

Editorials & Comments

Will Blacks Participate Fully??

This year, most of the cities in North Carolina will again participate in their own local elections. The big question is: Will the Blacks also participate fully? If history repeats itself, it is very likely that we will not.

It's surprising how little we become involved; yet on the other hand, how very much we complain. Hopefully, that kind of inactivity is beginning to fade. For the more the need arises for complete involvement, the more we recognize our responsibilities.

The editorials of this newspaper have always urged its Black readers to use the voting rights to better our own deplorable conditions. This coming year is no different, and this newspaper will again call upon its readers to register and vote.

Your own local elections will depend in large parts on the participation of the Black vote turn-out. Especially the results.

If you are happy with the present conditions of your community, then just maybe you have nothing to complain about. However, if conditions are not as you would prefer, then the coming elections are grand opportunities for bringing about some changes.

In the spring of next year (1976), we will again return to begin the process of selecting this nation's presidential candidates for the November elections. The question again is the same: Will the Blacks also participate fully?

If the attitudes of most are the same as they were in our last presidential election, then our hopes of improvement surely must be very dim.

But things don't have to be that way. If we would only take time to do what we each can to bring about

change, then just maybe a difference can be made.

After listening to three very outstanding political personalities this past week, I am even more convinced that the people control the government—and not a select few. That is, of course, when the people vote.

This then brings us to the point of "who" we will support.

When the mayor of Chapel Hill, Howard Lee, spoke to the Collective Civitan Club of High Point last week, he challenged the club members with the responsibility of becoming an active and working club. He told the club that it was their responsibility to become leaders in their community. Later, when the congressman from Georgia, Andrew Young, spoke at the Democrat Spring Rally, he too stressed the importance of local participation. He went on further to say that the most important step is to get behind your candidate and support him, for this is no time for demonstration politics.

What did that mean? I read it to mean that we can no longer divide ourselves and votes on sure losers.

Then, as late as Tuesday night, Terry Sanford expressed what he thought the kind of leadership this country needs. Expressions like: "bold new ideas", "positive approaches", "strong White House leadership" were just a few of his recommendations. He said that this country needs the kind of leadership that will look outside of the Washington scene for guidance.

Now, the question is: Should there be more said? What are your intentions?

Guest Editorial By Al Campbell

Parents Should Keep Youngsters Busy

Now that schools are out many parents appear to leave their young children on their own. Children still need some parental supervision and some provisions should be made for such supervision.

Many youngsters continue to create problems by visiting stores unchaperoned and disturbing many consumer items that be outside or inside or just bicycling along sidewalks and many times knocking adults down who may not be able to quickly jump out of their way.

With the high unemployment rate around and with the letting out of many high school students by graduation or otherwise, there does not seem to be enough jobs to go around. Even though some few jobs are available under various youth programs, many, many youths are left without means to earn an honest living. Thus many streets and corners are clustered with youths.

Perhaps this is the time for learning some skills or crafts at the many playground areas, assist with vacation Bible Schools or other satisfying activities such as volunteers in institutions. Even without pay, many of these volunteer opportunities will afford youths some mean of self

development. Other ideas may be to surround oneself with younger children and tutor them, thus improving not only their skills, but the reading skills of oneself as well. Our libraries have many books available and are happy to help young people choose the appropriate ones.

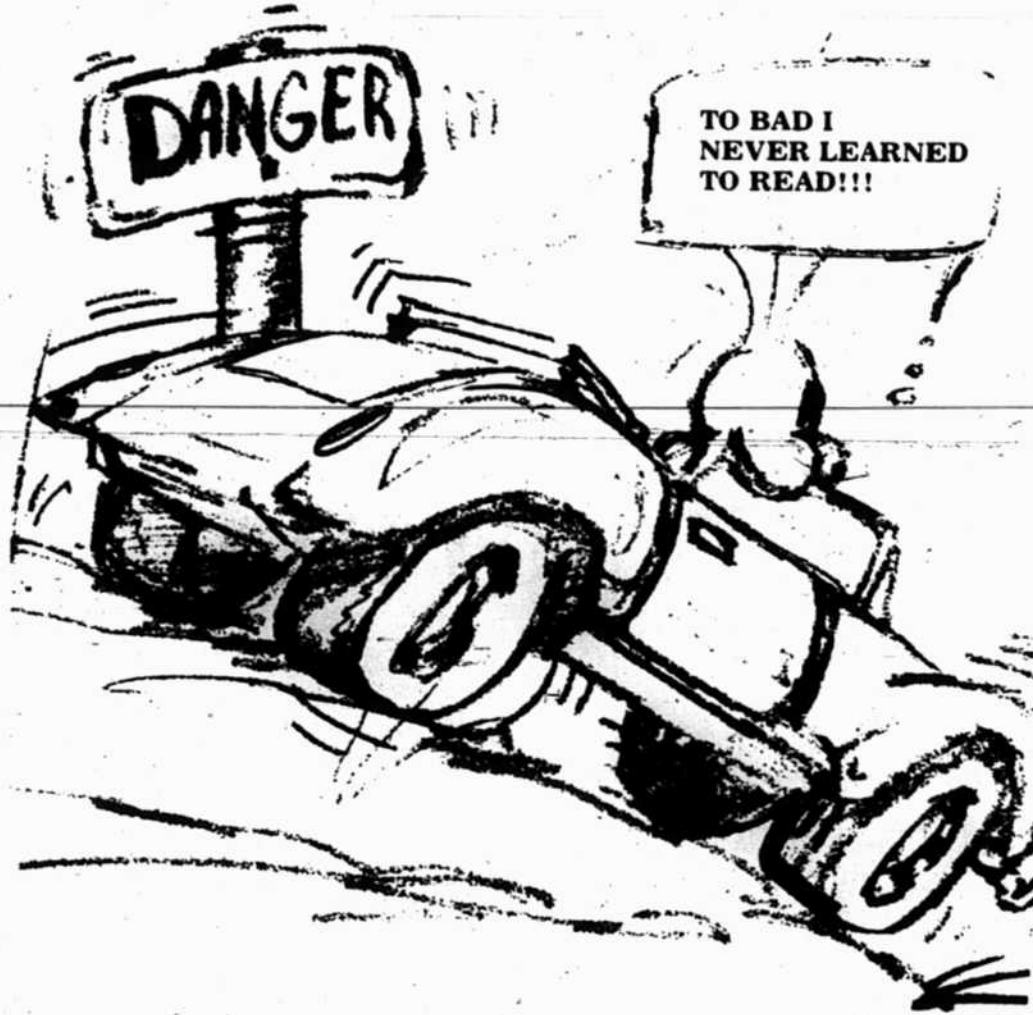
Still another possibility is the seeking of those jobs that many youngsters may not like but will give youths a chance to learn from the more difficult jobs around. Remember, there is a need for many kinds and all types of work.

Those youths who really desire to work will take most any type of employment as long as it is honest work to earn that needed extra money.

We would again certainly urge that parents keep a closer check on the activities of their children now that school is out.

Even with limited recreational facilities around, the need is still great for parental supervision so that such unfortunate accidents as the drowning of the eight year old youngster will not happen again.

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Drive Carefully, Have A Safe Fourth.....

REPORT FROM

Washington

HEW - Too Much Government?

By Congressman Jim Martin
9th District, North Carolina

Last week we reported on government meddling in our private lives. This week the subject is the Department of Health Education and Welfare and their new regulations pertaining to sex discrimination in athletics and sports programs.

The new regulations include many features that are desirable and worthwhile. They also contain elements that would destroy intercollegiate athletics.

I further believe that if a sufficient number of women students are interested to form a team and if competition is available at other schools then they should be encouraged with necessary equipment, coaching, access to playing areas, and official school approval. The HEW regulations provide for this with the alternative that if there are insufficient candidates for girl's teams, the individual female athletes must be permitted in non-contact sports to try out for the men's teams on the basis of competitive skills. I support that concept.

Even so, this represents another example of the intrusion of a federal agency into an area subject to no financial aid and no clear authority for federal regulation. It's another clear cut case of bureaucratic law-making.

I strongly object to the destructive new requirements relating to athletic scholarships based on sex quotas.

Nothing could be more discriminatory. In some schools scholarships are available only for contact sports. If these schools were required to award scholarships to girls, the

male golfers would be discriminated against.

In sports such as tennis, schools will be required to award scholarships to women athletes whose skills are not adequate to make the men's team. That will discriminate against any male student who is not proficient enough to make the men's team—even if he happens to be competitively superior to every female student who is required by HEW to receive an athletic grant. All that should have been required is that athletic grants-in-aid be made only on the basis of competitive athletic ability without regard to sex. HEW has gone overboard.

The HEW regulations are excessive and an unsound invasion of the athletic programs of our schools and colleges. For this reason, I introduced legislation to reject this reverse sexism in athletics.

Congress Not Veto-Proof

There's been a lot said about President Ford's vetoes, and you'll be hearing a lot more as long as the Congressional majority tries to pass extravagant increases in federal spending. Let me share with you a good lesson on vetoes. Earlier the President asked for a \$2 billion appropriation for continuing the public employment of 300,000 during the recession plus summer jobs for youth and continuing service for older Americans. Congress, however, added another \$3.3 billion for additional make-work jobs and some public works pork barrel projects for favored districts—without regard to their unemployment. President Ford's veto was sustained by the necessary one-third. 145-277.

TO BE EQUAL



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Busing And The Schools

You might think that the end of the school year would cool off the persistent busing controversy, but it hasn't.

The new attention to the school bus comes with the highly publicized statement by sociologist James Coleman that court-ordered busing leads to white flight to the suburbs and consequent greater segregation of urban school systems.

Coleman's earlier research, with its findings that integrating lower class black students in schools with middle class whites led to better educational achievement for blacks and no change for the whites, helped support the argument that integration improves schooling.

Coleman's pronouncement that busing has failed in that it just leads to resegregation has been seized with glee by the anti-busing crowd and with disappointment by integrationists. Neither reaction is called for; the statement must be seen in context.

One of the problems of social sciences lies in the fact that studies of social issues are often inconclusive. Coleman's research has been challenged, and seriously damaged, by two equally prominent sociologists, Dr. Robert Green of Michigan State University and Dr. Thomas Pettigrew of Harvard.

They blast the new Coleman study as unsubstantiated and point out that the white middle class started its exodus from the cities back in 1950, before the Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregated schools. In some cities, court-ordered busing followed years of massive white movement to the suburbs.

Coleman is clearly wrong in stating flatly that whites are moving out of the cities to escape school busing. It may influence some, but most of the new suburbanites are searching for the American Dream of a plot of land, a house and picket fence.

That's a Dream closed to most black people because of non-enforcement of fair housing laws, local zoning regulations, and economic hardship. One way to integrate the schools is to integrate housing patterns, but that doesn't mean busing has no place.

This country has become obsessed with busing, instead of being concerned about providing quality educational opportunities for all. The school bus is not the answer for every educational problem, but it is one useful device to help integrate the schools and to make the next generation of Americans less class and race conscious and more open to diversity and pluralism, in itself an important educational goal.

The fatal flaw in studies purporting to show that busing—or compensatory education or other innovations—doesn't work, is that such new programs are almost never really tried.

Very few school systems have honestly made a priority effort to make integration work. The typical response has been to delay and to sabotage integration efforts until a court finally steps in and orders busing as a last resort. Then the white community and school officials scream bloody murder about "forced" busing, tensions increase, and nobody shows any concern about the kind of education the kids get.

Boston is the classic example of this kind of situation, but other cities are about as callous in their treatment of white and black children. As New York City's Human Rights Commission pointed out: "The fact is that little has been done anywhere to develop practical strategies to cope with the daily challenges of integration to make it work."

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FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

How Long Before Unemployment Rates Drop?

By Robert Johnson
and John Douglas

Recent predictions by some of the nation's leading economists that the recession (depression on our side of the tracks) is over are as relevant and informative as telling a person on the end of an unemployment line that there is nobody behind him. The critical question that should be addressed is: How long before unemployment rates drop? Since declines in the unemployment rate, particularly black unemployment, have historically lagged (by three to six months) upward economic shifts, it looks like the 1973-1975 recession (depression!!!) might be here till Christmas.

While the anticipated \$400 million drop in airline profits this year is bad news for the airline industry, it can be good news for black travelers



With annual travel expenditures by blacks of over \$1 billion dollars, airlines and travel agencies are aggressively offering discount summer travel packages catering to blacks.

\$2 a pound bacon and continued high beef prices might be seen this

summer in local supermarkets, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Last year's high grain prices prompted farmers to cut hog production 15-20 percent. A similar (but not as large) decline in the number of cattle is also expected to keep beef prices high this summer. On the positive side, the USDA expects a significant drop in both beef and pork prices in the fall as spring-early summer high prices prompt farmers to increase production of hogs and cattle...

Alexander Paints Dismal Picture For Blacks

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pastors and ask them to restore the faith once delivered to the saints.
He ended by admonishing his hearers to stop being

delivered at the polls by self-appointed ward heaters. He said, "They get the money for delivering you and you get the cold shoulder, when you approach the one you put in

office." He was fearful of the old days when an elected official, when told that he had been supported and elected by blacks, retorted by saying, "I paid for your support and vote, in front."