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community support for de-segregation in Chapel Hill. There can be no dispute that there's been a vocal element favoring substantial desegregation in the University community. There's been a fair share of opposition, too, to even the current "first grade plan."

If the federal court of this district follows last week's precedent in the court at Philadelphia there is a definite possibility not only that Chapel Hill's permissive first grade plan will be held insufficient, but that the general gradual and "token" trend of local school boards across the state will become invalid, too.

Letters to the Editor

'PROUD OF TERRY FOR JACK'

To the Editor:

I, for one, am proud of our next governor, Terry Sanford, for his support of Sen. John F. Kennedy for the Democratic nomination for President. The ticket of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson is one that should appeal to all clear thinking voters. It is a winning ticket.

Sen. Kennedy is a young man with an outstanding record of honest and courageous public service. He is a Democrat in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt. He is a devout and convinced Christian. He is a man of courage and conviction. He is the type of leader that we need to lead the Democratic Party to victory in November. And, more important, he is qualified to lead us out of the chaos, both foreign and domestic, of the present.

"Suyou-op 'pnnu-fes," I shall be proud to, along with Terry Sanford, cast my vote in November for the Kennedy-Johnson ticket. I would add that I will be no less proud to cast my vote also for Terry Sanford, the next governor of North Carolina.

Robert Pace
Chapel Hill

THANKS FOR COVERAGE

To the Editor:

I want to thank The News for the good coverage on the Leadership Workshop held last week at U.N.C. and sponsored by the N. C. Council of Women's Organizations. It was a splendid workshop.

Mrs. Louise Winslow, vocational Home Economics Teacher, Aycock School, and I attended as delegates of the N. C. State Home Economics Association.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Henrietta C. Auman, Vocational Home Economics Teacher
Hillsboro High School

'HALT TREND' IN CHAPEL HILL

To the Editor:

In the many years since I have been away from Chapel Hill I have been proud to tell people of my former home, Chapel Hill

is a place well-known to strangers wherever I go. Almost everybody had a good word for Chapel Hill, the University, the beauty of the town, and those who made it a good place in which to live.

In the last year or two there seems to have been a radical change taking place there. The town that I lived in and loved a dozen years ago no longer exists, according to the stories I hear about it. Now I see that the School Board has decreed that it is going to integrate children in the schools—and in the first grade, of all things.

When I hear people talking about Chapel Hill, and when my friends ask me where I lived before I came here, I no longer feel proud to tell them about Chapel Hill. Before the place is ruined, I certainly hope something will be done to halt this trend.

John K. Robinson
Richmond, Va.

SCHOOL BUS TROUBLE?

To the Editor:

The editorial in The News recently commended the School Board on its policy that will bring about de-segregation in the first grade of a Chapel Hill school this year.

You suggest that this is a practical solution to a difficult problem, but you are forgetting one thing in this matter. The three Negro children if they ride to school on a school bus with white children, are going to be in for a rough time. If they lived close enough to the school to walk then there probably wouldn't be any trouble. Or if they could get a ride to school on their own, the chances are that there wouldn't be any problems while they were in classes.

But you can be sure that if there are three first grade Negro kids on a school bus loaded with 40 or 50 white school children of various ages, there is likely to be some trouble. I know because I rode a school bus for quite a while myself, and a high school age driver just can't keep everybody in line and drive the bus, too. I don't want any trouble to happen and I wonder if the Negro pupils couldn't ride a Negro bus to Estes Hills School. You ought to suggest this in your paper.

(name withheld)
Chapel Hill

FRAT HEARING AUG. 9

A special meeting of the Chapel Hill aldermen was held last Friday for the purpose of setting a special hearing Aug. 9 to consider issuance of a special use permit for construction of a fraternity court on University property adjoining the Finley Golf Course. Previously scheduled Aug. 22, the hearing was moved up at the request of the University.

Why public officials turn gray . . .

Here's the kind of problem the two school system pose; should the units be reunited?

Here's why Chapel Hill School administrators turn gray-haired and county commissioners are especially on the spot at budget-making time each year.

The separation of the 10-school 3,500-pupil Chapel Hill School System and the 14-school—4,500-pupil County School System came about back in the depression

when Chapel Hill folk voted upon themselves an extra tax levy of up to a \$20 rate above the rest of the County. These funds are earmarked for current operations of the school system—to improve curriculum, pay teachers more, etc.

Law requires 'per pupil' basis

Except for this extra money that automatically goes to Chapel Hill each year, the commissioners by state law have to dole out the same amount of current operations money per pupil to the County and Chapel Hill units.

So it turns out now that the County unit—with many more pupils, doesn't want as much money per pupil—in fact doesn't even want as much money altogether for its current operations this year as the smaller Chapel Hill unit does.

But even at that, the County unit is asking the County Commissioners to appropriate to them out of funds supplied by all taxpayers of the County enough current operations money to hire a dozen more teachers on local funds.

Costs more in Chapel Hill

In the Chapel Hill unit, school administrators declare, and cite figures to bolster their statements, it just costs more to educate pupils in the manner they consider necessary to a good education. This is why the Chapel Hill citizens voted for and continue to support the supplementary tax, with which their school unit pays for extra teachers with local funds.

Yet the County School System, if the county commissioners grant its request, will be getting "free" out of public funds without the payment of a supplementary school tax, essentially the same benefits that cost Chapel Hill School District taxpayers the extra \$100,000 a year they pay through their \$20 supplementary tax rate.

Unfair? The Chapel Hill School Board said it was unfair by this same reasoning for pupils from the Carrboro and White Cross areas outside the Chapel Hill District to attend Chapel Hill schools unless they were compensated for educating these pupils for whom no supplementary school tax was being received. Chapel Hill made its point and this practice was halted.

By the same token . . .

But is it now unfair for the county commission-

tem for the same purpose that in the Chapel Hill District is costing the taxpayers an additional \$20 rate?

Well, you might say that it is. But under state law, if the commissioners don't at least grant the County School System request for this, the Chapel Hill School System, which is asking for even more money, will suffer doubly. Here's why:

Grant the Chapel Hill Board's current operations request and the County System would be swimming in money it hadn't sought. Grant only as much as the County Board asks and Chapel Hill, its school administrators say, will suffer. Grant the County System's request and it will get at no extra cost to its resident taxpayers services that are costing extra in Chapel Hill. Cut this part of the County Board's request out and the Chapel Hill Board, by the resultant across-the-board per pupil appropriation decrease, will suffer more yet.

Time to re-examine?

It is at this point that we wonder if it isn't time to re-examine in light of 1960 problems the entire structure and theory of the two separate school systems of Orange County that were set up almost 30 years ago.

This kind of problem isn't unique to Orange. There are over 170 school systems in the 100 counties of North Carolina. Originally there were only single Boards for each county. The additional school systems came into being by vote of the citizens, just as the Chapel Hill Board did.

And in several of these counties in recent years the school administrators have come to realize that the two-headed school operations, for all the benefits they've accomplished, had outlived their effectual operative life.

'Anybody can see'

Anybody can see the perplexing fiscal problem that's confronting Orange County because of its twin-system school set-up.

Because of this the county commissioners should, as soon as they finish wrestling with the school budgets for the coming year, investigate thoroughly the continuing feasibility of the current administrative set-up of their schools, and consider whether the two systems should now be reunited.

—ROLAND GIDUZ

Notepad

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County. That's like writing d.d. Eisenhower!

The rule under "of orange county" is too fussy.

The slogan line under the flag has dubious readership—in this form, at least. Maybe it could be worked into the flag.

The head on Orange Peelings (a swell name, by the way) is engraved on plastic and the white isn't. It's a very dirty gray. Another run through the engraver would have batted down some of the highlight dots.

It's always better to say "Page 2" than to spell it out; we read numbers faster than words.

These are all little things, of course, but worth notice.

IN A NUT SHELL: Any reader would be glad to pick up the tab."

SHUFORD GETS FULBRIGHT GRANT

A Fulbright Fellowship has been granted to William H. Shuford of Hickory, N. C., for study in Granada, Spain, during the academic year 1960-61. Mr. Shuford, who is at present taking his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina in Romance languages, will study the work of Angel Ganivet as a literary critic. Ganivet was a Spanish novelist and essayist of the late nineteenth century and lived in Granada as a young man.

Precinct Circuit...

(... Strictly unofficial—County political trends and gossip . . .)

While the political limelight is on the national scene this week, we'll indulge in matters afield from the 21 precincts around home.

Last week GOP gubernatorial aspirant Bob Gavin of Sanford served notice that he expects to be a serious contender against Terry Sanford in the general elections. On Sunday his supporters in mighty Mecklenburg County backed up Gavin's claim in an ad appeal for money.

The Republican attorney, you may remember, stated flatly on several occasions that he didn't intend to exploit the race issue in seeking the governorship.

But a shrewdly and effectively worded half-page two-color ad in last Sunday's Charlotte Observer makes a good pitch to the anti-Sanford Democrats. It also puts in a timely plug for the elements that are dissatisfied with Sanford's "moderate" stand on race relations.

Gavin is plugged in the ad as the "conservative" candidate for governor—and this of course is an appropriate tag for a Republican.

Then in a box of copy boasting this candidate of "integrity . . . honesty . . . and principle," is the statement that "Robert Gavin knows well the role which North Carolina must play in the South and the nation, but HE WILL NOT SACRIFICE OUR STATE'S HERITAGE FOR NATIONAL GAIN."

Now anybody who reads the headlines or even listens to the 8 a.m. TV news can see in this (1) the appeal to those who have it "in" for Sanford because of his support of Kennedy; (2) a pitch for those growingly concerned about de-segregation as the opening of the fall term of public schools draws near; and (3) a fine "out" for Democrats who supported Beverly Lake and want an excuse not to have to back the ticket this fall.

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