

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:
As you know, May 12 was registration day for children entering the first grade in September. As the parent of a child six years old, I went to the school to register him. After finishing the required forms, I was asked if I planned to enroll my child in the summer program.

Having previously thought about this, I had decided that this program would be good preparation for a pre-schooler especially since ours was a late comer and had been reared in a household of adults. I thought this summer program would prepare him for regular classes as well as mixing with other children.

So, along with a lot of other mothers, I began what was to be a 45-minute wait in line to fill out the forms for the program. Imagine my surprise when, after the long wait and two pages of questions, I was told I would be notified by mail if my child qualified.

I was not aware there were restrictions, so I asked what they were. I was only told there were guidelines for this program and there were doubts that we would qualify because our income was too high.

To say I was surprised is putting it mildly. I cannot see what our yearly earnings have to do with preparing a child for entering school. I cannot comprehend a taxpayer being denied the right to take part in a program which is paid for by the taxes we pay. This just doesn't make sense.

But the thing I am protesting most is this: If there were restrictions to this program, we should have been told in advance, so that we would not have stood in line for 45 minutes and wasted the time of the person filling out the forms, as well as our own. I, for one, do not enjoy standing around for 45 minutes. I resent it and I'm sure I was not the only parent this happened to.

We are encouraged to send our children to public schools. Then from the very first moment we are alienated and embarrassed.

We had decided public schools would be best for our child. But now we feel he has been discriminated against before he even starts first grade.

Therefore, we are now considering putting him in private school where he will be given the same privileges as any other student.

By way of your newspaper, I am exercising my right to gripe. And to inform people that integration is not the reason some children are put in private schools.

ELLIE M. PARRISH.

To get to know life fully doesn't mean that one has to get down into the gutter.

DALLAS T. STALLINGS, JR.

D. T. Stallings, Jr. Will Get Degree

WAKE FOREST—Dallas T. Stallings, Jr., of Chatham, Va., has completed the requirements for graduation from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will be awarded the Master of Theology degree at the seminary commencement exercise on May 29.

Mr. Stallings, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Stallings, who live at 813 Johnston Street, is a graduate of John A. Holmes High School and Wake Forest University. He has served as pastor of Cullen Baptist Church and Union Grove Baptist Church in Virginia and as associate minister of the Franklin Baptist Church, Franklin, Va. He is now the minister of the Chatham Baptist Church, Chatham, Va.

Mr. Stallings is married to the former Donna Raper of Burlington, N. C.

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