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AN IMPERATIVE SCHOOL PROBLEM

The Middle District Federal Court in Greensboro has a full court before it charging that Negro children in Durham are not getting a square deal in schools that they have only "outmoded and inadequate" school buildings.

The case was filed as a complaint by a number of Negro parents in the recent decision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

All over the country, the NAACP has been winning such cases, and on the basis of statistics on white and Negro school buildings in North Carolina, they're likely to win here.

Negro elementary classrooms met the Commission's level for "satisfactory."

In high schools, 84 per cent of the classrooms for white students were satisfactory, only 61 per cent in the Negro schools.

Such discrimination as does exist comes at the local level where responsibility for school buildings and other fixed facilities rests. And there is where the test will be made and the issue fought out.

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THE 1920 BOND ISSUES

STILL another public misconception about the \$200 million bond issue is the general impression, fostered by the proponents of the proposal, that our present system of State roads is largely due to our willingness to borrow \$115 million in the 1920's.

When one stops to consider, also, that it has already cost us \$89 in interest to retire \$92 of the \$115 million in bonds, the net contribution to the road system from those bonds becomes somewhat less than Government bonds would have us believe.

THE WORLD CAN CRITICIZE . . .

THE charge that Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) leveled at the Senate Armed Forces Committee, after he had stormed out of its investigation of the Malmedy trials, is a serious one.

It accuses the subcommittee of being afraid to take the lead in its attempt to "whitewash a shameful episode in the history of our glorious armed forces. It accuses it of concealing a wrong, and impugning the fair name of the millions of men and women who served with valor and distinction in the armed services."

MECKLENBURG'S ABC STORES

CHARLOTTE is frequently used by probably a half dozen ABC stores.

President Truman is cracking the patronage whip over the heads of Southern Democrats who haven't gone along with his program. Look out, Harry, we saw a sign that said "let's get the Russians out one time and fall right off a wagon."

A local man, married almost fifty years, has been under the impression it is that gets into the women to make them want to shove the furniture back and forth each Spring.

From Behind The 'Iron' Curtain

Joseph Alsop



Union Progress In The South Ten Years With The TWUA

By BOB BAIN
Charlotte News Staff Writer
In Charlotte's Bryant Park last week, several hundred people settled down at tables on the grass to talk with friends and hear a few speeches.

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Provisions that lay-offers and recalls; reporting pay, which "cuts into the hit-or-miss spare hand system of job placement, and the casual approach to the whole system of employment in the textile industry, whereby any "hand" could be used as required, and no man could call his job his own.

Politically in North Carolina anyway, the TWUA is regarded as the most powerful force in the state's United Labor Political Committee for North Carolina.

In the 1938 elections the ULPNC published a booklet: "Program for the People of North Carolina" in which a detailed legislative plan was laid out.

The anti-labor viewpoint like it has far more supporters in the South than the pro-labor viewpoint holds that the union member is a virtually foreign body in the industrial system.

But, like it or not the Southern cannot realize the TWUA has come a long way in ten years and an even longer way in its two years in the South.

North Carolina's administration, the "Go Forward" program of Gov. Kerr Scott, is avowedly pro-union. It is the only state in the South where the union member is a virtually foreign body in the industrial system.

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Drifting Near the Rocks

WASHINGTON

POSSIBLY the note the business forecasters and economists are hearing is not the crash of a reef of bad times. But it must be said that when so many of the chart-studiers think there is a depression ahead, it is a bit alarming.

The treatment accorded the quarterly report of the President's Economic Advisory Council is highly unusual. It is the only report of its kind that has been given such a prominent place in the news.

The two most important recommendations, which have been much misinterpreted in the press, were as follows: (1) since the economy is immediately needed, the inflation control provisions of the Economic Recovery Act of 1948 should be put into effect.

In addition, the Council urged the President rather significantly to extend the unemployment benefits under social security and provide relief for planning public works programs in areas where serious joblessness is being reported.

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Really Free Press

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WITH some tardiness the press has taken recognition of a pretty bleak situation. The facts are that in Illinois, the number of publishers and editors has declined since 1930.

It had not been for the initiative of the Chicago Daily News, which has been hitting newspapers—the Chicago Daily News and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch—these facts would perhaps have come to light.

Harold B. Johnson, editor of a publisher of the Waterbury, N.Y., Times, died the other day.

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