

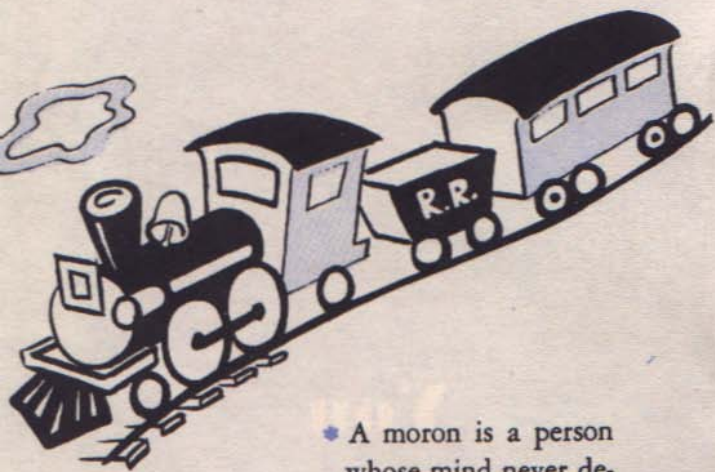
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N.C. - Sterilization law

**You
wouldn't
expect...**

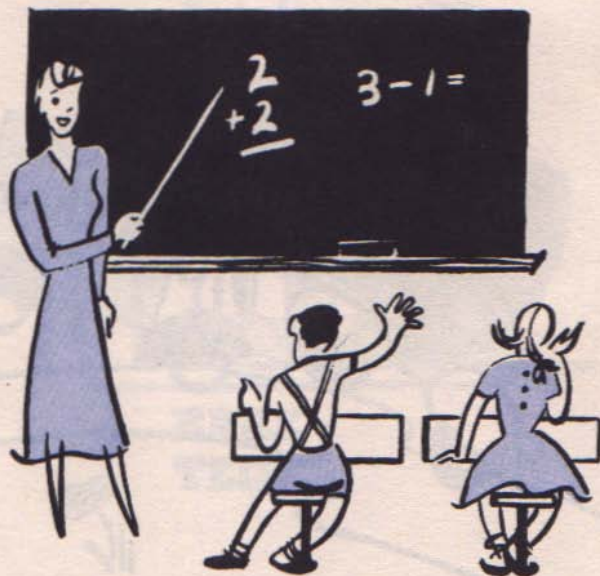
You wouldn't
expect . . .

A moron* to
run a train



* A moron is a person
whose mind never de-
velops beyond that of
a ten year old child.

Or a feeble-minded
woman
to teach school



You wouldn't
want the state to
grant driver's licenses
to mental defectives



Nor expect
such defectives
to handle money wisely.



**BANK
TELLER**

You
wouldn't give
a responsible position
to a person of
little intelligence



YET each day the
feeble-minded and the
mentally defective are
entrusted with the
most important and
far reaching job
of all - - -

The job of . . . **PARENTHOOD!**

. . . the creation
of new life
and the responsibility
of rearing
children

Having a healthy,
normal baby is the
most important
of all jobs —



It is also
important that
babies have good
physical care and
loving, thoughtful
guidance



The
average feeble-minded
parent cannot be
expected to provide

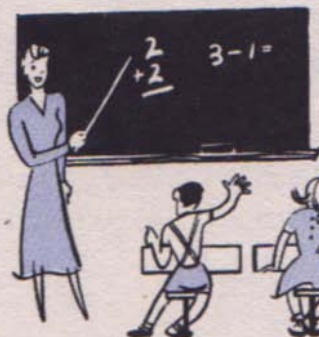
- good heredity
- a normal home
- intelligent care

to say nothing of the
many other things
needed to bring up
children successfully.

Like



running a train,



teaching
school,

or
handling
money,



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TELLER**

the job of *parenthood* is too
much to expect of feeble-
minded men and women.

They should be protected
from jobs for which they
are not qualified.

NORTH CAROLINA

offers its citizens this protection in the form of . . .

SELECTIVE STERILIZATION

Selective Sterilization

means the

Voluntary Sterilization

of men and women so they
may live safely outside of institutions — live without danger
to themselves or to the community —

The operation is
a simple one which
*removes nothing from the body
and does not change
sex functions or feelings.*
It is *not* barnyard castration!

Mental defectives who are sterilized may marry and lead satisfactory lives.

Often they may become reasonably self-supporting if they are spared the responsibility of parenthood —



Selective Sterilization

also protects children



for no child should be born to subnormal parents — denied a fair, healthy start in life — or doomed from birth to a mental institution.

North Carolina's Selective Sterilization Law

PROTECTS

- its mentally handicapped men and women
- the children of future generations
- and the community at large.

IT SAVES

- thousands of taxpayers dollars
- needless human tragedy
- wasted lives.

North Carolina's Law provides:

for the sterilization at state or county expense of patients in or out of institutions who are likely to produce children with a tendency towards serious physical, mental or nervous diseases or deficiencies.

It is important that everyone

Know and Understand This Law

and support public officials in carrying out its provisions in cases where protection is needed.

Protect

handicapped men and women so that those in need of this protection may get it without expense to themselves.

Save

helpless children from mental affliction and unwholesome surroundings.

Support

North Carolina's* humanitarian

Selective Sterilization Law

*North Carolina is one of 27 progressive states with laws providing for the sterilization of the mentally unfit at state expense.