Editorial And Opinion

Not On Solid Ground

In appealing the denial of their son to the white Carrboro Elementary School, the Negro parents have weakened their request by revealing the obvious underlying factor in their plea.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vickers of Carrboro, the parents, applied this summer to the County School Board for admission of their son to the Carrboro School. The Northside School in Chapel Hill which he had been attending was not at that time open to him because of Carrboro's May 20 rejection of the merger referendum.

Following the second referendum on this issue in Carrboro the Vickers' application was rejected, basically because the Northside School, as a result of the favorable merger vote, would be open to Carrboro pupils again this coming year.

Upon that Mr. and Mrs. Vickers appealed the denial of their assignment request, and made two points. The first was that they lived only a block from the new Carrboro School. but a mile from Northside School. The second was that "We are also appealing from your failure and refusal to operate the Orange County School system on a non-segregated basis."

It would seem that if they appealed purely on a geograpical basis they would theoretically, at least, have a stronger case in their plea. For it has been clearly established by the Supreme Court that integration is not required by the May 20, 1954 decision.

But it is aso clear that segregation, purely on grounds of race is not legal. The court has said that at some future time in different localities that school segregation on a purely racial basis must be stopped.

The Vickers and Walden parents, it would seem, are protesting that the Orange County Schools are not integrated. And whatever the other merits of their application, or whatever their true motives in entering this appeal, it seems that this appeal is not on solid legal grounds in protesting because the County has failed and refused to operate its schools on a non-segregated basis.

Further, it appeared conclusively as the parents made their first appearance before the County Board of Education, that their role, more than anything else, is that of front for the small pro-integration white minority in Chapel Hill, who make a fetish of liberality.

The Written Word

"Write today to those away." You'll be seeing this thoughtful advice on posters in post offices, railroad and airline terminals-in fact, most everywhere you go.

The purpose is to remind you to participate in the 21st annual observance of National Letter Writing Week, when it is hoped the sound of pens in motion will be heard from October 5th to 11th (inclusive) and from Portland, Me. to Portland, Ore. (also inclusive).

Even though a postage stamp costs more than it used to, a letter still remains the most economical visit to a distant friend and is likely to be even more lasting than one made in person. Oddly enough, a letter is frequently more personal than a face-to-face visit, since personality is revealed more often in writing than in speaking.

And, speaking of authors, it is worthy of thought how often the world's great-from the ancient Greeks to the present day-are remembered by their letters. And you may be sure that the biographers of the famous-authors, statesmen, soldiers, philosophers, scientists and businessmen-first steep themselves in all the personal communiques of their subject that can be found. Spoken words vanish quickly on the empty air. They may be easily misunderstood. And even when transcribed, their warmth and personal revelation seldom approach the emotional and philosophic depths so artlessly achieved in writing a letter to a kindred spirit.

And even if you do not expect that scholars will one day be searching attics and old trunks for your letters, there's still another good reason for writing. If you write a letter, you might receive one!

Another D-Day?

Red Chinese invasion of the island of Quemoy on the heels of stepped_up pounding from coastal artillery could settle most any moment the long-parried question of whether or not the US would defend this offshore bastion of Nationalist China.

Under the 1955 Mutual Defense Treaty between the US and Chiang Kai-shek's government in Taipeh, we are pledged to the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores, but Quemoy and other off-shore islands are not mentioned. However, since that date, Quemoy has been built up as a military strongpoint until it is occupied by nearly a third of Chiang's 600,000

Queried on his present attitude on the Quemoy attack, President Eisenhower told his press conference that developments of the last three years have brought about a "closer relationship" between Quemoy and Formosa, but that "you simply can't make military decisions until after the event reaches you.'

Whatever may be in the devious minds of the Red Chinese leaders, they know now that we will stand with Chiang at Quemoy. If the operation has been an elaborate feint to fearn our intentions, there will be no invasion. But if the Red Marines, now massing for attack, make an assault on the beach-anything can happen.

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(Continued From Page 1) bragging about a holdup . . . and, further a little more, he had been tossing around money a bit recklessly. Upshot was the arrest of Richard S. Townes Jr. in West Ra-

Seen in friendly walk up Fayetteville Street here last week Cloyd Philpox of Lexington and Addison Hewlett of Wilmington . . . and Philpott going all-out for Carl Venters for Speaker of the House

Ed Friedberg and I spent a couple of days in New York last week and we agreed that Raleigh has it all over the big city as a place to live . . . Ed, a graduate of the Duke Law School and now prominent tax attorney, lives near us on the west side of Raleigh in a beautiful home surrounded by gracious grounds . ..

and a wonderful, happy family . . . Ed and his lovely wife, Edith, are as near the same philosophy of life as the Brewer's as we have

And these last, lazy days of summer always remind us of a line from one of John Charles Mc-Neill's poems: "For him who will seek them, the valleys are his and the far quiet hills of September

The fight over reapportionment in the 1959 Legislature may be even more bitter than previous sessions If strict rule were applied, you would see a big shifting about from smaller counties to the more populous counties in legislative strength . . . About . 25 counties-this will surprise younow have one-half the State's population . . . but not nearly onehalf of the political strength the other 75 have when they get their heads together . . and that's what the fight is all about . . .

The hunting season in 1958 comes in the doves . . . on the afternoon and fishing. of September 6 . . dull on the coast all season, is exfor spots, blues, and trout Better make your plans now for about the second week in October.

Jack Gilmore's

Garden Gossip

If you are planning to plant pansy seeds, get them in the ground right away. Forget-me-nots and English daisies should be planted within the next two weeks if you want them to bloom next spring. Sweet William, Larkspur, "Ragged Robins" or corn flowers and hardy sweet peas should also be planted

Divide Coral Bells right away

so that the new plants will become well established by cold weather. Cutting should be made of Fever Few and Marquerite slips for the same reason. Watch out for seedlings while working in your borders. Move them into a more advantageous place so that they can become strong and hardy before heavy frost. If you are a lazy gardeper you will find hundreds of small seedlings seattered about, however if you are an "eager beaver" that must always be chopping and hoeing you will find very few of these vluable garden assets. Since I have become too old for heavy gardening my borders do better and the plants maintain themselves by self-seeding. I have even found several magnolia seedlings in my border and up until then did not have a magnolia tree. I expect that one of my mocking birds brought the seeds from the Sam Latta trees as a reward for all those suet ball of winters past.

WATER THIRST At the present time North Carolinians are using some 914 million gallons of water per day. A study just completed by the State Board of Water Commissioners credits domestic use with 252 million gallons per day, industry with better than 301 million gallons and agriculture with more than 360 million. At the present rate of increasing use, we will require twice this amount, or more than 1,750,-000,000 gallons per day by 1975.

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Back To North Carolina

Henry Belk of Goldsboro quotes a friend eration of goals, and horns are blown over the as proposing an endowment for Frank P. Graham that would bring him back to North

Any move that will bring Graham back' to his native state will have the support of an army of citizens. The State can use his intimate knowledge and affection for it, his faith in it, and his energy in its behalf.

No one questions the value of his work for the United Nations or doubts that his efforts as a peacemaker between India and Pakistan pected to be wonderful in October will bear fruit. But North Carolina does not wish to see all his talents expended on the resolution of foreign problems, huge as they may be. The State has peculiar problems of its own.

At the moment North Carolina is at a stasis. It has lost some of the momentum it had a few years ago. Its public life is pitched on a back into the Van Winkle daydreaming that very materialistic plane whereby statistics once beset it. of production take precedence over consid-

acquisition of an imported industry rather than a healthy growth from within.

When a factory becomes more important than a schoolhouse or an efficient teaching faculty, permanent values tend to become submerged in seas of cost accountings that seem to make the prevalent low wages a greater achievement than an advance in pub-

Imaginative business men and industrial engineers are making a major contribution to the State's life, but their efforts would be strengthened in the presence of seers and

Mr. Belk's friend proposes Graham as an for these positions takes place in ambassador at large to the people of the State. the party caucuses and the House Better to have him put his shoulder to the wheel so that North Carolina does not sink

-Selected Reprint

Rumors Distort Facts

Morganton News-Herald

Have you ever wondered how

rumors spread? Perhaps you have received information "straight from the horse's mouth," only to discover later that somebody as well informed as to the facts as your source presented an entirely different version. You may even become skeptical of the motives and honesty of your informant.

Rabbi Ephraim Rosenzweig, director of the Hillel Foundation at Chapel Hill, recently gave a demonstration as to how rumors ean distort facts and how witnesses testifying in court can vary in their version of what happened as they saw or heard it.

In a speech at Chapel Hill, Rabbi Rosenzweig chose six "reporters" from among the audience and

sent all but one outside. He showed a slide picture to the remaining reporter who watched it for about two minutes. The projection was a street scene involving some construction work, a dress sale, seven or eight persons, and a brick about to fall on one person's head.

The first reporter went outside brought back reporter two with him and explained what he had seen. Reporter two repeated the action with number three. This procedure was followed until all were back in the room.

The original story had been somewhat distorted by the time the last reporter related what he had been told.

"Six people in 20 minutes have taken hold of a body of facts. Part of what was kept was distorted," said Rosenzweig.

After discussing with the audience why there was a lack of effective communication a mong the reporters, Rosenzweig listed several factors.

"The kind of person you are determines what you see. Your-

important factor. "Often," he said, "you are so anxious to make a point, to make contribution, that what you say has nothing to do with the subr.

Rabbi Rosenzweig also listed a person's sex, his profession, and what he thought to be important as additional factors. He then asked. 'Who makes up our mind?" and answered, "We do. We make up our own mind in the sense that what we think is colored by what

"Don't be too sure of yourself," e advised

He might also have warned: Don't be too sure that the information you receive from somebody "in the know" is completely accurate, even if the person has no reason to misinform, unless you know well the nature and personality of the narrator.

The distortion which accompanies the spreading of a report is old stuff to any newspaper reporter (who has his own troubles trying to present what he sees and hears without coloring it with his own personality and ideas).

Every reporter has tracked down rumors; which proved to be far removed from actual facts offered by the best informed source available. Some of this distortion is contributed by gossips who take delight in spreading rumors, espeeially when such tales tend darken the character of the person talked about. This reflects a fiendish phase of personality, even though the gossipmonger may try, in a protective rationalization, to insist that he or she was simply passing along what they had heard from a reliable source.

But a nonmalicious person may be guilty of a distortion by reason of personal coloration, how-

ever unintended. It may be a safe conclusion to

GEMS OF THOUGHT

GRATITUDE TO GOD Gratitude to God makes even a temporal blessing a taste of heaven.-William Romaine

Praise is the best auxiliary to prayer. He who most bears in mind what has been done for him by God will be most emboldened to ask for fresh gifts from above.-Henry Melville

Reflect upon your present blessing, of which every man has many: not on your past misfortunes of which all men have some. -Charles Dickens

Gratitude is not only the memory but the homage of the heart -rendered to God for his goodness.-Nathaniel Parker Willis

God has two dwellings; one in heaven, and the other in meek and thankful hearts.-Izaak Wal-

While no offering can liquidate one's debt of gratitude to God. the fervent heart and willing hand are not unknown to nor unrewarded by Him .- Mary Baker

THAT'S WHAT THE BOOK SAID! Walter Allen, Jr. Professor of Latin, University of N. C.

The poet Martial had a friend who liked only the old poets and who praised only the dead poets. Martial begged his friend to excuse him, but he didn't really think it worth while to die in order to have his poetry praised

say that when it comes to wordof-mouth tales which are injurious any person's character and reputation, one should believe nothing, or little, of what you hear and only half of what you see. The chances are that anybody who follows that advice will come a lot closer to the truth than when he accepts at face value every rumor

by his friend.

Tar Heel

than stopping aside for Hodges to

run as was the general expecta-

tion when the appointment was

made following Scott's death. Jor-

dan has had the advantage of a

good publicity man in Bill Whit-

ley, and a good public relations

man can mean a lot for a man in

public office. The way in which

Jordan has been issuing state-

ments regarding farm problems

shows that he is thinking of the

vote which proved to be so helpful

PHILPOTT . . . Rep. H. Cloyd

Philpott of Davidson County was

regarded as a strong Hodges sup-

porter in the '55 and '57 sessions

of the General Assembly. He is

now a strong backer of Carl Ven-

ters for House Speaker. In fact it

was at Philpott's lake cottage

near Lexington that a group of

the Venters supporters met on

June 1-the day after the first pri-

mary on May 31 to devise plans

to name Venters Speaker. Word

is that this meeting at Philpott's

lake may have cost the Davidson

County man the chairmanship of

the State Democratic Executive

Before the meeting Philpott was

generally regarded as Hodges'

choice for the party chairmanship

when John Larkins could be eased

out. All along Hodges has been

saying that he was keeping hands

off the Venters-Hewlett race for

Speaker. To have named an all-

out Venters leader Party Chair-

man might not have set well with

the Hewlett forces which at this

JANUARY CAUCUS . . . Some

of the General Assembly mem-

bers have suggested an early Jan-

uary caucus of the Democratic

House and Senate members to

name the Speaker and President

pro tem of the Senate. The contest

stamp of approval on the cau-

cus choices. Thought is that with

HODGES . . . Like most public

figures, Hodges popularity has

gone up and down since he be-

came governor in late 1954. Right

now it doesn't appear to be too

high. A year ago it went pretty

low. Among a good many people

who gather at filling stations and

talk, they feel that after a rousing

campaign for the Pearsall segre-

gation proposals, that he has

softened. They point to Governor

Assembly on February 4.

time appear to be in the lead.

to Kerr Scott.

PEOPLE & ISSUES By Cliff Blue

EVERETT JORDAN . . . From And to more people than what we read in the newspapers and the late Will Rogers used to in North Carolina. It say: "All I know is what I read this time last year as set in the papers," it appears that ing and integration talk B. Everett Jordan is taking to Washington and Senate affairs permost that some that Hodges was wa like a duck to water. More and cotton. But chances are more it begins to look as if Jordan may insist on running rather

> PUBLIC SCHOOLS ize that the people of strong for segregation, the people in North Car the other Southern States doubt that many com long permit the doors of why we feel that in the the Tar Heel approach to lem is wiser and better Virginia plan.

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a school must close

AUTO SALES ... Tar tomobile registrations in both cars and trucks 1918, Plymouth 604. Oldsmobile 469, Pontiac 2 bler 244, Dodge 173, Me Chrysler 112, Cadillac 10 85, Studebaker 74, Edse coln 26, Metropolitan 16. 12. Packard 5, Willys 1 makes 439, Miscellaneous 2. Total 7,273 as compare 532 for July 1957.

New Truck registration Ford 1011, Chevrolet 6 national 164, GMC 121, Mack 49, White 23. Studebaker 9. Divo 3. Reo 1, Foreign makes 2 laneous makes 4. Total July 1958 as compared

creasing number of trucks on the roads and its encouraging to note highway deaths in North through August 25, 199 as compared with 654 to

LOSS OF FAITH IN

January party caucuses, the successful candidate for Speaker long sweep of history could have his committees named liances lose even when and ready to announce with the Most literate Canadian official opening of the General that a true partnership Britain and the Unite In 1947 and 1949, Tom Pearsall might have prevented in '47 and the late Kerr Craige Ramsey in '49 had their House tragic event of the committee assignments ready to

War II era. announce when the Session opened In fact they were mimeographed some observers are and available for the members on Canadian-American Sunday before the session opened in danger of becoming on Wednesday. We think January more military alliana caucuses would certainly be adthat extra spark which true cooperation.

> Speaking of the po quences of a Canadian in the reliability of American Ambassader Livingstone Merchant, lations Committee in versely affect the gener character of our re the defense of this o Christian Science M

Good Advice From Adlai Stevenson



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