

Editorial And Opinion

The Wisest Course

Whatever else may be said about the Governor's plan to "save the public schools" through local flexibility and relief from compulsory mixing of the races, it cannot be said that the issue has not been thrown out for free discussion and that all cards have not been laid on the table.

Those who were so quick to criticize the Governor's unorthodox briefings of the legislators and sound the secrecy alarm last week cried too soon and should be chastised. They underestimated Luther Hodges, his sincerity and his zeal to find the best solution for North Carolina.

Certainly, the proposed amendments to the Constitution should not be adopted hastily, but neither would it be wise to dilly-dally and do nothing. The proposals have been thrown out into the white glare of the widest sort of public scrutiny. Every device to produce honest debate and thoughtful consideration, but at the reasonable speed, has been and will be employed.

Governor Hodges has said in effect — this is our plan to save the public schools within the framework of the Supreme Court decree and in recognition of the temper of the majority of North Carolinians. If you can propose a better plan, he says in effect, that is good. Bring it forward.

Unable to meet this challenge ourselves, and in consideration of the myriad ramifications of the problem, we endorse the Hodges-Pearson plan and hope the legislature, bringing the presentation of a better plan of procedure, will do likewise.

The Governor's program, as we have done in discussions in the past, recognizes the wide variance of opinion and difference in sociological and racial pressures across the length and breadth of the state. It gives the widest possible autonomy to the people to work out their local school destiny at the local level. It offers complete equality of treatment to citizens of each race and places the onus of a school closing, if there should be one, on the people most concerned.

We endorse the Governor's plan because it avoids extremism on both sides of the fence. It is the middle-of-the-road program which offers the greatest hope for men of good will to solve our problems in the best interests of the majority.

Our faith in the good sense and soundness of the majority of our fellow North Carolinians of both races is undiminished and we are confident our schools will continue to progress.

In Vodka There Is Truth

Congress and the Pentagon are not laughing at the drunken antics and denunciations of Khrushchev & Co., which have leaked to the press through closed committee room doors. To our officials there's nothing funny about the antics of men who could "plunge the world into war at midnight and not remember anything about it the next morning."

Urged to report frankly on his Moscow visit, Air Force Chief of Staff General Twining is much dismayed that his confidential picture of Soviet gaiety reached the press—hence the subsequent efforts to play down the story.

In protecting the nation against such madmen, however, duty comes before party manners. And certainly the American public—who suffer the consequences—should know the truth.

Safe Trip Formula

Vacation travel is big business these days. Tourism, according to the Department of Conservation and Development, is the state's third largest industry. Our vast network of highways are dotted with vacationers exploring the countryside from the mountains to the sea.

But judging from the experience of past years many vacationers already on the road and many others getting ready for the takeoff will die in traffic accidents. Many others will be crippled. Families will be broken, and grief will enter many an otherwise happy home.

Doubt what we say? Well, you can't doubt last year's death toll—1465, or 17,866 injured. It's part of the record. The great tragedy is—these deaths and injuries are unnecessary. A little more time given to planning before the take-off, a little more alertness and attention to safe driving along the way... would bring vacationers (and others) home safe.

But vacationers are usually in a hurry to get where they're going. They're not willing to spend that "little more". They pile the car full of vacation miscellanea, plan a gruelling schedule, hit the road ready to do or die. Sometimes it's die!

You can help stop this mass suicide. It's simple. You can refuse to be a part of it.

The formula for a safe trip doesn't cost a dime. Plan your journey ahead of time... allow plenty of time for leisurely driving... load the car sensibly... stay alert every minute you're on the road... obey traffic laws and the dictates of common sense and courtesy.

That's it! If you follow it you'll have a safe, sane, and enjoyable vacation. One that won't cost you your life!



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which reaches far beyond the confines of his native State. My information is that almost every week he declines invitations to speak in other states. Our Governor recently addressed the New York City Rotary Club.

But he recognizes that the Democrats are looking for votes in the big populous — though doubtful — states. He knows that North Carolina is rock-ribbed Democratic. We will go along anyway. The music sounds good — but nobody dances to it.

NOT MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT... While the Republicans of the State are no doubt having a big time watching the Democrats sweat over this segregation issue, they aren't seeing much encouragement in it as far as State offices are concerned.

We hear reports that Republican Gubernatorial Nominee Kyle Hayes of North Wilkesboro, a nephew of Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes, is getting around with the folks a little — but that's not enough to shake many apples out of the tree in North Carolina.

MORE DEMOCRATIC? It may be that North Carolina likes Ike better this year than in 1952 — but we rather doubt it. Consensus as we see it this summer is that the Democratic nominee—particularly if he is Adlai Stevenson—will get a larger percentage of the vote this fall than was the case four years ago.

There doesn't seem to be as much disaffection toward the Democratic Party in the South as there was in 1952. It isn't necessarily that the deeper South states like Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi — and the one just to the north of us — like Stevenson or Harriman or any other Democrat north of the Mason-Dixon Line any greater than four years ago... it's just that they like the Republicans less because of the racial problems they have thrust upon them.

THE PILL... It may be that Averell Harriman can do better than Adlai-Stevenson in the ultra-liberal, labor drenched areas of the North — but the word we got around Raleigh last week is that he will be an awfully bitter pill for Southern Democrats to swallow.

As for Harriman's attitude toward the South, there is this to report: He said last week in no uncertain terms that he is for integration of the races in public affairs. Many a Southerner saw that statement as an out-and-out bid for the powerful support of the CIO-AF of L before, during, and after the Democratic Convention.

As one worried Democrat expressed it here last week: "That was a clear — it with Sidney" speech if I ever heard one.

Granted, then, that the old-line Democrats may not like Harriman — but there is no haven whatever with the Republicans. An interesting season awaits us.

NOTES... Chatham Publicist Ralph Howland and Governor Hodges tearing across Capitol Square... Fuquay Springs — or better — Fuquay Varina Chamber of Commerce will soon be in its ultra-modern \$12,000 offices — a fine tribute to a fine community... Bill Van Hoy, who was reared around Union Grove in Iredell County... and whose father was assistant in Congressman Bob Doughton's office 20 years ago... is the new manager of the Washington, N. C. Chamber of Commerce.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is expected to appeal to the next Legislature to let them use something besides silver paint on their patrol cars... Let's hope so—Maybe that will stop some of this hedge-hiding down at the bottom of long, steep hills. It's good to be happy about the big increase in money flowing into State coffers... but

Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

It seems out of place to talk about irrigation when we are having plenty of rain, but it hasn't been so the past three weeks. This period has been a good example of why irrigation is not just desirable but a necessity for a vegetable garden. The drought has also been accompanied by intense heat.

During this time sweet corn, snapbeans, butterbeans, beets, pepper, cucumbers and tomatoes have been maturing and have suffered from lack of moisture. Many vegetables such as these attain high quality only when they make rapid growth and this is made possible by plenty of moisture as well as fertility. Two or three weeks of dry weather, especially when it's hot, can check the growth of some vegetables so that they will never recover and the result will be a tough, stringy and fibrous product.

It has been my experience that you cannot depend on natural rainfall if you expect to grow high quality vegetables. You should have an inch-of-rainfall each week during the main growing season. When the rain fails, the same amount of water should be applied from other sources — a pond, well, stream, or city water supply.

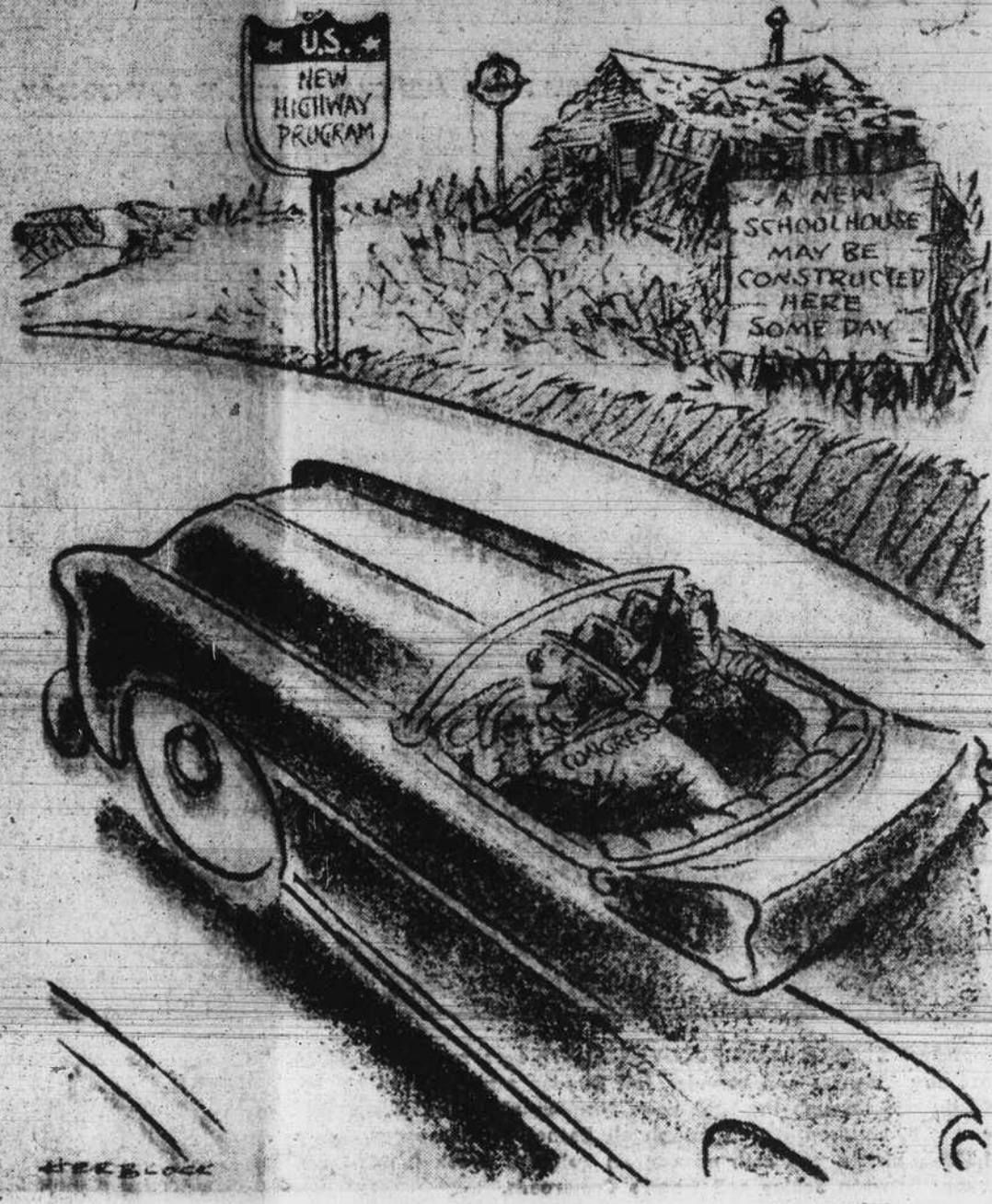
If the garden area is flat, surface or furrow irrigation may be used. If not, one of the overhead sprinkler systems may be used. The most popular and effective type is one having a standpipe with a rotating nozzle at the top. Expensive, you say? Perhaps, if you think in terms of one year, but you will use the equipment over a number of years, and think of all the vegetables and berries that you will save by its use.

A friend who has been selling irrigation systems for commercial operations in this state said that in one year he sold more equipment for irrigating pastures than for any other purpose. If it is not too expensive for pastures, it certainly is not too expensive for the vegetable garden which should furnish your table and local market with the best products to be had.

don't forget that the 1955 Legislature gave the State Revenue Department over \$600,000 extra for the 1955-57 biennium for additional personnel, more thorough checking, etc. — Much of the surplus should go to the teachers... but while we are doing it — let's not forget the State employees and college instructors, etc. Some of them are in more dire straits than some of the teachers.

About one-fourth of all accidents to farm people occur in, and about their homes.

"Ain't She a Beaut?"



Washington Post

Tar Heel

PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

BRIEFING SESSIONS... When Governor Hodges and the Pearson Committee completed their "briefing" sessions with the members of the North Carolina General Assembly last week, indications were that Tar Heel lawmakers were pretty near unanimous in their support of the proposed plan to "preserve public schools and help preserve the public peace."

A leading opponent of the Hodges proposals, a former Tar Heel legislator, has stated that he expects the proposed legislation to pass unanimously, with the possible exception of one member voting against the report of the Advisory Committee. Our guess is that not more than 10 percent of the legislators at the outside will oppose the measures.

ONE WEEK... Unless there is formidable opposition from within the General Assembly we are of the opinion that the Special Session will not last longer than one week. The rules of the House and the Senate of the North Carolina General Assembly are different from those of the United States Senate where filibusters are allowed.

HODGES... People who have observed Governor Hodges feel that he is again going too fast; that he will not be able to keep up such a pace for four years. However, the Governor appears to be full of energy and is not content unless he is on the go.

FEWER COUNTIES?... Several years ago a group in North Carolina was working for the reduction in the number of Tar Heel Counties. They said it would be more economical and that with modern ways of travel that there was no longer real need for so many counties. The idea never got far because you could not expect any particular county to be willing to be combined and absorbed by one or two other counties.

The suggestion has recently been heard that should the Negroes begin to out-vote the white people in some of the counties and elect the county officers, that county consolidation might come about in a hurry. This is by no means an impossibility. And some gerrymandering might be done in the county consolidation program.

SCHOOL FIGHT... It is taken pretty much for granted that there will be organized opposition to the Hodges School plan after the General Assembly votes to submit the issue to the people. Mayne Albright and Irving Carlyle are expected to be among the leaders, if not the leaders of the opposition. It is now thought that the proposed constitutional

Bill Whitley Writes

Denver: The Place Where Ike Had Invigorating Heart Attack

REACTION. In recent days there has been quite a bit of discussion in Washington about the devices that were used to kill the Federal aid for education bill in this session of Congress.

It is generally agreed that if the Powell Amendment, which would have denied funds to states that operate segregated schools, hadn't been added to the bill, it would have become law.

Many of those who feel that the one important job to do is build schools where they are needed were deeply disappointed that the bill was killed because of a side issue — in fact, an issue that has nothing to do with the need for classrooms.

It was also interesting to note that one Negro member of Congress, William L. Dawson of Chicago, a champion of integration, strongly opposed the Powell amendment on the grounds that it would deprive millions of children of badly needed classroom space.

When all added up, nobody won

the fight — but a lot of jobs were lost.

DENVER. Many important events take place in Denver, member, that's where Ike had his healthful, invigorating heart attack.

Sen. W. Kerr Scott last received a letter from General Washington in Denver.

Washington said he was going "as father of this country" to inform the Senator that "in the near future there will be great occurrences over the world."

Now, what about that? This guy George must have been in the inside dope on that world tour by Nixon or Bull

HANDSHAKE. The Republic has come up with a new way of handshake.

You shake a person's hand in the normal manner. During the shaking process, you check person's pulse with your hand.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Final Days

By July 12, there had been 18-146 measures introduced in the 84th Congress. Obviously, all of them can never see the day of legislative action. This is not a bad thing, because there are many measures that do not merit the time and attention of Congress. When the Congress adjourns, all legislation not enacted will die on the vine. It is true, of course, that many desirable bills vanish in committee or fail to get consideration in the final hectic days.

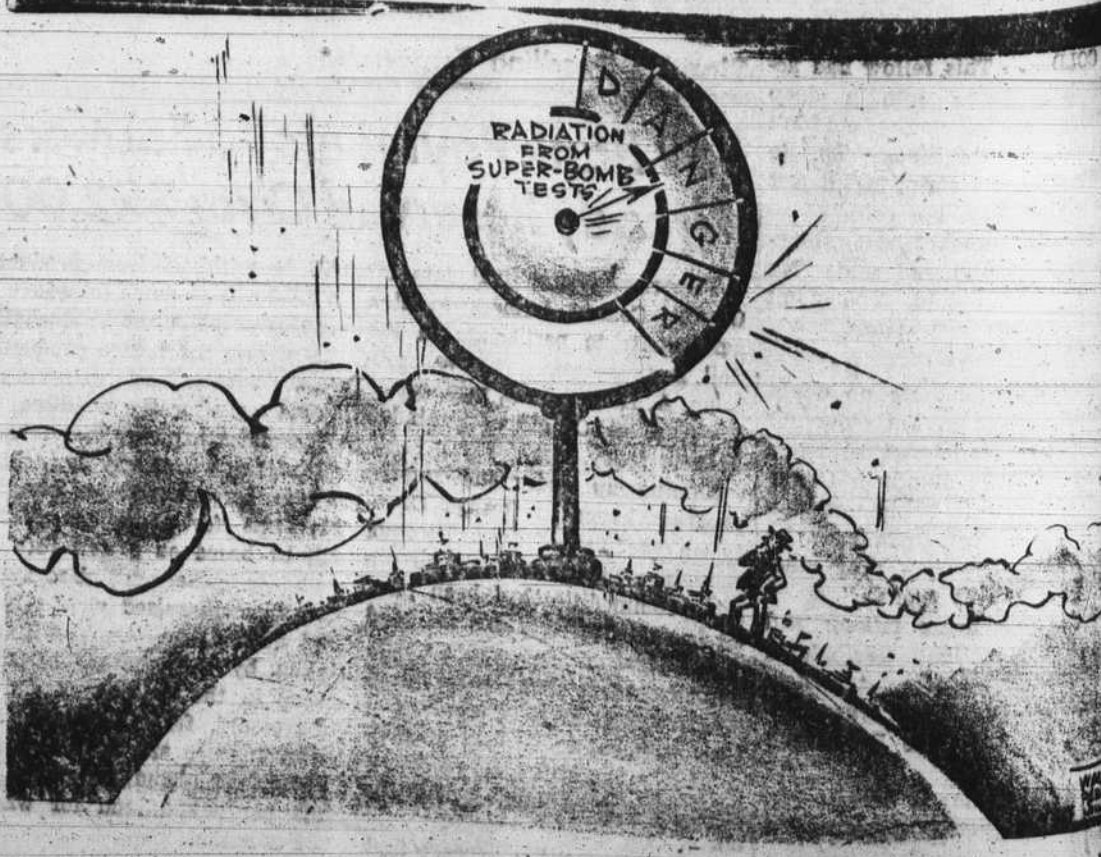
The legislative log-jam is now at its worst. Advocates of legislation are pressing for action. The Administration is concerned with its program in the Congress. Congress, therefore, will be looking for legislative compromises to produce the break in the legislative pile-up. When it comes, the speed with which bills will be enacted will be something to witness with amazement, barring a

Overhills, North Carolina, and from his remarks we took it that he owned an interest in the Overhills property at that time.

A multi-millionaire from the city, Harriman appeared more like a man of very modest means from the country in his approach to the people. He did not appear to be a "glad-hander" running to shake everyone's hand.

CHANCES SLIM... Harriman's chances appear to be slim unless some unforeseen stampede gets underway which occurred when Wendell Willkie was nominated in 1940 by the Republicans, or unless, as the underdog candidate, he drums up a sympathy bandwagon. And in regard to this it must be remembered that the delegates to the national convention are largely politicians who will not be easily swayed by any sympathy or underdog bandwagon maneuvering.

'Survival Is At Stake'



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