

300 Attend Pearsall Forum at Newport Wednesday

Three hundred persons attended a public forum on the Pearsall Plan Wednesday night at the Newport School. Speakers were H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, D. G. Bell, county legislator; and Mrs. Joe Johnson, New Bern, a member of the state PTA executive committee.

Milton Warren, president of the Newport PTA, introduced Mr. Joslyn, who expressed the hope that provisions of the Pearsall Plan will never have to be used. He viewed it as a "safety valve" which could be turned on in case of racial tension.

Mr. Joslyn set forth reasons given by Dr. Charles Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, as to why the Pearsall Plan should be approved.

Moses Howard, Newport, chairman of the county board of commissioners, introduced Mr. Bell. The legislator said the issue is one of the most serious ever faced by voters in the county.

He gave the background on Pearsall Plan and how it came into being.

Mrs. Johnson, introduced by E. B. Comer, Newport principal, urged her listeners to "vote in favor of their children's education." She said that the organization she represents is against the Pearsall Plan because opposition to it is "the only way the public schools can be strengthened and preserved."

She said the PTA had "no quick and easy answer" to the problem. Some of the questions and the answers follow:

Q. After withdrawing my child from public school because of integration, am I compelled to place my child in a private school even though I cannot afford to do so?

A. No, but you will not receive \$135 the state is setting up if your child is kept home and tutored there.

Q. Can I withdraw my child from school even if there is no integration problem?

A. No, your child must stay in school unless an intolerable situation relating to integration arises.

Q. How long would a school which is closed by this plan remain closed?

A. Until reopened by public vote.

Q. Is there anything in the Pearsall amendment to keep minority groups from closing the schools?

A. The minority may remove their children from the schools but only a majority can close the school doors.

Q. If integration came to Newport, would the county provide transportation for my child to a segregated school?

A. No, but the child could be assigned to another school.

Q. Could the closed public school building be sold or leased as a private school?

A. If closed for a long time, a private corporation could buy or lease the school building.

Q. Would voting for the Pearsall amendment indicate enough strength that the Supreme Court would change its decision?

A. His grade level would be determined by tests.

Referendum

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lators would not be changed. It would remain at \$15 a day for members and at \$20 a day for the two presiding officers. But the period for which they might draw it would be increased from 90 days to up to 120 days, and the change very well could result in longer sessions.

The change of meeting time amendment would, as the ballot will state, permit the legislature to convene approximately a month late.

But it would also permit legislators to convene at any time of the year they might wish. That's made clear in the proposed amendment, but it's not shown on the ballot.

February Opening

The amendment says: "The Senate and House of Representatives shall meet biennially on the first Wednesday after the Monday in February next after their election, unless a different day shall be provided by law; and when assembled, shall be denominated the General Assembly. Neither house shall proceed upon public business unless a majority of all the members are actually present."

The constitution now says the legislature shall meet biennially on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January next after their election. It does not allow for changes such as would be possible under the new words "unless a different day shall be provided by law."

Explains Change

The attorney general says the idea of moving the opening day of the session from January to February results from the change in the deadline for filing income tax returns.

"The 1955 General Assembly," he wrote, "passed a law which extended the final date for the filing of income tax returns from March 15 to April 15. As a result of that change, the General Assembly cannot have until a month later an estimate of anticipated revenues to guide it in planning appropriations."

"By convening a month later, the assembly can be in session long enough to consider this vital matter after the estimates are in, without having to continue in session for an unnecessary length of time. The amendment would also authorize the General Assembly to fix the most appropriate day for its meeting."

The amendment authorizing a married woman to execute a power of attorney conferred by her husband would do just what it says.

The adoption of it would mean that when a husband could give his wife written authority to sign and acknowledge deeds for him whether the property involved is owned jointly or individually.

It would allow in North Carolina, the attorney general wrote,

Fishery Association Directors Discuss Dredging, Paper Mill

Plans for a meeting to promote deepening of Ocracoke Inlet and waterways leading to New Bern were made at a board meeting of the North Carolina Fisheries Association at New Bern Wednesday. The proposed pulp mill between New Bern and Kinston was also discussed.

Garland Fulcher, Oriental, president of the NCFA, presided at the luncheon meeting which took place at the Hotel Tryon.

Among the guests was Bill Edwards, president of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, who asked the association's cooperation in getting the Neuse River to New Bern dredged.

He said the Navy has recently announced that the larger Navy boats, drawing 14 feet of water, which frequently are sent to New Bern for repairs, can no longer be taken into New Bern because of shallow water. He estimated dredging would be required for a distance of 11 miles.

The NCFA and New Bern interests agreed to cooperate in pushing the Ocracoke and Neuse River projects. A dinner meeting at New Bern, which leading government officials and civic leaders will attend, has been scheduled for sometime within the next 30 days.

W. H. Potter, Beaufort, was named chairman of the steering committee. George Garner secretary of the NCFA, was authorized to write Graham A. Barden, Alton Lennon, and Herbert Bonner, congressmen, to arrange a date that will be convenient to them.

U. S. senators, state officials, including Col. Harry Brown, head of the hurricane rehabilitation project, Army engineers, representatives of the Board of Conservation and Development, and representatives of civic organizations and chambers of commerce interested in the Neuse and Ocracoke Inlet will be invited.

7-Foot Depth

Earl Holton, past president of the NCFA, reported that depth of the channel through Ocracoke Inlet is only 7 feet. "We have been having at least 8," Mr. Holton commented.

Mr. Potter remarked that the depth of Ocracoke Inlet channel should be no less than 20 feet. It was pointed out that a survey of the channel has been authorized by the federal government.

"No boats of the new shrimp trawl size can use that inlet," Mr. Potter said. Clayton Fulcher Jr., Atlantic, estimated that less than 20 per cent of the trawlers are able

"a common business practice that is now allowed in every state of the union with one exception."

to reach the ocean and return by that channel.

During a discussion on the proposed paper mill, Mr. Edwards, New Bern chamber official, read a letter from M. L. Taylor, technical director for Union Bag-Camp, the firm interested in building the plant.

Referring to fishermen's concern about the mill and the wastes which will be deposited in the Neuse River, Mr. Taylor said that surveys are still in progress to determine what treatment will be necessary before the mill wastes go into the river.

Mr. Taylor said the mill will locate near the Neuse only if it is found that wastes can be treated economically and the firm can become a "good citizen" in its new site.

It was reported that Dr. B. B. Brandt, a State College zoologist, has been retained by Union Bag-Camp to determine what amount of waste can be put into the Neuse and what prior treatment will be necessary.

John Rodman, attorney for the NCFA, said that Dr. Brandt was consultant when wastes from the paper mill at Plymouth were causing difficulty in the fishing industry.

Requests Extensive Study

Clayton Fulcher Jr. requested that an exhaustive study be made on waste effects on all types of fish, not just finfish. He said that a finfish can probably filter a lot more water through its gills than a shrimp or other type seafood, and thus could withstand a more highly-polluted water.

Mr. Fulcher cited an instance in Florida where an industry located on a waterway. A study had been made which showed that the wastes would affect finfish, but after the mill was in operation, crabs became contaminated and a crab plant located there had to go into receivership when it was discovered that its crab meat packed and shipped throughout the country was not fit for consumption.

Mr. Holton said that he understood that there was actually no law which could prevent the paper

mill from dumping its wastes in the river.

Ed Kirk, assistant to W. P. Saunders, director of the Board of Conservation and Development, said he was sure there were several ways the dumping could be checked.

He added that he was "impressed" with the approach being made by Union Bag-Camp, saying, "If they locate, I think you can be reasonably assured they will have concrete solutions to problems."

Guy Hamilton of the New Bern Lions Club, who assisted in obtaining an option on property for the mill, said that the plant proposes to deposit its waste water in ponds on a 4,600-acre site prior to releasing it into the river.

Suggestion Made

Sam Whitehurst, state legislator from Craven County, suggested that coastal legislators be acquainted with fisheries legislation at a meeting prior to the opening of the general assembly next year.

H. P. Edwards, general manager of the A&EC Railroad, was present and pledged his cooperation with the NCFA in its projects.

President Fulcher reported on negotiations with the Marine Corps relative to practice bombing over fishing grounds. Arrangements are being made to consult with the Marine Corps at Cherry Point.

Cecil Morris, Atlantic, chairman of the state commercial fisheries committee, told NCFA board members that they "have the respect of the state" and the governor and the Conservation and Development department was ready to cooperate fully in the association's work.

Present, in addition to those mentioned, were Roy Watson, Hoboken; I. J. Hudson and Sam McCotter, Vandemere; Fred Whitaker, Kinston; Libby Ward, Hap Tucker, Olin Wright, all of New Bern, and Lockwood Phillips, Beaufort.

Travellers on British railways may engage automobiles when they buy their rail tickets and on arrival at their destinations are conducted by special agents to their waiting cars.

County Board

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the courtroom of the courthouse. It is proposed to tear down the old plaster, lower the ceiling and insulate it. At present the roof of the courthouse, and leaks in the courthouse dome, are being repaired.

The clerk, Irvin W. Davis, was requested to write Lt. Merritt Bridgman, commanding officer of the Morehead City National Guard unit, telling him that the county had made no provision in its budget for 1956-57 to pay the unit \$30 a month.

James D. Potter, auditor, reported that all legal matters in connection with borrowing money for the health center have been taken care of. The notes have been sold but the county has not yet received the money, totaling \$12,000.

Mrs. Ralph Albares, Beaufort, gave the commissioners some advice on how and where they should advertise. Commissioners present were Moses Howard, chairman, Harrell Taylor, Walter Yeomans, and Odell Merrill.

Price Correction

When you read the Piggly Wiggly Store advertisement, prices for two frozen items are incorrect. The price for one package of frozen turnip greens should read 15 cents and the price for two cans of orange juice should read 29 cents. The errors were not noticed in a proof supplied the Piggly Wiggly store prior to the printing of the ad.

Presbyterians Rate in Top 10

Atlanta, Ga.—First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, is among the top ten churches in total per capita giving for the Presbyterian Church, U. S., among the denomination's 128 churches having a membership of 200-224.

A number of statistical studies of giving, in congregations of approximately the same size, have just been compiled by the Presbyterian General Council which has offices here.

The figures, compiled annually by the council, co-ordinating agency for the church's budget and stewardship program, show that Morehead City's First Presbyterian Church in 1955 gave \$151.62 per capita for total causes, making the Morehead City church rank fifth place among churches in its membership group. First Presbyterian Church has 202 members.

The Presbyterian Church, U. S., leads all other major denominations in the nation in both per capita giving to total causes and in per capita giving to benevolences.

Presbyterian Minister Announces Sermon Topics

Sunday School will begin at the First Presbyterian Church at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning, announced the Rev. A. G. Harris, pastor. Morning worship will be at 11 o'clock and evening worship at 8 o'clock. Youth fellowship meets at 6 p.m.

At morning worship Mr. Harris will speak on Greater Works. His text will be John 14:1-17. His sermon at evening worship will be Can You Really be Sure of Salvation, the text coming from 1 John 4:1-19.

Power Will Be Cut Twice Sunday

There will be two 10-minute power outages in Beaufort and vicinity Sunday, George Stovall, manager of Carolina Power and Light Co., announces.

The outages will take place if weather is fair. The first will be from 6 to 6:10 a.m. and affect Lennoxville Road, Glendale Park, Circle Drive, North River from the intersection of Highway 101 and 70 to North River, the town of Beaufort and in Morehead City the port terminal, Standard Oil Co., the shipyard and the Jefferson Hotel.

The second outage will be from 9 to 9:10 a.m.

During the outage, sectionalizing switches will be installed so that in case of breakdown on one circuit, that circuit can be dropped and power fed to the rest of the area.

Also to be repaired is a 33,000-volt lightning arrester which was damaged recently.

Watch Your Washer For Rusty Water, Official Advises

C. W. Williams of Carolina Water Co. warns Beaufort housewives to fill automatic washers before they put the clothes in them. The calgon which the company put in Beaufort water mains Monday afternoon is beginning to cut the rust from the pipes, he said.

He points out that rust will stain clothes, so be sure that the water in your machine is clear. If the first water drawn is rusty, let the water run a bit until it clears up. The calgon itself is harmless and tasteless.

Mr. Williams has had wide experience using the chemical in other areas, and he says that once the rust is out of the pipes only occasional use of the calgon will be necessary to prevent further rusting.

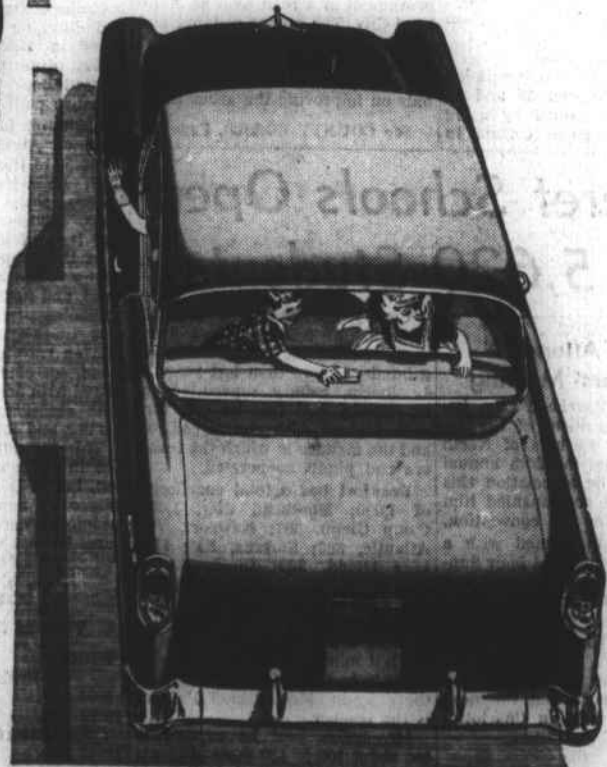
A. There are just 17 southern states standing alone against the Supreme Court decision, although there is racial tension in other states too.

Q. If a child were tutored at home for several years, what grade would he return to if the public schools were reopened?

A. His grade level would be determined by tests.

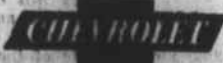
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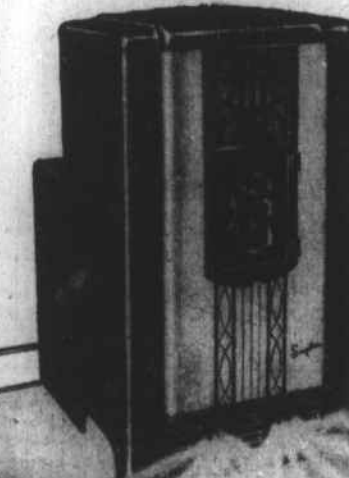
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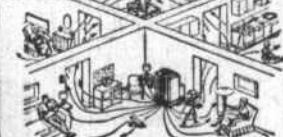
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