

CAPITOL CLIPBOARD

School Children Do Homework At Rallies For Candidates

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CHILDREN . . . How many school children from throughout North Carolina were in attendance at the big Hubert Humphrey rally held in Charlotte last Thursday?

At least one busload went from Raleigh.

Mayor Daley of Chicago says he can come up with the size of crowd wanted for almost any occasion . . . 50,000? 100,000?

But this thing of kids getting out of school for a 300-mile lark—just to say you have a big crowd—seems to be stretching it a little far.

Then, down in Atlanta on Friday, high school students were required to attend the downtown rally for Richard Nixon. This was part of their civics class assignment. They were shown doing their homework: tossing reams of confetti out of an upstairs window.

Who has the power to arrange such tomfoolishness? Busloads of children to Charlotte to make crowds and confetti-tossing from Atlanta windows as civics homework?

IMPRESSED . . . Simmons Fentress, North Carolina native who used to work for the Raleigh News & Observer, has for several weeks been on the campaign trail with Richard Nixon.

Fentress left Raleigh some ten years ago to become associated with Time Magazine's Atlanta bureau. Since that time, he has been nearly everywhere, including Vietnam.

It may be that Nixon has a memory to that of Jim Farley, who used it to help FDR so much 30 years ago. At any rate, Fentress is quite impressed by it.

Shortly after the beginning of Nixon's campaign earlier this year, Simmons Fentress was assigned to cover his travels for Time. He introduced himself to the candidate, who immediately said: "Oh, yes, remember that morning in Atlanta . . .?"

"That morning" was four years ago. Nixon recalled accurately the turn of events—in 1964 and thousands of acquaintances ago.

CHANGE . . . Incidentally, Fentress on October 1 swapped candidates. He was moved to Humphrey's entourage; and another correspondent, Hays Gorey, begins Nixon coverage.

This is the way Time has of keeping the fresh approach.

ODDISMS . . . Since all the Presidential candidates have visited, are now visiting, or will soon visit this State, it might be interesting to discuss their little peculiarities picked up by reporters traveling with them.

1. Hubert Humphrey admits that his wife sometimes finds his private moods unbearable. He drives his office staff too long—and late—hours . . . chiding them more often than cheer-

ing them.
2. George Wallace is afraid to fly and broods constantly about the weather. Nevertheless, he stays with his aging jet. He smokes cigars incessantly.

3. Edmund Muskie is a lint-picker, say the reporters. He is always rolling up small balls of lint from the seams of his pockets and flicking them about the platform. He watches the floor . . . as if looking for something . . . during introductions. He recently saw a pin and, ignoring completely the man speaking, he got up, picked it up, and placed it neatly on a table next to the speaker's stand.

4. Richard Nixon has an elephantine memory . . . for names, faces, and events. His mind retains minute details: facts and figures. He has little patience with slothfulness. In 1960 one of his aides made a miscue. There was real trouble. But that man is a chief assistant this time; and there is a sharper handling of details. Reports are that Dr. Billy Graham has given Nixon advice on speaking . . . and dealing with people.

5. Now what about the lovable, bumbling Spiro Agnew? His hair is always just right. And not a wrinkle in his suits. But newspaper and radio correspondents accompanying him swear they know exactly what he will be wearing the next day . . . and from day to day.

IS THERE ONE? . . . Question . . . and observation: Is there a pickup truck in North Carolina that doesn't have one or

more Wallace stickers on it?

EXPERTS . . . The informal pollsters (finger-in-the-wind type) say Democrats in this State will win by about 100,000 votes come November 5. In this prediction, they do not include those Democrats on the national ticket, it seems.

Anyway, they think that Abe Fortas' good friend, Sen. Sam Ervin, will lead the ticket. Well, not if LBJ has anything to do with it.

SMALL ONES . . . The inside information out of Detroit is that Ford will come out next March with its new car to compete with Volkswagen. General Motors will not be out with its smallie for two years yet.

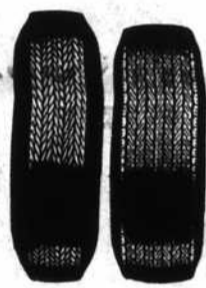
Meantime, there is a quiet—though powerful—movement underway to put governors on cars. Safety engineers say too much power . . .

In August, foreign cars were sold in this State by Chevy (4,213), Ford (3,862), Plymouth (1,544) and Pontiac (1,541). Foreigns (1,522).

David Thomas Is Enrolled At King's

David W. Thomas of 3128 Colonnade Drive, Charlotte, a graduate of Cove Creek High School enrolled at King's College in Charlotte at the beginning of the fall quarter of the 1968-69 session. He is registered for the course in Business Administration with major in Sales.

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Scout Drive Continues. Mrs. Hayden Pitts, chairman of the Boy Scout Fund Raising Drive, would like to encourage tributes to the Drive so that as soon as possible she can do so. Pitts is grateful to

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