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AN IMPERATIVE SCHOOL PROBLEM

All over the country, the NAACP has All over the country, the NAACP has basis of statistics on white and Negro school buildings in North Carolina, they're likely to win here't A.count presented with a set of figures like this would not have much trouble making a decision about "equal and adequate" facilities:

Average Insentment is achool buildings per papit 1984-44:
White:
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Country to a low of \$42.5 in Greate Country.
Negro: from a high of \$459.20 in CurriCountry to a low of \$22.5 in Gates Country.
These figures are taken from the recent
State Education Commission report. These report further took note of the difference in education I facilities for whites and

in educational facilities for whites and Negroes as follows:

Further evidence of the inequality be-tween white and Negro schools is the fact that while 70 per cent of the white ele-mentary classrooms in North Carolina were ed "satisfactory" by the Educa-mmission, only 42 per cent of the

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STILL another public misconception
about the \$200 million bond issue is the
general impression, fostered by the propoincents of the proposal, that our present
system. of State roads is largely due to our
gillingness to borrow stills million in the
18202.

Overmore Scott, and his battery of
spokesmen have hammered away at this
program made possible by the \$4115 million
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in borrowed money resulted in higher automobile registration, greater gasoline tax
revenue, and speedler industrialization.
There is \$2\$ great deal of truth in these
claims. Our "courage" in the 1920's probshly did give the State a temporary advantage over some of its neighbors.

But the average person who does not
have access to all the available information about how our highway system has
been built might get the idea from all this
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THE Adddie District Federal Court in Greensboro now has a suit before it charging that Negro children in Durham are not getting a square deal in schooling, that they lave only 'outmoded and inadequate' achool buildings.

The case was field a complaint by a number of Negro achoacting complaint by a number of Negro achoacting complaints. But it is being good to complaint to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

That same group—the NAACP—avs it will continue to take its complaints into court under the Fourteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

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whereas only 50 per cent were satisfactory in Negro schools.

A 5 FAR as current State contributions to A education are concerned, there is little or no discrimination. Teacher salaries are the same, tratisportation facilities are about the same, free textbooks go to white same, the same state of the same and the same state to local level where responsibility for achool buildings and other fixed facilities reats. And there is where the test will be made and the issue fought out. No dispassionate, fair-minded person can deny the simple injustice of the present system. But a mere admission that the attuation exists is not enough. The question lix What are we going to do about it?

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Will not the \$25 million from State school bonds be subjected to such court jests? If it it is allocated on an average daily membership basis, will there not be court rulings that it must be open among whites the same state of the same state o

In the 28 years from 1921 to 1948, the highway revenue from all sources added up

to a grand total o	1 \$900,010,220, 88 1	onows.
Source	Amount Perc	entage
Gasoline Tax	\$487,386,679	47.8
Motor Vehicles, etc.	215,190,623	22.4
Pederal Aid	121,662,439	12.6
Bond Issues	115,000,000	12.1
Miscellaneous	42,370,485	5.1

Note that we have gotten more money from Federal aid than from those bonds; that motor vehicle taxes have produced ai-most twice as much; and that gasoline taxes have brought us nearly four times as

much.

When one stops to consider, also, that it has already cost us 890 in interest to retire 820 of the 8115 million in honds, the net contribution to the road system from those bonds becomes somewhat less than Governor Scott would have us believe.

The people may decide to gamble again. If they do so after being given all the information on both sides, no one will quarriel with their decision.

THE WORLD CAN CRITICIZE ing evidence that American interrogators subjected the Nast suspects to brutal beatings in order to get them to confess. These brutalities, he said, were "greater than any we have ever accused either the Russians or filler-Germany of employing" and were in such forms "as only could be devised by warped minds." The incident which made the Senator-blow his top was the refusal of Chairman Baldwin of the subcommittee to permit the use of a lie detector in examining he americans charged with the brutalities. But it, to-him, was just the final straw. Sen. McCarthy is not attacking the integrity of the U. 8. armied forces; his ityring to uphold it. So long as the nation is deprived of the full facts of the case by a Congressional "whitewash", the cloud of suspicion will linger over the U. 8. theory and pyactice of justice.

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.

"I accuse the subcommittee of being afraid of the facts. I accuse it of attempting to withtersah a shameful episode in the history of our glorious armed forces. I accuse it of fair name of the millions of men and women who served with valor and distinction in the armed services."

Senator McCarthy was talking about one of the black chapters of World War II—the massacre of American prisoners at Maimedy. He doean't excuse, or condone the action of, the Nazis who perpetrated the infamous murders and who have since been tried and convicted.

But he sincerely believes the overwhelm-From The Winston-Salem Sentinel

MECKLENBURG'S ABC STORES

CHARLOTTE is frequently used by pro-hibitionists as a bad example. Charlotte, on the other hand, is used by advocates of ABC stores as a good example.

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Often the same statistics are used by pro-ABC people and by anit-ABC debaters to "prove" what they say is right.

In a battle of statistics one thing becomes clear: there is not much difference in the general run of life in a community whether or not the community has ABC stores. Findings of the Winston-Sale m Committee of One Hundred indicate that since there is no noticeable change in-Abc Committee of One Hundred indicate that since there is no noticeable change in-file welfare, health, safety and cultural fishits of citizens in a county having ABC stores as opposed to a city not having ABC stores, it all comes down to a matter of control of the spie of liquor.

Charlotte newspapers reported last week that revenues from ABC stores were help-life Mecklenburg County. A peadlins in

The Charlotte News read, "ABC Funds To Cut 30 Cents Off Tax Rate."

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A Charlotte Observer headline stated:
"ABC Profits Paving Huntersville Streets."

In other words, revenue which used to go
into the pockets of bootleggers and other
lawless elements now is used to help pay
the expenses of that county.

President Truman is cracking the pa-President Truman is cracking the pa-tronage whip over the heads of Southern Democrats who haven't gone along with his program. Look dut, Harry, we saw a fellow get tangled up in a blacksnake whip one time and fall right off a wagon. — Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

A local man, married almost fifty years, still can't understand what it is that gets into the women to make them want to shove the furniture back and forth each Spring, "Lamor (Mo.) Democrat.

From Behind The 'Iron' Curtain



Union Progress In The South

Ten Years With The TWUA

Charlette News Staff Writer
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was new to the nation.

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program.
It's a two-pronged program, the TWUA is at-termiting to put into effect. It is both economic and political.
The union declares that it has achieved these

with labor.

North Carolina's administration, the "Go Forward" program of Gov. Kerr Scott, is arowedly propriated to the national administration of Harry Trumans, who then major reddit for his election to the control of the section of the control of the section of the first Congress weaker if not crippled.

Unions—TWUM among them—gained much during the administration of FDR and thee nailed it down, with demonstrations of their voting power.

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Drifting Near The Rocks

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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WHAT goes on inside the board is top secret, but certainly the golds of the board is top secret, but certainly the golds of the control of the golds of the control of the golds of secret to hide what the board int doing instead of what it is doing.

Here is an illustration of how the secrecy run-around

WASHINGTON

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