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## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Time To Stand

A group of concerned citizens - parents and teachers - met here last night and organized in support of the public schools. None said they liked the present arrangements, but all stressed their support for the school system.

False rumors played an important part in the calling together of the group last night. In recent days - particularly in the Louisburg School District - there have been reports of massive teacher resignations, the taking out of school of many white students and minor incidences between students have been grossly exaggerated. Such rumors were shown to be totally false at last night's meeting.

Teachers and other school people told of the good things going on in the public schools. Education they said is as good as if not better than in past years.

It is about time such an organization be formed. For too long many of us have been willing to let someone else do it. We have been too willing to listen to any wild tale and to believe it without checking into the source or the facts. We have been too willing to condemn and unwilling to praise. All is not bad in our county school system. It never has been and it isn't today.

If Franklin County is to grow, if the county Board of Education; the willingness on the part of the students to learn. The one thing lacking in this school year was the all-out support of the people. A move in that direction has now been made.

The success or failure of these efforts is of the utmost importance to every man, woman and child who calls

new industry is to locate here, if our children are to be educated, it must come from a strong public school system. No system can be strong unless it has the support of the people.

The action taken by this group is most encouraging. Someone, at least, is interested in holding this system together. Unfortunately, there still remains many who would tear it apart.

As one spokesman said, there are people who are frustrated that the system did not fall apart last fall. These people are willing to believe any bad thing about the system. They look only for the bad. Therefore, they find only the things for which they look.

But, there are many good things about Franklin schools. The devotion of the majority of the teachers; the dedication of school committees and Franklin home. It is now time to stand up and be counted in support of our schools.

## PARAGRAPHS

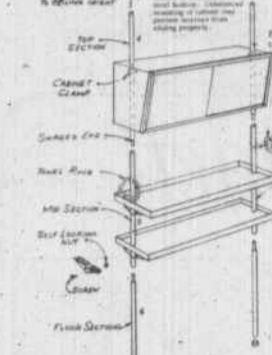
Why does a man work so hard that he kills himself trying to earn the leisure time he doesn't live to enjoy?

The human body will stand so much and no more; young people should learn not to abuse their strength if they want to live long.

When you find it difficult to make other people understand what you think, it may be that you do not understand it yourself.



Man, have I got a tale for you. For years I been wanting one of them things you put over the you-know-what in the bathroom. I'd a bought me one, too if it hadn't been for the little woman. She wouldn't let me. She said it'd take up the space she needs for the things she takes off the shower rods so's she can hang up the things I can't tell you about in this family-type column.



But I got one. No, the little woman ain't got any better. Her mama has. You see, it was mama that bought the thing. And I wish she hadn't bothered... except that she overruled the little woman... which is a event in itself that is greatly beneficial to me.

But it come un-put. And therein lies one of the saddest tales you ever hear. It comes with four pages of instructions in tiny little bitty print to be seen only with a telescope of considerable size. Bi-focals won't do it... as I found out.

But, old stout-hearted Frank. He'll try anything once... and some things a little more often. Putting a space maker together ain't one of the latter.

First, I dumped everything out on the floor. Part of it rolled under the bed and the rest of it scattered all over the house. The little parts are the ones that got under the bed. The instructions said I was to be sure and check to see that all the parts wuz there. They wuz in the house... if not exactly there where I wuz.

Step 1... it said: "insert into swaged tube (No. 4), necessary springs (No. 7 and/or No. 8) according to your ceiling height". Now, ain't that simple? You think so, huh?

Since I didn't have no idea what a swaged tube wuz... right there is where I got lost first. I read on and it said: "Now put ceiling rubber cap (No. 4) on top of 1/2" tube (No. 3). This completes spring assembly to No. 4". I hadn't even finished step one.

Well this went on and on for a little more's two hours. By that time I was sweating like a mile on a hot day that couldn't git to the shade. Naw... I won't prespining, man. I was plumb sweating.

Finally I got the blame thing spring loaded. It was in three parts. One I balanced on my knees, the second with my arms and the top piece was having a square dance on top of my head. That's when the phone rung. And that's when it didn't git-answered... in case it wuz you who called.

Standing on top of that thing in the bathroom (which I'll not mention here)... and doing a balancing act that would make Barnum water at the mouth... I started to lift the conglomeration against them blasted springs so's it would lock in place between the ceiling and the floor. You ain't never heard such a racket as there wuz when them springs jerked that mess out of my hands and strung it all over the house.

Fortunately I fell into the tub and only fractured my skull. I could have been hurt seriously. And that's the moral of the story. Don't... and let me repeat... don't ever buy one of them blasted things unless them experts what wrote the instructions put it together. It's downright dangerous and besides that... a fellow could git killed.

that same total figure. Our state was listed as 43rd - on a per capita basis - among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in providing all federal revenue and 39th in the amount it received in federal spending.

Delaware, the home base of multitudes of corporations chartered there, ranked first as a source of funds but only 27th as a recipient. Alaska was at the top of the list in receiving federal funds but 24th as a source of them, again on a per capita basis.

North Carolina's average annual per capita income was listed as \$2,161, for 44th place, followed by Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Alabama, South Carolina, Arkansas, and Mississippi, in that order.

During 1965-67, 36 states received more in federal spending than they originated

### Lodge And Vietnam

Henry Cabot Lodge said he is not a hard liner or a soft liner but a realist who will do everything in his power to advance Vietnam peace talks in Paris. Lodge said he thinks it is "entirely possible" that some U. S. troop withdrawals from Vietnam could begin this year.

### Meat Inspection

President Richard M. Nixon has chosen J. Phil Campbell for under secretary of agriculture and will place responsibility enforcing the controversial 1967 meat inspection law in the hands of one of its leading opponents.

'Come and get it! There's plenty for everybody!'

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### In Support Of Schools

To The Editor:

May I invite you, my many friends and others interested in our school, to visit with me (I'm not speaking for others) in my classes or after school and allow me show you some good things we think are being done in the science department. And perhaps for the first time see the new science room! And maybe see for the first time some of the equipment we now have and use.

With the addition this week of three new bacteriological microscopes, the oil immersion type with mechanical slide mechanism and artificial light source, we now count thirty-five first rate microscopes in our department. Do you realize each student has his individual instrument? I can recall that in September,

1967, we had only one usable instrument in the department. Thanks to the farsighted 1967-68 PTA which enabled us to add fourteen and the like number which came from Riverside High, we feel that we are well equipped in this area.

Mr. Editor, my students are now engrossed in the dissection of the frog, a type especially doubly-injected to bring out the aspects of arterial and venous circulation, as well as gross organ structure. This study will give the student an insight into morphology, anatomy, and physiology of this intermediate animal. The students will follow this with a like study and dissection of the fetal pig, a comparative study of the

mammalian group.

Mrs. Morgan in her biology classes has an outstanding study under way. Some students are carrying out a study on the embryology of the chick.

So you see, we are on the move in the science department. This is not all we are doing. Do come to visit with us and bring friends! I want to show you what we are doing in the area of quality education, and in a relaxed atmosphere.

Again I want to thank all those who worked so hard during the 1967-68 academic year and our friends now who make it worthwhile to teach.

Yours Truly,  
Norman Chadwick

From The Office Of

## Congressman Fountain

Washington, D. C. . . Most of us are usually interested in what we give in exchange for what we get, especially if the subject is what we turn over to the Federal government in taxes and what we receive in return.

This week, I'd like to give you just a few facts from a long and complicated study on that subject: federal revenue and expenditure estimates for states and regions for the fiscal years 1965-67.

The study was prepared by specialists at the Library of Congress under the supervision of the House Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee which I have the privilege to serve as chairman. It is believed to be the most comprehensive such comparison yet available.

Because of the complexity of the study and the tremendous amount of detail included, I will limit my comments primarily to facts relating to North Carolina.

One may or may not like it, depending upon where he sits, but one point of interest to all of us is that we in North Carolina get more back from the Federal Government than we pay in to it. During the period studied, an average of \$476 for each person in our state was sent to Washing-

ton each year. Our return was an average of \$498 for each person.

This may differ with other such reports you have seen. However, this study was the first attempt, to my knowledge, to accurately estimate the true origin of federal income and where it actually was spent.

For instance, the study found that certain taxes paid by people in many different states were collected in one state - usually the home office of a large corporation - before being sent to Washington. Thus, the Internal Revenue Service lists all those taxes as coming from that one state but the study tried to apportion them according to their true source.

A number of other such examples were found.

For one, the IRS reported it collected 18 per cent of all federal revenue from New York during the years studied. The specialists found, however, that the people who actually live in New York only paid 12 per cent of the national total.

I'm sure it will surprise many to learn that we in North Carolina were shown in the study as having paid 1.77 per cent of the total, while receiving 2.14 per cent of

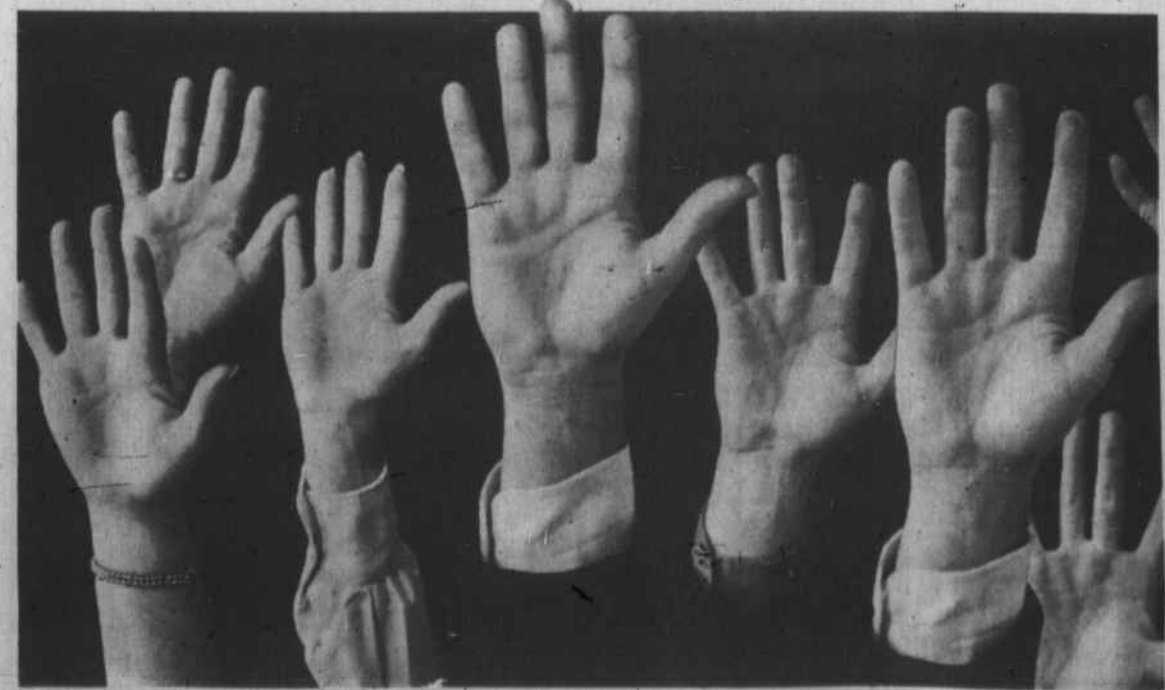
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