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Give The Teacher Time To Teach: Charlotte Faces Up To A Problem

THE durable ghost of "littered-schoolhouse" theories still haunts public education in Charlotte. The problem is not one of classroom deficiencies and teacher shortages alone. Less noticeable but equally shocking factors lie in the inefficient use of teachers.

By burdening qualified educators with superfluous tasks which could be performed by less trained and less scarce personnel, highly trained manpower is being significantly wasted.

Fortunately for education in Charlotte and North Carolina, the City School Board is not unaware of the present system's essential weaknesses.

It was an important step. It may very well clear the way for one of the most significant improvements in basic education techniques in decades.

ESSENTIALLY, it is a problem of finding a way to free the teacher to teach.

In Charlotte and throughout most of the nation, education has lagged woefully behind other fields in manpower utilization. The lowest administrative levels are the architects and engineers who have their draftsman, doctors who have their nurses and technicians. The nurse's aide has even enabled the professional nurse to serve more patients—better.

Teaching today stands in paradoxical contrast to this record of progress. For one reason or another, it has stubbornly resisted a professional revolution which, over the years, has produced a steadily more efficient use of skilled manpower.

A systematic time study of the use of aides has already been conducted in Bay City, Mich. The results are encouraging. They should be studied carefully by Charlotte's school administrators.

It was found in Bay City that elementary classes numbering 45 to 52, with a teacher plus an aide, have made greater academic progress than classes of 30 under an equally good teacher with no aide.

Teachers, principals, and parents alike found much merit in the arrangement. More than half the aides want to become regular teachers.

Furthermore, the Bay City study showed that: 1—Teachers with aides spend less time

on correcting papers (89 per cent), written lessons (90 per cent), pupil control (36 per cent), taking roll (76 per cent), making reports (100 per cent), transition (50 per cent) and out-of-school tasks (44 per cent).

2—Teachers with aides spend more time on lesson plans (105 per cent), group planning (175 per cent), counseling (115 per cent), dictation (110 per cent), reading to the group (24 per cent), recitation (14 per cent) and free time (50 per cent).

Aides take over such tasks as taking roll, correcting papers, keeping records, corridor duty, supervising recess, passing papers, reading grades, keeping absences catch up, helping in gym period, arranging materials, telephone messages, operating movie projector, changing room displays, listing library books, rearranging desks, collecting milk money, handling school and messengers, operating record players, helping student committees and giving first aid to sick pupils.

TEACHERS report these advantages: "... more time to work with individual children and on their own projects"; "... more time for instructional preparation and teaching"; "... release from pressure"; "... freedom to enjoy out-of-school activities without a guilty conscience"; "... in Bay City, 100 per cent of the parents felt that their children enjoyed school more than in previous years. Eighty-three per cent felt their children learned more, 17 per cent felt their children learned as much. All wanted their children to continue in the experiment."

ACCORDING to the Fund for the Advancement of Education, elementary teachers today spend 21 to 69 per cent of each school day on housekeeping, clerical and other activities requiring little or no professional competence. More than four hours each week are spent outside the school on records, report cards and other clerical tasks.

It is clear that an office manager or better if teachers were free to concentrate full time on teaching and professional growth—and if the best of our teachers could extend their effectiveness to more children—Charlotte can meet the requirements of the new era of progress in education by giving the teacher aide system a thorough stem-to-stern examination. If the facts are as encouraging as they seem, a fair trial should be recommended.

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A Good, Strong Democratic Sound

RESTRICTIONS on free speech are largely notable by their absence at the University of North Carolina. Students hold knock-down, drag-out debates, and faculty members lecture out timidly, following the mandate of such an influential trustee as Victor Bryant of Durham to follow "wherever their search for knowledge leads them." Even townsmen get in on the act with friendly and lively street corner discussions on every conceivable subject.

It has been that way for a long time at Chapel Hill. A few radicals and bigots and more than a few thoughtful men have taken advantage of the fresh air of freedom that blows along the brick walls of the campus to say out loud whatever happened to be on their minds.

This has often made for a discordant clatter from the University, but it has been a good, strong, democratic sound and we are all better for it.

That is why we are glad the two

editors of the student newspaper, THE DAILY TAR HEEL, were given such an overwhelming vote of confidence by the UNC student body in a recall election this week.

The only real charge made against Ed Foster and Louis Krae was that they differed with the majority of students on such issues as segregation, inter-racially secrecy and big-time football.

If that is true, and we don't doubt it, then it is reasonable to assume that among the 1,777 students who voted to recall the two editors, more than a few who disagreed with their editorials.

Those are the students who understand that democracy is more than a matter of silencing minority opinions, whether they come from student newspaper editors or anybody else.

We're glad they understand that and we congratulate them for the way they voted.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

YOU, TOO, (SLURP) CAN BE A WINNER!

WE have become so accustomed to having the powers of television ignore our attempts to improve their medium that we sometimes wonder if it's worth the effort to try. Take our high-minded crusade against commercial eaters, for example. Goodness knows there's nothing more unpleasant than the sight of an announcer grimacing at the camera, smacking his mouth and trying to pretend that he is on the borderlands of ecstasy over the soggy hamburger. Since our protest against this unattractive custom, however, we note that not only have the eaters become more numerous but that their fare has become double-decked.

It's depressing. Nevertheless, we are impelled to make another suggestion, more in a spirit of high-mindedness than in hopes of accomplishment, we admit, and with some feeling of outrage because it appears that television is out to corrupt the table manners, if not the souls, of the younger generation. The particular villains of the piece are makers of breakfast foods and candy bars, edibles which, it appears, no child can open without a great smacking of the mouth.

In our day we were taught to sit up to the table, keep our elbows at our sides and our mouths shut while chewing,

Singing at the table or smacking one's mouth was considered ill-mannered and sufficient cause for finishing a meal in the kitchen, if at all. So the television era—later, with his skinny little elbows flying and threatening anyone within hairbrush distance he dives into his bowl of Munchies, and yodels out his approval of the product to the accompaniment of a great mouthsmacking. Indeed, the television kiddie appears to derive a certain pleasure at any food without sounding like a child with a mouth full of glue.

What effect this will have on the young, we can't be sure. Our older friends, we notice, react to the sandwich eaters only by turning their heads until he has done with his leering, winking, smacking, slurping and gulping. But the young, we know, are more impressionable, and we are getting a little old to reach across the table and back-hand Junior each time he opens his mouth in a smacking display of pleasure at an evening's address. "Terrible! I'm not eating! Take our high-minded crusade against commercial eaters, for example. Goodness knows there's nothing more unpleasant than the sight of an announcer grimacing at the camera, smacking his mouth and trying to pretend that he is on the borderlands of ecstasy over the soggy hamburger. Since our protest against this unattractive custom, however, we note that not only have the eaters become more numerous but that their fare has become double-decked.

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People's Platform The Constitution And Slavery—Continued

Editors, The News: SALISBURY FROM a careful reading of the letter published on one J. J. Justice on Feb. 11 it is quite clear that he is rather loose with the true facts as he purports to present them. It is also obvious that your newspaper is definitely slanted and has entered the militant NAACP side of the issue. This militant view is at the base of the instruction and hate that is breaking out every day. If it continues it could get a lot worse before it will begin to get better. It is definitely time for all of us to move toward a moderate view of the issue. It is not difficult to see that the fuse is lit and burning, and we certainly do not wish to see the bomb explode. Such an event will not be good for our different races and it will certainly destroy our nation. It is time for all of us to act in moderation in handling this issue, as our next president, Mr. Stevenson, has cautioned. And he might be stated here that your view from this great leader. This view serves to reaffirm my belief that your editorial content you have made the definite decision to slant all the way to the militant view.

Many you editors are prone to sit in your high editorial seat and feed the people what you consider good for their souls, and as ever, if you will climb down from your high seat you will find out that your extreme position gives aid and comfort to both sides of the infuriating question...

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SLAVERY In your fairness to you, Mr. Justice, your statement does continue on with, "Our founding fathers did not use the words 'slaves' or 'slavery' in the constitution because they could not wish that fact documented with records of such rank ignominy." Now, Mr. Justice, do you honestly believe that the founding fathers would have hesitated to use the above words if they had wanted to avoid this limitation in the constitution? In our brief review of history we will find that the Constitutional Congress did debate the subject of slavery and slaves. But isn't it a very amazing revelation, Mr. Justice, that this debate centered around the continuance of the importation of "black men" from Africa to be turned into slaves? The Congress did not debate the doing away of the existing slavery already in the new nation. Now, it is more amazing to see that the fight to continue this shipping in of human cargo was led by the New England States with the support of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia saved the shipping industry until the year 1808. This was not made a part of the Constitution but was written into the commerce laws that no more slaves could be imported after the year 1808. The founding fathers certainly were not afraid to use the word slavery in the drawing up of the commerce laws. It was not until the traffic was discontinued legally in 1808 that the boys from New England had a sudden gift of the "freedom fever."

Lyndon Johnson's Whip-Cracking Senate Demos Nearing Revolt

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON BENEATH the outwardly calm surface there is a growing resentment among Senate Democrats over the tight control exercised by the Democratic leadership. It would be inaccurate to say that a rebellion is brewing. But it is true that the potential is there in a growing feeling that issues which might be blurred over diplomatically.

The way in which the oil lobby investigation was confined to the simple instance of the campaign contribution offered Sen. Francis Case (R-Mo) is only the latest example of how the whip is cracked. This was the kind of issue that Democratic senators in the past have pushed to the utmost limit.

But despite the latest assurance of Sen. Thomas C. Hennings (D-Mo) that his resignation as subcommittee chairman will make no difference and that the investigation will continue at the point at which the case inquiry leaves off, there is little reason to believe in any full-scale investigation.

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As chairman of the Select Committee to look into the Case episode George has worked closely with Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, boss of the Republican Policy Committee of the Senate. Bridges was a strong backer of the gas bill and he helps to apply the same tight controls on the Republican side as prevail under Majority Leader Johnson on the Democratic side. The way in which the \$2,500 offer to Case was channeled to a perfectly safe "investigating" committee was a good example of the cooperation between the powers that be on both sides of the aisle.

In days not so long past the Senate prided itself on its independence and its integrity. Incidents such as the \$2,500 campaign contribution" have in other years touched off stormy and far-reaching investigations.

But in this day and age the lid is kept tightly on by leaders who deal harshly with even an implicit rebellion. Not only did Democratic and Republican leaders set a carefully chosen Select Committee to handle the Case contri-

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Gore Bucks Senate Leader On Gas

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Impatient When Sen. Hennings (D-Mo) was called to Johnson's office to persuade him to side-step the Case investigation, Gore went with him. At Hennings' request, as the hour of 2 p.m. approached, Gore and Hennings were still cloistered with Johnson at Hennings' request that the regular Elections Committee, of which both Hennings and Gore were members, should not investigate. Finally Gore became impatient.

"Let's go," he told Hennings, "it's after 2 p.m. and Sen. Case was scheduled to meet with us at two. "Gore ahead," shot back Johnson, "I don't invite you here." Gore and Mansfield of Montana will be the two Democrats on the regular Elections Committee. They can be depended upon to do a good job. Curtis of Nebraska, the Republican member, has thrown every possible roadblock in the path of any broadened investigation. Moonshine Raid Some residents of the nation's capital, especially the lobbyists, have long wished the terrible fate known as moonshine raid. They can be depended upon to do a good job. Curtis of Nebraska, the Republican member, has thrown every possible roadblock in the path of any broadened investigation. Moonshine Raid Some residents of the nation's capital, especially the lobbyists, have long wished the terrible fate known as moonshine raid. They can be depended upon to do a good job. Curtis of Nebraska, the Republican member, has thrown every possible roadblock in the path of any broadened investigation.

to before 1860 only an accident nationalist could find in the constitution any prohibition of a state to secede from the formed union. You see, Mr. Justice, the founding fathers avoided the question like the plague because they knew the denial of state sovereignty would ruin the prospects of ratification by the states. Remember, Mr. Justice, the "Virginia Plan" was supported by the southern states and New England states wanted a strong federal union that gave the power to use armed forces as was used in 1861. But New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware were not in favor of such a strong union. So a compromise was effected that left the question unanswered until the "War Between the States" settled the issue. So the constitutional processes that you seem to infer did exist prior to 1861.

Isn't it true, Mr. Justice, that too many of us are guilty of bigotry and hate's? Instead of trying to work at our problems in moderation we are too prone to make bold accusations that have no basis or foundation. Instead of anything to stir up the wind for a hotter fire. Neither side can hope to reach a satisfactory solution as long as all of us remain militant with our pet prejudices and hates...

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Stop And Consider Before Leaving Home

Editors, The News: I AM sure if it were not for the help of God's hands his work would not be finished today. I often sit alone and wonder why so many today will not eat and drink and curse and sin when God is so good to us. Because space is limited, we reserve the right to condense. Mr. Thomas errs in adding we were carried in. Adlai Stevenson's views are not both the news pages and editorial columns of this newspaper.

Did you ever stop to think in the morning when you are fixing to go to work or to leave home and your loved ones, you might not see them anymore? I was called to Alabama recently. My sister and brother-in-law had almost gotten killed. They were hit by a train that ran through 35 feet, struck the engine first and then the back and the car was torn up. My sister was hurt badly. She suffered several fractured ribs.

No one has ever escaped death from a train. I have heard that there is God who reached out his arms and saved them. It is wonderful to have a Senior like that. We never know when we leave home if we will return or not. If we will only live as if it were our last day on earth and prepare to go out and meet God any day he calls.

Can Smog Produce Sickness Or Death? Editors, The News: PROST REPORTS: We braved fog, no nasty smog. Fog was recalled all over the South. He was at least honest in noting it was fog, not smog. God always has and always will control fog. Mankind cannot control it.

His other reports on unpleasant combinations, half smog, half fog. He also states it can irritate eyes, sicken and has been known to kill. Question: Is he also a doctor? Has he ever treated anyone for fog? Has he attended a funeral caused by death from fog sickness?

San Francisco, Calif. with its smog has been wrapped up in fog. The California State Board of Health, after careful study, reports that there is no appreciable increase in deaths on foggy days. We just do not need to be taxed for a smog engineer (new name: Air pollution engineer).

Quote, Unquote Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that the fruit? — Oella (Ga.) Star.



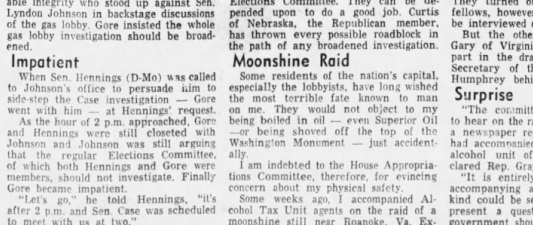
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