Ouestions And Answers On The Pearsall Plan To Save Our Schools

Here, briefly, are questions and answers designed to give basic information on the Pearsall Committee plan to preserve North Carolina's public school system. The Pearsall plan is the result of a hard, conscientious study conducted since the U.S. Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954.

In the special election on September 8, citizens may vote for or against the two amendments relating to the public school system. 1. What is the purpose of this Program?

A. It is an effort to preserve North Carolina's Public School system. 2. Why should we amend our State Constitution?

A. It is necessary to amend the N. C. Constitution in order that the State legislature can pass the necessary laws to protect the people against unacceptable mixing of the races and thereby as-

sure public support of schools. 3. What are we going to vote on?

A. The people will decide whether they want to authorize the General Assembly to provide education expense grants for private education. They also will decide whether they want the closing of any school to be decided by the people on the local level. In other words, the smallest school unit could make the decision.

4. Why should we vote for the amendment? A. To give ourselves as much freedom of choice as is possible under the U.S. Supreme Court decision,

5. If the people approve this program will my child be forced to attend school with a member of another race? A. Emphatically No.

6. Is this whole thing an effort to defy the U. S. Supreme Court? A. It is not defiance. It is an attempt to stay within that decision, even though a great majority of our citizens disapprove the Supreme Court's ruling.

7. Did the U. S. Supreme Court say that my child has to go to school with a member of another race?

8. What did it say, in effect?

A. Only that we cannot deny admission of a child to a public school solely on the basis of race.

9. Suppose children of another race are assigned to the school attended by my child and I object? What remedy will I have?

A. Your child can be assigned to another public school provided one is reasonably available, or, if one is not available, you can withdraw your child from school. Then you may send your child to a private school.

10. How can I afford that?

A. The State will provide the proportionate part of its school fund for your child's private education. Figured on the present basis, that would amount to about \$135.00 per school year. Your local school board could add any amount to that that it sees fit. But, the total amount of money given by the State and your local school board could not exceed the actual cost of your child's private education.

11. Can I send my child to any private school at my choice?

A. Yes. So long as the school is not operated by a sectarian (church) group and the school is approved by the State Board of 12. What is a local option unit?

A, Under this program of Governor Hodges and the Advisory Committee on Education, your administrative School Board may create what would be known as "local option units". A local option unit would be any county or city school administrative unit or any division thereof.

13. Give me an illustration

A. If your City School Board wanted to, it could make a local option unit out of the immediate area that your child's school serves. 14. Did the U. S. Supreme Court have the right to disturb our long-established school system like this?

A. We think not. We believe it took power unto itself that actually rests in the hands of the people of the state. The Supreme Court's continued assignment unto itself of unprecedented and illegal power is causing grave and growing concern throughout the United States. But until the Court is curbed, its decisions are the law

15. Do these questions on which we will vote get around the Sup-

A. Again, we are not attenupting to defy the Court. We are lawabiding, decent people. It is our prayerful wish to continue a public school system for those who want it and yet preserve our

16. Why should I vote?

A. It is the duty of every citizen to express himself at the polis on this highly important matter. This program is non-partisan and was formulated by earnest people in both major parties, representing every section of North Carolina.

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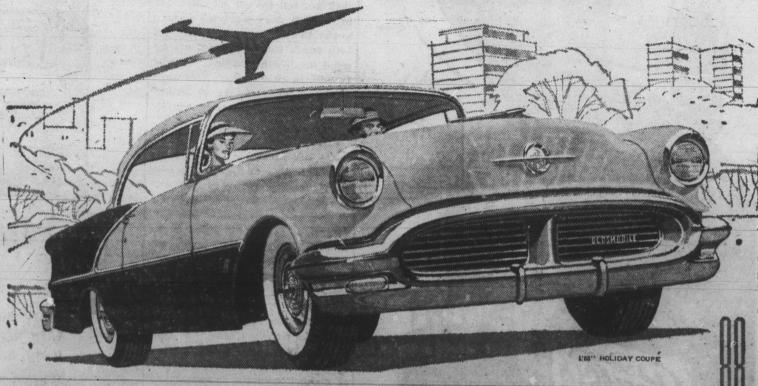
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