

Dr. Carrol Praises Wataugans For Their Educational Strides

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered the dedication address Sunday of last week at Watauga High School. Dr. Carroll said, in part:

Today I join in expressing high praise, commendation, and appreciation for the efforts of every person who in any manner has made this occasion possible. For their achievements I would congratulate heartily Messrs. Davant, Mast, Moretz, Hollar, Baumgardner, the late A. E. South and the late Dr. D. J. Whitener, of the Watauga County Board of Education, Superintendent Guy Angell and staff, Watauga County Commissioners who provided funds so co-operatively, faculty, Architects Adams and Pegram, J. E. Greene Construction Company, other contractors, and construction personnel.

Above all, I want to pay respect to you parents, citizens, taxpayers—the real owners of this outstanding school plant—for providing the money. But I would not stop here. I must comment especially upon that which transcends in value the dollars invested here. You deserve genuine recognition for having committed yourselves, through thought and deed, to the proposition that all boys and girls, without a single exception, are entitled to and shall have a decent educational opportunity through which they can grow and develop commensurate with their abilities and compatible with their personal needs and the needs of society.

This occasion permits and requires me to address myself particularly to Principal N. A. Miller, the teachers, the auxiliary staff, and especially the students of Watauga County High School with regard to their opportunities and responsibilities. I am confident those who use this school plant most will bear in mind that buildings, buses, equipment, etc., are all secondary to the teaching-learning process. Except that these facilities are used maximally in behalf of sound, thorough scholarship and character development, the purposes for which this impressive school plant has been constructed will not be realized.

For many decades educational opportunities have been available to some, if not all, of the youth of Watauga County. It is to be observed even before the formation of Watauga County in 1849 from Ashe County territory, with slices of Wilkes, Caldwell and Yancey, there was a very important educational institute in this County at Valle Crucis, founded by Bishop L. S. Ives, of the Protestant Episcopal Church. This institute, founded in 1844, was intended to be both a theological school and a centre of missions. A classical school was opened as a means of preparing clergymen for the church as a whole, while the centre of

missions was to train a native ministry. The enterprise seemed full of promise for five or six years, when it was ruined by the secession of the Bishop into the Roman Church.

Boone Classical High School was very successful from 1866 to 1879, the teachers being H. D. Dixon (1866-69), J. S. Hill (1874-76), J. F. Spainhour and J. S. Hill (1879-81). The enrollment in this school reached 100 students, a very noteworthy achievement that would have reflected credit upon any county or city in North Carolina at that time.

Cove Creek Academy was a classical school of like success from 1885-1891, with J. S. Martin, E. S. Blackburn, and William Francum, successively as principals.

New River Academy, at Horton, was under W. R. Spainhour in 1888-89. The next year, J. F. and W. R. Spainhour had charge, followed in the next year by Mr. Hendren and then William Francum.

Elk Knob Academy, at Norris, as a classical school was started by R. H. Cline in 1886. Other teachers in this school included William Laws, Jacob Wike, M. H. Norris and the Rev. J. L. Deaton.

In 1888, Old Shulls Mills School was under the administration of the late B. B. Dougherty, whose name is legend and whose life each of us respects so highly.

These classical schools and academies, most of which were "tuition" schools, stimulated the establishment and operation of public schools wherein tuition was free. The result was that at the turn of the century, when the "tuition" schools were decreasing in number, the public schools in Watauga County were serving 3,794 white and 95 Negro children. These young people were housed in more than 60 schools representing a total value of nearly \$4,000, or an average value of something just a little less than \$70 each.

I have asked many questions about the cost of Watauga County High School. On the basis of answers received I have concluded readily that you have spent your money wisely. The cost of school house construction in North Carolina depends, as one might expect, upon such factors as design, quality, simplicity and geographical location. The square foot cost in this State ranges from approximately \$6.50 to \$13.50. The complete cost of Watauga County High School is understood to be approximately \$11.90 a square foot, less fees, furniture and equipment. I repeat that I feel you have received your money's worth, considering the quality of what you have here.

The responsibility and the opportunity always is to synchronize purpose on one hand and building and site on the other. With words borrowed in part

from dialogue between Socrates and Glaucon in Plato's REPUBLIC we might express it in this way: "When a usable, efficient, economical and beautiful school plant harmonizes with an intelligently conceived educational program based upon human need, "and the two are cast in one mould, that will be the fairest of sights to him who has an eye to see it."

Washington Report

BY CONGRESSMAN JAMES T. BROYHILL

A relatively unimportant bill last week in the House of Representatives rubbed tempers the wrong way and an unusually heated debate arose. This occurred when legislation was brought forward to build an official residence for the Vice President of the United States in Washington, D. C. The legislation would provide "for the American people another great national monument surpassed only by the White House and the Capitol itself." The bill passed by a narrow vote. However, I had misgivings about it and I did not support the proposal.

The actual bill drew a great deal of non-partisan fire. It would set aside a ten-acre tract of land upon which the residence would be built. The land would be a part of the present Naval Observatory ground and the home would cost \$750,000 to construct. Even by Washington standards, this amount of money would build a very large home. One of the critics of the bill very rightly pointed out, however, that the actual cost might be in doubt if we look at the experience with other Federal buildings. Federal cost estimates are notorious for being wrong and, unfortunately, they always seem to be too low. One good example of that is the Rayburn Building, the imposing pile of marble which houses the offices of some of the Members of Congress. When the building was authorized by Congress not too many years ago, assurance was given that it would cost \$60 to \$65 million. It wound up costing \$125 million and all the bills are not yet in.

Nevertheless, when we talk of money of less than one million dollars, Washington usually regards the amount as "small potatoes." We have here a "billion dollar" fixation and that is one of the good reasons why our annual budget has soared to something on the order of \$125 billion. As the debate on a mansion for the Vice President wore on, this was mentioned many times both by those who were for and against the bill.

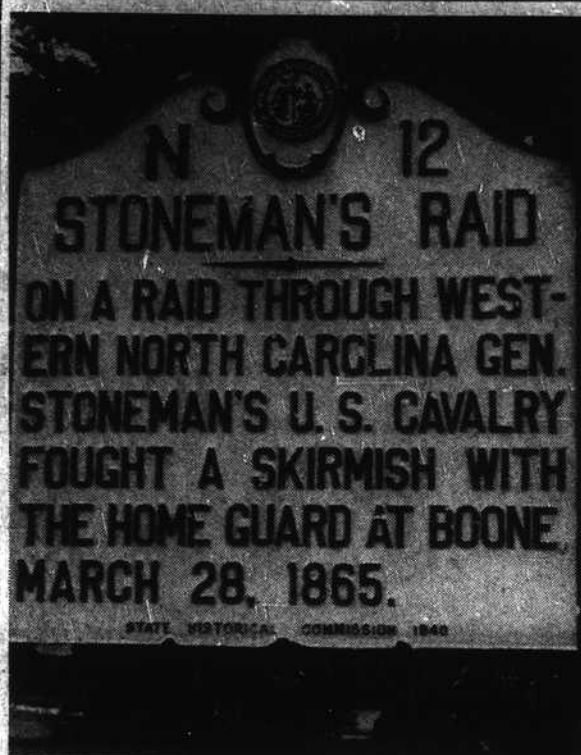
For the entire history of the

country, American Vice Presidents have provided their own living quarters. It may be that changing times and circumstance will require that we alter this tradition.

The Constitution gives the Vice President only one specific function. It makes him the presiding officer of the Senate. Even this is a largely ceremonial duty. Our Vice Presidents have often been talented men with little to do to demonstrate those talents. In many Administrations, Vice Presidents were, in fact, shadowy figures about whom the public knew little. During the past generation, however, the pattern has changed. Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson have brought the Number Two man into the main-stream of their Administrations and have delegated to him tasks that were worthy of his talents. Each of our last three Presidents have recognized the urgency of keeping their Vice Presidents advised so that they could pick up the heavy burden of the Presidency if this should be needed. However, this all seems beside the point on the matter of an official residence. We already have more than adequate facilities for our Vice Presidents to carry out important official social functions delegated to them by the President.

Very frankly, this bill seemed ill-timed to me. It appears from his public statements that the Vice President Humphrey does not see any particular need for an official mansion and he seems less than enthusiastic about the project. Also, the Bureau of the Budget's attitude was either opposed to the plan, or, at the most, lukewarm.

It seemed to me that there are some other matters that ought to rate higher than this project. We have 200,000 military families that are, according to testimony given the Congress, inadequately housed or living in substandard quarters. Even so, the Secretary of Defense cancelled \$600 million Congress had appropriated to meet this problem. This was done because of what he called "necessary economy." There are many other inconsistencies of this kind that we could cite.



ONE OF 20 MARKERS ON STONEMAN'S U. S. Cavalry in Western North Carolina is erected on West King Street here. The historical markers are put up by the State Department of Archives and History. A marker also has been placed in Blowing Rock, which reads "Stoneman's Raid: On a raid through western North Carolina, General Stoneman's U. S. Cavalry passed through Blowing Rock, 1865." (Staff photo)

ABOUT YOUR HOME

Berry Bushes Double As Good Lawn Hedges

Raspberries and blueberries make excellent back and side boundary hedges. Blueberries even make good foundation shrubs. As an extra dividend you will have delicious sun-ripened berries in season.

Blueberries have a lovely branch pattern. In spring they are filled with clusters of pink and white flowers and in the autumn their leaves turn beautiful scarlet and copper colors. Soil for growing blueberries must be fertile and moist, but well drained. It should be acid and of the same type necessary for growing rhododendrons and similar sour-soil plants.

Plant blueberries about two feet apart for good hedge, and four feet apart for foundation shrubs. Keep the plants mulched at all times. Have at least two varieties in the same hedge for cross-pollination. Raspberries make a thick

brambly hedge. They can be planted in any fertile soil that is well-drained and gets a lot of sun.

There are two types of raspberries - black and red. The reds should be planted about two feet apart. The blacks planted thirty-six inches apart. Both types should be cut to six inches after planting. They must be kept mulched.

Red raspberries spread vigorously and must be kept within bounds. The canes of both reds and blacks grow up one year, bear the next and then die. Remove canes after-bearing.

On NATO President Johnson has warned the Atlantic allies that President de Gaulle's efforts to reform their alliance could imperil the security of France and endanger the safety of the Western world.

They illustrate the need to place issues in a scale of priority and, to me, building a mansion for the Vice President at this time should rate very low on the list of priorities for spending the Nation's money.

Know The Weather

BY E. H. SIMS
What is Ballot's Law? Did the Dutch scientist discover a secret of the winds? Modern study indicates he did.
In 1860, Buys Ballot outlined his basic principle: "Stand with your back to the wind, and pressure is lower on your left hand than on your right."
Science has proved it is usually true. Low pressure (bad weather) systems circulate counter-clockwise. High pressure systems rotate clockwise. Therefore, with your back to the wind, in a low pressure system, your left hand would point to the center of the disturbance.
So Ballot's Law is important. Veteran pilots know steady right "drift" on long cross-country flights is an ominous sign. That is because it means wind is from the left. If one put his back to it, his left hand would point in the direction he is flying—toward lowering pressure, bad weather!
Robert Kennedy gets South Africa visa.
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