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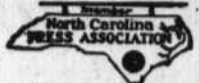
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**The People Should Know**

The following appeared in Sunday, October 29th Charlotte Observer as an editorial:

Five proposed amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Legislature of 1943 will be voted upon by the people of North Carolina in the coming election.

Four of them are unobjectionable and may safely be endorsed.

The other of the group, namely, Amendment No. 3, relating to changes in the control of the public school system of the State, would also be acceptable, although still somewhat debatable, except for one provision.

That provision is that if this amendment is passed, the present office of the comptroller of the State Board of Education, set up by the Constitutional amendment passed two years ago, would be abolished.

If it should be abolished, the present proposed amendment would establish the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as the single administrative agent of the entire school system of North Carolina, including responsibility for exercising all of the fiscal powers of the State Board of Education, including the spending of more than \$80,000,000, which the public schools are expected to receive from the next Legislature.

The State Superintendent is already in complete authority over the professional functions of the State's schools.

Under the terms of the new amendment, he would, in addition to all of his present official duties, be vested with constitutional authority to administer also all the financial responsibilities of the State's school system.

Manifestly, in such event, the State Superintendent would become the EDUCATIONAL CZAR OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The State Board of Education, set up by constitutional amendment two years ago to combine the five existing separate official bodies which had been serving in varying capacities of separate authority in the field of public education, would become hardly more than a rubber-stamp body to meet once a month and hear such motions and petitions as might be presented by the State superintendent.

This innocent and well-meaning amendment to the 1943 school amendment was submitted by the last Legislature, at the instance of Governor Broughton and other lay factors in the edu-

cational leadership of the State, in order as they thought, to improve upon some of the provisions of the original amendment.

It was believed wise that member representation on the State Board should be changed from congressional to so-called educational districts; that membership on the Board should be thrown more widely open rather than constricted only to "persons of training and experience in business and finance who shall not be connected with the teaching profession or any educational institution of the State"; and such changes made in the mechanics of appointment of members of the State board as would disallow any one Governor to appoint an entire Board.

No important objection is to be found with these provisions of change to which Governor Broughton and others agreed prior to the convening of the last Legislature, even though some of them may be controversial.

But it was NEVER IN THEIR AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS THAT A CLAUSE WOULD ALSO BE HANDED TO THE LEGISLATURE BY THE TERMS OF WHICH THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE WOULD BE ABOLISHED and all of the functions and responsibilities of that office turned over into the already overfilled hands of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

All of such maneuverings which go beyond the original agreements for changes to be suggested represent a clever strategy to accomplish what for many years the opponents of the former State School Commission have wished to accomplish, namely, the complete cancellation of the present and past policy and principle by which the financial and professional responsibilities of State Control and management of the public schools have heretofore been SEPARATELY administered.

It was on this basis, and with this understanding, that the State first assumed responsibility for financing the State's schools.

The former State School Commission was created by the Legislature to handle all the financial matters involved in the State's administration of the schools.

The present State Board of Education was created by Constitutional process in the last election to carry out that principal of separate administrations between the financial and professional branches of the system and the office of comptroller was created by this same Constitutional amendment to that end.

The Observer feels that the

people of the State who must make a decision on this amendment should know what is involved beneath the mere text or pretext of the new amendment proposed.

If they believe that the State Superintendent of public instruction is capable of handling BOTH THE FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL duties involved in administering the State's public schools, it is for them so to declare themselves.

If they are convinced that the State Superintendent's office can efficiently handle all of the complicated administrative functions now resting in its hands, all of the duties connected with the professional responsibilities which includes the exercise of plenary authority over 24,000 superintendents, principals and school teachers.

And if they are convinced that, in addition to all of these exacting and multitudinous duties, the

office of State superintendent should also be given COMPLETE AUTHORITY over the fiscal affairs of the school system, involving the handling and expenditure of more than \$80,000,000 for the next two years, then they, the people and voters of the State, have the responsibility for the creation of such totalitarian authority as this in the control of their public school system.

It may, incidentally, be of some interest to them, however, to know in this connection that it was the present State Superintendent himself who had a leading hand in getting the Legislature of 1943 to submit to the people an amendment which would give his office such unprecedented power.

And, also, that it is the State Superintendent whose name is today among those at the top of the list who are now campaigning actively in seeing that this amend-

ment is passed.

Another fact which is generally known among those who are informed on the matter, and pertinent as a reminder in this connection, is that feuds and frictions have long existed over the question of authority between the office of the State Superintendent and that of the former State School Commission, and even since its abolition by merger of that body into the present State Board of Education.

It has been consistently indicated by the present State Superintendent that the State Depart-

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The More Democratic Votes We Cast Tuesday The More Representation We Have in All State political meetings.

**TAXING AWAY JOBS**

An advertisement of Time magazine points out that a majority of authorities both New Deal and otherwise, strongly urge modification of tax levies against industry, even to the extent of eliminating corporate taxation. It further points out that the biggest obstacle to such sound renovation of the tax structure is the failure of the people to see how jobs and taxes are interwoven. Until they do, Congress will be slow to act. It says: "today, business earnings are taxed twice. First the Federal government takes up to 85 per cent of the profits through corporation taxes; then it takes up to 94 per cent of what is left in individual income taxes on the dividends. In many cases the most successful man can hope to keep for himself out of the earnings of a successful venture is about \$2.00 out of each \$100 of profit—with the government taking the other \$98.00."

"Is that enough? Would you bet \$100 at even money to win \$2.00? You certainly wouldn't."

"If you figure that way on your own money you can be sure that any man who has to invest a lot of his own and other people's money will feel and act the same way. And so our corporation taxes create a real danger that after the war business will just play safe with its money, instead of starting the new enterprises that will give people good jobs and make the country hum with peacetime activity."

And then, what about the individual? He shouldn't have to pay it all. A full adjustment is needed.

**A REMINDER FROM MOSCOW**

During a conversation in Moscow between Eric Johnson, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and Marshal Joseph Stalin, Johnson remarked to the Marshal: "I have seen American machines, American techniques, American assembly lines. You have drawn heavily upon the experience of American production engineers."

"But you are still wasting manpower. In your terrifically congested cities people stand in long queues waiting in line to buy food. It is a waste of human energy that you can ill afford. You need better distribution to make for better efficiency. You have called in American production engineers. What you now need is American technical advice on distribution. A few experts from our stores. . . ."

Yes, there is more to the efficiency of the American war effort than a lot of magnificent factories. Behind the success of those factories are 130 million people whose wartime routine of daily living moves with speed, precision and a minimum of wasted effort. Like the man who couldn't see the forest because of the trees, we are so busy completing each day's task we cannot grasp the enormity of the whole project. Certainly few of us ever stop to consider the part the retail distribution industry is playing by keeping a steady flood of necessities pouring over the counters of hundreds of thousands of stores throughout the nation.

Retailing doesn't expect any special recognition for the work it is doing any more than does any other industry, or any more than do millions of individual workers. But it is cheering to realize that when the work of all of us is put together, the result becomes an everlasting monument to the ability of free men.

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Calif. Finest Tokay GRAPES 2-lbs 29c

LETUCE, Large Crisp California, 2 heads 17c

CELERY, Large Well Bleached, 1 stalk 10c

APPLES, US No. 1 Va. Delicious or Staymans, 2 lbs. 17c

CABBAGE, Homegrown Green, 3 lbs. 11c

ONIONS, Fancy Yellow 3 pounds 12c

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SOAPS - Soap Powders

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Large Size Super Suds Pkg 23c

Octagon Toilet Soap 3 Cakes 14c

Octagon Cleanser 3 Cans 14c

Facial Soap Woodbury Cake 8c

Small Type—Big Values!

Dill Pickles Lang's Quart Jar 24c

Gingerbread Mix Dromedary 14-oz Pkg 20c

Triangle Pickles Sweet Qt. Jar 29c

Honey Nut Margarine 1-lb Pkg 17c

Sliced Beets Colonial No. 2 1/2 Can 14c

Armour's Treet 12-oz Can 34c

Table Syrup Staley's 1 1/2-lb Jar 14c

Apple Sauce Zigler No. 2 Can 16c

Libby's Queen OLIVES 9 1/2-oz Jar 30c

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