

Raleigh Round-Up

Wall Street Journal Prediction On Primary All Wet, Umstead Gets Mail

By KIDD BREWER
FIRST HINT... The Wall Street Journal in an editorial carried this past May 27 said that the "North Carolina poll (Ed. note: our May 29 primary) will be the first hint of South's reaction to high court ban."

The main thing in the Journal editor's opinion was that if Kerr Scott should receive the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate it would indicate that North Carolina was not objecting as seriously to the U. S. Supreme Court's decision as a victory by Alton A. Lennon might indicate.

The editorial said that "a victory by Mr. Lennon would be interpreted as reflecting popular resentment against the court ruling."

"By the same token, a Scott triumph would be read to mean that Tar Heel voters no longer can be stirred up over the race issue," said the Journal.

Well, Scott won, but the Tar Heel voters are, nevertheless, "stirred up" but plenty, over the segregation question.

LETTERS... We haven't had an opportunity to see them, but reports we get are that Governor William B. Umstead's mail for the past month has been fully loaded with letters — many of

them really pitiful — from white families whose training, education, and experience for generations stand like a giant in opposition to their sending their children to school with colored children.

Most of these letters come from good, though poor, white people who say they have no funds with which to send their offspring to private schools but cannot permit them to go to school with negroes. You have no idea of the vastness of the problem if you have not lived in the rural areas of Eastern North Carolina.

A LONG FIGHT... Although additional decisions must come from the U. S. Supreme Court before white and colored will be forced by law to attend the same schools, most of us are not yet awake to the serious problems facing thousands of families — both white and black — throughout this state.

It's going to be a long, hard, tough, dirty fight. There will probably be some bloodshed here and there, with indictments, lawsuits, and cases moving through the various courts on this charge and that charge of non-compliance with the law and stubborn violations of it.

The big change will require a lot of Christian patience, tolerance, and understanding between the races. Even then, it may be 25 years before we see full compliance with the law.

NEW SOUTH?... We speak of the New South. This move from segregation to nonsegregation of the races will prove just how new we are. Can we stand the test? Only time will tell. But the important thing to remember is that this test of the South's real strength is not something that will begin in the far distant future. It's virtually here on us, right now. Are we ready for it, individually, as a family, as a state, as a united section of the United States? If not, then now — not tomorrow — is the time to start preparing our minds for the test. That isn't easy, for the first requirement is that we must close our eyes to yesterday.

NEGRO IN POLITICS... Turning from the segregation question to the role of the negro in southern politics, the Wall Street Journal reports that "in some areas of Dixie, the 'negro vote' — if it's cast in anything like a bloc — may even now hold the balance of political power between Democratic candidates in intra-party fights, or in presidential elections as between the GOP candidate and the Democratic nominee."

... according to GOP estimates

120,000 Tar Heel negroes were registered in 1952, nearly five times the 25,000 estimate for 1940.

FALSE HOPE... The editorial says that Republican experts estimate negro registration in 11 southern states at 1,130,000 in 1952 as compared with only 244,000 in 1940.

It may be that the GOP figures — what with their Attorney General Herbert Brownell doing the pleading before the U. S. Supreme Court in behalf of the negro — that it can get the black vote in Dixie come 1956. From here that seems a false hope... particularly in view of the fact that just two weeks ago Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was made a paid-in-full life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mrs. Roosevelt previously had made the initial down payment on her \$500 life membership in the organization.

SURVEY IN DUPLIN... What do the negroes think of the segregation question? Are they for non-segregation, against it, or don't they care? For instance, in New York City where they can legally live anywhere and go anywhere they wish, the negroes prefer to stay off to themselves. They are much more clannish than white people and think a lot more of their Harlem and their Lenox avenue than of Fifth and Park avenues.

The Carolinian, Raleigh negro weekly newspaper, ran this editorial on Saturday, June 5:

"The News and Observer has reported that the Wallace Enterprise has learned through a recent survey that the negro leaders of Duplin county are unanimously in favor of segregation in the public schools."

"In order to check the validity of the Enterprise's conclusion, it would be necessary to know who the 'negro leaders' of Duplin county were, and by what method. A much more elusive, but just as important fact that needs checking is what position in the community do these 'leaders' hold; what proportion of them are principals and teachers whose income at present is tied to the segregated school system, and how many others of them are dependent for their comfortable status on the white community's approval of their expressed attitudes."

The doubting Carolinian continues. "The questions posed the negro leaders by the Enterprise were definitely angled. Further, there is no indication as to whether those

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Barbed spear, 2. A yellowish resin, 3. Antennae in relief, 4. Conjunction, 5. Frighten in relief, 6. Occasions ("Odyssey"), 7. Openings (anat.), 8. Tart, 9. Drinking vessel, 10. Sorceress ("Odyssey"), 11. East-north-east (abbr.), 12. A brown earth, 13. With might, 14. Fare, 15. Part of "to be", 16. From (prefix), 17. Subdue, 18. Kettle, 19. Coin (Peru), 20. Animal's foot, 21. Polynesian drink, 24. Charge for services, 25. Convert into leather, 27. Question, 28. Disease of sheep, 29. Soothing vessel, 30. One of the stages of life, 31. One of the stages of life, 34. River (Fr.), 35. Full of nuts, 36. Ethical, 37. South American river, 38. Short sleeps, 41. Number, 42. One-spot card, 44. Any split pulse (Ind.), 45. Cover.

quizzed were in replying protected by anonymity or not.

"The upshot of it all is that the survey is of highly doubtful value as a revealer of the truth, though admirable in getting the answers desired by the questions."

In other words the widely read Carolinian editor apparently believes that the negroes of Duplin county would vote for whites and colored to go to school together — if the poll were fairly held.

But we have no evidence — and if the Carolinian has any it doesn't present it — that the survey was not held in an upright, fair and square manner.

And, as for the Wallace Enterprise, we have been reading it for many a day and would bet our bottom dollar it is at least as free of prejudice as The Carolinian — may be even freer.

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