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And it now seems as though he was right.

The only remaining step toward the fruition of the United Forces for Education program now is to see that the available money goes for the purpose that the public, in its expression of confidence at the polls, wants it to go for.

County can't afford this 'cool necessity'

Superior Court Judge Clarence Hall of Durham has asked the Orange County commissioners to seriously consider air conditioning the courtroom of the county courthouse.

He feels that "air conditioning has become a necessity, rather than a luxury." Orange County, the good judge from Durham points out, has "the finest courtroom in the district and the only one that is not air conditioned." Cost of installing the equipment to cool the judges, court officials, attorneys, jurors, witnesses, and spectators, has been estimated at \$20,000.

Perhaps there's no harm in asking. You can't find fault with someone just for seeking to make life in the heat of Orange County's summer more bearable. But we trust that the commissioners in their good judgment of "first things first" will indeed NOT "seriously consider" this request.

Probably pare a million . . .

It's already obvious that the \$2.5 million-plus total budget estimate that has been filed by the commissioners is going to have to be pared by about a million dollars.

The \$20,000 cost of the courtroom air conditioning is equal to two and one-half cents on the county's current \$.95 tax rate. This sum is approximately the same as the cost of an elementary school classroom. It would give every county employee a \$20 a month salary increase or a supplement of about half as much to the pay of every public school teacher in Orange.

Twenty thousand dollars is nearly 20 times the oft-contested appropriation sought by the Research Triangle Planning Commission too. Furthermore a number of county offices that are used eight hours a day—far more than the courtroom—are not air conditioned.

If air conditioning is a "necessity" for the courtroom this County simply cannot now afford such "necessities." The judges and lawyers can just sweat it out with the other taxpayers.

Orange Blossoms...

—To the County Museum directors in their plans for historical mural paintings on the museum walls.

—To a public-spirited anonymous donor who is offering the money to build a swimming pool in the Chapel Hill Negro community.

—And to Aubrey MacLennon, newly-appointed to the County Zoning Committee, a group with an important job to do.

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do justice to the background for the Chapel Hill Board's request. But it illustrates a typical phase of the type of problem that continually crops up before the commissioners in their appropriations for the two separate school systems.

Sanford punctures his political honor

Governor-nominate Terry Sanford painfully punctured his own political reputation last weekend by the strategy he chose in his approach to the candidates at the Democratic national convention.

It's scarcely surprising that he's brought his own house of cards down on his head with general criticism in the press this week both from the papers that supported and opposed him in the Democratic primary.

Politically astute in his own campaigning, he completely muffed the ball with his one-two tactics before and at Los Angeles.

First there was the inappropriate statement that North Carolina should be on the winning side at the Democratic convention, that it should not "cast its vote down a rathole"—in effect that it should wait and sell its votes to the odds-on horse. When Sanford then came out for Kennedy his endorsement served to cast doubts on the integrity behind his pledge.

Terry Sanford was right—up to a point—when he said that North Carolina shouldn't "cast its vote down a rat hole." It did-

Johnston cited handling of segregation as top accomplishment of Hodges forces

By CHL Blue

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT? . . . What would you consider the greatest accomplishment of the Hodges Administration?

Well, Paul Johnston, one of Governor Hodges' right hand men and his Director of Administration, says he considers the way that the State has handled the school segregation question the outstanding accomplishment of the Hodges administration, and we suspect many would agree with Paul.

SALARY . . . All will admit that if a person wants to make a million that it's much better not to try to make it while working for the State, for the salaries paid do not match salaries paid by private corporations. But, nevertheless, employment in State government can open opportunities with private enterprise, if you are capable and do a good job.

For nearly six years Paul Johnston has been working in Raleigh and has not been doing bad, salary-wise. He is now getting in the neighborhood of \$14,000 per year which is much better than he was doing with the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

Now he is leaving Sept. 1 to accept a much more lucrative job with Burlington Mills. John Harden, Cherry's Secretary while Governor, also does work with Burlington Mills, and is doing quite well. Ed Rankin, who served as Umstead's secretary, and Hodges' until a few months ago is in a Public Relations firm with John Harden, and no doubt doing ok.

RETIREMENT . . . We do not know of a better retirement system than the benefits which can be derived by State employees as they not only get State retirement pay, but Social Security also.

We see nothing wrong with the State acting as a training institution for smart young men. As the late Governor Cherry used to say: There are always plenty of patriots willing to fill their places when they move on.

TO CONFER WITH SANFORD

Gov. Hodges is expected to confer with Governor-nominate Terry Sanford before filling Paul Johnston's position as Director of Administration. Johnston's resignation will be effective Sept. 1. It is one of the key positions in a Governor's Administration and it will certainly be to Sanford's advantage to have someone here before he takes over learning the ropes that he may have some experienced counsel from his own camp to begin with.

OPPORTUNITY . . . It was 64 years ago, July 8, that William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "Cross of Gold" speech at the Democratic National convention in Chicago in 1896. Bryan was a little-known young ex-congressman who had been gerrymandered out of Congress and had a couple of years before been defeated for the U. S. Senate in

n't do so in 1956 and 1952 when it supported Adlai Stevenson at the party's convention.

It wouldn't do so at this week's convention, either, voting for Kennedy, Johnson, or even Stevenson again—unless the Tar Heels walked out if their candidate didn't win. That's when the vote goes down the rathole.

Nebraska.

Dr. Clarence E. Macartney, the noted Presbyterian minister, in one of his sermons said that some years before Bryan's death in 1925, that he was driving across Chicago with the "Great Commoner."

On their way they passed near the coliseum where he delivered the great speech which made him three times the candidate of his party for the presidency, and which concluded with the famous peroration, "You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns. You shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

Dr. Macartney said to Bryan: "Mr. Bryan, I suppose many times before you had made just as able a speech as that, and that it was never heard of." Bryan replied: "Yes, I suppose that is true. But that convention was my opportunity, and I made the most of it."

Macartney said that Bryan was silent for a moment, as his great head rested against the cushion of the taxicab, and the light of reminiscence and retrospect came into his eyes. After a moment Bryan broke the silence with these words: "And that's about all we do in this world—lose or use our opportunity."

AT CHICAGO . . . Four years ago we attended the Democratic National convention in Chicago as a delegate. We saw and heard Gov. Clement of Tennessee try to repeat Bryan's 1896 performance as he delivered the keynote address. He even paraphrased the "Great Commoner's" closing peroration, but it did not have the ring of a crusader as did Bryan's in '96.

TOURING THE STATE . . . For

three weeks (including this week) the writer will be touring the State's institutions from the mountains to the sea as a member of the Advisory Budget Commission. This, we feel will be an interesting trip and we expect to deal with these travels and institutions during the next three weeks. Members of the Advisory Budget Commission in addition to the Governor are: J. K. Doughton of Alleghany, Joe Eagle of Wilson, O. Arthur Kirkman of Guilford, Clyde H. Harris of Rowan and H. Clifton Blue of Moore County.

Pistol shooting charges set

A preliminary hearing is scheduled Tuesday for a Chapel Hill Negro charged in a shooting scrap last weekend.

Raymond Cooley, 31, has been released on \$300 bond after admitting to police that he fired five shots from a .22 pistol at Percy O'Neal. The latter was charged with assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly threatening Cooley with a knife during an argument late Friday night that erupted into the shooting.

According to information given Detective Howard Pendergraph, Cooley said that O'Neal, 28, and another man jumped on him in front of a local cafe and drew a knife on him.

The Negro defendant admitted firing five shots at O'Neal, who was injured when one bullet lodged in his back. He was to be discharged from the hospital around the middle of this week.

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