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UNIVERSITY SYSTEM NOT ENOUGH
 (Editorial from Goldsboro News-Argus)

The Consolidated University of North Carolina has an escheats fund which provides scholarships at the University at Chapel Hill, at Woman's College in Greensboro and at State College in Raleigh.

Under statute passed by the General Assembly this fund is derived from unclaimed funds in banks or insurance companies. Of course due process of law must be carried out and every search possible made for the person legally entitled to the funds. Only when these conditions are met is the fund given for University scholarships.

Over the years, a very respectable sum is derived from the source. We note that during the past year the Escheats Fund totaled \$27,000.

With some of the question arises: Why should all escheats money go to the Consolidated University? Why do not other state-supported colleges share in this fund on some fair basis, say a proportion based on the total enrollment of each institution. The Consolidated University has through its alumni a great influence in every phase of state government. It commands great power—and rightly so—because of its position and its alumni in the General Assembly.

Actually the funds from escheats might be more

sorely needed for the smaller institutions than for the Consolidated University. The University through its various special Foundations (such as the Business Foundation, the Textile Foundation, the Medical Foundation) draws to itself great sums of money from public donations for special purposes. Such has been the activity and so early did the Consolidation University enter this field of special funds, that any institution outside the university system finds the going uphill and hard when it seeks to set up special funds to be derived from the public. The field has been so broadly covered by the Foundations as to present to the other colleges a problem of finding people with money who have not already given to the Foundations. And North Carolina has relatively few people so prosperous or rich that they are able to make sizeable gifts to several institutions of higher learning.

Aside from this factor, there is another. The population of the state is increasing so rapidly, the number of young people enrolling for college is growing so fast, as to suggest that the state cannot much longer put its greatest emphasis on its university system. Colleges elsewhere have become of increasing importance in accommodating the number clamoring for a higher education. The state is so extensive in area that to continue to rely in the main for education on institutions located almost in the central part of the state needs to be examined more closely. The state is obligated to provide facilities for all its youth who desire a college education. But the percentage of youth gaining that advantage is much larger in areas within 40 to 50 miles of an institution.

Maybe the time will come when the Legislature rewrites the law to allow the other state colleges to share in the escheats fund.

Certainly the time is here when the state must recognize that its institutions outside of the university system must be broad enough and varied enough in instruction to meet growing needs. Should this fail to be done, the state's youth will suffer and state progress will be slowed.

WHAT ARE WE GRIPING ABOUT?

How is business?

That question put to a majority of business men is usually answered in various ways . . . such as, "It's rotten" . . . "it stinks" . . . "People aren't buying" . . . "Things don't look good" . . . "The ground is too dry. Tobacco don't look so good" . . . etc.

We have seldom found a merchant who was completely satisfied with conditions good or bad. He always has some complaint. It seems to be characteristic of the breed. Maybe they like to gripe and find it's a good way for them to let off "steam."

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That means that much potential business is available in our section if we take steps to get and attract it. What are we griping about?

ALASKA

Dot Lake, Alaska, June 18, 1954.
 The Duplin Times, Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Sirs:
 The following observations are made after making several very definite studies over a period of about 20 years of research in the field of human relations. Seventeen years of this observation have been made while teaching school—seven years in boarding school, where I had ample opportunity to see the tragic panoramas of human errors unfolded.

Soon we observe a day called **FATHER'S DAY**. To many of us fathers this will be a misnomer—since we feel that so often it is only a pretentious express on the part of so many. To others—more fortunate ones—it will be a day of genuine pleasure—a day when they are not only the recognized head of their home—but a day when his children and his wife pay their honest respect to him.

Long decadent and defunct judicial systems in our land have ignored the temperament and the place of father in the home. The courts are more responsible for the disruption of our home than any other American agency. They make divorce so easy and place such heavy penalties on the male divorcee and such correspondingly light penalties upon the female divorcee that divorce has become a National Nadir. Children are the greatest sufferers in such situations—but next to them are the lives of American men disrupted. Too often courts place responsibility for divorce entirely upon men. Women receive alimony and custody of the children—which the father loves and sacrifices so much for. The sacredness of our American home exists in very few areas now. No land can be stronger than its home. No society can be more stable than its home—and no youth can be properly guided out of its normal environment—the home. Three-fourths of the divorces stem from the female population. Many women look upon marriage as a panacea—until married and then realizing that it is a give and take affair—they take—they take everything they can and leave. Man has to be more stable for he has to support himself whether he has a wife or not. He wants home—children and a normal place in the community.

These women who look so lightly upon married responsibilities has in he first place been looking for the wrong thing. They had probably sought added spheres of influence—prestige—authority—financial security—release from necessity of earning a living—a refuge from the struggles of the world or some other tangible or intangible thing. Some actually look for a congenial companion and home life—too few seek this goal. Many of the unsettled ones only want their share—they say—but they spend their share as they like and then out of his share Father has all the bills to pay. All the time he is spending his life for little.

We can no more say that a woman is a mother on account of being female than we can say that a body of water is necessarily a lake or an ocean. There are definite traits that a true mother must possess just as there are traits of a true father. If a wife disagrees with her husband she will become critical—and say that she is persecuted. She delights in criticizing her husband before others—and in encouraging others to do the same thing. She threatens divorce—thus attempting blackmail. Sometimes she even files for and gets divorce. Many children I have taught were taught by their mother to despise their father—but in all my years as a teacher I have yet to meet one child who was taught by father to look down on mother. Men usually hold motherhood and womanhood sacred until they experience one of the faulty ones. Several times I have had grandmothers and mothers say of men, "Oh, he's only a man—he will get

over it—and he doesn't love his child too much anyway." These remarks were made as if to justify a man's loss of his children or child to a wife who is covetous.

"Some states do give custody of children to men as well as to women. Some few states allow men to file for alimony. In such cases there will be a tendency to prevent the emotionally unstable woman from lightly breaking the home contract. I believe divorce rates would drop in a month to 70 per cent of what it is now.

Statistics prove that fathers work ceaselessly for their offspring and for their wives. The chief delight of a man is to have tranquility and love in his home. Believe it or not half of our parents are men! Some women would have us believe otherwise. I have seen good men lose their standing in the community, their position and capacity as an earner—because of the false criticism of their wives. I have seen men who started on the road down because of little support or encouragement from their wives. Some wives cause men to even lose interest in anything.

Our society can well depend upon those homes where the ideal father is respected, where the mother holds him up in her mind and to her children. Where mothers help by encouraging fathers success is inevitable. Upon such homes American society must depend. Thanks goodness—there are homes left in our land where all is tranquility and where children, parents and community meet and live happily. On this Father's Day I wish to especially thank God for my good mother and for a wife who does all she can to make home a place for father and family.

Sincerely,
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