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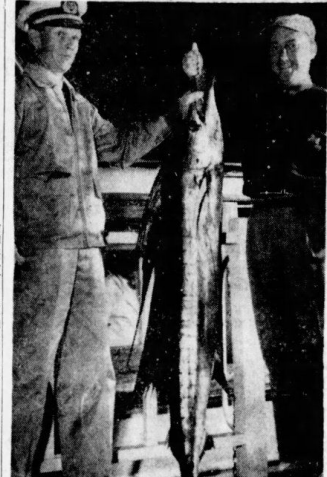
REPUBLICANS OFFER NEW FARM PLAN

Secretary Benson Outlines Program Of Six Points

CHICAGO (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson today outlined to Republican leaders a six-point GOP farm program which, he said, had President Eisenhower's approval.

The program, Benson said in a speech at a meeting of the Republican National Committee, will be presented to Congress in January.

"It will be no nostrum, no one-shot remedy, no cure-all," Benson said. "It will be constructive."



ANOTHER KIND OF FISHING is displayed by Adlai Stevenson, Mr. Stevenson, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, fished for sail off Miami Beach in the Gulf Stream and landed this 45-pounder in 28 minutes aboard the yacht Mark-O-Bill. Promptly after finishing the fishing for sail fish, the nomination candidate went back to vote-fishing.

He said farm proposals of Democratic leaders Adlai Stevenson and Gov. Averell Harriman of New York have reached "modicum proportions."

MAJOR BATTLEFIELD

The Democrats, he added, have picked "agriculture as the major domestic battlefield for 1956," believing it was "smarter politics."

The Agriculture secretary said Eisenhower approved the program at a recent meeting. It is being prepared, he added, but is not ready for discussion in detail.

However, he said, the plan includes:

1. Stepped-up surplus disposal and expansion of exports; 2. Vigorous purchase program to remove glut; 3. enlarged soil conservation and incentive payment programming, especially in drought areas; 4. expansion of the rural development program for low-income farm families; 5. stepped-up research, emphasizing lower production costs, new uses for farm products, and expansion of markets; and 6. a speedup in a 10-date great plains program to make better use of wheat and grazing land.

Benson said the program, now in preparation, was not ready for discussion in detail.

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Perimeter Building Jumps

Local Construction Exceeds '54 Total

Charlotte's 1955 construction costs, totaling \$25,534,877, already exceed building expenditures for the whole of last year.

In addition \$14,237,207 have been spent for new construction in the perimeter area one mile beyond the city limits.

While the construction costs in the city in the first 11 months of this year are more than three million dollars above the 1954 total of \$22,044,086, the increase in building expenditures in the perimeter area outside the city is even greater.

Issuance of building permits in the one-mile perimeter band totaled \$14,237,207 through December that year, after \$9,015,285.

FIREMAN USED HIS HELMET EFFECTIVELY

DALLAS (AP)—Battalion Fire Chief A. D. Marable found a new use for his fire helmet when he helped evacuate 20 residents from a burning rooming house.

When shouts failed to rouse a 45-year-old deaf mute woman, he awakened her by shaking her. Unable to make the terrified woman understand, Marable finally took off his fire helmet and flashed his light on the lettering.

"She got the idea fast," Marable said. "She grabbed a robe and ran out then."

Chance Of Sleet Seen

Think cloud formations moved into the Carolinas today to hold warm air close to the earth and break the back of a cold wave that has held the states in an icy grip since Tuesday.

But with the clouds came the threat of sleet or even rain. There may be sleet in the morning.

The Weather Bureau said precipitation is likely in the Carolinas tomorrow, with sleet possible in the Charlotte area after 2 a. m. Chances are, however, that the sleet will turn to rain as the temperature rises.

Winter made life hard for the Carolinas again today as the mercury dropped far below freezing for the third morning in succession.

The low temperatures ranged from the 9 at Asheville after 37 at Cape Hatteras. Thermometer readings were below freezing in practically every section.

In Charlotte the low reading was 21 degrees and the Weather Bureau forecast a high of 48 this afternoon. A low of about 29 is predicted for tomorrow morning.

Low readings in the Carolinas included the 21 at Greensboro, 27 at New Bern, 21 at Raleigh and Hickory, 26 at Wilmington and 29 at Charleston.

Cost Of Living In City: 4 Cents More Per Month

BY DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

It costs only four cents more a month to live inside of Charlotte than it does to maintain residence in the suburbs beyond the city limits.

Councilman Herbert H. Baxter said today that figures compiled by a Charlotte bank for a month to live inside of Charlotte than it does to maintain residence in the suburbs beyond the city limits.

And these figures do not include city school tuition for any parents who might wish to send their children to the city schools.

TUITION FEES

The school tuition for outside students is \$60 a year per child or an additional \$5 a month.

The bank's breakdown on the items in the monthly payments for retirement of the mortgage on the G. I.'s \$11,000 house both inside and outside the city was:

Principal and interest, \$61.15, city, \$61.15 outside.

City taxes, \$8.48, city, none outside.

Insurance, \$2.37, city, \$3.21, outside; rate, 7 cents higher monthly outside city if house is within 1,000 of fire hydrant connected with city water system. If house is farther from hydrant rate will be still higher.

Total payment, \$77 city; \$71 outside.

Average water bill, \$3 city; \$6 outside (water bill is double outside city).

Garbage disposal, no charge inside the city; \$1.30 outside.

Total including expenses, \$80 city; \$78.20 outside.

Taxes deductible on income tax figured on minimum 22 percent bracket, \$2.92 city and \$1.46 outside.

Total after income tax deduction, \$77.28 city; \$77.04 outside.

NO HARDSHIP

Mr. Baxter said these figures prove conclusively that there is no financial hardship resulting from residence inside the city when comparison is made on a financial basis of residence inside the city with outside residence.

In previous public discussions of proposals to extend the city limits, costs have been raised with outside residence being halved as cheaper.

GOP Will Get Ike's Aid During Campaign

Hodges Says Some Negroes Favor Plan

Voluntary Segregation Support 'Will Grow'

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges asserted last night that some Negro leaders are working for his voluntary school segregation program and said, "I believe their number will grow."

The governor said these Negro leaders "have said that they believe their people prefer separate schools if equal facilities are maintained."

The governor added that these leaders did not wish to be given publicity because they did not want to be pressured by "professional agitators."

Hodges made his statements in a radio and television "report to the people" on his first year as governor. He moved up from the lieutenant governorship last year following the death of Gov. William B. Umstead.

Oppose Mixing

The governor told his listeners he "opposed to mixing the races in our schools. I think the overwhelming majority of the people of North Carolina are also opposed to mixing white and colored children, and that any sudden change in our enrollment pattern would due regard for local conditions would impair or destroy our public schools."

Hodges declared that a special session of the Legislature will be called to deal with the school problem "if the present program should result in conditions not acceptable to the state."

He said that in spite of "loud professions" of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People and the "unfavorable reaction" of other Negro groups, he feels the state's Negro citizens will realize that their real friends are the white people of North Carolina.

Hodges reviewed the accomplishments of the 1953 Legislature and touched on one of his favorite subjects, expanded industry for North Carolina. He said the 1953 Legislature did "an overall good job."

This state's financial condition, he added, is good.

One way to help the plight of farmers, the governor continued, would be to provide more local processing plants where farmers can sell their products. Another, he said, is to "secure additional and expanded industries."

Plans are taking shape, Hodges said, for the development of home-owned industries.



A CHARLOTTE DELEGATE to the White House Conference on Education, Fred W. Greene, (right) vice president of the United National Bank, is shown talking over educational problems with Neil H. McCreary, chairman of the conference, in the lobby of a Washington hotel.

President To Speak For Party

CHICAGO (AP)—President Eisenhower told the Republican National Committee today that he will "do everything in my power next year to help you report the Republican record accurately and fully to the country."

Some GOP leaders viewed this as an expression of Eisenhower's intent to aid the Republican candidates in 1956, whether or not he decides to be a candidate himself.

One Republican leader, at the meeting, who could not be quoted by name, said the President's statement "might be construed as an endorsement of the Republican party to take an active part in the campaign."

The President urged members of the committee to make arrangements for their convention starting next Aug. 29 in San Francisco.

"SPLENDID RECORD"

The President said: "You have a splendid record to submit to the voters in 1956. I personally am proud of Republican achievements for the peace and the prosperity the country has enjoyed. I personally will do everything in my power next year to help you report the record accurately and fully to the country."

The President outlined these goals:

1. Continued progress in the healthy expansion of our economy.
2. More equitable sharing of the productivity of that economy.
3. Higher levels of health, education and welfare for all.
4. An unflinching search for a just and enduring peace.

"In striving for these goals, the President said, 'you and Republican candidates everywhere will be motivated by a common conviction in the imperishable principles of the American system. So inspired, you will present to the American people both a record of brilliant accomplishment and specific proposals and plans for the future that are worthy of their acclaim and their vote.'

CONGRATULATIONS

The President congratulated the committee members for what he termed "the great job done under the dynamic leadership of Leonard W. Hall," chairman of the Republican National Committee.

He gave them his best wishes in all their efforts through the months ahead.

The President reminded the committee that they are planning for the election next year of a president, of senators and representatives, and of state and local candidates.

"No job is more important," he said. "Your approach as citizens concerned about the integrity of the heart that are essential in our American system, so that government may serve all the people well."

"And as Republicans, you approach this task with a tested philosophy of government, with a demonstrated fidelity of campaign pledges."

He said the Republican party "must not stand still absorbed in the contemplations of what we have done." Then he listed the goals he saw ahead for his party.

Citizens' Committee Need Cited By News Publisher

BY THOMAS L. ROBINSON
Publisher, The Charlotte News

WASHINGTON — School officials with too many frills and thousands of other communities in America without feeling that we had accomplished something.

In my days as a reporter on the New York Times, I thought nothing of spending 14 or 16 or 18 hours a day digging for facts about crime, education, politics and scores of other things. But in my memories of 23 years as a newspaperman, I have never seen such an immense array of facts and figures as have been amassed at this White House Conference.

THERE'S GRUELING

Some of the newspaper correspondents are howling that labor unions have not been granted a "day in court" up here. Others are grumbling because the professional educators, who are only about one out of three at the conference, are the ones doing most of the talking and formulation of the reports. As for me, I think this has been a grand example of "democracy in action" where everyone is helping at the same time, and getting a lot of chest. This is good hard work.

In the final report of topic two, namely, "In What Ways Can We Organize Our School Systems More Economically and Efficiently?" a significant points have been brought out of interest to Mecklenburg County and Charlotte.

The first, and I quote directly is: "It is the consensus of the participants (numbering some 1,800 at 166 tables) that there is a high correlation between a good educational program, getting good teachers, properly financing school buildings and operating schools, and a school district organization (meaning a unified consolidation) which is large enough to provide good educational leadership, skilled teachers and adequate facilities."

In this deduction alone, one sees the urgency of the need of consolidating in the near future.

9 Minor Mishaps Reported

A few chickens, en route to a local poultry company, were the only traffic fatalities in the first 12 hours of Safe Driving Day in Charlotte and Mecklenburg.

The only injury victim was Alvin Guttery Simpson, 14, CMR 144, Box 452, Charlotte, who was admitted to Presbyterian Hospital after receiving a fractured collarbone.

There were no other injuries in the three-vehicle accident which occurred at 3:45 a. m. on the Old Serbia and Woodlawn Rds.

From one minute after midnight until noon today city police reported six minor collisions, with only property damage resulting, the county police reported two accidents, and the State Highway Patrol, one.

The chickens met their death at 6:19 a. m. today when a two-ton truck, driven by Joseph E. Kennedy of High Falls, overturned two miles east of Charlotte on the Albemarle Rd.

Chickens Only S-D Day Victims

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Teacher Pay, Prestige, Need Given Attention

BY HERR ALTSHULL
WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House conference on education today called for attention to the teacher's problem.

"To remember that there is a tremendous shortage of teachers who have a good moral character, work with our most precious resource—our children."

The call for attention to get more teachers came on a day when the conference seemed almost certain to get strongly on record in favor of federal aid to schools, particularly for buildings.

KEEP IN MIND

The report on teachers listed three things for every community to keep in mind:

1. Teaching must have prestige comparable to other professions.
2. The salaries must be high enough to keep teachers in the classroom and not permit them to be lured to other fields where the pay is better.
3. The teachers' job must be presented in such a way so it will attract talent people to the profession.

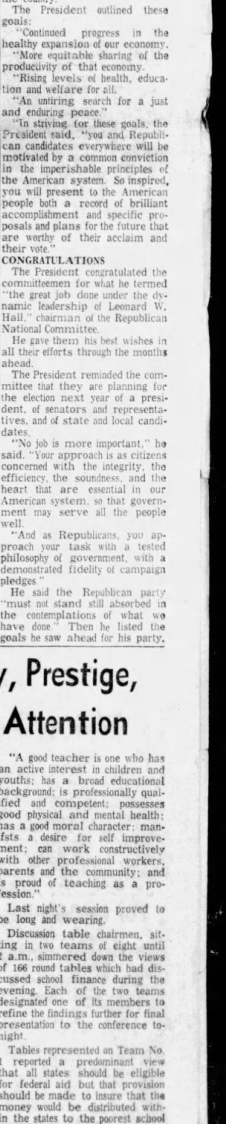
The conference also came up with this definition of what it is looking for in the nation's classrooms:

Our Weather

Increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold today, mainly cloudy and not so cold tonight. Cloudy with rain tomorrow.

Low this morning—21.
High tonight—30.
Low yesterday—46.
High today—48.
High tomorrow—42.
Sunrise 7:13 a.m.; sunset 5:11 p.m.

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A REMINDER that today is Safe Driving Day is demonstrated by three Los Angeles youngsters, who demonstrate the consequences of carelessness. Left to right: Bobby Roberts, Denny Watson, and Ronnie Spencer, all five years old. (AP Wirephoto)