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We Must Have Better School Facilities

It is an admitted fact that school facilities in Plymouth are totally inadequate. Seven hundred and more children will be crowded into buildings here this fall that were designed for about half that number.

The local plant has two buildings. One was built more than 20 years

ago; the other is over 40 years old. Even with makeshift classrooms added in the past few years, they are crowded beyond reason. Sanitary arrangements are scandalous in the light of present-day needs. Conditions are positively intolerable with regard to heat in the high-school building on cold days. There were days on end last winter when classroom temperatures never reached the 50-degree mark.

The pulp plant here, at present understaffed, is planning expansion immediately, possibly even before the war ends. Already permission has been granted by the WPB for construction of 50 dwellings, and priorities for another 50 homes is expected. This presages more families here, more children for local schools.

The county commissioners and board of education members are reasonable men. They are trying right now to remedy the heating situation in the high school, and they know that additional facilities must be provided. But Washington is a small county, with a tax rate of \$1.70—\$1.19 of which is for debt service. Arrangements necessarily must be worked out to finance any improvements to schools, and these men do not want to assume the responsibility for increasing an already high tax rate.

Thus an impasse. This is a problem of immediate concern to every person in the community. As we see it, education of our children is the first consideration of our local government. We must have adequate school facilities. If a way can be found to finance them without increased taxes, well and good. If

such a way cannot be found, then we'll just have to pay more taxes.

To Whom Can the South Bolt Now?

Several weeks ago, Democratic gatherings in some Southern States— notably Texas, Mississippi and South Carolina—threatened to bolt the national convention, which will be held in about two weeks. They were going to do this by instructing Democratic electors not to vote for the Democratic nominees this fall.

Aside from the fact that state conventions have no authority to instruct electors for whom to vote—that being done by the voters themselves—these would-be bolters really were double-crossed and left out on a limb by the recently concluded Republican national convention.

These Southerners were not only ignored, they were rebuffed on every issue in which they were interested. To begin with, the Republican platform contained specific planks favoring anti-poll-tax and anti-lynching legislation, against which Southern representatives and congressmen have been fulminating for, lo, these many years.

Adding injury to insult, the Republicans then nominated Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, who recently announced his unqualified opposition to equalization of freight rates in the south with those prevailing in the north and east. Incidentally, this is one of the very few public issues on which Dewey has taken a definite stand.

What price bolting, now? And to whom are the Southern bolters going to bolt?

CHERRY

Ross Craddock, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Addie Craddock, of New York, spent the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Craddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Spruill, of Newport News, Va., attended the funeral of S. D. Burgess Monday.

Miss Ruth Burgess, of Richwood West, Va., is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. S. D. Burgess.

Mrs. Lester Cobb is spending a few days at Rocky Mount and Nashville visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Ainsley attended the funeral of S. D. Burgess Monday.

Mrs. Russell Chesson spent Wednesday night with her mother, Mrs. S. J. Woodley.

Little Alice Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davenport, was operated on for appendicitis at Columbia Hospital Monday.

Miss Rosalind Tarkenton has gone to New York to visit her aunt Mrs. J. M. Rebbish.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams, Leila Vernon Adams and Sonny Klapproth, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting Mrs. G. A. Overton.

Mrs. Harold Watson, Mrs. Herbert Hays and children, Sharon and Robbie, and Jesse Swain, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Spend Week-End in Norfolk
Mr. and Mrs. J. Cleve Gardner spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Visiting Here from Ayden
Miss Ann Ekum, of Ayden, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. Papineau.

ROPER

Master Ray Piercy is spending sometime in Aulander, and Tuscorora Beach.

Miss Rosebud Gaylord has returned to West Balm Beach, Fla., after spending sometime here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Minton and daughter Bonnie of Aulander spent Sunday here with Mrs. W. N. Piercy.

Mack Marrow of Washington, D. C., is spending some time here.

Mrs. Isolind Dixon is spending some time in Elizabeth City with George Potter Dixon.

Mrs. J. B. Edwards, of Winterville spent last week here with Mrs. C. B. Chesson.

Bryant Chesson spent last week in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Ruth Nowarah, of Portsmouth, is spending some time here with Mrs. Joe Nowarah.

Mrs. Mary Dixon spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va.

Miss Sophia Chesson is spending sometime in Winterville, N. C.

Miss Betty Nowarah, of Raleigh, spent the week-end here, the guest of Joyce Nowarah.

Mrs. Julia Gaylord and children spent the week-end in Batesburg, S. C.

Mrs. Helen Gaylord spent last week in Portsmouth, Va. She attended the wedding of her sister Louise LeFever to S. W. Richards.

Mrs. Reynold Spruill has returned home after undergoing treatment at Norfolk General Hospital.

Mrs. Ida Sue Oliver has returned home after spending some time in Newport News, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mizelle and Leon Bray spent Friday in Rocky Mount on business.

Mrs. Dan Marrow spent Friday in Rocky Mount shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wiley Norman and children spent Sunday in Wena.

Messrs Nollie Blount and Roy Blount, of Norfolk, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Wendell Spruill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Swain and son and Mrs. Mattie Swain spent the week-end in Farmville.

Mrs. B. B. Spencer is spending sometime in Norfolk, Portsmouth and northern points.

Mrs. Beulah Whitson, of Edenton and Mrs. Blanche Barnhill and children, of Williamston are spending sometime here with Mrs. Mac Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Turnage and Mrs. Tipp Warren, of Washington, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Pat Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Boney, of Norfolk, spent Saturday here with Mrs. Alice Spruill.

Misses Shirley and Alice Ruth Sitterson spent the week-end in Raleigh with Philip Sitterson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parker, of Williamston spent the week-end here with Mrs. W. T. Spruill.

Mrs. Roper Chesson and children have returned home after spending sometime in Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. C. J. Ainsley spent Monday in Plymouth the guest of Mrs. Ashby.

Mrs. W. N. Piercy spent Monday in Edenton shopping.

Mrs. Myrtle Marrow and Sandra Marrow have returned home after spending sometime in Portsmouth, Va.

Lieutenant George McKearin, jr., of Camp Pickett, Va., was the week-end guest of Mrs. McKearin at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Knowles.

Mrs. George McKearin, jr., was in Raleigh Saturday.

Miss Ida Ruth Knowles spent the week-end in Morehead City.

CRESWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Remzy Sawyer have returned home after spending some time in Baltimore with their children. Julia Sawyer and Marietta Spruill accompanied their grandparents home and will stay here for a few days.

Mrs. Joe Holmes left Saturday for Columbia, S. C., where she will visit relatives and enter summer school at the University of South Carolina.

Miss Elizabeth Peele, of the Aulander school faculty is spending her vacation in Creswell with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peele.

Cadet J. C. Saltin, jr., has returned to West Point having spent the past week with his mother, Mrs. Alice Gatlin here.

Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Phelps and son, Bobby Sheets, of Greenville, S. C., were in Creswell this past week as guests of Capt. Phelps' father, John Phelps and his sister Mrs. Milton Starr and Mr. Starr.

Mary Gaither is visiting relatives in Rocky Mount and Williamston.

Mrs. P. B. Carney and daughter Dot and little baby, of Norfolk, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Woodley.

Miss Marjorie Bateman has accepted employment in Norfolk and will remain there through the summer months.

Joe B. Davenport, pharmacist mate third class, of the U. S. Naval Reserve, is now somewhere in the

Many at Beach For July 4th Holiday

A fair-sized crowd visited Albe-marle Beach Tuesday, July 4, in spite of present conditions. Business wasn't as heavy as it has been in recent years on Independence Day, during the day but the numbers increased and quite a large crowd was on hand for the dance Tuesday night. Many enjoyed bathing during the day and though there was a strong wind, the sun shone brightly. In the afternoon several motor boats appeared at the resort.

A big dance was held Tuesday night with music furnished by Hal Thurston's orchestra. There was quite a large crowd of spectators as well as those on the dance floor. The dance lasted from 9 p.m. till 1:30.

Joyce Ann Boone Observes Fifth Birthday Anniversary

Joyce Ann Boone, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bone, celebrated her birthday on July 3 at the home of her parents.

Games were played in the yard and the little hostess opened and displayed her gift packages prior to the refreshment hour.

A pretty birthday cake centered the dining room table and it was cut and served with ice cream to the boys and girls who were present at the party.

Those present were:
Sandra Estep, Mickey Estep, Ronie Matheny, Rose Lee Brown, Carol June Windom, Mary Louise Cratch, Margie Brown, Mary Osborn Brown, Joyce Alexander, Linda Lipscomb, Johnny Bowen, Bobby Lee Ange, James Gregory Allen, Carol Ann Owens, Jane Keel, Kathryn Keel, Marion Allen, Peggy Joyce Grimes, Julia Ruth Boone, Mrs. Frank Nursey, and Joyce Ann Boone.



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Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Wood were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gurganus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. White and son, Joe Jesse, spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Collins were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter White Sunday afternoon in Skinnerville.

Bill Swain, of Fort Bragg, spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swain.

Miss Annie Ambrose, of Norfolk, is here to visit her parents on her vacation.

Miss Dorothy Spruill was the dinner guests of Mrs. Joe White Sunday.

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