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Confidential Plans For Public Schools

NEW policy is being shaped in Raleigh for the public school system. This has been obvious since the Advisory Committee on Education said two weeks ago it was reading a report which will strengthen the assurance of the preservation of our public schools, and yet not require any child of any race to be forced to attend a mixed school against his will.

of local study groups with its own rules and regulations apparently has the "client" school boards confused, too. As Greensboro Superintendent Ben L. Smith said: "It (the committee) virtually said 'don't do anything until we tell you what.' It is very confusing."

The committee cannot be expected to conduct its studies in the public eye. But when those studies progress to the point of action, as they apparently have in the committee request that local study groups be shelved, that action should be made public in detail.

Across The River And Into The Hoop

BASKETBALL, the only major sport of wholly American origin, may have been born in New England but it came of age in the snowy Midwest. Dr. James A. Naismith, the game's inventor, sank the first basket in 1891. Just 14 years later, the Western Conference had intercollegiate competition going strong at its feet.

Forest won Charlotte's Carrousel basketball tournament. All four are competing today in another tournament, Raleigh's Dixie Classic.

There is no escaping it: In less than a decade, North Carolina has become the collegiate basketball capital of the nation. Better play is seen nowhere else in America.

True, much of the individual talent is still imported. But North Carolina's own high schools are beginning to turn out comparable stars at last. And we grow them to a higher level of basketball supremacy, the Midwest has lost its crown to Tar Heels.

Tax Bites Man

TWO irrepressible officials of the Internal Revenue Service set out to jolt their Washington friends this year with what they considered to be a "frighting" Christmas card. Each was inscribed, "A Simplified Tax Return. Atop the traditional holiday greetings was this terse verse: How much did you make? How much did you spend? Waddya get left?"

Piffle. Truth is scarier than fiction. Internal Revenue's real tax forms—unsimplified variety—operate under a sterner philosophy. "Waddya get left" is not enough. You recall that in plus everything else you can get, borrow or steal—hopeful that not a red cent will fall into the hands of those miserable palls.

of their doctor, DeFoë, rhymed with the name of their province, Ontario; their birds are still the quints; not most people. Their father, Olver, called them "the quints" when he said the four girls did not come home this Christmas, did not call, nor even send a Christmas card. Saying the bitter words that "a lot of people have asked me why?"

the quints very closely in recent years. Mostly we remember the way the name

SUGAR AND PRICE

YOU'VE probably heard that little girls are made of sugar and spice and everything nice. Don't you believe a word of it. We have it on good authority that they're made of hot dogs, ice cream, cereal, candy, eggs, soda pop, milk and above all, money.

Take that latter item, for instance. (This will not surprise parents) It will shock the daylights out of some of their childless friends.) After conducting all sorts of surveys and delving into considerable research on this vital matter, an organization calling itself the Youth Research Institute has come up with the fact that it costs between \$15,000 and \$16,000 to bring a daughter along to the age of 17.

We assume this figure includes everything from diapers to a new dress to the school prom. And it doesn't include the sizable cash outlay that will be required if the young lass is inclined toward higher education. Even so, it's a sobering sum for pop to contemplate—especially if he is currently in the process of rearing one or more of these financial catastrophes. Even when considered in the light of income tax deductions, the old man is going to end up some \$4,800 in the red.

Apparently, most of this money is literally and figuratively consumed by the young lady herself.

Nowadays it is possible to have breakfast in Los Angeles, lunch in Paris, dinner in Tokyo, and be back in Los Angeles for breakfast the next day. Kind of monotonous, ain't it?—Kingsford (Tenn.) Times.

Whew! We've Cut Our Budget 8 1-2 Per Cent Already

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Charles McNairy (R-Kent.) today announced that the House of Representatives had voted to cut the fiscal 1956 budget by 8 1/2 percent.



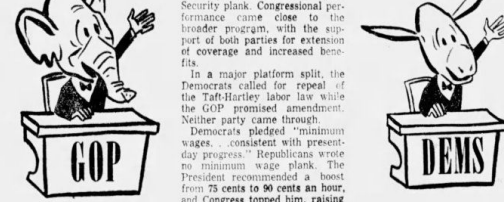
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Special Senate Counsel To Prosecute?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Special counsel to the attorney general, Joseph L. Tamm, is being considered for appointment as a special counsel to the attorney general to prosecute the case of a former high official.

Second, Kefauver points out that Brownell, while sending a staff of 13 prosecutors to St. Louis to "get Truman," has completely neglected the conflicts of interest of his own Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbot and Peter Strabel, former public buildings administrators.

In a major platform split, the Democrats called for repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law while the Republicans favored its retention. Neither party came through. Democrats pledged "minimum wages" consistent with present law. The President recommended a boost from 75 cents to 90 cents an hour, and Congress topped him, raising

Ike's Crack Gave Harriman's Bandwagon A Happy Shove

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gov. Averell Harriman of New York today presented the fact that President Eisenhower belittled him to Republican congressional leaders as a "Park Avenue Truman."

To be singled out by the President is a sure way to attract attention and Harriman has been suffering in coverage compared to the notices his rivals, Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver, have been getting.

The New Yorker feels, too, that in the crucial pivotal states with big electoral votes it helps to be advertised as a Truman Democrat.

Nor can Harriman fairly complain if the President decides to pick on him. The New York governor is the only avowed Democratic candidate for President who has been pinning responsibility for administrative failures directly on Eisenhower. He has been doing so before the President's illness and has kept it up. He thinks that's where responsibility belongs.

Some of Harriman's friends have said that he is being too abrupt, too outspoken. They suggested to him that he is simplifying the issues too much and will be vulnerable to the charge of demagoguery.

He replied that this might be so, but that he felt it was necessary for candidates for office to be direct and positive. Sure, there are only a few words in any newspaper headline or lead paragraph.

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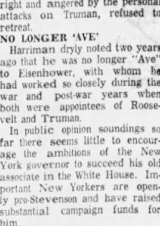
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stumble and that Harriman, with the backing of the big states and the West, will be nominated. Furthermore, they think he could be elected.

The principal argument is rather interesting. It is that Republicans will wage another "four campaign"—"four of radicalism, fear of labor and in 1956, but that the public would not believe it of Harriman, with his famous family and financial standing, when it must be made to work against other Democrats.

People's Platform

Give The People The Facts, Please

Editors, The News: I am a citizen who is strong and prosperous is also alert. So with a nation, But America needs to be alert to the quickly changing currents of foreign politics unless the national administration and Congress help the people.

For Many Children, Unexpected Delight

A GREAT many children enjoyed a Merry Christmas this year, complete with unexpected dolls, bicycles and other toys, because of the generosity of the warm-hearted people in the Charlotte area.

Those of us with the Third Corps Company, United States Marine Corps Reserve, would like to take this means to thank every one who donated toys to Toys For Tots.

Washington Pipeline

Sen. Jenner of Indiana has been whispering around the Capitol that his senior colleague, Sen. Capehart, will be whipped in Indiana next year by a quarter million votes.

So just before Christmas the criminal case against Onassis was quietly dropped. These are some of the reasons Sen. Jenner wants to appoint special Senate prosecutors to examine the whole Dixon-Yates deal and other conflicts of interest such as Harold Talbot and Peter Strabel.

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