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Local Victory On The School Front

Four-to-one majority by which the people of Charlotte agreed to increase taxes in order to take the city of City teachers is truly impressive. The most optimistic proponents of the increased school levy believed the vote would be about 50-50. And, of course, the vote was a resounding endorsement of the school system.

It is true that the Parent-Teacher Association and other interested organizations did an unusually thorough job of getting out the vote, while there was no effective organized opposition. But this is a complete explanation of that overwhelming victory which the school system received every box in every precinct.

This can only mean that the people of Charlotte understand the importance of the school system, and the real threat posed by the exodus of trained teachers when school authorities made it plain that the City educational system had already deteriorated from lack of funds, and that the process would be greatly accelerated unless prompt action was taken, the voters reacted in genuine alarm.

They believed that what is true of the people of Charlotte is also true of the people of North Carolina. They have not

The Counting Of Unhatched Chickens

These early birds who are already falling in line to file ABC paper applications with the County Board of Education are, however, highly pleased with the attitude expressed by the Commissioners.

The ABC Board of Education will be named to the control board by the members of the County Commission, the County School Board and the County Board of Health. The Board will have power under the special act calling for ABC election. There would be three ABC Board members, one of whom will be a full-time member.

County Chairman McAden has indicated that the ABC Board Chairman's salary would probably be about \$10,000. Considering the fact that he would be called upon to do a business growing approximately \$5,000,000 annually this is certainly not out of line.

The function of the ABC Board would be to control the sale of alcoholic beverages in Mecklenburg County. It would operate a minimum number of retail outlets, special warehouses, and most important, special law-enforcement detail financed by ABC profits. The Board would be responsible for smashing the bootlegging racket in the county and that, under any circumstances, will be a difficult task.

This means that ABC Board members

The Bombshell Was A Harbinger

It was a case, we suppose "The Bombshell" was a harbinger. There was a feeling of alarm about the headlines that chronicled the just past week's events. Mr. Reynolds and his two bright and handsome young crewmen. There was a definite reminder of things past in the mob of women who broke through the police lines at the guard field to smear the heroes with lipstick.

There was even an echo of Charles A. Lindbergh in the statement of young Willard, who said that he was the pilot in the world. None of that," he said. "It was just a none flight that all the airlines will be flying in a few days."

And there was that delightful little touch provided by Mr. Reynolds' failure to appear in a Chicago court in a civil case. The edge remarked justly that the mere fact that a man happened to be 20,000 feet over the Mediterranean at the moment was no excuse for ignoring a summons.

We ran across only one jarring reminder—that in 1947, not 1927, and that was

Brother Voice

"The Devil Can Cite . . ."

In full page advertisements placed in metropolitan newspapers the Communists are combating the proposal that it be outlawed.

We are glad the Communists have had to come out under their own label and present a case for public examination. We are more comfortable that they are making their argument upon the American people under some such alias as "The Rights of Americanism"—which would be a pity were the Party now outlawed.

What case do they present? With a few reservations, it is a sound case. It is their theory, they say, that "the devil can cite" what they wish for their purpose. Characteristically, the Communists try to identify themselves with liberalism.

But everybody should know by now that the Communists are not liberals. They are even to be confused in the slightest with American Socialism, with whose program they find themselves in definite enough respectful opposition. The Communists take their line from Moscow, and in civil liberties, in these days they are not to be confused with the meaning in the sense that is their mode.

yet been asked to approve increased support of the State school system, a cautious Legislature divided the income from present sources of revenue as best as it could and adjoined without facing up to the real issue posed by the education crisis. Nobody in Raleigh, it appeared, even cared to discuss new taxes.

The willingness of the conservative voters of Charlotte to increase their heavy burden to support a higher standard of education for City teachers is as significant a political portent as the recent triumph of the South Piedmont plan in the North Carolina Education Association. It states that public sentiment is with the teachers in their campaign for a pay scale commensurate with their duties and responsibilities. And it means that the voters are willing to sacrifice to see that they get it.

Charlotte has met its local crisis by acting in its own right. Many other North Carolina cities will also grant increased supplements in the coming months. But this will only serve to increase the disparity between urban and rural schools in violation of the State's traditional policy of equalizing the quality of education opportunity to all its citizens. The problem that has been solved in Charlotte has not been solved in North Carolina at large, and it will turn up, unless we mix our guns in the hottest issue in the next state-wide campaign.

must be citizens of the first rank. If they are not the ABC stores would represent no great improvement over the present lawless sale of liquor in the hundreds of retail outlets now thriving in Charlotte and elsewhere in the county.

Even if they vote in the ABC system, the people of Mecklenburg will be giving only tentative approval to the legal sale of liquor. It will be up to the ABC Board to do the job that has been thrust upon them by the County Board of Health.

Liquor drinking is not a wrong, but excessive drinking is.

Liquor will be sold, hence the sale should be a controlled sale.

Liquor is dangerous, hence the business should be regulated.

No regulation can be enforced that is not reasonable.

The better the men who sell liquor, the less harm done by it, hence strive to secure for the business those who are respectable.

Self-respect and propriety are the most effective guaranties of morals.

Unconscionable or harassing laws tend to make criminals.

Chairman McAden believes that the appointing boards will have more than 1,000 applicants to choose from if ABC stores are opened in the June 7 election. This is encouraging, indeed, and we hope the choice, will be even wider. The job will demand the services of the ablest citizens among us.

decently buried somewhere beneath the description of Flight Engineer Sallee's reunion with Miss Patricia Houlihan of Cody, Wyoming, it has been possible to circle the globe in 79 hours, but it is no longer possible to choose your own route as Jules Verne did. "The Bombshell" was a harbinger of a 200-mile detour in order to avoid passing over Russia where, Soviet officials said, the task of reconstruction made it impossible for airport technicians to service visiting aircraft.

The new speed record has a good deal of technical significance we suppose—perhaps even military significance since the plane is a souped-up attack-bomber. The scientists got the new design from newspaper readers got a thrill, we got a comforting feeling that maybe things are going to work out after all. We couldn't ask for more from Mr. Reynolds, and we are prepared in advance to forgive him if the Reynolds Pen Company suddenly announces a new ball-point model called "The Bombshell."

People's Platform

The CAB Decision

EDITH, THE NEWS:

SINCE everything is done by politics these days and by pull, and since I have no pull, I am appealing to you to print this letter in your column so that people may be enlightened as to the whole-hearted fight the veterans are waging for their rights in Washington. We just fought a war for democracy. Now for a change let's see how it works.

I am referring to the recent announcement made by the Civil Aeronautics Board on the Southeast States Case. The decision fell to the favor of Piedmont Aviation. Now let's remember the decision was made by the CAB, not by the people. The reason the decision was made by the CAB is that the CAB is a body of men who are not the people. They are not the people who are being served by the airlines. They are not the people who are being served by the airlines. They are not the people who are being served by the airlines.

They asked for a small mail pick-up and passenger service. I am sure they are able to carry on such a service and I see no harm in giving it to them. However, they did not ask for the routes that our company is now flying.

Now to get back to the men that Piedmont trained. Perhaps you have all forgotten about them, since they left the country as soon as their training was complete. They were not the people who were being served by the airlines. They were not the people who were being served by the airlines. They were not the people who were being served by the airlines.

For two years they have been flying scheduled runs and charter work all through the state. We have not seen them since they left the country. We have not seen them since they left the country. We have not seen them since they left the country.

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Drew Pearson: Speaker Martin Faces First GOP Revolt

FOR the first time since he took over the Speakership reins, Joe Martin faces a serious revolt in House Republican ranks. The details have been hushed up, but GOP Congressmen are already beginning to murmur. A heavy slates the House Appropriations Committee is planning for irrigation and reclamation. The bill is a measure to provide for irrigation and reclamation.

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Before the two leaders could reply, economy-minded Taber and Jones jumped to their feet, asserting that it was unconstitutional for the House to appropriate money for the Interior Department's budget for irrigation and reclamation.

Representative Lowell Stockman of Oregon, a member of Jones' subcommittee which handles the Interior budget, bluntly served notice that if the Appropriations Committee's bill would result in "no money" for the rest of the committee.

"I shall oppose any drastic cut in the lifeblood of these Western states, regardless of the position of either subcommittee, to which I belong, or the full Appropriations Committee," Stockman announced heatedly.

Teddy Roosevelt Aid Reclamation

THE Oregon Republican and other Western colleagues then pointed out that the reclamation and irrigation bill had been fathered by the Republican Party in the days of President Teddy Roosevelt and it should be continued, they

for these mail franchisees? Why did they miss out on the job? Besides being knocked down, we had to be trampled out. The routes given Piedmont cross our own in such a way that we cannot continue to run in competition with a company backed by the Government. There is no fairness at all in this decision and surely they must realize it by now. All we can do is close shop and withdraw from the situation and leave the most unfair beating the CAB office ever handed a company.

Help the ex-GIs get started? That is ironic and certainly a far hope from what is happening every day. I do hope in the future that the Civil Aeronautics Board can make further and more thorough investigations and that other companies will be served the disappointment that our company has been forced to take.

EDWARD E. HINCULIFF.

Phase One

DURHAM

EDITH, THE NEWS: NOW that the General Assembly has adopted the Medical Care Commission's plan in its entirety, we wish to take this opportunity to thank you personally for the contribution that you made to the Good Health campaign.

The adoption of the Medical Care Commission plan completes phase one of the Good Health Program, but it does not end our responsibility. It simply opens the door to a larger program in the field of health education and improvement. The people of North Carolina must be encouraged to join our hospital and medical care insurance program; to observe the rules of good sanitation and nutrition; to use the services of the Health Department in preventing disease; and our young people must be encouraged to study medicine, nursing, or prepare to use the services of the Health Department in some important phase of our health program.

Each county or community in need of new or improved facilities must develop a local health plan. The North Carolina State Legislature has passed an act which will give us the power to provide the funds required from local sources and assure the operation of any facility that may be approved for construction. The responsibility for this phase of the program rests with local groups and individuals. All project plans must be approved by the Medical Care Commission and the United States Public Health Service before State and Federal funds will be available for any construction program.

For The Executive Committee, GREEK, President.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be sent to the People's Platform, 1000 North Main Street, Raleigh, N.C. The platform is available on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscenity will be deleted—otherwise the platform will be printed in its entirety, though, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name—Editors, The News.

Mr. Wallace Abroad

IF Henry Wallace had any political future left to him when he departed these shores, his performance would be a resounding success. He has put an end to it. While our divisions here at home are very sharp, there is no feeling of uneasiness or quarrel to a foreign jury.

What Wallace is saying on his European tour is not new. It is just what he has said repeatedly to audiences in this country. Against the backdrop of the emotionalism of his utterances, the feeling of irresponsibility and exaggerated that it does not exist at home.

President Truman is not likely to be pushed into "replying" to Wallace, nor will he repudiate him. The feeling in the White House is that that was done, and thoroughly done, when the former Secretary of Commerce was expelled from the Truman Cabinet last September.

The request for his resignation came after Wallace, in his Madison speech, had attempted to deflect attention from his own policy in another direction. To say "recognition" of the United States is a symbol of the Roosevelt Deal. He has kept this rating of the Roosevelt Deal as a symbol of the Roosevelt Deal.

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Samuel Grafton

THE United Nations is more than just a name to a small-city America. It is still an ideal. It is a symbol of the Roosevelt Deal. He has kept this rating of the Roosevelt Deal as a symbol of the Roosevelt Deal.

It would be a shame to grant him such easy martyrdom. The novelty of his attacks made against a foreign sounding board will quickly wear off.

From this distance it is hard to judge what Wallace's influence in England may be. Par more in Europe, Wallace is a symbol of the Roosevelt Deal. He has kept this rating of the Roosevelt Deal as a symbol of the Roosevelt Deal.

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