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LOW-INCOME MEDICAL INSURANCE

THE new voluntary hospital insurance

pian for low-income groups in North
Carolina promises to be a significant development in the battle to provide adequate medical care at a reasonable cost
for all the people.

The piach has merit for several reasons:

1. It originated within athe profession
where leadership and eponorabile of better
medical care properly belongs;
2. It is a voluntary plan and thus avoids
the inherent evils of compulsory participation.

 It is designed to meet a great need among low income groups — individuals 3. It is designed to meet a great need among low income groups — individuals with earnings of \$3,000 or less, families with earnings of \$3,000 or less. 4. Its cost is reasonable—less than \$30 a 'year for an individual, \$68 a year for a family.

family.

5. It covers the services of doctors, in-cluding surgical fees, during the period of hospitalization, in addition to present fea-tures of Blue Cross hospital insurance. For these reasons the new program will

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be a tremendous help in entending better medical care to people who need it most. The North Carolina doctors who developed it don't know whether it is the final answer to the threat of national compulsory periences gained from the administration of the new program will undoubtedly point the way to still further advancement.

In all fairness, it should be pointed out that the momentum for the program did not develop until the threat of Federal action became a real one. But it is a refreshing thing to see the doctors of North Carolina continue to be progressive, consider a function became a real one. But it is a refreshing thing to see the doctors of North Carolina continue to be progressive, considera the continue of the continue of the doctors of North Carolina continue to be progressive, considera the continue of the doctors of North Carolina continue to be progressive, considera the continue of the doctors of North Carolina continue to be progressive, considera the continue of the doctors of North Carolina continue to be progressive, considerate the continue of the continue

ONE LESS LICENSING BOARD

MORE than ten years ago, in 1938, the Morth Carolina Supreme Court laid down a decision in the case of State vs. Laurence which had frightening implications. The case was brought to test the constitutionality of the N. C. Board of Photographic Beaminers. In ruling that the licensing board was constitutional, the Court said:

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the field.

At that time photographic licenship boards had been tested in Hawaii and Tennessee. Subsequently they were tested in Gorgia, Artzona, North Dakota, and Virginia. All their states declared them unconstitutional except North Carolina. Most legal experis have thought the Supreme Court was wrong in handling over to the Legislature so complicity the duty of the Legislature so complicity the duty of the Legislature so complicately the duty of the Legislature so complicately the duty of the Legislature. The present Supreme Court now thinks so, foo, for thas just results and the court now thinks so, foo, for the last results. deciding what is constitutional and what is not constitutional. The present Supreme Court now thinks so, too, for it has just reversed the 1938 decision and declared the Board of Photographic Examiners unconstitutional in the case of State vs. Ballance. The majority option set forth a different, and a more reasonable view from that of 1938:

of 1988:

Any statute which prevents any person from engaging in any legitimate business, occupation, or trade cannot be austained as a valid exercise of the police power unless the control of the public power unless the control of the public power unless the control of the public power welfare mass it reasonably necessary. The opinion added that such boards are legal when "the practice of a profession or acid, intimately affects the public health, moras, order, or asfety, or the general welfare. The ordinary, lawful and innocous occupations of life must be open to all alike upon the same terms."

This is a significant new legal interpretation of the proper limitations of North Carolina's sprawling system of loosely-supervised ilensing bo ar da. It recognizes that the Legislature "cannot deny or curtail the common right to all men . . . to maintain themselves and their families by pursuit of the usual, legitumets and harmless occupations of life" and points out that though photography is an "honored calling", it is "in essence a private business unaffected in a legal sense with any public interest." As a u.e. h, it is in no way equivalent to the examining boards for medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, or the law. Owen A. Ballance, an independent, unit-

owen A. Ballance, an independent, unli-censed photographer, opened s abop in Raliegh in 1945. He was prosecuted, and fined 450 by the Board of Photographic Examiners But Ballance refused to be cowed and rallied other independent pho-tographers behind him, acraped up enough money to fight the thing through to the Surmens Court.

Supreme Court.

His victory is a victory for all North
Carolina. According to a survey made by
Chaster Davis to the Worker-Sofen Journal recently, North Carolina the the nation
in 1943 in the numbers like the nation
in 1943 in the numbers like the state
it had authorized—21. And there had been
indications that the Legislature would be
asked to create similar boards this year for
the funeral directors, realtons, road builders, watchmakers, and dancing teachers.

The ruling that the Photographic Board unconstitutional will discourage the

is unconstitutional will discourage the General Assembly from yielding to pressure to create more of the boards until such a time as the dublous constitutionality of some others—for example, the tile layers—can be challenged in court.

Mr. Davis pointed out in his article that the photographers had "selected its court cases with care, picking cases where it was milkely that the defendant could afford milkely that the defendant could afford the constitutionality of the law."

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It appears they made a mistake when they selected Owen A. Ballance of Raleigh.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

THE success of a small group of local men in getting scholarships for Meck-lenburg students at one of the fine old U. S. academies has set in motion a proposed so that the set of the set

If it worked so well with Andover, why
shouldn't it work with other academies,
and eventually with regular colleges
and universities? This question started to
committee to work on the bigger, broader
project which was outlined before the Kiwants Club this week by Howard Snow and

That the Kiwanians showed interest, arship com nd put their student loan committee to as possible.

From The New York Times

work exploring the idea, was to be expected. For it appears to be a simple and effective way to render an important service. Practically every private educational justitution in the nation, academy or university, has funds for student scholarships. And in the city and county schools there are any number of capable, personable, nationally academy of the complete their education.

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Such a committee, composed of alumni representing various institutions, could serve as an active agency (1) to find out where the scholarships are and (2) to select qualified students and push their applications. As Mr. Show said, the successful piscing of three or four students each year at one academy would indicate that places could be found for a great many laces could be found for a great many.

The prospect is an intriguing one, and its to be hoped that such a general scholarship committee will be formed as early as possible.

TRAINING YOUNG DRIVERS

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CALIFORNIA, the leading state in the nation in automobile registration, has adopted a law which makes obligatory the training of high school students in the art and obligations of automobile driving. We applied this action. Although the support of such training in the schools is gaining spround, will only 15 per cent of the major of the subject of such training in the schools is gaining sround, will only 15 per cent of the major of such training in the schools is gaining sround, will only 15 per cent of the major of the schools is gaining sround, will only 15 per cent of the major of the schools is gaining sround, will only 15 per cent of the major of strict and maintenance scittifies. Thus foreign languages can be at be learned while the tongule is "in the gristle," so the important attitudes as well as 'the skills of motor car handling are best indoctrinated in the formative years.

The action of California has already been recommended for extension in Oregon and elsewhere, at the convention of the Sational Automobile Dealers Association.

(Ky) Herald.



People's Platform

Motorist Scores Inspection Program

Editors, The News:

WITH your indulgence I wish to give expression to some convictions of mine with not too much respect to the Vehicle Inspection Law as it stands and as it may be amended.

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OREENSBORO the lens had failen out. I got a rejection slip on the windshield and ten days in which to have the repair made.

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At the 'repair' shop, whence I went after a long hunt in junk-yards for another tail light, I was told it would not be necessary to replace the old light; if the fixture were removed entirely the car would pass. That proved to be sound advice and my old jalopy passed with fying colors—and one tail light.

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My conviction about that is that the emoty
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The expense of finding and busing another lightly
during a second trip to the inspection has even
to good purpose except, possibly, to fatten up the
statistics.

number were found to be defective in some particular.

It was not the basis of these "made" statistics the original bill was presented and guided through to be proven at all could not which persuase and could not conceivably the provision of th

Stewart Alsop

Incident Reviewed

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soviet Marnhal Vassity Sokolovsky, asked him to dinner.

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Marquis Childs

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Drew Pearson's Rail Chief Says Labor To Back Truman Merry-Go-Round

THE busiling chief of the Railway Trainmen, A. F. Whitney, A. saured President Truman the other day that organized above will supply the property of the prope

everybody.

However, what the Trainmen's boss didn't reveal was
that he had heard a loud objection to one part of the pro-gram at a dinner the night before, attended by several
Democratic Senators and Representatives of all the big labor

the Administrations into our win inset to see the uni-Dibir labor leaders, holding Whitney, Arthur Goldberg of the CIO and Lew Hines of the AFL, didn't commit them-selves on the injunction crackdown—aimed chiefly at Lewis, But Whitney endorsed the proposed ban on jurisdictional strikes, which, be asid, would reduce reduce union memberraiding."
the end, however, Kennedy voted with the others to
uman's entire legislative program. Postoffices For Dixiecrats?

NOT Interesting sets of the no-patronase-numbranes to MDST Interesting sets of the no-patronase-numbranes to MDST Interesting sets of the numerical set of postmasterships for Congressional Gene Cox of Georgia Although Chalrman McGrath has laid down the rule that ableterats are ton postmasters for patronage, and though President Truman snulbed Governors Thurmond and Tail-madee in the inaugural paried, some of the Distertas are able to ext choice jobs at the public feed-trough just the same.

NOTE—Some Administration advisers are pointing out that if the President can't control his own Democratic Party sufficiently to pass his program through the filst Congress, he is lost politically, for he can't use the Republican Congress as an alibi.

Merry-Go-Round

WILL ROCERS JR. California politico and son of the Manous humorist. Is lobbying to set up the Navajo nation under an independent administrator—diversed from the Indian Bureau. Rogers, who has adopted two Indian chilandam Bureau. Rogers, who has adopted two Indian chilandam and the Company of the Company of the Company of the Navingson Company. Company of the Navingson Company.

Kentucky Vs. Maryland Ham

A CAPITOL newsman was joshing Vice-President Alben Barkley about a fourteen-pound Maryland ham recently stolen from his office.

"What's a good Kentuckian like you doing eating Mary-land ham?" inquired the reporter.

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"Oh, that was a present to me from Frederick, Md."

"Polviously!" rejoined Bartley. "In addition to making
the best hams in the country, we Kentuckians pride ourselves
on our good manners. That Maryland ham was a present.
You can't send something like that back."

Under The Dome

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JORN J. McCLOY, former Assistant Secretary of Wai, now
president of the World Bight, is being pushed for the yeb
of Secretary of National Defense, effect as Republican and sa
of the nation's highways for national defense. Results work
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highways have failers to far below defense requirements that
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