

LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Way Of Things

They had a school board meeting in Durham last night which could foretell things to come. The meeting was controlled by a group of young blacks, led by black militant Howard Fuller, instead of the board itself or its newly elected chairman, who also happened to be black.

The meeting of the duly elected Durham City Board of Education was dissolved into a shouting match and board members were barred from leaving when the young high school students blocked the doors with a blackboard, a podium and chairs.

From the reports there was no real issue involved. The blacks objected to what appears to be a reasonable policy against violence on the school campuses which was read by the board attorney over the shouts of the black students. The students made an issue out of the fact that the school superintendent failed to stand up to answer one of their questions. Fuller addressed the board, then stopped saying there was "no sense arguing about these trifling rules". He said they were set up by "an illegitimate body that does not represent you as black people".

With the door still blocked, the students one-by-one stood and presented their lists of grievances. The list included new equipment in some schools, renovated gym at a predominantly Negro school and black studies and black speakers to be invited by the students.

Another demand—this one from Fuller—was for the appointment of a parent advisory committee with Fuller choosing six members and the Board choosing two. This committee would "hold the purse strings" for school funds.

Aside from the fact that these demands are illegal and the Durham Board could not under law grant them, the whole affair presents a nightmare of absurdities. In Durham, the question is whether or not the elected representatives of the people are going to operate the schools or whether it now becomes a matter of what group can use the most force.

Needless to say, these young militants should have been removed bodily from the meeting. Of course, this might have offended them and thus brought down the might of the federal government. Washington has been known to frown on school boards refusing to buckle under to certain demands.

There was a school board meeting in Franklin County last night also. Indeed efforts were made to reach the Durham City superintendent for a conference on certain matters pertaining to both systems. The efforts failed and the reasons are now obvious. He was a prisoner in his own board meeting and could not get to the telephone.

Franklin's meeting, however, was taken up with problems arising out of today's uncertainty as to just who runs the schools. Every question nowadays must be prefixed with lengthy determination as to whether or not a board has the authority to resolve whatever question arises.

In Durham—last night, at least—young black militants were running the schools. In others its the federal courts or HEW. Rare indeed is the school system being operated nowadays by those elected by the people. But that's the way of things in the citadel of freedom and regrettably, no relief is in sight.



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A Pity To Wake Up So Late

Laurinburg (N.C.) Exchange

How come that burgeoning batch of misfits on our college campuses these days? Well, for a time there it appeared no one knew. At least no one at the center of the action seemed willing to state emphatically and conclusively that this or that in the average misbehaving student was the leading cause. Meanwhile the researchers went to work. Belatedly and with ample funds, but still they went to work.

Now what have they come up with but the same answers the puritanics subscribers have had all along. The old fogies and the conservatives on the outside looking in have been saying it for generations. Essentially the message is that you can't spare the rod or you'll spoil the child.

According to one reporter, Dorothy Rich who writes for the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post, "Permissiveness is going out and adult authority is coming in." She

tells of a "parental authority research project" at the University of California at Berkeley which has completed an exhaustive study of the ailing undisciplined child, the one who runs into trouble in the schools and colleges and often runs afoul of the law.

Ample love and firm control over the situation at home is the need nowadays, according to Dr. Diana Baumrind, director of this California project.

The pity of this finding is that while so many of us knew what the trouble has been all along, we are seeing a big part of a dissipated generation pass before us. While Rome has been burning, we have been fiddling, and so have authorities who should have known better all along. If for no other reason, they should have known better because so many of them were raised between not too infrequent trips to the woodshed.



I ain't never been one who's no financial genius. I ain't never had enough money. That much I know. That don't take being no genius. But ever since grandma give the mattress with the family fortune to the junkman, I been preaching to the little woman to put the money in a safe place.

This ain't gonna come as no surprise to you but there are some things me and the little woman don't see eye to eye on and safe places is one of them.

About two years ago, purely by accident I found her safe place. It won't so safe if I was able to find it.

It's sort of a sad story in a way. And it's sort of a long story. She saw this bargain at the grocery store, you see and she can't pass up a bargain. If you bought a hundred pounds of tea you could buy a tea pitcher for a dollar. Just 'cause you could a got the same pitcher at the dime store for ninety-eight cents didn't bother the little woman. A bargain is a bargain she always says.



So we got a hundred pounds of tea and one tea pot. Up to that point all I'd lost was my money. There didn't no directions come with the pot and that's where the trouble started.

She cooked the tea and that was the sorriest mess I ever et. The little pieces kept getting in between my teeth and bitter... man you wouldn't believe it. I suggested that she might ought to strain the stuff but she said no. You cook it like turnip salad, she said and dared me not to eat it.

I said maybe a little salt would help but she's done salted it she said. I told her I bet a little ice in the soup would make a good drink, but she laughed. She don't take many suggestions from me.

Well to make a long story, after I'd et tea for three days in a row and my tonsils was brushing the back of my teeth, I knew I was going to have to make a change. I come up with a plan. I broke the tea pot. She didn't know she could a cooked tea in any kind of pot. She thought she had to have one of the brown pots. She cried. And she went back to the grocery store. I almost had me two hundred pounds of tea but somebody had broke the only pot they had left. I ain't saying who. Anyway, the grocer told her she's have to wait until next spring when the company man come around agin to git another pot.

Like I say, that was about two years ago. The company man ain't showed up. And I'm glad. But I went looking for the pot one day and when I found it, sure enough, the little woman had stashed some money away.

I counted it and she had a mess of money in that pot. There was \$7.35 that won't doing nobody no good. I was afraid she might forget and give the pot away, so I stole it and took it to the bank. They was glad to see me. It ain't every day they get a big deposit.

After they showed me their vault and I talked with the head man about my money being safe, I decided to let them keep it for me. He said they'd pay me interest. I thought this was mighty neighborly of them. They'd keep my money safe for me and pay me for letting them do it. You can't get a better deal than that.

Well, the inflation got me and I went after my money last week. The little girl at the booth smiled and asked what she could do for me and I said I'd like to git my money. Yes, sir, she said and what is your name. I told her. And what is your number, she wanted to know. Number? "Miss I ain't got no number." "You'll have to have a number," she said.

Then she wanted to know if I'd paid my taxes and if I'd borrowed anything lately. I said I borrowed George's lawn mower last Saturday but she said that didn't count. Finally, she asked me to come back in three days and said she'd have me a number and all that stuff.

Three days later, I'm back. "Mam", I said, "I come for my \$7.35 like you told me".

"Yes, sir, and I've got you all fixed up. Here is your name on this pretty plastic card. Here is your number on this pretty plastic card. Here is your passbook. Here is your checkbook and here is a folder on all our services".

"Yes, mam, but all I want is my \$7.35", I said. Folks was watching. "Yes, sir," she said. "Now if you'll just sign here. This is a notice to us that you plan to make a withdrawal. Come back in thirty days and you may get your money".

Well, I ain't never. "What was that, sir? What did you say", the pretty little thing asked. "I said, grandma didn't have as much trouble finding the junkman and I'm going home and see if I can find that tea pot".

Can you charge off a donation to a bank?

Franklin Boys Trained By Job Corps

As of July 30 a total of 51 Franklin County boys, ages 16-21 have been trained by Job Corps. These are only a small percent of the total number of boys from North Carolina who are now getting good jobs and becoming more productive members of society.

The Job Corp is only one answer to our staggering school drop-out problem. In North Carolina, the program is becoming more and more successful, thanks to a full time staff who combs the state looking for these discouraged kids and try to convince them that they too have some potential to offer the labor market.

Mrs. Sal F. Tompkins, who serves as counselor for Franklin, Person, Vance, Nash, Granville and Wake Counties, explained that Job Corp is for youth age 16-21, who have dropped out of school or who are in school and are not profiting from their school experience. The problem for many of these kids is they can not read. If a child can not read he has little hope of success in school.

There are three types of Job Corp Centers. The Conservation Center is

located in national parks and forests. Young men attending here learn forestry, fire fighting, building camps, and trails and half a day of writing and reading. Boys learn self discipline, how to apply for a job and how to approach an employer. The Urban Center is located in or near to a large city. It is where boys learn a concentrated vocational training of their choice from cooking, to office machine repair, from refrigeration to truck driving or heavy equipment. One Center even has a police training school.

While President Nixon recently closed some Centers, most of which were Conservation, he has suggested that 30 more be opened to serve the large cities. He calls them "Mini" or "Inner" city centers. These centers are still in the planning stage. One is slated for North Carolina to be located in the Charlotte area.

The entire program is set up on an individual basis and the boys are not in competition with anyone. Upon graduation, the boys get a certificate of achievement showing their area of training. They may also get a GED, or high school equivalency certificate if they qualify.

Room and board are free, so is the

trip to the camp, three of which are located in the western part of this state. Medical expenses as well as the boy's working clothes are paid for by Job Corp. As to the pay, they earn \$30.00 a month in spending money and \$50.00 a month in a savings account in their name. They really earn it, too.

Mrs. Tompkins feels more local men could capitalize on this program. At present Franklin County has 23 boys in Centers. She feels that many more boys could qualify from this county; but she does not always know about these boys.

Anyone may refer a boy for Job Corp. Mrs. Tompkins usually visits Franklin County several times a month and is eager to talk with anyone interested. An appointment is not necessary. During August she will be visiting Louisburg at the Department of Social Services on the 21st and 27th and urges anyone who knows about a boy who might benefit from the program to contact her there.

Cuban

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prime examples and he warned of the danger of the population explosion now going on to the South saying there were 53 million Latins in 1900 and a projection of 800 million by the year 2000. He said economic progress must catch up with and pass this explosion in population.

Dr. Canclio-Bello, who was introduced by Capt. James Brown, Program Chairman, is a former Cuban ambassador to Panama, Costa-Rica, Peru, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile and Paraguay. He was a personal friend of Batista and spoke of his devotion to the former dictator who was exiled to Spain when Fidel Castro took over in January, 1959.

Describing Cuba under Batista as a "land of milk and honey", Dr. Canclio-Bello said "Not in my lifetime do I expect I will be able to return. I do not expect to see Cuba again."

He and his wife have three children and live in Louisburg at 175 Fox Park Road. He taught at Louisburg in 1968-69 and is returning again this year as Professor of Spanish.

Policy

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altered its policy because of a late school start to allow such pupils to attend by paying a tuition based on the proportionate share of school funds paid by the average county taxpayer. It was announced at that time that students whose parents reside outside the state would not be eligible to attend Franklin schools this year.

All students are to report to the schools to which assigned on Thursday for teacher-pupil orientation. The hours are between 1 and 3 P.M.

The Board considered several requests for postponement of school opening due to the tobacco crop harvest, but allowed a previous decision of no postponement to stand. Earlier the Board said it would take a look at the situation at its regular monthly meeting on September 2. If conditions, at that time merit it, schools could be closed. However, based on the consensus of the Board Monday night, this is unlikely.

Well. What Do You Know?

Has Any Franklin Board ever been indicted?

Yes. Four members of the Board of County Commissioners were indicted by the Grand Jury on May 15, 1929 and charged with "malfeasance and misfeasance" in office. The charges were an outgrowth of actions by the Board reimbursing a local building firm for losses suffered in the construction of three county schools. The Board of Education paid the contract price plus \$3800 and the Commissioners paid an additional \$4800.26 which brought the charges. A fifth member was not included in the indictment because he voted against the payment.

Superior Court Judge F. A. Daniels accepted a defense motion to non-suit on May 13, 1930 ruling there was insufficient evidence for a verdict of guilty.



Surtax Extended

The House passed and sent to President Nixon an extension of the income tax surcharge for the rest of 1969. The President had asked that it be extended through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970.

Draft Call

The Pentagon has issued a call to draft 29,000 men into the Army and Marine Corps in September. The call is about 4,000 fewer than the peak calls in February, March and April and 500 less than the August draft call.

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