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SCHOOL ISSUE SETTLED—FOR TIME BEING

THE RESIDENTS of the Sharon-Amity section, like those along Park Road, settled their school debate by the democratic process this week, and we trust that their differences will be forgotten promptly.

The question in both cases—whether the residents preferred to come into the City School District, with an increase in the tax rate, or remain in the County system—has been a troublesome one for school authorities. Both school boards were forced to hold up their building plans in the area until it could be decided. Now the City Board can proceed with its plans for a new school in the Eastover-Myers Park area, inside the city limits, and the County Board can get along with some solution for the congestion in the Sharon-Amity section.

But the respite, we fear, will not long endure. This same question will pop up with increasing frequency in the next few years. The fast pace of residential construction

around the fringes of Charlotte will keep the school population fluid and will prevent any permanent settlement of the building problem.

The Sharon-Amity and Park Road issues served the useful purpose of drawing public attention to the anomaly of having two school systems, the one exploding from within and the other contracting over a period of years.

The education of Mecklenburg children, inside or outside of the city limits, should not be subjected to the vagaries of a dual system, with its dual standards. All of the kids—city and county—deserve the best education we can give them.

The only long range solution is the eventual consolidation of the two school systems. That will not only establish uniform and higher standards for all, but it will simplify the insoluble problem of trying to place buildings in accordance with boundary lines when the population they serve sprawls all over the bounds.

THE BURSTING OF ANOTHER BUBBLE

THE LATEST bursting of a Joe McCarthy bubble offers a useful lesson in the McCarthy technique.

Always on the lookout for headlines, McCarthy announced on May 29 that he might subpoena former President Harry Truman to testify in a new investigation of Americans suspected of spying for Russia. He said there had been "constant reports" that Mr. Truman did not turn over to the Justice Department a list of American citizens alleged to have been involved in the Canadian spy system in the 1940's. If Mr. Truman received such a list, McCarthy added, he wanted to know "why these United States citizens were not prosecuted." McCarthy filed off a letter to Attorney General Brownell asking him to search the Justice Department files and find out if Mr. Truman passed along the information on espionage. The reader was left to infer that Mr. Truman had deliberately protected the alleged spies.

Again on July 15, McCarthy hit his new nemesis from Brownell saying that he had received a letter from Brownell indicating that the search was being made, and he promptly informed the world.

NOW BACK IN THE OLD ARMY...

TRAIT FICTURE the other day of a full commander in chief, the little Scottie, was of a braided-enclosed Arthur Radford got our vicers going again. Immediately memories flooded back of things seen and read regarding pretentious perquisites and flush facilities awarded military and naval brass—the swank, reserved quarters in many of the best houses in the city, at least which offered each officer at Borinquen Field during the late fifties, cross-country airplane jaunts to pick up a general's golf clubs or a lieutenant's Airedale, the soft living that left soldiers from Japan too fat to fight during the early days of the Korean War.

But our dander diminished as we read the reminiscences of an old soldier, Maj. Gen. P. F. Bishop, in the current issue of U. S. News & World Report. The general put in his time when there were only three major generals and six brigadiers in the whole army, when the President was also a senator and simple life, was in the White House. For if the present White House incumbent (like Teddy an old army man) follows T. R.'s example, the Army is sure to regain some of its lost vitality.

For one thing, back in the old days even desk-bound soldiers walked. Congress insured this by passing a law eliminating the use of government transportation in Washington for Army officers. The pay scale then didn't leave officers enough money for cabs.

But the inspired Teddy really put the

This week came the denouement. McCarthy admitted to newspapermen that "I've gotten assurances from the FBI that Truman did not withhold any information which he got from the source which he mentioned (Prime Minister) Mackenzie King, in regard to espionage." Hence, he would not pursue the matter further.

Any fair-minded Senator, off on a similar quest, would have thought long and hard before spreading even a hint that a former President of the United States was guilty of covering up for atomic spies. He would have asked Brownell for a confidential check on the report and, finding no substance to it, would have kept quiet about the whole matter.

But not Senatorion-A-Day McCarthy. He shows no regard for the reputation of innocent and guiltless persons in his frenzied efforts to keep alive the fiction that he is the great anti-Communist. His excesses will wear thin the patience not only of the people in the other states, but also of the people in Wisconsin who did this grave disservice to the nation and to the world by electing McCarthy.

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PANTS

VICE-PRESIDENT NIXON, who recently has had to break two ties, will play it close to the Senate if he profits from the example of a predecessor who was also a Vice-President, Charles G. Dawes. One day 28 years ago Mr. Dawes was asleep in his room at the Willard when his phone rang, summoning him back to the Senate chamber in one hall and Maria of a charity. President Coolidge's nomination of Harry B. Warren to be Attorney General had come to a vote with unexpected swiftness and the Vice-President put on most of his clothes in the taxi in his earnestness to be of government. He arrived too late and Mr. Warren never became Attorney General.

Mr. Nixon would enjoy certain advantages over Vice-President Dawes, of course, when it comes to getting into his pants within the morning minutes of a tax-paying day. One thing, he is a younger man—Dawes was 60 at the time—and therefore Mr. Nixon is presumably more agile and was more fully imbued with determination.

Furthermore, Mr. Nixon would not be obliged to smooch a large underling pipe while putting on his pants in the cab (we presume Mr. Dawes continued smoking it at that occasion; he continued smoking it

Washington officers in shape when he wound up a lecture on physical fitness with an invitation to join him on a walk. Let General Bishop tell you what happened:

"We walked through underbrush to the bank of Rock Creek, stumbled over rough stones and scalded a granite bluff that was a better of 15 or 20 feet above the water. Then we wangled along the creek for a mile, halting at a rock quarry—a mass of jagged boulders and sharp rocks. We were told to climb up the face of the cliff. This was mountain climbing without apparatus or safety rope. Army "brass" clung to the rock like leeches that day, and no one was hurt.

"Next the President assembled us to the edge of Rock Creek at a spot where the water was four or five feet deep... stepped into the water and waded across. We all followed. That water was icy cold.

"The President seemed to enjoy the wading. Washington Army officers on a mass fording Rock Creek. We waded it again that afternoon..."

Roosevelt wound up the exercise by telling the shivering officers how much he regretted that the water wasn't deep enough to make them swim.

Would not a similar excursion profit today's Washington corps of officers? It could rally his force in front of the Pentagon, swim them across the Potomac for a brisk walk through Rock Creek Park, ending up with 15 holes at Burning Bush.

Some vacation spots are so isolated from modern communications you even have to think for yourself.—Memphis Press-Scimitar.

They ought to keep hothops open around the clock for women who get the blues in the night.—Elliott's (Ga.) Sun.

Hubby—"The bank has returned that check."

Wife—"Isn't that splendid! What can we buy with it this time?"—Greensville (Tenn.) Sun.

You Sure This Doesn't Violate Any States Rights?



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Oh, For The OPA

Through the ages the Bible has been and shall always be the greatest book ever written. From its pages countless millions have obtained blessings, hope, courage, and faith to face the world with its uncertainties and disappointments. We turn to the Bible in our sorrows and its precious promises give us strength to win the victory.

The Bible has no favorites. It serves the whole world regardless of nationality, color, or creed. Everyone who reads it feels the influence of the invisible and the eternal. Empires that once were great in the ancient world have almost been forgotten. The pomp and glory that once was theirs is now but a faint memory on the pages of history.

Let's teach it in our schools in this every future generation for it is the brightest jewel that we shall ever see until that hour comes when time shall be no more.

WESLEYAN WESLEY BIBLE CLASS, Wesley Heights Methodist Church.

Crippled Persons Helped

The N. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults expresses its deep appreciation for the intelligent publicity you afforded the Mecklenburg Chapter during the recent Easter Sale campaign.

A public informed by you allowed us voluntary contributions in excess of \$10,000. This represents an increase of well over 25 per cent since the 1952 campaign.

Ninety one and seven tenths per cent of this money remains in the state for clinics, orthopedic equipment, transportation for crippled children, surgery, construction, consultation, scholarships, legislation, research and education.

LEON K. GUTMANN, President Mecklenburg County Chapter

It's Sin Not To Teach Bible

I am glad to see in the tenth grade at Central High School under Miss Janet Robinson. I can truthfully say that I learned more in Bible than I did under any other subject. I learned more Bible class than I learned in all my years of Sunday School and church.

Natural as the Bible is there are plenty of students who take Bible that don't even go to church. It was true in my class. It is the most educational subject in the world.

The greatest mistake is that it isn't taught in more schools. The Bible was put here for us to read and to be taught, and we are sinning if it isn't.

I feel sure that there are many who feel the same as I do.

MRS. CARL GODFREY, JR.

Bible Serves All

The members of the Susannah Wesley Bible W. Class, think the Bible should be taught in our public schools to our children, and our children's children.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE diplomatic corps is laying bets that the Kremlin will name Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen as the next ambassador to Moscow as a result of John Foster Dulles' boast that Bohlen knew Beria was to be purged.

This not only put the U. S. Ambassador in the position of being a spy, but of being a very poor spy. Natural as the Russians don't want the top secrets of the Politburo leaking to us anymore than we want their secrets, it is a pity that Bohlen, who speaks the language and really knows his way around in the Kremlin, was not at the meetings leading to the Russian embassy. Once before, Moscow banned a top U. S. diplomat, George Kennan, because he made an unfortunate remark about Russia. So the Dulles boast looks like a heaven-sent opportunity to get rid of a very good spy.

After that statement, the ambassador crossed to go through with the deal. He took the next plane home, leaving his family in Paris. Their summer clothes all packed for a vacation off the coast of Spain.

Note—Some of Secretary Dulles' best friends in the State Department are figuring on how they can get him to say less at the wrong time. His recent statement about rearming Japan put the pro-U. S. Yenching government on the hot spot. Played into the hands of anti-Americans. Another Dulles background statement about deserting China had brought a storm of wrath from Congress, caused Dulles

McCarthy's Colleagues Seem To Be Fed Up With Him Now

By MARQUIS CHILDS

THE REMARKABLE thing about McCarthy's investigation of subcommittee was not that it occurred but that it was so long delayed. For years the resentment of the people is growing among both Republicans and Democrats against the dictatorial way in which he ran his committee.

The appointment of J. B. Matthews as head of the subcommittee and the subsequent disclosure of Matthews' attack on the Protestant clergy as being the chief resource of the Communist conspiracy was the end of the climax. From the time he took over the chairmanship of the full Committee on Un-American Activities, McCarthy had made the investigating group his private apparatus to carry out his personal designs.

The Democratic members seemed to acquiesce, or at least they tolerated no public protest, while the chairman carried on what was virtually a personal inquisition. Irritating Republican members looked the other way; either they did not attend hearings or they sat in silence while McCarthy ran his own show.

More than two months ago McCarthy announced a staff appointment that might have been expected to jolt the minority on the committee. He said that he was re-naming Harvey Matusow, a Communist, to investigate Communist infiltration into press, radio and television in New York City.

One of the Democratic minority is Sen. Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington. Last Fall Matusow had gone into Washington with reckless abandon. He had campaigned in Montana against the Democratic candidate, Sen. Mike Mansfield, with similar charges of Communist sympathy. In several other states, too, Matusow had been used, although it was never clear who sponsored him or who footed the bills.

But his charges were so wild, including statements that staffs of Time, the New York Sunday Times and the Associated Press had been infiltrated with card-carrying Communists, that they backfired. This record was brought out after McCarthy's announcement. The publicity may have caused the chairman to change his mind. At the same time inquiry of McCarthy subcommittee brings the reply that

Matthews has never been retained and probably never will be. McCarthy appointed two young investigators, Roy M. Beck and G. David Schine, and sent them on a 17-day investigative tour of States that resent McCarthy. In seven countries of Europe. One result was a harvest of publicity as the press and radio carried the news from city to city. They became a grim joke in the European press.

Committee members, again re-named by McCarthy, were disturbed by these reports. At the time nothing was done, although reports began to circulate that McCarthy was to drop Schine, the son of a wealthy owner of hotels and radio stations. His title was "Special Representative" and at the committee office it is said he still has that title, no one will say what he is now doing about it. An article in the Reporter Magazine gives extraordinary private details on how Cohn and Schine used the Schine family's private suite in the Waldorf-Astoria Towers as headquarters for their investigation. What the committee employees summoned to what had all the appearance of a star chamber inquisition.

WENT HIS OWN WAY As McCarthy followed his own course, he has been in consultation with other Senators, the resentment grew. Yet such was the McCarthy attitude that nothing was said even at hearings, when witnesses were publicly given and his treatment of abuse and contempt.

What the Matthews incident did was to bring into the open a latent, opposition long smoldering. North and South, Democrats and Republicans, began to speak out. Now Southern Democrats, Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas and Sen. J. Lee Byrd of Virginia in the forefront, led the attack. The three committee Democrats, James Eastland of Missouri, resigned. Contrary to some published reports, they took no action against McCarthy, but with party leaders in the Senate.

The Democrats say they will not go back. At this writing no Republican has yet indicated his intention to speak out in the defense of McCarthy, which is a remarkable contrast to the two and three party members of the party, cannot ignore the danger inherent in letting McCarthy continue, with his own private committee and his own private investigating apparatus.

The working lady, married or single, is entitled to a lot more tax forgiveness than she gets. A minor child of the war is entitled to her as the robes of an actress, who can deduct a good portion of the cost of her wardrobe. A working mother's servants are fully as important to her as the old man's clerical help. The average man's wife is entitled to a bare breakfast even when the cost of her clothes and baby-sitter is going along with all the other deductions.

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Court The Ladies' Vote And You Too May Be President

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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I mean this to the notice of Representative Roberts, if he wishes to copper-iron his political career, let him resign. He is entitled to a share in the man's income, but her handbag, and all babies must be grazed to the bone.

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