

SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

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Pumping Life Into Dying Cities Through Schools

The future of American Society is inextricably tied to the survival and well-being of its central cities. Yet relatively little has been done to check the growing decay and blight of metropolitan areas. Folks continue their flight to the suburbs as soon as they're able.

To Professor C. G. Sargent of Harvard University's graduate school of education, this is a matter of growing concern.

The noted educator observes that most urban renewal programs for rebuilding business centers and "fixing up" residential neighborhoods have been relatively ineffective in anchoring people to the city. City dwellers still gaze wistfully at the new schools and spacious surroundings of suburbs.

Urban renewal developments too frequently overlook the human dimension, Professor Sargent believes. He says we apparently need some dramatic physical change with which the people can identify and which to them spells a concern on the part of the city for their well-being. The public school is preeminently such a symbol.

Development of neighborhood use of school facilities molds ties and loyalties to a neighborhood which have been non-existent or died, Dr. Sargent adds. In short, if an attachment of love can be developed for "good old Central Junior High," a neighborhood's urge for suburbia may be quenched.

But Central Junior High can't remain the Victorian artifact of yesterday. It has to be a top facility that upgrades the entire neighborhood, something that patrons look up to and take pride in. It can and should serve as a community center.

Therefore, architects should relate school planning to any urban renewal development, Dr. Sargent strongly contends.

Last year the New Haven, Conn., School board asked the Harvard educator to apply his ideas to this New England city and recommend what could be done through schools to stimulate vitality and esprit de corps throughout the city.

To answer, Dr. Sargent made the first study which systematically ties together school planning and urban renewal on a city-wide basis.

Completed last spring, the study proposed a complete reorganization of the school system and a building program costing \$13,000,000.

It features a complete grade reorganization on an unusual

1-4-4 pattern. That is, four-year neighborhood schools, four-year junior high or intermediate schools (they could also become community centers), and four-year high schools.

Key to the plan is a school construction program going hand in hand with New Haven's urban renewal program. Worked out this way, savings are substantial.

The New Haven Board of Education adopted Dr. Sargent's full report and immediately voted money to implement its recommendations.

And now proud Boston, evidently liking Dr. Sargent's ideas, has retained Professor Sargent to make a corresponding study for its metropolitan area also.

Although North Carolina is fortunate in not having extreme depressed areas in its cities and towns, the fact remains that a similar exodus to suburbia, but on a smaller scale, is taking place across the state.

Robert Randall of the Appalachian State Teachers College education department, like Dr. Sargent, recommends that Tar Heel urban renewal planners sharpen their attention to the school as a focal point in their blue printing.

Randall, a former Lumberton and Charlotte school administrator, participated in Harvard University's administrative career program and has observed first hand the value of school construction within urban renewal programs.

Frankly Speaking

By FRANK ROBERTS

First of all, congratulations to our very good friend, Mike Malone, who recently received his first appointment. He'll be pastor of a large Episcopal Church in Ahoskie. At this point, Mike:

"God Be With You". Speaking of young Edentonians to be proud of, our congratulations to all of the high school seniors who recently received their awards, in various categories. I was particularly interested in outstanding achievement in music. That award went to Roger Lamb, to no one's surprise. Roger, who was born in Edenton, is one of this area's outstanding young people. Briefly: He has an older brother; his father is an aircraft mechanic in Elizabeth City. Roger, himself, is going into music as a career, hoping to become a choir director. After graduation he'll be heading towards St. Andrews Pres-

byterian College in Laurinburg or the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. Young Lamb, who plays organ and piano, is currently studying with Mrs. Hugh Evans, wife of the minister of Edenton Presbyterian Church. By the way, Roger is also pianist for the senior Sunday School class at the Edenton Baptist Church, and plays organ during services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. So far the Methodists haven't gotten to him. In addition to his musical interests, he has also been a member of the National Honor Society, and for several of his high school years, has consistently maintained a 90 or above average. Also, in school, he's president of the Bass Clef Club. Roger is, of course, only one of many teenagers of which our area can be justly proud.

A North Carolinian making news these days is that rare bird: a politician who prefers to stay out of the limelight. However, he has no choice, with the Billie Sol Estes case making headlines these days. He is Democrat L. H. Fountain, who has been commended by members of both parties, for his fair-mindedness. One associate describes Fountain as: "a clean-cut Christian gentleman." Connection with the Estes case—Fountain is head of an obscure house subcommittee on intergovernmental operations, which has jurisdiction over government surplus grain storage and cotton allotments. Incidentally, Fountain only once has been opposed in his election bids, since 1952. Even that time he received 96% of the vote.

Fountain, from Tarboro, credits religion with a major role in his life. He says he hasn't missed a Sunday Bible Class since he was a small boy in a town called Leggett. He became a Presbyterian, since he was born across the street from a Presbyterian Church. He's now an elder and trustee of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington. Another gentleman of that de-

nomination who's made headlines recently is Bud Collyer, emcee of television's "To Tell The Truth." Collyer is one of show-business's most devoted religious practitioners. The life of his family and himself involves around their church, where Collyer for years has been a Sunday School teacher. Speaking of showbusiness and religion, one of television's finest hours last year, received an award of excellence from the American Baptist Convention. It was for "The Price of Tomatoes," a Dick Powell presentation for which Peter Falk recently received an Emmy award. One more showbusiness note: Hugh Downs will succeed John Chancellor on the "Today" show and he will leave the "Tonight" show.

Closing Thought:

Early to bed . . .
Early to rise . . .
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Bill—I was shipwrecked for a whole week.

Joe—How did you get along?
Bill—I lived the week on a can of sardines.

Joe—How could you move around?

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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human being on earth. It that the Jesus who walked the dusty roads of Palestine only seemed to be human. They pride themselves on their ability to comprehend what they thought was true nature of God. Regarding knowledge as superior to faith, which the ordinary run of Christians might possess, they assumed that such knowledge was the possession of only a privileged few. This doctrine John attacked with sound logic. He did not deny that knowledge of God is desirable, but he declar-

ed that the way to know God is to partake of his nature, which is love, and to exhibit Christian love toward all men. The test of one's knowledge of God; then, is his active, outgoing love for his fellow men. Anyone who lays claims to loving God, the while despising or downgrading other people, is no true lover of God. His is the empty vessel of lip-service to his faith.

Another test of unity with God is our attitude toward Jesus Christ. If we freely confess him as our personal Savior from sin, God lives in us, and we in him. Confessing Christ not only in words but also by doing the things he urges us to do is the one and only way to gain knowledge of God and to live in union with him. Then, and only then, can we truly know God.

This lesson also teaches that

"perfect love casts out fear." Fear, John explains, "has to do with punishment. . . ." but if one is "perfected in love," he has no need to fear future punishment. On the contrary, such a person "may have confidence for the day of judgment. . . ." Having this confidence should be the aim of every Christian, not only for the sake of peace of mind, but also for the larger purpose of Christian stewardship. A person cannot be a good steward of God's gifts if he lives in fear of the judgment. Freed by perfect love from this fear, he can exercise his stewardship to the honor and glory of God.

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission.)

TO THE CITIZENS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

I would like to take this means of saying THANK YOU to the citizens of Chowan County for the tremendous support given me in election to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court in the Democratic Primary on Saturday, May 26, 1962.

My sincere thanks, too, to the many friends who worked so faithfully in my behalf during the weeks before the primary.

As a servant of the people of Chowan County I pledge to all of you continued service, cooperation, courtesy and the safeguarding of this important office for you in the future.

SINCERELY,

LENA M. LEARY

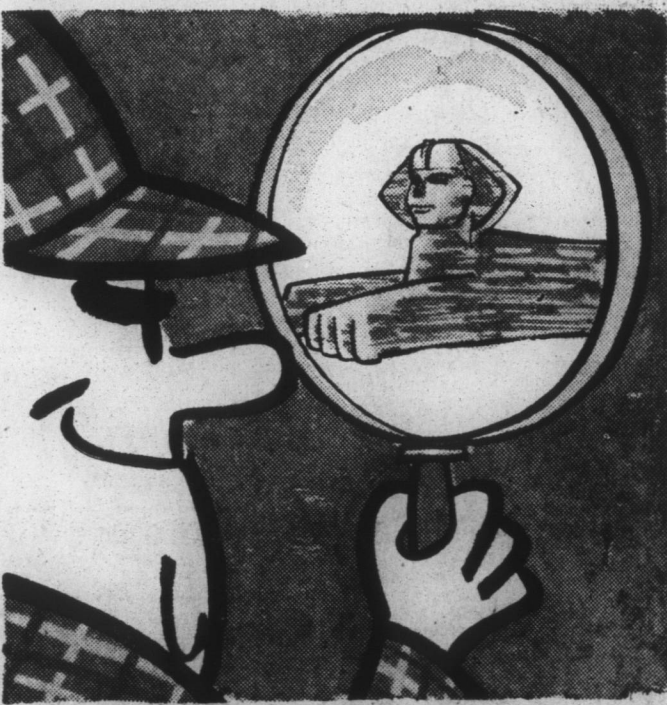
To Voters Of Chowan County

I wish to take this means to express my sincere appreciation to those of you who voted for me in the primary election last Saturday.

I did not win the election, but I shall at all times be willing and eager to help in whatever way possible in the growth and development of Chowan County.

Albert G. Byrum

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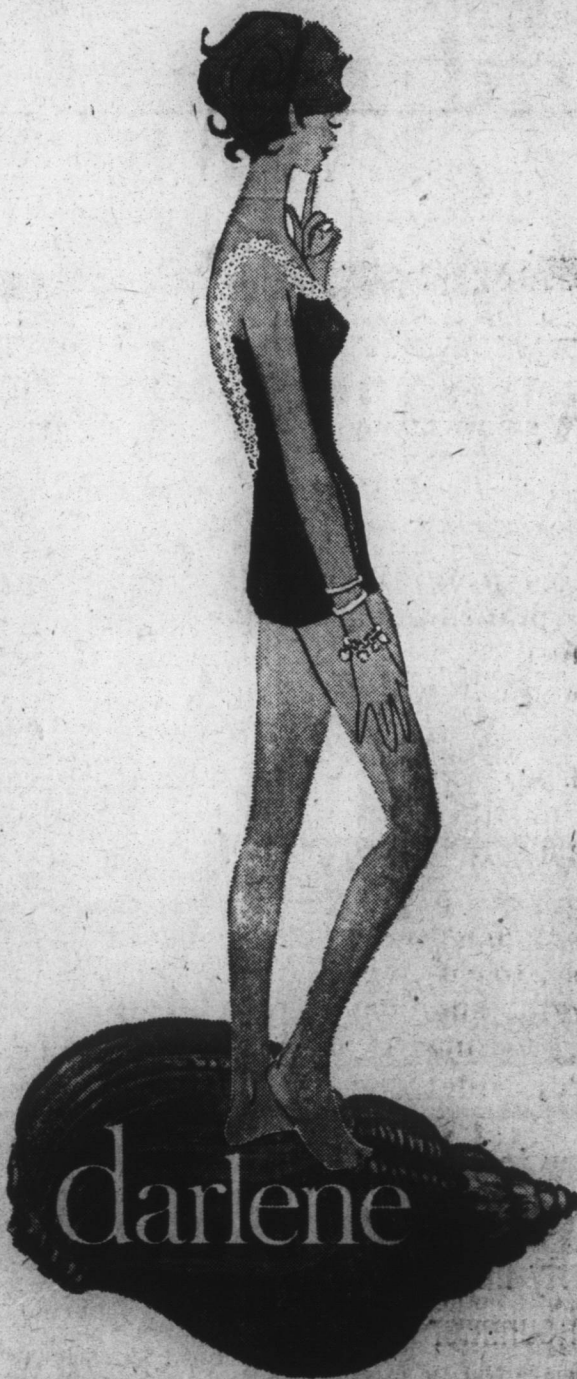
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