

DUAL SCHOOLS PRODUCE DUAL STANDARDS

The N. C. Public School BULLETIN makes a point that is often overlooked in the discussions about school consolidation. The BULLETIN notes that there are 74 city school systems in addition to the 100 county school units in North Carolina, and that the city units, in most cases, include the wealthiest areas.

Attendance report shows 24,824 children in the city school system. Hence, the city supplement averages out to over \$56 per child. County voters authorized a special school supplement tax of up to 20 cents on the \$100 evaluation.

Even if county residents voted additional taxes upon themselves equal to the rate paid by city residents, the per child return from the school supplement would be substantially smaller than in the city, because of the greater volume of taxable wealth within the municipalities.

A COMMENDATION AND A QUESTION

AN ALERT school nurse was suspicious of the illness of a Charlotte high school girl. A wary school principal called in the police. And a pair of fast-working detectives rounded up two adults who had peddled barbiturates to the girl.

Thus ended, almost before it began, what might have developed into an ugly situation.

Charlotte parents will breathe easier now that all the facts are in. Only one girl was involved. No other student participated, or even knew that the habituating peddlers had made contact with the girl and had sold her a bottle of the capsules.

Everyone who had a hand in the incident—Nurse Anne Zachary, Principal John Otis of Central High School, and Detectives Neal Forney and J. R. Hall—merit the commendation of the community.

The only question left, unanswered is whether the respondents in City Recorder Court are punishment enough for this crime.

ARE YOU AFFLICTED WITH 'SUBURBANITIS'?

THERE'S a relatively new disease in Mecklenburg County. Like ulcers and high blood pressure, it's caused by the pace and complexity of modern living. It's called "suburbanitis".

Here's the way to check whether you have the disease. If you live just beyond Charlotte's city limits, you probably do. It's prevalent there.

And if you live in that fringe area, but feel no obligation to help solve the problems of the city, you've got the disease.

It's spreading in many communities. The Sr. Louis Post-Dispatch recently described a typically afflicted man this way:

"(He) thinks St. Louis can support his economy and culture but need ask little of him in return..."

Suburbanitis in this community don't pay an earnings tax to the city in which most of them work, and from which all of them profit. Maybe one will prove necessary. Or possibly consolidation of city and county governments, when finally achieved, will obviate the necessity for such a tax.

What is needed now is a recognition of the disease, and attempts by individuals who have it to throw it off. For suburbanitis sickens and stagnates entire communities.

TO CALL OR NOT TO CALL HIM 'JUNIOR'

SHALL the next male heir in your family be a "junior"? If you're a successful politician, and want your son to be one, the answer is "yes," by all means.

In fact, if you can get by with it, name all your sons "junior." The name is well described to him, your faults forgotten, and he'll sail into high public office.

Robert F. Wagner Jr. trounced TV Hero Eisenhower and Republican Frankfurter for the majority of New York. Wagner doesn't have a drop of Irish or Italian blood, usual prerequisites for the job. But he has the magical "junior." Folks remember his daddy.

You remember FDR Jr.'s daddy too. So much so that, with Junior Wagner at Foley Square, Junior Roosevelt may move the Dewey gang out of Albany.

In Ohio, Robert Alphonse Taft Jr. has Democratic politicians scared stiff. They think he might run for the Senate.

"Let him enter," said one politician, "and everybody else quits..." He would beat "Governor" Lausche at his own game.

A fellow can be the antithesis of his namesake and still profit from the elder's reputation. Henry Cabot Lodge and Henry Ford are political opposites of their famous grandfathers of the same name.

And while the 10th District's Rep. Charles R. Jonas isn't a junior, lots of voters remember his father, Charles A., when they sent young Charlie to Congress.

When they saw him, some of the Taft boys wrangled an ambassadorship to a little Atlantic Island. The other brothers are virtually unknown.

But, if you've now decided to name the kid "junior," urge him not to call his son "Junior." Doe III is here, and we can't recall any "III" in politics.

COMELY COUNSEL

REPORTERS were not able to hear the comments of the justices of the Supreme Court when a comely blonde wearing a tight-fitting dress came from the table into his mouth with scarcely a word interrupted. But the same judges roared with laughter when the incident was recalled in the sheltered precincts of the conference room.

However faithful the comely may be to this one particular Holmesian tradition while it is listening to arguments on the bench, how to the lawyer relying on curative counsel's arguments when the case gets into conference?

Man wants but little here below. An eastern editor, for example, is clamoring for the return of dried apple pie.—Laurie (Mrs.) Leader Call.

When they say something is budget priced, we wonder if it's the buyer's or the seller's budget.—Elizabethtowns (Ky.) News.



Another Test Vote Coming

Politics Watch California Race

(By Congressional Quarterly) THE last vacancy in the House of Representatives will be filled Nov. 10 when the 24th congressional district in Los Angeles elects a successor to Norris Poulson (R). Poulson, who resigned June 11, won election as mayor of Los Angeles on May 26.

The 24th California congressional district went Republican in 1952 in presidential, congressional and state assembly district contests. But it has had both Republican and Democratic representation in the past 20 years, and the Democrats are hopeful of a victory this year because of a split in GOP ranks.

The Republican principals in the race are two California state assemblymen, John L. E. Collier of the 54th assembly district and Glenard P. Lipscomb of the 56th. These assembly districts make up the 24th congressional district.

A certified public accountant, Lipscomb served as executive secretary to Vice President Richard M. Nixon during the 1952 Presidential campaign. Lipscomb has the backing of the Republican district "fast-fund" committee of Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, Poulson and Rep. Patrick J. Klinging and J. Holt, both of whom represent neighboring Los Angeles Congressional districts; and of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee headed by Rep. Richard M. Simpson (Pa.)

Lipscomb is campaigning on a pro-Eisenhower administration platform and has ignored Collier, directing his fire at the Democrats. His campaign has been highlighted by big political rallies at which he has received support from national Republican figures such as Postmaster General Luther E. Summerfield and Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.).

Collier vs. GOP Organization

COLLIER was at one time the only Republican in the race. Lipscomb having withdrawn in his favor. But the GOP organization in the district got a "virality" underway to put Lipscomb back. This so angered Collier that he has conducted a campaign against "bustling" within the GOP. Regarded as an "insurgent" by the Republican leadership, Collier has been a member of the California legislature for the past seven years, and has been an "off-and-on" supporter of his party during the period. He is a native of Tennessee and a former football player.

Collier has stood on his record in the state legislature and has sought both Republican and Democratic votes, particularly in his own assembly district, as has been conducted in the 1954 election. Collier has been campaigning on a "social progress" program and against the Eisenhower administration.

Republicans fear that their vote will be so evenly split between Lipscomb and Collier that the Democrats will win. Under the seniority rule, the chairman of a committee generally is the member of the majority party with the longest continuous service on that committee. Members of Congress from states which elect their senators by primary have had the greatest continuous seniority. Under Democratic control, most committees were headed by Southerners and members from Democratic strongholds in the West. In the 83rd Congress, the bulk of chairmen and members of Republican committees in the Eastern, Central, and Western regions.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

RECENTLY was published into right field, a Democratic party accidentally exploded an internal blood-bath. For some years the Democratic party has been in a state of internal blood-bath. It had coasted along on Roosevelt popularity. Its leaders were in a state of internal blood-bath. There was bitterness between the old Farling wing which had bolted FDR, and the New Dealers party led by young FDR. Nobody expected the Democrats to win this year.

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Republican Reverses Show Strong Ebb Tide Running

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON (WHAT UNPREDICTABLE fellow, the American voter, has again flummoxed the professional politicians. The fact is that Tuesday's election results—above all the Democratic victory in the Congressional District in New Jersey—were totally unexpected in Democratic circles. Here, especially since 1948, the smarter professionals have been accustomed to poor-mouthing all over the place, as reinforcement against defeat. But to the Republicans, no reassurance seemed to be necessary for the prosperous, middle-class New Jersey district which has gone Republican since the memory of man. "At first we were a little nervous," said a National Republican leader remarked a few days before the election, "but we had a good look and we were crossed that worry off the list."

Similarly, the loss at Democratic Headquarters was "Which the Democrats? The Democrats were getting ready to claim a great moral victory if Harrison Williams, the Democratic challenger, came within reasonable shooting distance of winning. When Williams actually won, the Democrats were almost as flabbergasted as the Republicans. "Why, we didn't expect Williams to win," said one Democratic leader remarked in honest amazement. "Nor the Washington law firm of Arnold, Forster and Porter, who were winning Maine next."

Since they were wrong before, they are probably wrong now. They will be equally wrong in their after-the-fact explanations of what has happened. But it is interesting simply because it may influence the future course of the Eisenhower administration, that experienced politicians in both parties are rather closely in accord on what the elections this week meant, and...

In the first place, all concerned privately agree that the New Jersey election is a newsworthy Democratic majority elsewhere, following on the heels of the Wisconsin election, can have no other meaning. A strong ebb-tide, away...

ministration. He claims the Republicans have not kept their campaign promises, have been defeated by big business interests, and have played politics with the national defense program. He has made the "high cost of living" an issue.

Novice At Campaigning

ALTHOUGH Arnold is a novice as a campaigner, he is well known in the district where he has been active in Young Democratic organizations. He is a veteran and is from a well-known family. He is the son of Thurman Arnold, partner in the Washington law firm of Arnold, Forster and Porter, who served as assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division of the Justice Department from 1933-43 and as a U. S. Circuit Court Justice from 1943-45. George Arnold is married to the former Ellen Pearson, only daughter of Washington Columbia University and granddaughter of Col. Robert E. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune. McCormick claims that a vote for Arnold would be "a vote for Drew Pearson."

The special election was not preceded by a primary and there is no cross-filing on both tickets, as is permitted under the California primary law. Each candidate is running with his party affiliation in back of his name. This would appear to be an advantage to the Democrats, for their 86,000 registered Democrats to 76,000 registered Republicans.

But Republicans have won recent races in the 24th. Poulson won both nominations in 1950 and 1952 under the state cross-filing law, and both Collier and Poulson won both nominations in their races for the state assembly last year.

Following the 1952 census, this congressional district was reduced from four to three assembly districts, and after the 1950 census it was reduced to two. It is a middle-class residential area near Pasadena. There is some small business in the area.

The district was represented from 1933 to 1943 by a Democrat, Charles Kravitz. Poulson was elected in 1944, and served until 1948. In the 1950 election, Ned R. Healy, defeated Poulson. But Poulson defeated Healy in 1946, and continued to serve until 1952. Healy was elected to build up his own party primarily until Poulson died in 1950, and less than 7,000 votes separated the candidates in the 1946, 1948 and 1952 elections.

Congressional Quiz

Q.—Why are Congressional committee chairmen concentrated regionally?

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'Accidents' Help Explain N.Y., N. Vote

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Race Track Politics

THE JOE FAY scandal became contagious among the horse racing community and spread to New Jersey. There it developed that Paul Trast, a contractor who had been a member of the New Jersey State Board of Liberal Commissioners, Clifford Case, had written a glowing letter to Governor Dewey asking that he be released from jail.

from the Republican Party, far more powerful than the professional in either party arsenal, has unquestionably set in.

As always purely local explanations are offered for this Republican victory. One Democratic leader telephoned the Democratic National Committee on the morning after the election, and got the address of the voters in order to write his congratulations. "Oh, address the way," he said. "I would like to see what Joe Fay's address is," what Joe Fay's address? And maybe I ought to send best congratulations to Ezra Benson for Wisconsin."

But the local issues suggested by these names do not, of course, really explain what has happened. They do not explain why so many voters have apparently turned against the party they put in power only a year ago—and this while the popularity remains high, while unemployment figures are at the lowest point in peace-time history, and while the shooting in Korea has been held to a minimum.

The Democrats claim that the Republicans out-promoted them. The Democrats claim that the Republicans out-promoted them. The Democrats claim that the Republicans out-promoted them.

Judging from his post-election press conference, at least President himself seems to sense that the greatest weakness of his administration is not in the firm, decisive policy. His chief lieutenant says that the Administration is about ready to "get the hell out of here." They say further that when this happens, the President will be ready to fight.

Alimony Laws Wrong When Dots Grab All The Moola

By ROBERT C. KURAK

I SEE a picture of some dame the other day, a former Miss U. S. A., who used in Los Angeles for \$2,500 a month, separate maintenance and \$2,500 a month in property (estimated \$300,000), and \$2,500 a month in property (estimated \$300,000), and \$2,500 a month in property (estimated \$300,000).

There is the other thing, too, of marriages of long-standing, where the woman is no longer young and the man is not yet old. The matrimonial market, and where she has contributed materially to the man's success, and where she is not young and the man is not yet old.

But the way these fibberlights get married for six months or a year before they start searching around for a new set of clothes, and where they saw the preacher, and should not be dignified as such by legal punishment aimed only at the male.

If the woman's solest mised, an alcoholic, a loafer, a chronic chaser, a wife-beater or a narcotics addict, she may be awarded a pension for her short effort. But if he is any of the above, she was apt to get his financial troubles, and she may be awarded a pension for her short effort.

"NECKING PARTY" The status of woman has changed so drastically in the past few years that the penalties haven't been reworked so laws to keep up with her new status of political, social and economic freedom. Especially in modern times, where the filip and flossy set use marriage as a sort of temporary arrangement to be terminated at the first sign of displeasure or boredom by either sex.

If a dame is lucky or quarrelsome or a drunk or just plain unattractive, she may be awarded a pension for her short effort. But if he is any of the above, she was apt to get his financial troubles, and she may be awarded a pension for her short effort.

Though efforts were made to bunt it up, this column also revealed that Fay, who had been a member of the New Jersey State Board of Liberal Commissioners, Clifford Case, had written a glowing letter to Governor Dewey asking that he be released from jail.

On top of this, it developed that Eugene Mori, owner of the Garden State race track at Camden, N. J., and of the Trenton race track, had been arrested in New Jersey, turning up for \$6,000 an acre which he purchased three years before for \$100 an acre. And it developed that one of the highest-placed Harry in the White House.

Meanwhile the Trast revelations in New Jersey were not helped by hesitation on the part of the new incumbent of the White House. It is not clear that he was not going to enter New Jersey. He would play no part in Jersey politics. This is not the case. He is not going to enter the White House called more attention to a slight by saying it wasn't meant as a slap.