He became a recluse, living in obscurity in the little Minnesota town where he had first found
glory. When his nelsphors came to ask
him to join jath fight against establishment of a liquor store in his town, he
declined. The liquor store stands there now,
a sort of monument to Andrew Volstead.
While Andrew Volstead was slipping into
obscurity Ai Capone was rocketing to a
strange, lurid fame. Under prohibition
crime became big and profitable business
for men without morals. Capone was such a
man; he built a fabious empire or the
riddled bodies of his competitors; in 1927
alone, according to the United States Treasury, he took \$50,000,000 in profits out of

he took \$60,000,000 in profits out of illicit liquor trade. And, of course, with the linet inquor trace. And, or course, with that sort of money to back him there came a time when he loomed much bigger than the law.

Al Capone retired from public view about the same time Andrew Volstead did, but for

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Death often provides a monstrous trony, as it did last week when the bony, beckning finger bracketed Andrew Volstead and Al Capone in the news.

Andrew Volstead, a good man in every sense of that overworked word, wrote the Prohibition I aw which activated the Eighteenth Amendment and launched the mobile experiment of the Twenties. Al Capone, as thoroughly evil as Andrew Volstead was good, made upwards of a hundred million dollars out of Volstead's handlinous.

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success in its own right, even success bought with blood.

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There were many differences in the two

men. But the greatest perhaps was this: Al Capone understood the perverse nature of man; Andrew Volstead didn't.

The Parking Problem In Zebulon

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OUR Mr. McKnight, surveying Charlotte's parking problems in a recent
enter of pricets, arrord at the conclusion
into our metropolis is alouly strangling to
death—a conclusion any reader may verify
by glancing out the nearest window. It is
a pleasure, therefore, to report that we, the
siniserable, have company.
The Zebulon Record, an enterprising
weekly contemporary serving the counties
of Wake, Franklin, Johnston, Nash and
Wilson, unloosed a front-page editorial
blast this week at the parking problem
in Zebulon. The trouble in the hills, according to The Record's Barrie Davis, is
double-parking. "For years the main street
has been filled with double-parked eat
is bad and a potential saccident. Ten or
twelve at one time—and we have seen that
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A city anob, gazing across the several
centus brackets that separate Charlotte
and Zebulon, might be inclined to sneer
st the traffic problem created by ten or
welve double-parked cars. It' occurs to
us, however, that this is an exercise in
relativity. The conditions that prevail in
Zebulon prevail also in Charlotte; even
though the problem may be multiplied by
a hundred it is not necessarily a hundred
times more difficult to solve.

The Record is concerned, properly, for

"the pocketbooks of our merchanis." Mr. Dayis writes: "When farmers begin trading in neighboring towns because of the congested Main Street in Zebulon it is time to act. When traffic violations cut the revenue Zebulon needs, something has to be done." That is truth, and it applies with equal force in little Zebulon and big Gharlotte.

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It is true, of course, that a drive to end double-parking might in itself solve Zebulon's problem, while it will not solve Charlotte's. But it would help a great deal if our own police department heeded the cry of The Record: "Fines should be made—to preachers, merchants, wives of city officials, printers, farmers, and anyone else who isn't willing to park in the proper place."

And certainly we can concur in The Rec-ord's conclusion: "We can stop double-parking. Now is the time to begin."

Speaking of politics that stops at the water's edge, we can remember when our foreign policy didn't extend beyond the low tide mark.

No loyalty is as warming as that of the young heart, passing up the bright new Christmas stuff in favor of the one-eyed doll with the sprung knee.

Bid For Unity At The Lower Level



People's Platform

No Children Allowed years ago writes as follows: O. Max Gardner may succeed in serving minition. O. Max Gardner may succeed in serving minition of the serving minition of the serving minition of the serving s

(NOTE: We are lifting our usual ban on poetry in this department to publish the communication of Bene O. Smith, a hondless versumit frame on the state of the sta

I THANK God for the four children to me He gave

I ask you, Lord, to please find a piace for them to live.

Oh. Lord I have walked these Charlotte streets until my feet are sore:

There is no place for a veteran now the war is over.

Of course they are raising money for another fund, But nothing for the man who shouldered a gun. But all these troubles won't lead us to crime— With our wounded bodies and shell-shocked mind.

I'll keep on walking from door to door. Hunting a house, sleeping on the floor. And you landlords, do you feel proud To hang out your sign: No Children Allowed?

If all such landlords in one battle could be, And have happen to them what happened to me Crippled for life as you can plainly see, While fighting for you as well as for me.

These boys of mine will be men some day. They might fight for you when you are old and gray. When you are seared stiff and your head is bowed, Will you think of that sign: No Children Allowed?

Do you landlords remember that at Heaven's bright

-BENNIE O. SMITH.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications reader who cares to mount it. Communications of the possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Bach letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon require will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tix News.

London Julep

Senator Soaper Says: TOMORROWS through train will have a movie theater, ballroom, loudspeaker in all cars and radios everywhere. For any wishing to sleep there will be innerspring brake-rods.

About the thoughts and communications of Henry Morgenthau Jr., as set down in 900 volumes: We believe we'll wait for this in a digest of digests.

only bottle of re I could find was of Canadian vinI blought it would do and burned nor attention to
the procurement office. Ice can be bought in London
from the continuous co

Moreover this should be a poor year for the carnival grifter's dodge of drawing an iodine-painted finger through a split roll in lieu of the hot dog.

In one of his sketches the late W. C. Pields was so good at pool he pocketed all fifteen balls on the break, though not out of work at the time.

Marquis Childs

McKellar And TVA

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Samuel Grafton

England's Future

LONDON

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Drew Pearson's : Red Envoy Hints Russia May Have A-Bomb

Took breathtaking Bob Gros of California to do what no diplomat or newsman so far has done regarding the Abomb and Russia. He gat a hint from Swolet Ambassador Novikov that Russia bas either the secret of the Abomb of Swolet and Swolet and Swolet Carlon, and the Carlon and C

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S failure to appoint more women
to high office was tactuity laid before the Fresident by a
- Mrs. La Felle Dickinson, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, beneded the delegation and told
Truman quite frankly that women generally were disturbed
bles as Roosevich had. She reminded the Fresident that the
State Department had built up a roster of 80 well-"nown
American women capable of handling important Governmentword. The state of the state of the state of the state
Women, was equally strong in uring the appointment of
more women to Government.

Truman replied that difficient to extreme the protion of the state of the stat

MRS. DICKINSON, Dr. McHale and Anna Lord Strauss, of the League of Women Voters, all assured Truman that they had given Miss Perkins' nomination their full

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That may not have been been didn't realise fully, just how large a portion of the President's time was taken in finding the right people for the intention to me. I make them on the basis of my own judgment."

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General Marshall On Russia

enjoyed appointing Mrs. Roosevelt as a United Nations of Commissioner of Commissioner of Commissioner of Commissioner More of Commissio

general in Washington above.

"We couldn't fight," said the Frenchman. "Our waspons were out of date."

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General Vaughn's Spleen

A NEWSMAN telephoned White House Military Aide Gen Harry Vaughan the other day to check on the rumon that Donald Nelson, former WPB Administrator, or Leor Henderson, former OPA Administrator, might be placed in charge of war assets.