

# Editorial And Opinion

## This Appeal Deserves Attention

The all-out campaign which has been launched to encourage every eligible person to take advantage of the free anti-polio vaccinations deserves the cooperation of every parent.

Physicians and public health officials are now unanimous in their endorsement of the Salk inoculations.

The importance of widespread immunization against poliomyelitis has been emphasized strongly by officials of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, which is now engaged in an all-out effort to encourage the vaccinations.

A program of free public clinics to administer the Salk Vaccine to children and young people from three months through 19 years of age, and to expectant mothers is underway.

North Carolina's heaviest polio period has been experienced in August in a number of past years, and the physicians of the state are seeking to protect as many children as possible against polio, prior to any possible widespread outbreak of the disease in the state.

Failure of the people to avail themselves of the polio vaccinations has resulted in "North Carolina lagging in its polio-immunization program," said Dr. S. F. Ravenel, Greensboro, chairman of the state society's emergency poliomyelitis vaccine committee.

"The polio vaccine is safe, effective and is now available in sizable quantities but is useless unless injected. The physicians of North Carolina urge every parent in the state to make certain that their child is vaccinated immediately.

"Polio vaccinations now may prevent paralysis and other dangers in August and September," he said.

Can any responsible parent ignore this appeal?

## No Subsidies Wanted

America is engaging this fall in what will be for us the most expensive Olympic Games in the history of this world-wide sport classic. To the US Olympic Committee, faced with the responsibility for fielding a team of more than 300 athletes, two culprits—time and distance—are presenting a king-sized headache. It was expensive enough sending the American contestants to the winter games in Europe; but if you've ever shopped for a ticket to Australia, you know the transportation cost is nothing less than monumental. And because Melbourne's summer is our winter, there is the further considerable expense of a six-week training period here at home before setting forth. The total tab is a million-and-a-half—not groschen or lecks or kopeks or trading stamps, but dollars!

Private individuals, motivated by a love of amateur sports, an appreciation of their inspirational value to our youth and a commendable patriotism, have traditionally footed the Olympic bill. The bulk of the US funds must still come from individuals. It is therefore pretty important for any citizen who regards the Olympic Games as beneficial to American youth and productive of international good will to know that he can send his dime or dollar directly to the US Olympic Committee at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, N.Y.

## Ill Wind

The vicious and dangerous concept that a popularity poll can reliably establish the political wishes of the voters is raising its ugly head earlier than usual in the 1956 presidential campaign. Also unorthodox is the fact that these polls are presently concerned with vice presidential rather than presidential candidates.

Whether employed to serve the weird purposes of President Eisenhower's "Secretary of Peace" or subsequently to give us (ostensibly) a preview of our next Commander-in-Chief, such opinion "sampling"—which may establish the nation's favorite breakfast cereal—is a fraud and a delusion when applied to assaying political convictions. People do not search their hearts to accommodate pollsters. They do when registering their votes in privacy.

In the case of Harold Stassen's furious polling, however, the mystery lies not so much in the validity of these ridiculous efforts as in the question of who in the White House started him on this curious vendetta against Nixon. It is history that he and the President discussed the Stassen pro-Herder-anti-Nixon announcement before Mr. Eisenhower left for his Panama week-end, and that the President gave his eager aide a yes-and-no go-ahead. But the idea was obviously hatched before that. Furthermore, Mr. Eisenhower could quite logically sack Mr. Stassen for not resigning from the Cabinet before lighting this apparently anti-Administration firecracker. But, while the President has been reported as furiously angry over the incident, he has not fired the culprit and does not appear likely to.

Whether the anti-Nixon plot succeeds or fails, however, what seems reasonably sure at this writing is that the forthcoming campaign will not be the ho-hum, Ike-in-a-walk affair that has been anticipated. In ripping the scab off the deep and half-healed 1952 wound in the Republican party, Harold Stassen has bucked up the Democrats no end.



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remember. We ought to keep the South just like it is."

The Times, a newspaper that literally sparkles now, ran with the six living people a picture of the statue of the late Dr. C. D. Melver on Capitol Square, and a quotation from him: "People—not rocks and rivers and imaginary boundary lines—make a state; and the state is great just in proportion as its people are educated."

Viola McMillan, the Raleigh housewife and nurse, was probably just as sincere in her statement last week as Dr. Melver was in his sixty years ago.

ONE FOUNDATION... One of the saddest sights we've seen recently was the burning of Edenton Street Methodist Church here last Saturday night.

Many of our Governors have worshipped there. The late Governor Clyde R. Hoey taught a Sunday School class there over WPTF during the four years he was in the Mansion; and when he came back here for weekend visits while U. S. Senator, he returned and taught the class—and usually with WPTF carry-the message.

The cross atop the 200-foot steeple was one of the highest points in Eastern North Carolina. It was a memorial to the late Josephus Daniels given by his four sons.

By ten o'clock Saturday night the church as a building was gone—but on Sunday morning at eleven its spirit seemed stronger than ever as its fine choir sang for its services in the Ambassador Theatre "The Church's One Foundation."

COOPERATION... Back in the old days it was a sorry minister indeed who did not devote a sermon every few weeks to the evils of the movies. They were thrown in the same pot as rouge, lipstick, ruck, mah jong, and dancing.

But then with television lipstick, rouge, and a wide assortment of other trivia prospered along with the \$64,000 question—and dancing went to town with Arthur and Mrs. Murray. However, alas, movies didn't do so well and there does seem to be closer cooperation all the time between churches and movies... movie houses, anyway.

Even before the flames had died in the Edenton Street church, plans had been made with Ambassador Theatre named for Josephus Daniels when he was ambassador to Mexico for services there Sunday morning.

Meantime, a scant two miles to the north, the Hayes Barton Baptist Church was holding its services in the Colony Theatre. This has been going on most of the summer while the church is being air-conditioned. Then, downtown, the old Capitol Theatre—no longer in existence—has been used extensively for regular church services.

NOTES... The reports we got last week are that Rep. George Uzzell of Rowan County is sure to be Speaker of the House in the 1957 General Assembly... with Kemp Doughton of Alleghany not too much in the running...

After months of deliberation, Wake County leaders have finally decided to locate the new five-million dollar hospital just east of Raleigh not far from the residences of Progressive Farmer Publisher Dr. Clarence Poe and Secretary of State Thad Eure—though neither had anything to do with site selection... one of the most imposing overlooks in Wake County...

Although more people are going to college than ever before, less than a third of our young people graduating from high school in 1955 went to college... 32.3 per cent of the white children continued their formal education... and 28 per cent of the Negroes... 6.0 per cent went into military service... among the whites... and 8.3 per cent of the colored...

'I Heraby — Uh, Pardon Me — Launch Thee —'



Hagnie In Greensboro Daily News

## John Umstead Explains His Support Of Pearsall Plan For Public Schools

By JOHN W. UMSTEAD  
Member, House of Representatives

On last Monday morning before leaving to attend the Special Session of the Legislature as Representative from Orange County I gave the local papers a statement. I stated that I intended to support the Pearsall Plan unless the hearings should change my mind. I gave as my reason for taking this stand that I favored some plan whereby the solution of the problems confronting our public schools would be taken from the hands of the extremists on both sides of the question and placed in hands that would seek a reasonable solution.

After listening to every word of the hearings for two long days and one night session I was convinced that my decision to support the Pearsall Plan was wise and for the best interests of the schools of the state.

At these hearings each and every citizen of the state was given the time that he or she requested for the presentation of their views and opinions on this question. During the hearings I heard statements made by both opponents and proponents of the plan that were almost unbelievable.

### Hypocrisy Charged

"I heard a minister of the gospel make the statement that 'the first root of this whole proposal (the Pearsall Plan) is hypocrisy, because it pretends to do something and it intends to do nothing.' This charge of hypocrisy was made against the Pearsall Committee, the Governor of North Carolina and any one who might support it. Mr. Pearsall, the Chairman of the Committee making the report, is a loved and esteemed citizen of Rocky Mount and is held in the highest regard by both white and Negro citizens of his home community.

The other members signing this report are six of the outstanding citizens of our state whose characters are above reproach and whose contributions to the religious, civic and political life of the state will live for years and years to come. Not only did he charge these fine citizens with hypocrisy but he likewise, at least by indirection, leveled the same charge against our great Governor who is known throughout the state as a Christian gentleman and who in the recent primary received more votes than had ever been cast for a candidate for Governor. This minister of the gospel went further and accused the Pearsall Committee of "coercion and blackmail."

I heard another minister of the gospel make the statement that those who proposed the Pearsall Report and those who supported it were in effect guilty of treason. Another opponent of the plan, a University professor, accused those favoring the plan of "disloyalty to the supreme law of the land."

Another University professor made an attack on the leadership in our state because the leadership did not agree with the opinions of the professor.

those who opposed the Pearsall Plan. There were those who appeared in favor of the plan who were also intemperate in statements that they made. They used language that was unnecessary and made veiled threats that were indelicate to say the least.

### 'Hope' Disappeared

"I have lived more than sixty-seven years and I had hoped that I had lived long enough so that I would never hear a man of good repute accused of hypocrisy, coercion, blackmail and disloyalty to the United States Government for no reason other than that he held honest opinions that differed with those making the charge. This hope entirely disappeared on last Wednesday afternoon in the Memorial Auditorium.

"I would not have you get the idea, however, that all who spoke were intemperate in their language or their charges. Among the opponents who made discreet and dignified presentations were the representatives of the Parent-Teacher Associations.

### People Should Settle

I voted for the submission of the Pearsall Constitutional Amendment for the reason that I think the people themselves should settle the most important issue and for the reason that in my opinion it gives us the best plan yet proposed for the solution of the problems that now confront our schools. In this connection I wish to call your attention to the fact that only two of the 170 senators and representatives voted against submission of the amendment.

I shall vote for the amendment on September 8 and hope that a majority of the citizens of Orange County will do likewise.

### A Good Record

Now to the record of the 84th Congress. I think its record is good. There were some bills that did not make the grade that I would have preferred approved. Some legislation passed that was not desirable. Generally speaking, it was a Congress that moved cautiously. I think the new highway bill and the social security revisions are notable examples of important legislation. President Eisenhower wanted a rather drastic legislative program, including the civil rights bill, but Congress did not give him everything he wanted. It did cooperate with the administration in most of its program. It refused to go along on some of the more extreme re-

quests. With the exception of a very few Senators, I think virtually every legislator entertained the opinion that the civil rights proposals were purely political, designed by the administration to appeal powerfully to special groups. They passed the House, but the Senate stood pat and refused to allow this sort of petty politics to hamper necessary and legitimate bills.

The proponents of the Pearsall Plan have never claimed that it is an ideal plan. They know full well that it has its imperfections. They think, however, that there is a good chance that it can save the schools from the confusion and disintegration that would follow any attempt at this time to mix the races in our schools on a statewide basis.

The proponents come from every county in the state and they know conditions at the grass roots. Their fears for the public school system are based on facts and not theory. No person who really knows the state as a whole has ever said that statewide integration would work at this time.

All the educational training that I have, and it includes a degree from the University of North Carolina was received from the system of public education that we have in the state.

I have worked all my life for better schools and for the past quarter of a century I have had the privilege to support every measure for the betterment of our schools in our legislative halls.

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## Tar Heel PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

FEW SURPRISES... Few surprises developed in last week's extra session of the General Assembly. The legislators as a whole willingly and readily went along with Governor Hodges and the Pearsall segregation plan. W. T. Taylor's support of the Satterfield of Lake school plan after having served as attorney for the Pearsall Committee was about as big a surprise as any development. Taylor favored a stricter segregation proposal than was embodied in the Pearsall plan.

SEPT. 8 ELECTION... The Sept. 8 vote on the constitutional amendment so as to authorize education expense grants and to authorize local option to suspend operation of public schools will provide a major test for the Hodges Administration. It will be to the Hodges Administration what the \$200 million secondary road bond issue referendum was to the administration of W. Kerr Scott when the Haw River man was in the executive mansion. Defeat of the amendment in the Sept. 8 election would be a damper on the Hodges program. A resounding majority for the amendment would be a powerful factor in maintaining the present high prestige of the governor and his administration.

GOOD TRAINING... The extra session of the General Assembly was excellent training for the several new representatives and senators who served for the first time and will be back in the 1957 session of the General Assembly.

SPEAKERSHIP... It was pretty definitely established to most of the House members that J. Kemp Doughton of Alleghany County now holds a commanding lead for Speaker of the 1957 House over George Uzzell of Rowan County. Many were of the opinion that Uzzell will withdraw before voting time arrives next January.

MAKEPEACE... Harold Makepeace, mayor of Sanford who managed Hodges' campaign for the gubernatorial nomination in May is regarded as the Governor's closest political advisor. It is taken for granted that he will be offered the highway chairmanship position now held by A. H. Graham of Hillsboro. The highway chairmanship is generally regarded as the No. 1 political plum and we are told that Makepeace has first call on it. W. P. Saunders, C.&D. Director is regarded as near the head of the table in the inner circle of Hodges' close political friends.

NEW CAPITOL... North Carolina badly needs a new capitol building. The present structure, completed in 1840 for a long time served its purpose well but today it is just about as adequate as would be a hospital built 50 years ago with no additions having been made. Rep. James B. Vogler of Charlotte, chairman of the House Building and Grounds Committee, says he plans to introduce a bill in the 1957 session to provide an appropriation for a suitable site. The fact that the House and Senate were continually moving from the capitol building to the highway building and the Memorial Auditorium during last week's special session so as to accommodate the interested citizens at the public hearings was strong evidence of the need for a modern building. In his plan for a new capitol, Rep. Vogler envisions a five-story, modern air-conditioned building with offices for the governor, Council of State, legislators and the two chambers. He feels that the present building could be used for a museum or art gallery. The present capitol building when completed cost \$531,674.66. It is a beautiful building, particularly at night when the flood-lights beam on the mellow structure.

REPT... People close to the governor said that the statement of State Senator Ralph Scott criticizing the Pearsall plan came out of the office of brother Kerr Scott in Washington. Political observers see a widening of the rift.

HEADED FOR CHURCH... "Mates who drive with hand-are headed for the church aisle. Some will walk down—some will be carried."—bees Coverall.

RESTRICTED SALE... Harford (Conn.) Courant... The law says the Government surplus ships can be sold only to an operator. Not a ship operator necessarily—just an operator.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON—I had planned to get a few days of rest after the adjournment of Congress. My duties as a member of the platform committee for the Democratic National Convention eliminated that pleasant prospect.

Now to the record of the 84th Congress. I think its record is good. There were some bills that did not make the grade that I would have preferred approved. Some legislation passed that was not desirable. Generally speaking, it was a Congress that moved cautiously. I think the new highway bill and the social security revisions are notable examples of important legislation. President Eisenhower wanted a rather drastic legislative program, including the civil rights bill, but Congress did not give him everything he wanted. It did cooperate with the administration in most of its program. It refused to go along on some of the more extreme re-

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