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OUR SLEEPYHEADS

Upchurch Phenomenon Solved

The mystery of Raeford's sleeping six-year-olds seems to be solved, at least to the satisfaction of school and health officials. National and international news media, however, exhibit a continued interest in the phenomenon.

There is something beneficial to be gained from the unbelievable attention the case is getting, if only to project the name of Raeford to the world, as it already is being done by Burlington Industries and Raeford Turkey Farms. As for the six or seven first grade children involved, we have no doubt whatever they will suffer no ill effects from the experience.

The whole thing began March 11, for all practical purposes, when school and health officials were called in to investigate one first grade classroom at Upchurch School. Six or seven of the 23 six-year-olds had been mysteriously going to sleep each day, usually in mid-morning. When inspectors and Dr. Harry McLean, regional consultant, N.C. Board of Health, found no physical abnormality which would explain the trance-like behavior, they concluded the case had psychological implications.

A consulting psychiatrist, Dr. Don Schulte of Pinehurst, and a team of four psychologists from Duke University confirmed the psychological aspects. The children weren't in a "natural" sleep at all, but in a practically indescrib-

able state of suspension. They were not faking, nor was their behavior a hoax, although it was a learned behavior pattern ostensibly reinforced by gain.

There remained then only one thing, or two, to do. Dr. Schulte consulted the teacher, Miss Hazel Galbreath, described by her superiors as "an excellent teacher," and told her how to handle the situation. He also talked to the children's parents, giving them similar instructions. Since then, there have been no further reports of the youngsters going to sleep.

It may be hard for Hoke Countians to understand why the incident attracted such widespread attention, including telephone calls from all over the nation and even from a representative of the London, England, Telegraph. First of all, the case was classified as a phenomenon, which explains in one word that it is very unusual and rare, and, really, somewhat mystifying. Second, it concerned six-year-old children, who usually possess such innocence as to be incapable of pulling the wool over learned eyes. Third, it was a tremendously exciting "human interest" story -- of the kind Raefordites would delight in reading about another town.

Now that the mystery seems to have been laid to rest, we still look forward to resuming our regular routine. But while it lasted, we thoroughly enjoyed it.

Be Sure To Register: You Must

No better time than the present could possibly accrue to public spirited citizens to conduct a registration drive among potential Hoke County voters. Since every voter must re-register, although his name may have been on the books for years, an appeal can be made to everybody, and nobody can say, "I'm already registered," because as of now, nobody in the county is registered.

Our Negro leaders are taking advantage of the situation to conduct a registration drive among their people. Until this year, it was estimated that only about half the eligible Negro voters were registered, and only half of those voted regularly, meaning that only one-fourth of the eligible Negro voters were getting to the polls. The situation couldn't have been very much better among white citizens, for voting records show only a small percentage of the probable maximum vote was cast in elections here.

It is a glaring fault of the American people, white and black, that in one of the few countries in the world where one has absolute access to the ballot box, only a small percentage of the populace goes to the polls. In some other English-speaking countries, like Australia, for instance, the law requires one to vote. Maybe it ought to be that way here, because we feel that a person who takes no part in making the decisions at the polls, has no right to complain about what the elections later produce.

Registration requires only a few minutes of one's time. A complete list of registrars and where they may be found for the next four consecutive Saturdays, is elsewhere in this issue of The

News-Journal. We urge every citizen of Hoke County to register.

The new registration is required, incidentally, because the 1967 General Assembly passed a law to make uniform in the state's 100 counties the "looseleaf" registration system, wherein each voter has a looseleaf page in the registration books, and that sheet can be removed, or another added, without disturbing the remainder of the registration. That permits the books to be kept absolutely current on a day-to-day basis. In previous years, registration books had to be purged from time to time.

The new system will work to everyone's advantage. All we need to make our election system near-perfect is to achieve close to 100 per cent participation. Then, and only then, will the voice of the people have been heard.

The word "cue," which we use in the sense of a hint or intimation, originally meant tail. It came from the Latin "coda," which passed into Old French as "coe" and took the forms of "keue" and "cue," with the latter form passing intact into English.

English actors listened closely to the actor's lines that preceded his, for the last word in the other actor's speech was a signal that he was to begin his own lines.

Since the last word in a line or speech came at the tail end, it was called a "cue."

"Ole Podnah, What's This I Hear Tell
About You Fixin' to Throw Me?"



By Jim Taylor

Johnson, Nixon Will Be Nominees



This article continues a series begun last week in this space concerning some of the perplexing problems facing the nation.

Who Will Capture The Nominations

Whether you're Democrat, Republican, or Independent, you're very much interested at this time in who is going to capture the nomination in the major parties.

On the Republican side, Richard Nixon is back in harness, and seems to have the inside track, as astute political observers said two years ago.

Gov. George Romney, GOP governor of Michigan, had presidential aspirations and launched his bid for the nomination last fall.

A great many politicians start out with one foot in their mouth. Romney was unique in that he had both feet, up to the shins, in his mouth when he started his campaign.

He announced a year after visiting Vietnam, you will remember, that his original assessment of the situation was wrong. He said he had been "brainwashed" by the administration and officers in the field into thinking American policy

and procedures in Vietnam were correct.

When he admitted to the American people he was gullible enough to be brainwashed, he admitted that he didn't have brains enough to be a good president of the United States. Indeed, he may have been flimflammed, just as he said he was, but that added nothing to his stature.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York for a time seemed on the verge of getting his feet wet. Maybe I should say "wet again," because Rockefeller has been a candidate at every GOP convention since away back when.

Gov. Ronald Reagan of California declares he has no presidential aspirations. Don't you believe it. Not for a minute. Reagan, a motion picture actor, is just that. And no actor would be satisfied to play the part of Andy Hardy if he could get the role of Hamlet.

Reagan isn't a likely contender if Nixon's stock holds up, and Nixon is a political professional who is adroit at protecting his interests. If Nixon is nominated, and there is good reason to believe he will be, Reagan won't be considered for vice president. For one thing, Nixon is from California, too, and it would be a rare thing, indeed, to see both the presidential and vice-presidential nominees from the same state.

On the Democratic side, the

splash made first by Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, and later by Sen. Robert Kennedy of New York, won't amount to a hill of beans at the Democratic convention.

McCarthy got 42 per cent of the Democratic vote in the New Hampshire primary and everybody got excited, because President Johnson got only 49 per cent. They didn't bother to explain that Johnson was not on the ballot, and a write-in campaign was conducted in his behalf.

To me, the fact that he polled 49 per cent of the vote as a write-in campaign is significant.

Then, Bobby Kennedy took heart in McCarthy's showing in New Hampshire and decided he could beat both McCarthy and Johnson.

Not this year, Bobby. The sign isn't right. Historically, Democrats and Republicans both have not kicked out a winner after only four years in the presidency. It happened to Herbert Hoover, to be sure, but in 1932, even Republicans were tired of eating flour gravy.

A switch has never occurred, to my knowledge, during time of war. And therein lies the key to the whole convention, campaign, and November election.

If the Vietnam War is still an issue, Lyndon Johnson will make it work in favor of his candidacy.

It is conceded by friend and See TAYLOR COLUMN, Page 11

Philosopher Digs Up Idea To Add To The Confusion



Dear editor: According to all the newspapers I've read in the past few weeks and most of the brainy-type television discussion I've listened to, nearly everybody agrees nearly everything is in a mess nearly everywhere in the world, from the east side of the city limits of Raeford right on clean around the world and back to the west side, and in places it may even get inside the town, although everything seems fairly normal around here to me.

Therefore I hesitate to add to the confusion and unrest now beseging the country, but a thought has been nagging at me for some time now and I might as well bring it out into the open.

As I understand the political experts, there is a vague possibility that the Presidential

election this year may be thrown into the lap of Congress. In case no candidate gets a clear majority of the electoral votes, they point out, Congress has to select the President, with each of the 50 states having only one vote. The man who gets 26 votes wins and moves into the White House if he can get through the picket lines.

On the surface this seems fair, after all we've got to have a President, somebody's got to be at the top to take the blame, but there's just this one thing. Everybody's forgetting the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court has already ruled under its one-man-one-vote decision that all Congressmen should represent about the same number of people, but is a state with no more people than say Nevada is going to have the same voice as a

state with as many people as California or New York in selecting a President, if the election is thrown into Congress, then you can see what this does to that Constitutional principle.

Obviously, with Nevada with its puny population having as much say-so as New York with its millions, the Supreme Court would have to rule every President Congress selected as unconstitutional.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



TERRY SANFORD--Former Governor Terry Sanford has been in the news right much during the past several days.

To the suggestion that the Conservation & Development Department be split up between industry and development, we feel that the former Tarheel governor is on sound ground to recommend keeping the several divisions under one department head. We feel that it can serve just as well and in a more economical manner, which is something that should not be overlooked.

Kidd Enever took a dig at Terry, saying that the former governor had offered him a pardon before he entered state prison. Most people will believe that Terry's statement on the subject was solid when he replied: "I know I didn't offer him one, and I feel confident he would not have turned one down if it was offered."

And then Terry took a shot at Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, who the former governor said "set out to kill" the North Carolina Advancement School in Winston-Salem after the school criticized "the establishment." Terry was about right when he said that "the establishment has to have criticism or it will not improve."

This not only goes with schools but a little prodding keeps things from growing stale and getting into a rut.

ALL - AMERICA CITIES -- Congratulations are certainly in order for Laurinburg and Hickory for being among 11 cities in the nation to receive from the National Municipal League and Look Magazine the "All - America City" awards.

For Laurinburg, it was Laurinburg's second "All - America City" award--having received the same recognition in 1956.

Nice, progressive, forward-looking and forward-marching cities and communities do not "just happen." They are the result of long and hard work with plenty of planning and plenty of cooperation and coordination among the people and leaders of the community.

POLLS -- Dr. Gallup, Mr. Harris and the other pollsters have an awesome responsibility since candidates and would-be candidates are letting their findings shape decisions which could have a great bearing on the destiny of the nation. Polls showing Republicans favoring Nixon over Rockefeller for the GOI presidential nomination no doubt had much to do with keeping rocky from becoming an active candidate for the nomination.

But the polls were a little off in New Hampshire; in fact they were right much off in underestimating McCarthy's strength and overestimating Johnson's strength.

PAUL BARWICK--Paul Barwick is publisher of the Weekly Gazette in LaGrange, and sometimes he is a crusading editor. Here is what Paul has to say about presidential race:

"People in these parts don't seem to be too impressed with Robert Kennedy's announcement that he will seek the presidency of the United States. People also don't think much of Lyndon B. Johnson. And, I might add, there doesn't seem to be much strength for Richard Nixon. I suppose George Wallace has more support (at least it's outspoken) in this area right now.

"But one thing I feel for sure, Robert 'Bobby' Kennedy doesn't stand a chance of getting many votes around here. His attack on tobacco and tobacco farmers has assured that. And I personally might add that I'm not ready to go under the Kennedy dictatorship. I've had enough of Johnson and in my opinion, Kennedy would be worse. It seems to me the next president of the United States will be elected by the House of Representatives of the United States. At least I think there's a good chance that it will happen."

We suspect that Paul Barwick expressed the feelings and frustrations of a good many Tarheels. While neither the Democratic or Republican presidential nominee may get a majority of the electoral votes, should this be the case we would expect one of the candidates to come to terms with George Wallace after the election, but before the matter went to the House of Representatives for a decision.

College Students Not Anti-Business

BY PETE IVEY

CHAPEL HILL -- Are college students anti-business?

No -- say those who have surveyed student attitudes.

Businessmen are increasingly finding to their pleased surprise that university students are not soured on a business career, nor on free enterprise and business practices and policies. Despite allegations to the contrary, more students than ever before are aspiring to the life of a businessman -- big business and little business.

With hot war and cold war being as it is, many will have to defer their start in business.

Joe Galloway, director of the placement in the University of North Carolina, is in charge of helping representatives of business and industry when they come to campus and recruit young men and women in business.

Galloway sees no antagonism to business. Just the reverse is true.

Even though a small percentage of students will raise a ruckus from time to time, this is a tiny minority and doesn't reflect total sentiment at Chapel Hill. An illustration is a casual poll taken by students of Prof. Ken Byerly's journalism class last week in Chapel Hill.

He sent his students out on the campus. "Get your own story," he said. Two of the students took a survey and asked the question: "What do you think of the picketing of Dow Chemical, makers of napalm?"

One young journalist questioned 10 other students. Nine of the 10 were solidly opposed to the picketing. The second journalist questioned 25, and 23 of the 25 thought the demonstrators wrong in blocking the way to the Dow recruiter.

who are about to be graduated are faced with the draft and military duty. That fact, more than anything else, causes a tight labor market.

A study by the College Placement Council, Inc. stated, after a national study: "While college recruitment may be difficult, it is now compounded by a new crisis in attitudes toward business."

The study goes on to say: These are among the conclusions drawn from this College Placement Council study conducted by Dean L. Reed Tripp and H. Allen Hunt of the Business Economics Center at Lehigh University. The research project centered on the approximately 19,700 male students in the 33,000-student sample surveyed by the National Opinion Research Center in its noted study of the Class of 1961. The only national survey of its type ever assembled, covering students from 135 colleges of all types and sizes, the NORC study queried students just prior to graduation and then followed them for the next three years. The CPC data were obtained through special computer runs of NORC material not previously utilized."

The college placement council researchers learned that many of the current concerns about the so-called anti-business attitude of college students may result from a failure to clearly define the terms "business" and "career." The popular concept of business does not include many professions which are an important part of the business world, and many of the people who hold positions in these professions do not consider themselves as having a business career.

This study found that, where as approximately 24 per cent of all male graduating seniors indicated professional career interest in the general or non-specialized business areas, almost another quarter of the entire sample contemplated pursuit of professional interests within the business world. Hence, slightly under 50 per cent considered business as a likely employer or one of the

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