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BATTLE OF THE STATISTICS

THE PEOPLE of North Carolina have made up their minds to sacrifice greatly, if necessary, so that their children will have an educational opportunity at least equal to that of children in other States.

There is good basis in logic and in fact for certain objections which have been made to SB199 and HB350, identical measures introduced last week in the Senate and House respectively.

The bill calls for a division between State and counties on an average 65-35 basis of the costs of instructional service, current expense, and capital outlay (excluding new buildings).

The State would keep full responsibility for the operation of school children and health service for them. Each county's share would be determined by its ability to pay, as measured by certain economic indices.

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THE BUILDING IS GONE

JOE LOUIS has been like a building you walk by every morning on your way to work. You seldom notice it, yet if you should glance at it as you go by you aren't surprised to find it there gone.

Louis, who is getting old (34) for a fighter, has retired from the ring. Joe Louis is no longer heavyweight champion of the world.

How many times can you remember Harry Balogh shouting in his raucous voice above the roar of Madison Square Garden: "The winner and still heavyweight..."

You'll remember, too, the teams of stories written for newspapers in the weeks preceding a Louis fight, the club room bets, the arguments, the fights that preceded the big fight.

But that's taking it too seriously. Sure, Americans like a fight, whether it's in the ring or on the street corner, but they don't think about it very often.

ODDS AND ENDS

A FEW days ago an automobile driven by Salisbury woman overturned near North Wilkesboro. The driver was killed. Her husband was injured.

Now was falling rapidly and the windshield was shattered. The driver lost control of the car, which swung to the left, then back to the right, and overturned on its wheels.

In Raleigh, a few days later, the Senate Roads Committee approved a weak and ineffectual substitute for the late automobile inspection program.

In all the cities of the state where licenses are sold there was a big rush last week. Owners of ancient, disintegrated jalopies who had been taken off the roads because they were unsafe wandered in and bought licenses — 468 dating from 1937.

From The Winston-Salem Journal

HURTING THEMSELVES

THE GREENSBORO NEWS offers one a very plausible reason why rent controls have not been abolished.

It points to a news story in that paper showing that rents on housing decontrolled in Greensboro from November to February rose on an average of 105 per cent. Only four landlords, it points out, were content with less than double the rent allowed under controls.

The rent control setup has a lot of flaws, some of which we endeavored to set out in a recent Journal editorial. It has penalized many conscientious, honest and reasonable landlords.

But as long as there are some landlords who appear determined to raise rents just as high as the traffic will bear there is likely to be strong and wide demand for rent control.

ation Plan, for a few years at least, would be to lower local school standards instead of raise them.
They felt that additional levies which would be necessary to maintain Charlotte and Mecklenburg schools at their present level would discourage further growth and expansion of business and industry here.

Mecklenburg's Commissioners are not alone. According to John Sklar, executive secretary of the N. C. Association of County Commissioners, a majority of the counties of the State will oppose the 65-35 Foundation Plan, even some who stand to gain, because it gives a central authority over school standards and local tax rates.

Our whole State Government is based on the assumption that wealthier counties should pay a larger proportion of its costs than poor counties. That is a supportable theory, one which has worked well in the past. It should not, however, be extended so far that it imposes unreasonable burdens on those who, by enterprise and initiative, have built up their own community services.

Open discussing of the Foundation Plan at a hearing in Raleigh tomorrow will doubtless be the first step in the campaign which has resulted primarily from poor strategy by the Board of Education, after the people have heard both sides, they can make up their minds.

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TRUMAN'S POKER PARTNER

SOUTHERN leaders have quietly passed the word to block the appointment of Men Wallgren, the President's cronie as the first act of reprisal against President Truman's stubborn stand on the filibuster and civil rights.

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People's Platform An Unjust Accusation

CONCORD Ill 1935. Then look out. The lid will blow off. There will be a world-wide depression.

There is too much money in circulation, too much buying going on for too many people have a surplus to bring on a depression any time soon. I have lived through four depressions in my 70 years of life.

I lived before Mr. Teeter for months and I will go on records as saying Mrs. Teeter did not run around after or with other men. In the first place she didn't have time, what with doing her housework for a family of nine.

She worked every day possible from 3 o'clock until 11. She always came home on the 11:30 bus and went back to her house and not neglected as the children until time to catch the bus for work around 2:15 P.M.

Other than going to work, I saw her go off alone once. She always took some of her children with her. She was also a very faithful member of her church. She was glad to do anything she could do to help.

She was a member of the Southside Baptist Church and was baptised there. She was very much concerned about her husband, she had her pastor talk with him to try and get him interested in the church and his work.

She didn't do like so many of us mothers who have one or two children, such as getting them to school and seeing them off themselves. She took her when there was no sickness to prevent her from doing so.

Her husband had complain about having to support her family and one look at her children will show they have been cared for and all she knew that they would have had she taken the time to run after other men.

Her husband and family were her first and only concern. She loved them all deeply and that is why it was such a shock to all who knew her when we heard the contents of that note left by Mr. Teeter.

As I have said before, none of us will ever know what was really in his mind, so regardless of how she must not let a woman who lived so high above reproach be so cheaply placed before the public.

—MRS. MARVIN A. HOLLER

Drew Pearson's Southern Negro Cited For Brotherhood

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