

The Carolina Times EDITORIALS

MERGER AND BOND PROPOSAL CAMOUFLAGES

Much camouflages as evidenced by the various segments of the Durham community was brought to light in the defeat of both merger and bond proposals.

The mistrust and background of past inequities, appeared to also be a decisive factor in the nearly 2 to 1 defeat on November 2, 1971. However, no specific segment of the community can take either the credit of blame for the results. The scare tactics will now be observed carefully to see if their proponents will really follow through on their suggested plans.

With no assurance that responsive representation in public education would come from the merger proposals, some sought true ward representation on any possible school board as a solution. One important fact remains and that is all groups should be and must be involved in the planning of any future proposals for the progressive and ongoing growth of our educational systems. There is also

much evidence that citizens must be urged to really get out and vote so that changes can be brought about.

However, the poor voting turnout, only 37.2 per cent of the county's 54,147 registered voters, causes one to wonder if we really want change. Major black precincts were unusually low according to the preliminary tabulations.

Our national and state congressional representatives are elected according to the one man one vote concept. Educational concerns of our children must be come so important that we must vote the one man one vote philosophy in order to have more influence in decisions involving our children.

So, the big concerns will still be to get out and vote so that effective and really positive decisions can be made for the best interest of all children. We still say, register and vote so that you can have a voice in the decision making process.

PROFIT CONTROL NOT NEEDED

When the wage and price freeze went into effect, an immediate cry was raised by the shortsighted over the exclusion of profits. The pressure is continuing for some kind of profit control. Under existing circumstances, profit controls would probably merely add to unemployment.

According to reliable authorities, industry profit margins are close to the lowest point in 20 years, and total profits have fallen. Last year, they were \$41 billion after taxes as against \$50 billion in 1966 and about \$47 billion in 1967 and 1968. Moreover, unlike in the days of World War II and the Korean War, when excess-profits taxes were imposed, there is now plant capacity standing idle and an

over supply of many goods. Thus, as one business spokesman observes, the wage-price freeze automatically controlled profits. Under the freeze, the only way a company can increase profits is through improving efficiency or boosting output and sales volume. Controlling profits would probably kill the incentive to do either, and who would pay for that? The answer is, no one but the consumer and workers whose jobs depend upon expanding progressive companies.

Controls that kill opportunity and incentive, stifle productivity and end by opening the flood gates of inflation, black markets, rationing and all the other evils of a police-state economy.

SURVIVAL IS THE ISSUE

In ways that no one can now fully evaluate, the present is a far cry from that day, a generation ago, when the U. S. emerged from World War II as the mightiest and most secure power on Earth. During the 25 years following World War II, we had what the top executive of a leading space and commercial manufacturing concern calls "... a strong protective shield" which gave the people of America security of a kind denied a great many countries where people live out their lives in fear of dominant neighbors.

The executive, Mr. Willard F. Rockwell, Jr., of the North American Rockwell Corporation, in expressing the deepest concern over declining U. S. military capability, reminds his countrymen of what was accomplished in the security of that shield: "... science and the U. S. economy together had the longest period of sustained growth, discovery, innovation and new industry development in history That technology brought to

three quarters of the American people greater riches, more comfort, more leisure-time enjoyment, and better health than ever before enjoyed in any other period in history ... working in confident freedom, we introduced entirely new industries. We opened new worlds in space. We brought hope for progress to billions of underprivileged people. Could we have accomplished all this without that protective shield?" It is highly unlikely. The cynicisms that are following Viet Nam, along with unreasoned hostility to the military, are taking their toll.

Noting the words of the President's Blue Ribbon National Defense Panel which warned that, "In this coming decade neither the vital interests nor the lives and freedom of Americans will be secure," Mr. Rockwell urges his fellow citizens to join in an effort to awaken the nation to the danger that lies ahead. This is a world where the old law of survival of the fittest still reigns.

Public Funds And Private Lakes

The House Government Operations Committee has raised a pertinent point in its charge that the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has been providing private land developers federal funds to build lake projects that are closed to the public for recreation.

According to the committee's report, some 4,000 lakes have been created over the country under SCS projects. Less than 10 per cent of the total provide public access, however, despite a 1962 law requiring the SCS to maintain public access to flood control or irrigation reservoirs offering boating, swimming or fishing, the report adds.

The committee presumably is not talking about simple farm ponds built for irrigation purposes, but rather about larger projects included in a program under which the SCS contracts with local public agencies, such as soil and water conservation districts, to build reservoirs.

Instead of following requirements of the 1962 law, according to the committee's report, the SCS "abdicates to local groups the decision as to whether or not the potential recreational or fish and wildlife values of the project should be developed for public use, or instead should come under the exclusive control of private persons." DURHAM MORNING HERALD

THEY WANTED THEIR SCHOOL TO FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG...

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

WHITE STUDENTS AT DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL WANTED TO FLY THE CONFEDERATE "REBEL" FLAG. THE BLACK STUDENTS WANTED IT REPLACED BY THE STARS AND STRIPES (ELEVEN BLACK STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED.)



--Dental

(Continued from front page) to Dr. Shell and Sr. Joseph Henry. She also served as vice president of her class and as homecoming queen during the 1963 school year.

The following year she received the Raymond L. Hayes award for showing the greatest proficiency in the performance of clinical oral prophylaxis. She received a certificate of oral hygiene the same year and later became licensed to practice in three states, Washington, D. C., Maryland and North Carolina.

--Paper

(Continued from front page) She earned the A. B. Degree from NCCU and the M. A. from UNC at Chapel Hill. Miss Mebane serves as the faculty of South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C.

Letter To The Editor

For some time the League of Women Voters of Durham has shared the concern expressed in John Myers' October 9 column for lack of specific planning for public education in a merged school system. It seems to us that there are two aspects to this problem:

1. The present school boards should avoid actions which limit the freedom of the proposed 9 member board for the merged system to develop the single plan for county-wide public education for which that board will be legally and morally responsible.

2. We believe it is impossible for two separate boards, each now responsible for a separate school system, to plan as objectively or as effectively as

one new board could plan.

3. The new school board members would have 14 months between their election in May, 1972, and the official opening of the merged system in July, 1973, to plan for the new system.

On the other hand, as Mr. Myers suggested, no citizen wants "to vote for a blank check." If the merged system is to meet the needs and interests of our total community, we believe a procedure must be developed to encourage maximum input of ideas from the community. The Hospital Commission appointed by the County commissioners provided this opportunity during the planning stages of the new county health facility.

On May 3 the League of Women Voters asked the county commissioners to establish a similar citizens council representative of the community to plan for school merger. This procedure could still be implemented after the merger referendum to provide a broad base of community participation in planning and effecting the merger.

We agree that Mr. Myers' statement that "a city-county school merger would be beneficial to both the educational processes and the community in general." We also believe that merger is the next necessary step towards the goal of schools that operate safely, effectively, and efficiently while assuring just representation to all segments of the community.

Barbara D. Anderson
President
League of Women Voters
of Durham

--Boys'

(Continued from front page) School.

The annual Thrift sale for the community will be held at

McDougal Community Center on Saturday, November 6, 1971. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. And added feature this year will be the awarding of door prizes for the lucky winners from among the customers. The drawing will take place at the end of the sale.

All persons are encouraged to come out and support this worthy project. Mothers can find a variety of Children's Clothing, toys, books and other items as well as household appliances and many other items of apparel.

--NCCU

(Continued from front page) veteran of the nation's first sit-ins, conducts the SCLC's economic development program with the fervor and style of a traditional evangelist.

The young minister will speak at ceremonies in B. N. Duke Auditorium at 11 a.m.

During those ceremonies, two campus buildings will be named. The university cafeteria will be named the W. G. Pearson Building, and the Home Economics building will be named for Miss Diana Savage Dent.

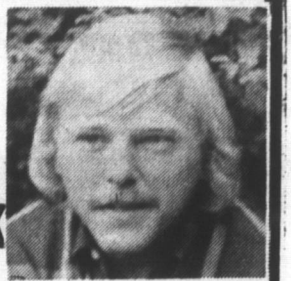
Pearson, a Durham educator and civic leader, befriended Dr. Shepard from the founding of the school until both men died in 1947. The long-time principal of Hillside Park High School frequently purchased, with his own funds, food for the students at the university, which was for 13 years a private institution.

He also donated a house to Shepard to be sold to further his plans for the school.

Miss Dent was the first chairman of the Home Economics department at the university, and was instrumental in moving the Home Economics program supported by the state from Winston-Salem to Durham. Under her leadership the department grew rapidly.

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

By JOHN MYERS



Halloween is over and with it three people are dead due directly to Halloween related instances. A rash of trick-or-treat potential deaths were listed across the entire nation.

Candy, laced with mescaline was found from California to North Carolina. Apples containing double-edged razor blades and pills of acid and narcotics were given to children clad in costume.

Is Halloween on the way out. Must we outlaw a harmless night-out for children because the young people and adults of this beautiful country are so warped with hatred or misdirected humor that they strike out at the only innocent beings of our land?

As a child, I looked forward to Halloween as a time when my friends and I took the guise of ghosts, goblins, and characters from Disney and set out to collect a treasure of cookies, gum, and candy from our neighbors. The streets were alive with creatures non-existent in day light. Every wind from the mysterious shadows of trees brought whispers of the occult to send shivers through our minds. It was a night when everyone was safe as long as they had treats at their door. There was no secret beings to be afraid of for they were all stalking the streets, openly, looking for candy. The fears you might have had the night before, alone in bed, no longer existed. You could see all the dark secrets of your young mind, walking between the houses.

In those days, if you could escape the witches and ghosts waiting in the darkened areas between neighboring porch lights, you were safe. You could collect your bag of loot and say good night to the last neighbor on your block knowing, she would watch until you had made it safely to your door. Witches, ghosts, and ghouls were the only thing to fear. The adults of your world were there to protect you.

Today's world is different. It is no longer the ghosts you must fear. They are running with you. Halloween is now a true time of terror. It appears to be a time when children offer ghouls protection and darkness is safer than light. The time has arrived when the dark areas between the lighted porches are harbors from the rifle in a window and when a child's "trick-or-treat" may be answered with death in a candied apple.

Nixon & Moscow

The announcement that the President would visit Moscow next year is the latest in a series of diplomatic and political rabbits Mr. Nixon has pulled out of the hat in 1971. Coming on top of the announcement that he would visit China before May, news of the Moscow visit is especially significant.

For one thing, it means Mr. Nixon already knows the Moscow meeting will be productive. Otherwise he wouldn't go. It means the USSR has extended to Nixon an invitation former President Lyndon Johnson sought and which former President Eisenhower received and then lost, in the U-2 controversy.

Politically, it means the President will be visiting China and Russia in election-year 1972. These visits, if all goes well, are sure to enhance the President's image in the eyes of many voters.

Tan Topics



"I LEFT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS — THE BOSS GOT SICK OF ME!"

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Harriet
TUBMAN...

...BORN A SLAVE IN MARYLAND; A

HEROINE OF THE UNDERGROUND RAIL-

ROAD, FOR WHOM SLAVEOWNERS OFFER-

ED A \$40,000 REWARD, ALSO A SCOUT,

NURSE & SPY FOR UNION ARMIES IN THE

SOUTH, AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE NORTH, CIVILIANS WERE DYING

IN THE ANTI-NEGRO DRAFT RIOTS, LASTING 4 DAYS IN JULY, 1863,

WHITE MOBS RAZED A NEGRO ORPHAN HOME & BURNED NEGRO
SHOPS AND HOMES KILLING HUNDREDS!

