EDITORIAL

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Time to Vote

The News-Times casts its "vote" for the Pearsall Plan.

The plan is a proposal which would change the state constitution. The change would allow certain communities IF they wished, to vote at some future date on whether to close the school in the community. The constitutional change would allow such a vote only IF race problems developed.

Recently a bit of sentiment has developed against the plan. Voters are told on one hand that it is the only way "to save the schools." On the other hand, they are told that the plan is extremely dangerous because it would permit the people to close the schools.

The News-Times comes to its decision only after extremely careful consideration of this plan, plans in other southern states and appraisal of arguments offered against the Pearsall Plan.

The keystone in making a decision lies in any voter's answer to this question: "How will people - whether in this county or any other county - react if members of both races mingle in the schools?"

There can be only one of two reactions. If whites want to start going to the Negro schools and the Negroes dislike it intensely enough, there may be trouble. If Negroes start going to the white schools, and the white people resent it to a high degree, there may be trouble. By trouble we mean protest which may evidence itself in mass meetings, and perhaps eventual violence.

The other reaction is an acceptance of the mingling of the two races. If that is the réaction, then there will be no "trouble."

People who are speaking against the Pearsall Plan are saying, simply, "Things in North Carolina have changed. We are an enlightened people. Some Negroes may start going to our schools, but we have to accept that. We recognize that the present law giving local school boards the authority to 'assign' Negroes to Negro schools and whites to white schools may not always work. But, in the hope that it will, we will vote against the Pearsall Plan because we don't want any law on the books which may allow people to close one school."

That is a wonderful, Christian-like attitude. Here in the calm of no crisis, the voter must ask himself if that attitude will prevail if a large group of the "other race" starts going to the public school.

Under present conditions, the people who may resent such a mixture have no recourse to law. They do have recourse, though, to normal human emotions: resentment which may flare into hate and hate which may flare into violence.

The Pearsall Plan says, in essence, "You don't have to submit to mixture of the races. If you want to, all well and good. If you don't want to, you needn't threaten the other race with bodily harm, you can take action, within the law, to solve the situation peaceably."

The Pearsall Plan is so arranged that should a vote go in favor of closing a school, or portion of a school in a community, both the white and Negro elements of that school would be closed. 40 miles was contaminated by rado-Therein lies a check on both whites and Negroes. Each race will suffer if race problems develop to the point that schools are closed.

Those in favor of the Pearsall Plan are saying, "We recognize that this is a serious situation. People in different counties, people in different income groups think differently about this problem. Yet, this is a democracy. Our ciple that the people have a right to ual citizens are ready to make it.

voice their opinion and the majority shall rule. Each community should be given the power to say, should a crisis develop, whether the schools should be closed.

Persons who are against the Pearsall Plan are, basically, afraid of putting power in the hands of the people. They fear that if the state constitution is changed, people will vote to close the schools.

Persons who fear giving the people the power to decide for themselves are betraying the faith placed in a free people by our founding fathers. Like the monarchists, they are saying, "Give the vote to the rabble, the man on the street, and you will have nothing but chaos." The democracy which is America has disproved the monarchist's dire prediction.

A man who has no recourse to law is a dangerous man. Instead of using the channels of justice spelled out for him, he reaches for the torch, the hangman's noose or the gun.

Persons against the Pearsall Plan are saying, in essence, that there is no possibility of violence anywhere if mixture of the races takes place. If this is true, then there was never any need for the school assignment law and North Carolina can announce to the world, "The Supreme Court decision is right. We will abide by it. Integration is the only step we can rightfully take within the law '

Whether the Pearsall Plan is constitutional only the United States Supreme Court can decide. If it is approved, it too may be challenged in the courts. But the only issue before North Carolina voters tomorrow is to vote for or against it.

Whether the people approve it or not, North Carolinians should face the fact that all Negro schools are not on a par with white schools and every effort should be made to give the Negro equal educational opportunity.

Nobody wants the schools to close. But nobody can control human emotions either. Under the Pearsall Rlan, schools can continue to operate as they are. Should a situation arise in future years where a community wants to bring into play provisions of the Pearsall Plan, that is the time for people of that community to campaign against "closing the school."

In Danger Zone

Because we do not live in one of the nation's recognized "critical target areas" many local residents have assumed that we do not have a pressing need for a strong civil defense organization.

Actually this is a misconception the Federal Civil Defense Administration hopes will be cleared away with the national observance of Civil Defense Week, starting Sunday.

Proof that no locality in the United States is outside a potential danger zone came with the evaluation of the U. S. hydrogen bomb test explosion at Bikini, in March, 1954. That test showed that an area extending 220 miles downwind and varying in width up to active fallout.

Civil defense officials see the probability that an actual enemy nuclear attack could leave hundreds of thousands of square miles contaminated.

Will our civil defense be strong enough, well-enough trained, and wellenough equipped to prevent widespread disaster in our community? The answer is squarely up to us. Civil decountry has been founded on the prin- fense can only be as strong as individ-

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AFTER YEARS IN THE BACKROOM!

Jerry Schumacher

And So the Holiday Weekend Passes

night of Labor Day weekend, and I am sitting at Capt. Bill's Waterfront Restaurant waiting for the Captain to join me for a steak. Well it will never happen 'cause the joint is jumping and everybody is busy as a cat you know where doing what.

Rachel Mundine is playing the living heck out of the Hammond organ and you can hardly hear her from the din Customers stacked up outside like cordwood and in his glory.

suspected both and Captain

Tony of the Sanitary of deliberate ly forming a line so that they can brag "I had a line a block long." boys, have your fun because this is it, the last weekend of the summer season. From now on if you haven't got it made, just give up gracefully 'til next summer.

Somehow the hustle and bustle of a busy summer weekend on the Morehead City waterfront is one of the great thrills of my life, tourists in all manner of dress from nobby-kneed hairychest men in swimming shorts to the elegant ladies in their fur pieces and jewelry and every-thing in between from Bermuda walkin' shorts to pedal pushers.

The kitchen here is a madhouse with the cooks snowed under. Tem-pers are short and everyone is rushing around, but after it is all over and the last customer is gracefully ushered out they will slap each other on their sweating backs and say, "Boy, we shoveled out the food today!"

The expressions on customers' faces who have been waiting in line, when it finally comes their turn, look like they just won a big

Tar Heels Afloat, a group of visiting yachtsmen, are here in full force. Now you can't tell by looking at them who owns the big hun-

The following information is ta-ken from the files of the Morehead

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her home in New Bern Saturday

after spending several days here and at Atlantic View Beach.

Mrs. Rufus Cherry and little daughter, Elodie, of Wilson, have returned home after spending sev-

Miss Bessie Penny has returned to her home in Wilmington after spending a few days here as the

Louis Hancock of Florida is in the city visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary F. Hancock. Mr. Hancock left here 16 years ago. Mrs. Martha J. Wade returned

Thursday from New Bern where she spent some time with her son, Abram Wade and family.

from Oriental where she spent sev-

eral weeks with her sister, Mrs.

morning for Greensboro to enter Greensboro College for Women. Miss Lucile Leary left Tuesday

for Oxford where she will attend

Earle Piner of the U. S. Navy

enry Stevens. Miss Marie Jackson left Tuesday

Miss Alice Edwards has returned

guest of Miss Capitola Wade.

eral days in the city.

Miss Bertha Tolson returned to

F. C. Salisbury

City Coaster:

tle outdoor powered houseboat that was high and dry on the mud flat this morning.

At any rate they all are having wonderful time, and they add to the color and excitement of the wonderful waterfront. To think in a few short weeks you can shoot a cannon right down the street and never hit a soul. Momentarily the organ stopped and the din is terrific. Seems every-

one is talking louder than the next one, with people shouting from one end of this long building to the other when they recognize some Some gal slightly the worse for wear came up and said, "Oh I know you. You're the fellow that takes

What are you doing?' Well the easiest way out for me was to tell her, so she said, "Let me read what you have written." Reluctantly I handed her this effort. Well, she shook her head, and as she staggered off, she looked over her shoulder, sort of Marilyn

Monroeish like and said, "Better stick to pictures, Bub."

This is a story about Dee Gee's Gift Shop. Now this unique establishment is famous throughout the state for its August Christmas sale. This is our state representative, Mr. D. G. Bell, the owner's way of disposing of both good merchandise and some that has been on the shelf a little longer than it should have been.

When I first heard about the August Christmas sale, it tickled me and everybody else I guess because this sale is by now an institution. Last August my gorgeous tomato, Penny, goes to the sale along with all the other women and comes homes with several hundred dollars worth of useless though attractive and reasonable merchandise.

My Penny will buy anything iffen it's a bargain. If you will re-member just a few short weeks ago she brought home several dozen snowshoes. In North Carolina in July that is some kind of a record I believe Well anyway I asked what we were expected to do with all this assorted gear, Penny said, "Christmas presents you big dope," and so it was, our friends up

left Sunday afternoon for Norfolk

after spending a few days here. The Misses Mary Whitehurst and

Aleeze Leffers of Gloucester at-tended the Sunday School confer-

daughter Miss Ada of Newport re-

turned home Wednesday after spending a few days here attend-ing the M. E. Sunday School con-

Miss Agnes P. Webb of Kinston

and Lucius Stacy of North Wilkes-boro were married here Wednes-day at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Joe Hooker, one of the alleged largest blockaders in this section,

was arrested at his home on the banks of the Inland Waterway and

The first drafted men from this county will leave Saturday for

The Rev. C. H. Caviness and

ence here this week.

ference.

John T. Willis.

taken to New Bern.

Here and There

wrapped in bright cellophane. Have often wondered what Ida-

belle Bauer up in Indiana ever did with that old corroded ship's bell. Well when this was all over so was the season and all the tourists were gone home and us natives pulled in our belts and knuckled down for the winter

Now Dee Gee told his girls in the shop, "Don't send Jerry a bill cause he won't have any money till NEXT August so I have owed my friend these several hundred dollars for one year. Well, business being kinda on the

good side this year, being no hur-ricanes so far, I finally on Aug. 27 sent my long-suffering friend a check in full for my last year's bill. Feeling kinda smug about this, I sneaks off and plays me about nine holes of golf.

When I came home later that on I noticed Penny had that gleam in her eye that usually precedes some momentous occas Guess what she greeted me with 'I had the most fun, I spent the afternoon at Dee Gee's and Daddy bought ALL of our Christmas presents, ain't you proud of me?' Oh Lord give me strength, and save a little for Dee Gee too.

Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

This is the year of gigantic cele-bration in India as the government observes the 2,500th anniversary of the Buddhist religion.

His disciples carried Buddha's teachings throughout India and in-Tibet, Ceylon, Burma and Siam, and later into Japan and China. At one time one third of the human race were the Buddha's students and followers.

To help celebrate the occasion,



India has issued two sr stamps. The main design of each is an allegorical drawing of the pipul tree under which Buddha meditated. The 2 annas is dark brown and the 14 annas scarlet.

Stamp Notes ... Spain has issued new 3 pesos blue stamp showing the ship "Ciudad de Toledo."

Western Germany has issued two new stamps for the convention of the Evangelic Church in Frank-furt while Eastern Germany has issued a souvenir sheet sold for double the face value (40 pfennigs) with the surtax scheduled for the relief of the victims of Buchenwald, Ravensbruck and Saschenhausen concentration camps.

Two stamps have ben issued by Colombia depicting cattle. The stamps were issued in connection with the Second International Cattle Fair.

A valuable collection of early Mauritius stamps has been pre-sented to the Smithsonian Institu-tion by New York collector Ernst The collection, valued at \$16,000.

County will leave Saturday for Camp Jackson. They are Willie Davis, Davis; Fred H. Trott, Stella; Michael H. Sorovich, Sea Level; John Antoniak and Wade H. Lacontains issues between 1848 and 1859, according to Dr. Remington tham of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kornegay Kellogg, director of the U.S. Mu-

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kornegay celebrated their 50th wedding an-niversary at their home on Monday evening. They have six living chil-dren. The Confederate Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy were guests of honor. Even though the famed "post office" issues of 1847 are not included, the 2 pence "pence" error of 1848 is represented together with a fine cover bearing the 2 pence used for inland mail (1854).

Words of Inspiration

GROWING UP

Was it yesterday I laced his shoes, Wiped his nose and bemoaned his bruise; Fastened the buttons he couldn't reach And built sand castles on the beach? Taught him to count on his little pink toes; Listened with care to his little-boy woes; Plied him with spinach as part of a game; Guided his hand as he printed his name; Spanked his bottom and dried his tears; Scolded and cuddled and calmed his fears; Tried to explain why the stars twinkled? (No wonder my brow is perpetually wrinkled). Was that yesterday? Why, how time flies! Today he's a scholar and worldly-wise; He's not much amused at the jokes we make And scorns Santa Claus as a silly old fake; Scoffs at the once-loved Easter rabbit And terms good-night kisses a boyish habit, For now he's grown up and so utterly cool . . . Today, you see, he started to school

The only real use of books is to make man think for himself. If a book will not set one thinking, it is not worth shelf room

F. Tennyson Needy

The love of reading enables a man to exchange the wearisome hours of life which come to everyone for hours of delight. - Montesquieu

Education begins with life. Before we are aware the foundations of character are laid, and subsequent teaching avail but little to remove or

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

Education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of oneself. Many men use but one or two faculties out of the score with which they are endowed. A man is educated who knows how to make a tool of every faculty — how to open it, how to make it sharp, and how to apply it to all practical purposes. - H. W. Beecher

Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken in the hearing of little children tends toward the formation of character. Let parents always bear this in mind. - H. Ballou

Education does not commence with the alphabet; it begins with mother's look, with a father's nod of approbation, or a sign of reproof; with a sister's gentle pressure of the hand, or a brother's noble act of forbearance; with handfuls of flowers in green dells, on hills, and daisy meadows; with birds' nests admired, but not touched; with creeping ants, and almost imperceptible emmets, with humming-bees and glass beehives; with pleasant walks in shady lanes, and with thoughts directed in sweet and kindly tones and words to nature, to beauty, to acts of benevolence, to deeds of virtue, and to the source of all good - to God

Resolve to edge in a little reading every day. If you gain but 15 minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year.

Bill Whitley

alter them.

Washington Report

(Editor's Note: This column is ritten by a member of Sen. Kerr Scott's Washington staff).

ELECTION. The stakes are unusually high this year for North Carolina and the South in the Congressional elections. If the Republicans gain control of Congress, it will mean that the South will lose a majority of the major committee chairmanships in both the House and Senate.

When committee chairmanships are considered in light of civil rights and other legislation in which the South has a deep interest, this year's election becomes even more important.

SENATE. In the Senate, for example, if the Republicans gain con-trol of Congress, it will mean that Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi will be replaced as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee by Sen. Alexander Wiley of Wiscon-This is the committee that handles all civil rights legislation.

Just as important is the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, which handles most of the social legislation other than civil rights. If the Democrats lose control of Congress, Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama will be replaced as chairman of this committee by Sen. Alexander Smith of New Jer-

Other Senate committee chair-nanships that would be taken away

from southerners if the Republi-

eans win Congress are:
Agriculture, now held by Sen.
Allen Ellender of Louisiana would go to Sen. George Aiken of Ver-mont; Armed Services, now held by Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia would go to Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire; Banking and Cur-rency, now held by Sen. J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas would go to Sen. Homer Capehart of Indiana.

Finance, now held by Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia would go to Sen. Edward Martin of Pennsylvania; Government Operations now held by Sen. John McClellan of Arkan sas would go to Sen. Joseph Mc-Carthy of Wisconsin; and Post Of-fice and Civil Service, now held by Sen. Olin Johnston of South Caorlina would go to Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas. HOUSE. In the House, North

Carolina would feel more of an immediate effect if the Democrats lose control of Congress.

Rep. Harold Cooley would be re-

placed as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Rep. Gra-ham Barden would lose the chair-manship of the House Labor and Education Committee, and Rep as chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Rep. Carl Durham would also

lose his up-coming post as chairman of the powerful Joint Com-mittee on Atomic Energy.

In addition to these nine, other southerners would be replaced as chairmen of House committees.

in depth; Kaufman has used this

sort of one-track, symbolic character before. Here, instead of

Stella, we have, say, Terror; we have the blunderer, the good man,

But they are not empty stock

figures, they have a reality which

suits the author's purpose. And he succeeds: his people are worked diabolically into a desperate cor-

ner and their fate is revealed only

in the last five lines. It's a tingler,

A Man's World. By Douglas Fair-

bairn. Simon & Schuster. George Fox has been earning

living and having a sort of good

time as mess boy on a yacht. The rich American owner has tied up on the Riviera, and George goes ashore on errands, meets Chris-

tiane, discovers he has really been

tense and fast-paced.

From the Bookshelf

The Color of Green. By Lenard

Kaufman. Holt.
Tom Bluden, once a bank guard but now retired with a bad heart, does what he can with his \$150 a month insurance to foot bills in his little house. His wife Mary tends to him carefully, his beautiful daughter Stella brings home a little money to help out.

When this novel opens Stella

is engaged to unromantic, plodding but likeable used-car salesman, Harry. A slowpoke as a suitor, he is being rapidly displaced by hand-some Leon, idle, rich, a flashier boy furiously impatient and de-

His parents give him the idea His parents give nim the idea he doesn't amount to much, which is correct; Stella gives him the idea he does, so he must marry her to have the constant comfort of her assurance and to spite his

But Mary and Tom warn her to stick to Harry, to drop Leon whom they call unstable and dangerous. This too is correct. Leon, a psy-

copath, says again and again to himself, I must not let go, I must keep control, but does let go every now and then with a vengeance. These people are pictured in the round, though not quite enough

the evil.

lonely.

The girl, made to work by an ogre of an aunt, welcomes this youngster who satisfies her own longing for company. He plans to rescue her and then is forced to realize he's only a teen-ager in a man's world.

This is a clearly, simply told first novelette, though in spots it is too artful.

Louise Spivey