

Editorial And Opinion

A Problem For Many People

The school bus situation in Orange County, just recently brought to a head by a state survey after attention was drawn by the depletion of budgeted maintenance monies, has been a matter of concern for several years.

It has been evidenced by a much higher than average accident rate for the past several years. Now comes the very expensive problem of excessive student vandalism which has increased maintenance costs by \$1,500 during the first five months of this school year.

There is little doubt that seat cutting, breaking bus windows, stealing or discharging fire extinguishers and malicious tampering with first aid kits to the extent of \$800 worth in five months is a disciplinary problem, reflecting laxity. Accidents to a slightly lesser degree cast the same reflection.

As the school board and the superintendent have recognized, the time for remedial action is now. But team work from the superintendent down through parents and students will be required. Also, a little discipline might go a long way.

Praiseworthy Approach

On the silver anniversary of Repeal one critic summed up the social benefits of the 21st Amendment by pointing out that the Wets had accomplished what the Drys had failed to do. They have promoted a general temperance in the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Official U. S. government statistics show per capita consumption of distilled spirits has fallen off from a high of 3.25 gallons in 1860 to a record low of 1.25 gallons in 1957. In addition, the alcoholic content of the beverages being marketed today is less than it was in days of yore. Last year sales of 100-proof bourbon whiskeys fell far behind their 86-proof counterparts.

What brought these changes about? To give credit where credit is due, the distillers themselves have been in the forefront of our most effective temperance advocates. During the quarter-century that has gone by since the repeal of prohibition, the industry has spent many advertising dollars in this cause. It has steadfastly refrained from urging people to drink, and it has developed whiskeys that are milder, smoother and lighter.

Today, one of the leading figures of the industry predicts that within a few years we shall see a strong national preference for U.S. produced potables that are even milder than the light-bodied product of the canny Scots. Henceforth, whenever you see a domestic label marked "80 proof," you may consider it evidence that the gentleman's forecast is coming true.

The dramatic change that has already taken place, and the evolution toward lightness that continues, reflects, he thinks, a coming-of-age by American consumers and is a firm indication of the continuing trend toward national sobriety.

Here, certainly, is practical, down-to-earth encouragement for all who seek alliance of temperance and tolerance.

Umstead Gives Opening View 1959 Assembly

By JOHN W. UMSTEAD JR., Representative General Assembly

As a result of the caucuses on Tuesday night the 1959 session of the General Assembly on Wednesday elected Robert Morgan, Senator from Cleveland County President Pro Tem of the Senate, and Addison Hewlett of New Hanover County, Speaker of the House. On the House side Billy Arthur of Chapel Hill was again reelected Reading Clerk. All the other officers of the 1957 session were reelected. The races for the Speakership of the House, and for President Pro Tem of the Senate were spirited and close. The men named are able men and can preside over the Senate and House in a satisfactory manner.

Governor Luther H. Hodges delivered his annual address to the joint meeting of the Assembly at noon on Thursday. The program that he recommended to the Assembly was ambitious and constructive. He covered much ground but every recommendation had to do with attempting to secure better government for N. C. It is doubtless whether this legislature will enact into law all the programs, but in the opinion of this writer practically all of it will eventually be adopted. The program calls for progress along all lines and was full of optimism.

Dealt Kindly

The first big surprise of the session came on Friday when Speaker Hewlett announced his committee assignments. For the first time during my long legislative experience this Speaker made his selections within 60 hours after he was chosen. Usually it takes from 10 days to two weeks. So far as the writer is concerned I was fortunate in that he gave me every committee I requested, although I did not support Hewlett in the Speakership race. We have been close friends since he came to the Legislature. He dealt kindly with me and I am grateful to him. For the information of the readers of The News I was named to the committees on Appropriations, Higher Education, Health, Elections and Election Laws, Expenditures of the House, Counties Cities and Towns, Mental Institutions, Teachers and State Employees Retirement and Trustees of the Greater University. I was named Chairman of the Committee on Mental Institutions. Although not one of the major committees it is considered an important one.

Minimum Wage

The second surprise of the new session was the introduction of a minimum wage Bill by Representative Dwight Quinn of Cabarrus. Quinn had formerly opposed all minimum wage measures and had a hand in defeating the minimum wage bill two years ago. Since he is an employee of the Cannon Mills it would seem that the attitude of the textile industry in the state has changed toward this minimum wage legislation. I shall support the Quinn Bill as I have supported every minimum wage Bill submitted to the House since I have been a member. Under present conditions in N. C. no person should be asked to work for less than 75 cents per hour.

The Governor, in his message, praised the work of the Highway Commission. This part of his message did not meet with the approval of a number of the members of the House who are reported to be planning to introduce a Bill restoring the old 34 man Highway Commission. This action is due to the dissatisfaction in certain places of the road program as now administered. No plans of administration of our road system will ever please everyone. This is due to the fact that there is not enough money available to pave the road in front of each citizen's home. It seems that this would be the only way to make everybody happy. Since sufficient money will not be available to do this the best that can be done is to try and use the money available for the benefit of the greatest number of our citizens. From my observation this is just what has been done since the new plan was adopted. The new plan has really not had a chance to show real results and I feel that it should be continued for two more years and then if it is not administered to the advantage of a majority of (See UMSTEAD, page 3)

Keep Up The Good Work!



Good Will Strengthens Teaching

By LLOYD ISAACS (In North Carolina Education)

More than any other group professional teachers can lead the way to quality education. This leadership is expected of teachers by those who endeavor to improve our public schools.

Clashes do not answer vital questions confronting us; therefore, teachers should provide professional answers. Answers should reply to well-defined, pertinent questions and problems.

The past months saw questions and answers, charges and counter-charges flung across the breadth of our nation. The problem of defining and pertinent questions proved as difficult as catching a flea on a hot stove. The more difficult became the task the more "flea catchers" there appeared on the scene. Suddenly everyone became an expert on schools—the curriculum, the teachers, the financing, the buildings, yes, even the children.

The popular appeal of the "flea-catcher" has dwindled and the fly-by-night experts have now wearied of the chase. Largely there remain two influential groups endeavoring to define and answer educational questions.

One such group may be loosely defined as critics. They may be loosely defined because they generally pose as friends of schools and of children, but their actions speak louder than their poses. The second group, comprised of professional and lay citizens, pose and act in behalf of public education and of children.

State Senator Arthur O. Kirkman, Guilford County, stated recently that "anyone who leads the battle for public education has to be a little bit foolish." The Senator knows whereof he speaks, for he has long been an outspoken advocate for public education.

Some questions we must answer are: (1) How small should an effective high school be? (2) What is good teaching? (3) What preparation is required for a good teacher? (4) What constitutes a professional salary schedule? (5) Should the school year be lengthened? Of course there are numerous other equally important questions, but for every question professional teachers must come forward with professionally-sound answers.

Goodwill for teachers cannot be

founded on expedient decisions which do not serve the cause of children. Perhaps some will say goodwill cannot be founded on "being foolish for education." If so, then our first question to answer is: "If a practice is sound, professional and for the welfare of teachers and children, should we not advocate such practice even at the expense of being called foolish by those who would oppose, divide, and delay?"

As teachers answer this question, they will assume a leadership role and they can, and will, lead the way to quality education.

Others Pay More

The average pay for teachers in the United States is \$4,775.

In North Carolina the figure is \$3,770.

In other words, the average teacher in this country earns \$1,005 more than the average North Carolina teacher.

From this comparison it can be quickly seen why many capable teachers are leaving North Carolina to teach in other states. The difference is the widest it has been in history.

Mrs. Ethel P. Edwards, executive secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, said recently, "Unless teachers' salaries are increased substantially during the next two years, our teachers may find their average salary more than \$1,500 less than their national counterpart."

She cited these figures: In average salaries paid teachers, North Carolina ranks 38th; in per cent of teachers with an "A" certificate, the state ranks 6th; in per cent of teachers paid \$4,500 or more annually, the state ranks 47th.

"With more highly qualified, professionally personnel than most other states, we pay our teachers lower maximums," Mrs. Edwards explained.

She pointed out that the lower standards of other states tend to pull their average salary down, while in North Carolina the large number of teachers who have reached the scheduled maximum tends to pull the average up.

Only 23% of the 35,000 teachers in North Carolina earn \$4,500 or more. This contrasts with the national average of 48.1%. Maryland, Delaware, Louisiana, and Florida rank above the national average. Only South Carolina and Kentucky rank below North Carolina.

The State Board of Education is requesting the 1959 General Assembly to provide funds for a

schedule of \$3,000 to \$4,900 for the next two years.

To those interested in maintaining a good public education system in North Carolina these figures present a tremendous challenge.

GREATNESS

If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both. —Horace Mann

There never was any heart truly great and gracious, that was not also tender and compassionate. —Robert South

Nothing can be truly great which is not right. —Samuel Johnson

Everything great is not always good, but all good things are great. —Demosthenes

There never was yet a truly great man that was not at the same time truly virtuous. —Benjamin Franklin

PROMISE

An acre of performance is worth a whole world of promise. —William Dean Howells

I had rather do and not promise, than promise and not do. —Arthur Warwick

Never promise more than you can perform. —Publius Syrus

We promise according to our hopes, but perform according to our selfishness and our fears. —Rochefoucauld

DUTY

Duty is the sublimest word in the language; you can never do more than your duty; you should never wish to do less. —Robert E. Lee

NOTE: JAMES HOFFA HOPES TO ORGANIZE POLICE IN NEW YORK CITY & ELSEWHERE INTO THE TEAMSTERS.

PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

HEWLETT VICTORY

Rep. Addison Hewlett's victory in the House Speakership race over Rep. Carl Venters last week was unprecedented in that no one in recent years has been elected Speaker who was not at the time of his election chairman of one of the two money committees—Appropriations or Finance, which carries with it membership on the important Advisory Budget Commission. Venters served as Appropriations chairman two years ago, whereas Hewlett served as Chairman of one of the two Judiciary committees.

OTHERS . . . It has not been unusual for members to run for Speaker who were not chairman of one of the money committees, but in recent years they have not won. Two years ago George Uzzell of Rowan ran against J. K. Doughton. Uzzell was chairman of one of the two judiciary committees whereas Doughton was chairman of Appropriations. Doughton won with Uzzell withdrawing a few weeks before the session opened. In 1951, Rep. W. Frank Taylor, who had served as Appropriations chairman the session before won over Fred Royster of Vance County, who had served as Agriculture chairman.

OPINION

While it is the opinion of this writer that from the beginning of the race during the 1957 session right up to caucus time last week that Hewlett had a lead at all times, nevertheless, his victory has been termed by some as a victory for the little man, a victory for the "outs" against the "ins." Some people are already speculating on "bigger things" for the homespun man from New Hanover whose dad served for 30 or more years as New Hanover County Commissioner Chairman.

AT HOME . . . In the quietness of his own home at Masonboro Sound in New Hanover County, without pressure or outside influence, Addison Hewlett had done much of his work on committee assignments before he went to Raleigh. He realized that if he won, which he confidently expected to do, that it would be pretty near impossible to work out committee assignments without pressure being put on him, so he was ready to beat 'em to the draw and had his assignments ready last Friday after working until three o'clock the night before.

UNUSUAL . . . On Tuesday night of last week Harry Golden, Charlotte editor of "The Israelite," unique publication, who has recently received nationwide acclaim following publication of his book, "Only In America," spoke at Shaw University for Negroes in Raleigh, with Jonathan Daniels as his introducer. Unusual thing about it was that we noticed a couple of articles telling of his appearance, but no report telling what he said after his appearance.

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CAUSES OF DEATH

According to the N. C. Heart Association the six leading causes of death in North Carolina are: 1. Heart and Blood vessels; 2. Cancer; 3. Accidents; 4. Influenza; 5. Pneumonia; 6. Prematurity. In the nation the leading causes of death during were: Heart and Blood Vessels, 27,220; Cancer, 254,780; Accidents, 97,350; Pneumonia, 61,000; Diabetes, 27,500. Percent of attack to total, 53.62. In Carolina the percent of deaths to total amounted to 53.62.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Rumblings from the Fifth Congressional District that should be a step down and not seek a term come 1960, that Art State YDC President and Attorney is a very likely candidate for the post. Should Durkin quit, Guilford would undoubtedly have one or more strong dates in the field.

Jack Gilmore's

Garden Gossip

The ground hog saw his shadow and already we can see a reputable weather prophet. He has life easy if he can be in his cozy home and sleep spring finally arrives, while poor human beings feel about in the slush. It is so to write of gardens at a time like this.

For years Hillsboro has been sprinkling of daffodils by the of February. There will be a great upsurge of green we have even a few by the this year.

The seed catalogs are out in and there are many interesting flowers. Burpee is still king for the white Marigold offering \$10,000 for one. So your pale yellow varieties may be the one who comes with a white one. The nasturtians are very unusual and yellow ones are given the light. Katherine Knight had low ones year before last they were a disappointment her for they were not a yellow.

I asked Katherine what she planting new this year. She said that she had made a new between her parents' new and her own, but had no varieties of flowers. I'll be to bet that when she and Agnes' unveil their new there will be many new ones.

May I close on this note—"Jan Spring be kind!"

'Barbecue' Church

Goldboro News-Argus

Funeral for the deceased, we learn from the obituary column, was held from Barbecue Presbyterian Church at Olivia. The latter is a village in Harnett County. Burial was in Barbecue church cemetery.

I am a bit surprised to note that it is a Presbyterian church. Baptists stage so many barbecues for little churches just getting started that they truly might celebrate one with the name Barbecue Baptist Church. But I hardly expected the dour Presbyterians to do any such thing.

Just how did Barbecue church get its name? Does it celebrate some famous barbecue, or barbecue master, or series of barbecues which raised money for the building? Some native of Harnett County come forward with the right information.

When John Henderson read of Barbecue Presbyterian, he was reminded that the Warrenton Presbyterian Church was reopened after Reconstruction, somewhere a bit ahead of the turn of the century. The church sacrificed for a new carpet. The ladies held ice cream suppers every few days to make money for the carpet fund.

Finally, when the great day came down, John's father, a pillar in the church, remarked with a sign of relief to his wife, that the carpet was down and without one bit of ice cream on it.

Suppers, bazaars, cake sales and what have you are not as common for church fund purposes as they once were. When I was growing up in Sweet Union the best favored plan was the oyster supper. Oysters were a novelty for those of us living in red clay Union. That is the way they were also in the suppers. You got about three oysters in a big bowl of soup. But one went for the fellowship and the fraternization with acquaintances, not for the food you bought.



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