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Statistical Record Of Progress

ord of progress can be written nures, the North Carolina Plansoard has probably written it. Break-town income data prepared by the g of the Census and Sales Manageine, the Board has found that

percentage of increase was far above national average—110.1 per cent as \$ 50.1 per cent in the country at Even though North Carolina started lower level and still remains consid-below the 1945 national average \$10 the gap between state and na-averages has been materially nar-

detailed comparison of per family in-among the counties of the state, wer, still 'prevals disturbing discrepan-City dwellers still earn far more than rural 'brothers. The extremes are lenburg's impressive 1945 per family pare income of \$5.246 up from \$3.19 in \$1.00 Camden's \$3006 (up from \$319 in

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Some of this new prosperity, of course, was war-born and therefore synthetic. Evidence of the temporary pattern brought on by burgeoning war industries is furnished by New Hanover. The high-wage ship-building industries at Wilmington placed New Hanover at the top of the list in 1940 New Hanover at the top of the list in 1940 per process of the proper state of the list in 1940 per process of 1859 per cent had left her in eleventh place and once again below the national average.

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"But when due allowance is made for the temporary industries that sprang up during the war years, for the flood of construction money and for military payrolis, it is apparent that impressive permanent gains have been made. Although detailed figures for 1946 are not yet available, every index indicates that average incomes in the industrial centers have continued to climb at an accelerated pace throughout the first year of reconversion. There may be a great decline in the months to come, if the gloomy prognostications of the economists are accurate, but it will be a general decline and the pattern will probably hold.

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This is good news for the cities, certainly, and yet it should not obscure the implications of the county-by-county comparison. The economic base will always be shaky so long as there is a tremendous disparity services of the control of the county by county and the county because the county should be county by county and the county of the individual cities. The fate of the average family in Charlotte, with its \$5,242 income, is bound up with the fate of the average family in Camden, with its income of \$806. The challengs and the hope of the future lies there at the bottom of the list, among the thinly populated counties of the east and west. The city and the farm are still yoked in North Carolina and each one ul-timately determines the progress of the other.

our Constitutional Amendments

might be argued that there must be ething fundamentally wrong with titution that needs to be amended often as North Carolina's. At any rate General Assembly, like most of its repredecessors, passed along certain nent questions to be decided at the

a increase in salaries for members of Legislature from \$600 to \$1,200 per ses-and increases for presiding officers to

seal of the present requirement of a se against the registration to authorize
ses or bond issues for "unnecessary"
micipal purposes. All such questions
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increase in the present constitutional

limit on county taxes for general purposes from 15 to 25 cents.

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Repeal of the provision that prohibits state, county or municipal governments from contracting new debts in any fiscal period in excess of two-thirds of the amount of debt retired during the preceding period. This device, designed to guarantee continuing debt retirement in the days of fiscal chaos. In North Carolina served a worthy purpose but its effect now is largely to grant more credit to governments with large outstanding debts than to those that have balanced their books. A debt-free government (if such is conceivable) is absolutely prevented from further borrowing.

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All of these amendments have been discussed in detail in the past, and will be again before they are put to the vote more than a year from now. None represents a radical innovation; in sum total they represent a perhaps inadequate effort to update the Constitution in conformity with changing orditions. All four of the amendments, we believe, are worthy of support.

he Campaign Against Cancer

REALLY isn't surprising that for so many years cancer was surrounded by aura of superstition so that those who freed from it refused to identify their ment publicly. It's a dread and secret

We have now conquered the superstition, always necessary prelude to conquering a disease itself. We recognize the runa-ycells as malignant and dangerous, but no longer regard them as shameful or essarily incurable. Methods of treat-mt and control nave been vastly im-pred until early discovery now usually

faving dragged cancer out into the open ere it can be effectively fought, the dical researchers have also redoubled ir efforts to solve the mystery of its

cause. Research, stepped up measurably by the new potentiallities of nuclear fission, is continuing at a dozen great centers and at many points in the field. The cause will be discovered one of these days, and the quick and certain remedy will follow.

But cancer research and care for its victims is expensive It is financed now largely by the American Cancer Society, which is once again conducting its annual which is once again conducting its annual campaign throughout the month of April. Workers of the Charlotte Woman's Club are in the field now on behalf of the Society and this week they will pause for their first summing up. Their goal is comparatively modest—only \$15,425 for Mecklenburg County—and certainly it will be met. The Cancer Society's appeal combines humaneness with self-interest. There is still grim truth in the reminder: You may be next.

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An Affirmation Of Faith

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People's Platform

Lessons Of Reconstruction

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for most poisons. __MRS. ROSK M. BLANTON. __

Marquis Childs

Labor Bill Strategy

period in Whice strikes was well as minimum. Within the Senate committee there is a sharp controversy over the kind of bill to be finally reported to the Senate. Chairman Robert A. Tat's favors an omnibus bill that, as one Senator put it, would contain everything, including the kitchen sink.

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Joseph Alsop

Cloud On Horizon

WASHINGTON

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of prosperity have been unusually widely dispersed andustry has been unusually widely dispersed. Andustry has been been been so that the hashess profits in history—112 billion a quarter currently, and as light on the hashess with few one of two luxury industries like distilling. The share of the 14,000,000 organized workers has also been very large, with industriate the control of the share of the hashess has been very large, with industriate has hour base rate. And despite their immemorial plaints, the tromble is that industry and the trombe is that industry and the control of the shares have been despited by the shares and the farmers constitute, in effect, a privileged minority.

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Drew Pearson's : Lewis Vulnerable To Income Tax Charge

If the U. S. Government really wants to call the turn on John L. Lewis, it has a simple way of doing it. All it has to Go is of Cost Ethoff, the Springtled, Ill., mine owner whom Lewis paid to keep his mind closed back in 1937. In 1943, the Treasury Department investigated Lewis income tax and some officials were easier to prosecute. Other come tax and some officials were easier to prosecute. Other come tax and some officials were easier to prosecute. Other come tax and some officials were easier to prosecute. Other security of the comment of the comment

Radical Literature

BELISVE it or not, but some State Department officials
consider the Declaration of Independence a radical piece
of literature. This developed recently during the State and
racy in the USA. This propagatos is long-needed and longdelayed, but its effectiveness depends on how it is carried
out.

Future Steel Prices?
SECRETARY of the Treasury John Snyder is supposed to have an "in" with the U. S. Steel Corp., but last week he

again got his signals mixed.

It was Snyder who one year ago agreed to give U. Steel an increase in price, without remembering to get advance commitment that the company would raise wage Last week he got snarled up again.

Snyder had given President Truman advance assurance

that U. S. Steel would get on the Ford-Chrysler price-reducing bandwagon when the first-quarter was over on April 1. This was halled with joy at the White House. If U. S. Steel, the bellwether for the steel industry, reduced prices it meant that most other steel companies would follow suit it also meant that the downward price trend, which President Truman urgs, was on the way.

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So confident was the White House that U. S.
uild reduce that a new story was leaked out. So
ound the White House even gave the details—that
uild be cut \$2 per ton.

Unfortunately the price break did not come. Either John Snyder was all wet, or his friends in U. S. Steel changed their minds

Under The Dome

KENTUCKY'S Paul Porter, ex-OPA Admit asked why Truman sent him and Mark lisher of the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal, tions in Greece. Replied Porter: "Feuding me the only people who can understand the fig