

Writers Forum

by George B. Russ



Robin A. Thorpe



Frank Pratt, Jr.

Elementary School where the Physical Fitness Test was recently held for the 5th and 6th graders. Mrs. Jones is the Physical Education Instructor and Principal Baxter Redehour were both elated over the total results of the Physical Fitness Test. A total of 72 pupils participated in the various tests. Events included: Flexed Arm Hang, Sit-ups, Standing Broad Jumps and the 50-Yard Dash.

This was La Bonnie's first year at the C. B. School, however, this is Robin's third year. In Discus Throwing, using a soft ball—Robin took the lead with 101 feet; and in the Broad Jumping Rally La Bonnie came off second best with a score of 6 points 3-82 feet. On track La Bonnie ran 2 laps in 2.21 seconds while Robin outstrided her by 3 seconds—actual time: 2.18 seconds. In the 50 Yard Dash, La Bonnie took first place by a minute and two seconds: Score: La Bonnie 7.3; Robin 6.9, Rating—excellent.

La Bonnie thinks it would be a wonderful idea to invite parents and other interested persons to the May Day Fitness Test; "and the winners should dress up and walk across the stage to receive their awards". Upon winning the award, "I wanted to cry with joy. I was like a jumping-jack, I jumped over everyone".

Both girls would like to win two more certificates; two additional certificates will qualify the recipient for a trophy. La Bonnie would like to win 2 trophies, one to keep in her room and one to leave with the Club Boulevard School.

La Bonnie is a member of Union Baptist Church; she sings with the Tiny-Tot's



La Bonnie Reeves

Choir; a member of the Teachers' Training Class and serves as a Teacher-aid in the Beginners Department; Likes adventure stories—Aesop Fables among her favorite books. Also, she is a member of the YMCA where she has won awards in swimming and gymnastics—and, a junior leader at the "Y". She hopes to become a Medical-Surgical Doctor. This youngster dislikes seeing people suffer.

Robin Annette Thorpe will be going to Carr Jr. High in the Fall. This "twigg" is a member of the Junior Usher Board at Union Baptist Church; she likes Modern Creative Dancing; an avid T. V. Watcher; enjoys listening to records; bananas are her favorite food—and for an excellent babysitter—call 688-4417.

June 10th is Frank "Bucky" Pratt's birthday. His contribution to Children's Day

Census Survey To Provide Data On Our Growth

Which way is the U. S. birth rate going? Will it continue its recent downward course or will it reverse the trend? Joseph R. Norwood, Director of the Bureau of the Census Data Collection Center in Charlotte, announced today that a survey in this area will help to answer the question. Information on birth expectations will be collected here the week of June 18-22 from a sample of households.

Census Bureau interviewers will ask wives how many children they expect to have within the next 5 years. The responses will indicate the future growth and composition of the Nation's population, data vital to planners both in

government and private business. Householders in the sample will also be asked about benefits from various government and private programs. Answers to these questions will be used to evaluate the effect of such income on the economy of the country.



STUDENT AID LOAN FROM GULF—Edward Sheldon, left, vice president of the Gulf Oil Foundation, recently presented a check for \$10,000 to Earl L. Cole, center, vice president of

Grambling College. It is to be used for student loans. Ed McCoy, right, an equal employment opportunities official of Gulf from Houston, Texas was on hand for the

ceremony which also included Dr. Kara V. Jackson, Grambling's Director of Student Aid and Edward Purvis, Executive Director of Grambling College Foundation.

The questions are in addition to the usual ones asked in the monthly survey on employment and unemployment conducted nationwide by the Census Bureau for the U. S. Department of Labor.

Results of this monthly survey provide a continuing measure of the economic

health of the Nation. The April survey showed that employment, at 83.9 million seasonally adjusted, was little change from March. Unemployment remained essentially unchanged at 5.0 percent, but was substantially below the 5.8 percent of April a year ago.

Children's Day, 1973, came off "second to none"; just as it has done in other years. Why the interest in the Observance of Children's Day has waned through the years is no deep dark secret—other things have crowded out interest—the basic need for honoring our children.

Children's Day was started by the Methodist Episcopal Church in the year 1868. The origin, one can say without reservations, has nothing to do with the lack of interest in the celebration. The date is still a Red Letter Day on Sunday School Calendars: the 2nd Sunday in June.

In the past Children's Day was a community project; members and friends, pooled their creative skills in decorations and picnic lunches; and, children were given parts in the church's worship services and, too, special programs were arranged especially for them.

W. B. Church and Senior Choir highlighted this Anniversary celebration. In the words of Dr. David L. Bell: "It is amazing to see children perform so beautifully for the church and God the Heavenly Father". He further stressed, that, "with a little time and effort spent training our children, the rewards are marvelous. A blessing for the leadership, the church, the homes, schools and community in which they live".

The Tiny Tot's Choir is under the direction and supervision of Mmes. Viola B. Thompson, Margaret Reeves and Ethel Grafton. La Bonnie Reeves and Robin Thorpe, a pair of church girls who won for themselves the Presidential Physical Fitness Award: In recognition of outstanding Physical Achievement and exceptional dedication to the ideal of a strong mind and a strong body my congratulations to you on this accomplishment. Richard Nixon President of the United States. Reeves and Thorpe are pupils of the Club Boulevard

Connally Strong '76 Republican Presidential Nominee Bond Says

WASHINGTON—(NBNS)—John Connally, former Texas governor and Treasury Secretary during President Nixon's first term, would be the strongest Republican presidential nominee to contend with the Democrats in 1976, according to Georgia State Rep. Julian Bond.

Addressing a breakfast news conference last week, Bond, a political activist, said, "Connally would be the toughest Republican candidate because he is such an aggressive and outgoing person" who attracts many voters.

In addition, Bond said "Connally is just so slick" that he reminds people of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson with "sort of Richard Nixon too, and a little of Spiro Agnew".

Bond said he thinks the best Democrat candidate to oppose Connally would be Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy. However, the Georgia legislator said in recent conversations with Kennedy, the Senator did not indicate an interest in running for president.

Nevertheless, Bond said he believes that Kennedy is interested and that the Massachusetts Democrat is capable of uniting the old Democratic coalition formed under Franklin D. Roosevelt as well as attracting southern whites.

Citing Kennedy's recent visit to Alabama Gov. George Wallace, Bond said Kennedy has already made a positive move in that direction and did so without compromising his liberal and contrary views on

major issues. Bond said he thought Kennedy's Chappaquiddick incident would not allow the Senator to raise the morality in government issue in the campaign, although "he (Kennedy) does stand for it".

The Georgia legislator also noted that the Southern Election Fund, which he heads, has raised \$115,000 this year in its efforts to support candidates for office in the South.

In Mississippi, Bond said, 24 of 36 candidates supported by the Fund won last month's Democrat primary, and 80 per cent of those are expected to be elected. Bond also said the Fund plans to support candidates in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.

In conclusion, Bond, an active supporter of Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern last year, said he would still back the South Dakota Senator in a rerun of the election because "He (McGovern) stood closer to the things I believe in".

NAACP Break-in to be Probed

NEW YORK—(NBNS)—Officials of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund have revealed that is national headquarters were broken into on the same Labor Day weekend and in the same way as the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Saying there may be a connection between the two events, the Fund has asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to look into the break-in and see if it has any relation to the Watergate incident.

"I really don't know if there is a connection, but we were engaged in things they (the Nixon Administration) might consider politically sensitive", said the Fund's director, Jack Greenberg.

When workers returned to work at the headquarters on Columbus Circle, it was discovered that two filing cabinets had been opened. The cabinets contained minutes of board of directors meetings and other material.

Greenberg said all the individuals could have done is merely call him and ask for the information, which was public anyway.

On the evening of Sept. 3, 1971, the office of Dr. Ellsberg's psychiatrist in Beverly Hills, Calif. was broken into. It was headed by G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt Jr., both convicted in the Watergate break-in. Informed sources have contended that the break-in was at the direction of the White House, plumbing facilities. That figure dropped to 12 per cent in 1970.

decades. In 1970, for instance, 65 per cent of all white families owned the homes they lived in, as compared to only 42 per cent for blacks. And, although the proportion of both races owning their homes rose somewhat during the 1960s, the gap between blacks and whites remains at roughly the same as it was as long as 30 years ago.

In reference to plumbing, 83 per cent of all black families had full plumbing in 1970, a dramatic increase from 1950, when only 30 per cent of these families lived in homes with all normal plumbing facilities.

The new analytical report also shows that black families are more likely to be residing in older housing than is the population as a whole. About 49 per cent of black families occupied homes constructed before 1939, as compared to approximately 40 per cent for the entire population.

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