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CHARLOTTE'S SCHOOL PROBLEM"

THE grim facts of Charlotte's school Terisla, related in Mr. Fesperman's two-part series in Twe News, speak for themselves and do not need restating, here. There is bitter irony in the apparent in-ability of the rich, prosperous Queen City to provide its children with the clasarroom space and everyday working materials of modern education; irony tinged only by the realization that it is a nation-wide problem, in rural and urban areas allike. It is easy to understand why the schools are Jammed:

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Bith rate and population figures are cold. But when translated into teeming scholons of little children, moving on our school buildings with the expectation of getting there the education which is their due, only to find themselves jammed into auditoriums, onto stages, into teachers' rest lounges, without blackboards, without backboards, without backboards, without backboards and their abeets of drawing paper, unable to do calisthenics because of contact with the next child's graves are warmer. . and more disteasing.

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OUR school officials have not been idie.

They have sought out the best brains in the business to help them keep track of the perplexing shifts in residential area population and to design new buildings so they may be enlarged at a reasonable cost as the need arises. And they are buildings now, just as fast as available funds will permit.

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Nor have the people of Charlotte been tight-fitsed. The last bond issue for achool construction—in the samount of \$4,000,000—passed overwheimingly, If the people were asked to vote more money for schools tomorrow, they would undoubtedly do so. But there is a joker, Under North Carolina isw, the County Government is the school building agency. At present, Mecklenburg's bonded indebtedness totals \$3,446,750. The constitutional limit on borrow-ing—5 per ent of the assessed property abustion — is \$11,282,069. That means Mecklenburg County could vote an addition.

push the absolute limit and have no reserve borrowing capacity for unpredictable emer-gency community meds. But that amount would scarcely relieve the situation in the city of Charlotte alone, where school needs are conservatively estimated at more than \$5,000,000, not to mention the correspond-tion need in the county area. ing need in the county area.

THE problem, then, is how to get more money for schools. There are three

possible ways:

1. A greatly expanded pay-as-you-go plan for school capital outlay, which would have to provide some \$150,000 to \$1,000,000 at year for several years to make much progress against the \$1 de sof postwar bables. But such a program would require sharp increases in the country's tax yate, an irritation to taxpayers perhaps, but cheaper in the long run than paying principal and interest on bonds.

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3. The third alternative is a general revaination of \$23,70,1378 is not more than one-fourth the real property value on to-elourth the real property value on to-

valuation of \$239,701.875 is not more than one-fourth the real property value on to-day's markets. If the County Board would order a revaluation, as urged repeatedly by Commissioner Caldwell MacDonald, the more realistic valuation would automatically boost our borrowing capacity.

OUR children need more classroom space, and need it urgently. We must not fall them.

This is no time to look to Raleigh or attretion out our hands toward Washington; it is a time to get bour right here in Charleston, and the state of the state of

THE MINTON APPOINTMENT

become one of the loudest and most inritat-ing of the New Dealers in that august as-sembly. By the time President Roosevit got around to his Supreme Court-packing scheme in 1937, Minton was right there to

Unruffled by the miserable failure of Unruffled by the miserable failure of that abortive undertaking, he began pounding the tom-tom for Mr. McNutt who had left a potent machine in Indiana while-he went to bask in the Philippine sunshine. In October, 1937, when Rooserelt was on one of his rare "economy" drives, Senator Minton paid him a visit, Questioned by re-porters later, he answered, in typical fash-lon:

ion:
"I asked for a hell of a lot of PWA money and didn't get a dime."
But he kept doing yeoman's service for PDR. In 1928, when the President's famed Reorganization Bill was bogging down,

IN DEFENSE OF PIGDOM

NORTH CAROLINA'S pigs, we take it, will squeal with delight that a State College professor has risen to their defense. Pigs, says Dr. H. A. Stewart, are neither dirty by choice nor gluttonous by nature. It's all Man's fault, and we ought to be ashamed of ourselves for spreading such wielms slander.

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The trouble is that the average pig never gets a chapter to show just how clean and dainty he really is.

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JUDGE SHERMAM MINTON, nevest Sugarder and the substitution hursiedly convened his Lobby Investigating Committee for its first meeting synites Tom Clark in a cut above synites Tom Clark in the sense of the Circuit Court bench during which he must have absorbed some degree of judfiels wisdom and dignity.

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Majority Leader Barkley recognized Minton's qualities as a New Deal Jackey and
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has drawn a \$12,000 salary and served
without particular distinction.
Some of us are naive enough to believe
the Supreme Court should be staffed with
the greatest men in the legal profession.
But apparently the President, doesn't feel
that way, and about all we can do is hope
that the Court will not suffer too much
from the Clark-Minton appointments.

and gulp down what's there to the tune of grunts and oinks and wheezes. The reason they act like that is that the average farm-er doesn't feed them enough, and they're always ravenously hungry.

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Ordinarily we would file away such information alongside the mating habits of the bandiail pigeon and the migratory routes of the North American egret. But this thing is too far-reaching. How, pray, is the mesher going to scold her youngsters when they come in "dirty as hogs" and "eat like pigs" at the supper table. How, indeed?

The reason the old-fashloned mother didn't have haif the trouble keeping up with her ten children as the modern mother has keeping track of one may be due to the fact that the old fashloned kids didn't have anywhere to go but home. — Pittsburg (Texas) Gazette.

Bicycle Built For Two'



People's Platform

Answer To Mayor Shute-

Editors, The News:

MONROE

MANY citizens in Monroe were shocked at the
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Traffic Hazard

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Cardinal Spellman Supported McCAIN, N. C.

FOR many years my family has been readers of your excellent paper; will you please print this

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This recent statement is not the result of Cardinal Spellman's changing his ideals, but rather because these have always been his ideals. Also his recent visit to Mrs. Roosevelt was not the result of his changing his ideals; but rather because one should hate the sin but not the sinner!

Both his talk at Fordham University and his letter to Mrs. Roosevelt did not contain any strong language; furthermore he has not called either Mrs. Roosevelt or Mr. Barden any names! He has merely stated a few facts! Difference in religion has nothing whatever to do with Cardinal Speliman's action toward Mrs. Roosevelt and Mr. Barden!

Cruelty To The GOP

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Editors. The News:

NOTED your editorial on the Republican victory. In the congressional district in Pennsylvania. For the past if years how, American voters with a cruel-with the control of the past in the control of the past in the control of the past with the control of the past where the old Republican ment on the Repubs. In the off years they raise their hopes to the point where the old Republican ment on the Repubs. In the off years they raise their hopes to the point where the old Republican president is still a long way off.

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cooperation on your part to be extended.

ARS. DICKSON.

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Taft And Eisenhower

CEN. ROBERT A. TAFT'S first College of the College

stand Taft has taken is tending to take up powerful opponents against state up to the control of the control of

There is no use trying to fore-cast the outcome of the most im-portant, and most disputed, state-portant and most disputed, state-topy of the state of the state of the Even if Lincoln runs, Taff may perhaps win. It is further possible preadonal isolationism will produce greational isolationism will produce a state of the state of the state of the tright of the state of the state of the Taff victory in Ohio can be counted on. to stimulate very powerfully on the state of the stat

Robert C. Ruark

Standard Procedure

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Sen. Thomas Takes Interest In Eggs

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At that time Thomas vigorously denied be was speculating, called this columnits a liar, and all the cotton he owned was called this columnits a liar, and all the cotton he owned was given required to the service of the control of the service of

Ferguson Is Outbluffed

OHEREFORE, Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan, then a chairman of a Senate investigating sub-committee, was authorized to probe the operations of his colleague from Oklahoma. Bit Sen. Thomas did some quick investigating of his own - of Sen. Ferguson, Following which he wrote Ferguson a letter in longhand, later published in this column, threatening to expose certain conquestions between

the Ferguson family and the Chrysler Motor Co.

Confronted with this letter, the Senator from Michigan
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Eighteen months have passed, and Ben. Thomas is now
up to his old tricks. Since the Democratic victory last
November, he has been restored as chairman of the postnovement of the property of the control o

September.
Then, about two weeks ago. Sen. Thomas let loose a significant public statement. He took a sudden, surprising interest in eggs, publicly complained about the price of eggs, and blasted the Agriculture Dept.'s egg-price-support program, every time the Senate Agriculture Committee me.

Ten Carloads Of Eggs

NOW every housewife would like to see the price of egst come down. But what every housewife does not have in the come down. But what every housewife does not have in the United States knew was that Thomas' infinites friend, Dyke Cullum, had just purchased ten freight carloade of Dyke Cullum, had just purchased ten freight carloade of the price of the company of th

Column has took min that remoulen was not coCollinh had so heckled the you'lty division with letters,
phone calls and personal visits in which he claimed tor
present the Senate Agriculture Committee that Termohlen
finally challenged him — bluntly asked whether he was paid
by the Senate committee.

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"I represent Sen. Thomas personally" cules declared.
Cullium also wrote, both under his own name and that
of Sen. Thomas, excellent and criticiting the segs program. He did not at any time reveal, of course, that he had
purchased ten carlosses of egg futures.

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secretary amount or supposed responsibilities.

Again Cullium did not reveal that having purchased ten carloads of eggs, he was a highly interested party.

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