



As of last week—and probably as of this one—everyone wanted better schools; but nobody wanted them enough to pay for them. It was the same old story.

The tobacco people did not want it on tobacco. The housewives did not want a tax on food. The bottlers did not want it on soft drinks. The farmer did not want it on agricultural products.

Unless those interested in raising North Carolina from the bottom rung of the educational ladder become better organized—and more active—you can pretty well kiss goodbye for another season any plans for much educational advancement for our Old North State.

**Fourth Coming Up**  
Those responsible for carrying Terry Sanford to victory in the first Primary last year—and on to another victory over Dr. Lake in the second Primary—and thence to victory over Robert L. Gavin in November—now have a fourth time at bat.

They must side with the Sanford speech as one undivided group—or run the risk of tossing away their three great victories in 1960.

**Sounding Out Sentiment**  
To say "I'm for better schools, but—" kids nobody. But it does dig one more mudhole in the road to progress.

If you believe in the Governor's program, now is the time to let your legislator know about it. He would appreciate a wire from you—or a letter, or just a post card—letting him know how you feel about it. And maybe why!

Main reason there was so much mental milling around, backing and filling immediately after the Governor's speech was that the men and women in the Legislature didn't know what the reaction of the people back home would be.

Virtually without exception—even including those from the far western counties—the solons went home this past weekend to scour the bushes sounding out sentiment. We should all remember that progress never comes easy—sel-dom comes without sacrifices.

**The Experiment Failed**  
An honest effort was made here.

during the first month of the current session of the Legislature to hold meetings of the Finance and Appropriations Committees in mornings.

These are the two big committees. Everybody in the Legislature is one one or the other of these committees. Since the beginning of time these committees had met in the afternoon—usually at 2:30 o'clock. But a long debate or discussion in either House has frequently resulted in legislators going without lunch in order to make it to the group meeting. It was frequently the case—probably more often than not—that the committee meetings could not begin hearings on time.

Then, too, long-winded speakers before the committees have been known to keep them in session until dark—well past supper time. Also, after a couple to three hard hours in session, some of the committee members did not feel up to a vigorous committee discussion.

So this time it was decided these big groups would hold their meetings early in the morning when everybody was fresh from a good night's sleep and ready for business. Less dozing, more vigor, more interest.

But it just didn't work. Here's why: The members would not attend the meetings of the umpteen "little" committees transferred to the afternoon. Sometimes these smaller groups act on matters as far-reaching as Appropriations and Finance—and when there was much absenteeism they could not properly function.

So now we are back where we started—with Appropriations and Finance meeting at around two

o'clock in the afternoon—and the other sessions beginning promptly at nine in the morning.

**High Noon**  
A lot of people think they can come to Raleigh almost any time and find their representative or senator sitting in solemn session as shown in the movies. But as a matter of fact less than 25 per cent of his work day is spent in the Capitol.

Most of his time is consumed in committee meetings. So, unless you know what committee the person you want to see is on, the best time to catch him in the daytime is at noon—along then—when both houses are usually in session.

Sam Lambert, director of the Research Division of the National Education Association, says that within the next ten years these changes will be made in our public schools:

1. A 200-day school term (we now have 180).
2. An 8-hour school day—against our present six.
3. Increased academic requirements.
4. All year schools in the form of greatly expanded and improved summer schools.
5. Abandonment of study halls.

6. More public kindergarten and nursery schools.

7. Increased attention to slow learners.

8. Higher qualifications (above B. A. Degree) for teachers.

9. Additional public junior colleges.

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**Get-Them Trading**  
Since our don't-wants are stronger than our wants, the Governor has members of the Legislature tossing the hot stick to each other.

Remember back in the old days when on Halloween we would soak a rag ball in kerosene and throw it about? Hold it over a second and you were burnt. Get rid of it in a hurry—and it became the next person's responsibility.

The real battle comes down to an increase in the sales tax to four per cent or the inclusion of food, with tobacco, soft drinks, and one or two other items such as farm machinery. There will be trading!

**Many More**  
Within two weeks the General Assembly will have before it at least a half-dozen different type revenue bills. All sorts of combi-



**ON PROGRAM**—These 4-H Club members were on the annual Achievement Day Program at Cove Creek Friday night. They are, left to right, front row: Ronald Swift, Kent Younce, Larry Richardson, John Lett Jr.; back row: Lockwood Shull, Bettina Danner, Diane Forester, Judy Henson, and Agnes Gray Shipley.—Staff photo.

nations. It remains anybody's guess as to what the mixup will do to the Governor's Better Schools Program.

North Rhodesia tense as race strife is feared.

**Traffic Toll**

Raleigh.—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths in North Carolina through 10 a. m. Monday, March 13: Killed to date ..... 173 Killed to date last year ... 183

**WILLIAMS SEEKS \$5 MILLION**

Assistant Secretary of State Williams has asked for \$5,283,000 to establish fourteen new embassies and three consulates in Africa and strengthen his African Bureau in Washington.

He said the rapid emergency of new nations in Africa had "left the bureau breathless." He is in charge of African Affairs.

**NOISY LIONS**

Fair Lawn, N. J.—Residents are kept awake here with lions roaring.

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