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Do The Pigs And Cows Come First?

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North Carolina's homefolks
arent doing the job that must be doneEvidence of this is found in freshly gathered statistics released by the North Carolina Education Association. These figures present a convincing and alarming
picture of the state's continuing shame:
The illiteracy of large numbers of North
Carolina's people.

Despite recent progress, here is where
the Tar Heel state stands on the national
yardstick of education:

The educational level of North Carolina
adulta—less than eight years of
schooling—gives this state the rank of
fourth from the bottom of the list. The
national overage is 9.3 year.

Heel adults
have had less than five years of schooling That puts North Carolina sixth from
the bottom of the list. The national overage is 11 per cent.

During the first year of the Korean
War, 34.6 per cent of North Carolina's
draft eligibles failed to pass the Armed
Forces Qualification Test. That placed the
state seventis from the bottom of the
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What is the trouble? Can't North Carolina afford to hire the best minds to handle its teaching chores? No. Tar Heel teachers received last year an average annual salary of only \$3.228—or 16th from the bottom of the list. The national cueroge is \$3.816.

Int the education of North Carolina's children being carried out in the most effective, efficient manner! Hardly. The average class size is 28.7 pupils per teacher—third from the bottom. The national cueroge is 24.1.
Furthermore, North Carolina's average expenditure per pupil from state and local sources is \$161—eventh from the bottom. The national average is \$230.62.

The average value of North Carolina's public school property per pupil is \$216—eighth from the bottom. The national curerage is \$454.

Of course, there is another aspect to the problem. When statisticians measure North Carolina's efforts to support its schools by the percentage of per capita income used for school expenditures, the state ranks seventh from the top of the list.

Income used for school expenditures, the state tranks seventh from the top of the late tranks. Then are homefolks doing all they can? That is the real question. Look at what NCEA wants for education this year:

It argues that North Carolina must work harder to get its children to school and keep them there. But it is told that the General Assembly will do nothing about enforcing school attendance laws. It says the state must improve the effectiveness of teaching at every level. But it is told that the General Assembly has done about all it can do to pay salaries that will attract to the teaching profession the best minds among Tar Heel high school graduates.

NCEA says that "we must spend more money for, and work harder at, the education of our children." And yet it is told that North Carolinains will not fawor paying higher taxes for improved reaction of our children. And yet it is told that the state does not want federal aid that the state does not want federal aid

A Shaft Of Light In The Gloom?

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NoT uncommon claim of Tar Heel
A celitors is that things are going to
pot. Frequently, it seems that Ivory
Tower dwellers would rather "view with
alarm" than "point with pride."
The devil take tradition. We are going
to do some proud pointing.
The subject is North Carolina's commendable system of re-examining the
holders of drivers' licenses in order to
combat the toll of automobile accidents
resulting from physical infirmities.
For years, the motor vehicle operator's
permit, one of the best highway safety
devices, had been one of the most neglected. In the possession of aging drivers and others with failing evesight,
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Institud a system of "blanket renewal re-examinations" Now, J. C. Furnas, writing in Narroxal. Sarret Nrws, salutes the Tar Heel plan and urges that all states put a similar system into effect. Mr. Furnas, you may remember, is the author of "—And Sudden Death," a Reader's Dicast article which caused quite a stir in the motoring world some years ago.

The Gloom?

As you know, every four years Tar lied driverse must prove by test that they still deserve the privilege of operations of the still deserve t

It's Not The Food That Costs, Girls

"BUILT-IN maid service" is causing industry provides much of the packaging some concern in agricultural circles, according to Bill Whitley's MASHEWOON Berown. The new service is a merchanding term which refers to the elaborate preparation of foodstuffs before their sale.

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There are, for example, those luscious-looking selected pieces of chicken, all cleaned, disjointed and packaged. There's the popcorn built into its own skillet. And the refreshments in throwaway bottles And the french fries, all sliced and ready for the grease.

As every housewife knows, these new features ease the kitchen chores. The South is profiting from 'built-in maid service," in that the mushrooming paper

material.

But there's one thing people ought to bear in mind when they pay higher prices for these packaged food products. The farmer, who often gets blamed isn't at fault. He's getting less and less of the consumer's food dollar—in 1953 he got 45 cents out of it, and last year only 43 cents.

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Rather, as old John Turnipseed sagely observed in a recent issue of Panarue Fammer:

It aint the food that costs the meney in this country. Most of the dollar goes to pay people who is hired to cook your food ahead of time so you won't have to, and wrap it up purly in blue size packages so you won't have to get out the butcher knife to cut it up.

From The Providence Evening Bulletin

THE CANDY CURTAIN

RATHER nasty jolt can be had by reading a recent issue of the New Exclasions. A long state of the New Exclasions are already and the state of the New Exclasions. According to the New Exclasions, Soviet Prenier Georgi M Malenkov is leading a drive to deprive the West of chocolate candy by buying the entire equatorial cocao bean cropterprose: To lower a candy curtain around its vast domains.

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its vast domains.

"A candy curtain is no imaginary dream." the magazine stated, ominously, as if we thought it might be. Horrible scenes spring into the mind at the words. Chocolate glutted commissars lauphing flendishly at hungra-eyed American candy lovers; grinding cold wars over

scarcities of Turkish Delight, as we face endiess Mothers' and Valentine days to be celebrated without the twopound yum-yum hearts, and tears, endless tears, over the fate of the dental industry.

By George, it's no joke to any man who values his nougats and marshmallow rolls and nonparells. He knows how serious the candy war could be, and if it comes, will pull in his belt (if possible) to fight it out, if we know our American candy lover. Thank you. Please pass the pistachlo centers before this situation gets desperate.

Doctors, Prejudice, Bible And Greeks

Many Humanitarians In The Medical Profession
The Medical Profession
M. Holly
Editors. The News:
I CANNOT allow parts of the lettre by Mr. R. G. Saavakas, in which he criticizes the medial profession to so unchallenged.
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Emergency Alarm

arrive at the place where they can help us so effectively.

—MRS. JERNY TELERA

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Editors, The News:

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For Racial Prejudice

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Kites And Candles

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Radford Flouts Civilian Authority

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