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—WORKERS COOL—

Pearsall Plan Puzzles Many

Beginning A Series On What Voters Think Of School Issue

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LINCOLNTON—You can place your hand on a map of North Carolina with the palm covering Charlotte and your fingers will reach out — east and west —in a near perfect pattern to cover the industrial Piedmont.

SCHEER

And from the little finger pointing to Albemarle to the thumb aimed at Shelby, the great majority of the workers — comprising a large and powerful voting "bloc" —know little of the so-called Pearsall Plan.

A survey of the rank and file of these Tar Heels who work amid the rythmic rattle of the textile machine and the screaming saws of the furniture plants, indicates those who go to the polls on Sept. 8—if they go—will not clearly understand the issues.

On that day Tar Heels will be asked to vote for or against the Pearsall Plan which, briefly, allows a local option vote to close schools under "intolerable" situations and offers tuition grants for private schools.

A News reporter covered 500 miles in the industrial Piedmont talking to scores of workers in Salisbury, Concord, Kannapolis, Cramerton, Gastonia, Shelby, Lincolnton, Hickory, Statesville and Albemarle.

SURVEY RESULTS

Here, in essence and generally speaking, is what the survey revealed:

Few workers knew the Pearsall Plan by name. On learning it was the "school plan," more admitted familiarity with it.

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Few workers understood what it was about, but those knowing something of it called it "the private school plan."

Practically none of the workers registered to vote specifically for the special election.

Practically none of the workers knew the date (Sept. 8) of the election.

ASK INFORMATION

While collar workers in the same plants knew slightly more about the plan. Both groups, however, repeatedly asked for information.

Practically none had attended or even had heard of special explanatory sessions conducted on the local level by legislators.

Most of those questioned favored the plan except in some areas where the Negro population is small.

Confusion was so evident in some places that workers against any form of integration thought a segregated school system could be achieved by voting against the plan. "Against" on the ballot to them will mean "against" mixed schools and, of course, the plan proposes to keep schools segregated.

A large percentage of workers are not going to vote.

MANY "UNDECIDED"

A large percentage of workers are "undecided."

A large percentage of workers merely say "I am for anything that will keep Negroes out of the schools."

Of those informed, a small group questions the constitutionality of the plan and others fear private schools will deny an education to their children because they will not be able to afford to send them to private schools.

Of those against the plan, few say they do not want any change now, and some say they'd vote "for" if it came to a choice between this plan or mixed schools.

M. G. Grubb of Davidson County is supervisor of the third shift in the dye room of the large North Carolina Finishing Co. near Salisbury.

"Mister," he said, "I admit I don't fully understand this Pearsall Plan. But I don't like to think that some children will have to go to school with Negroes. But any way you vote, it seems to me will mean some will have to.

"I don't see how the private schools can work. Seems like you might be segregating white

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INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

CAIRO — (AP) — The Newspaper Al Ahram reported today that an Egyptian woman in Alexandria had given birth to triplets. Their names: Gamal, Nehru and Tito.

Texas, Tennessee

Integrated Schools Guarded By Police

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police and sheriff's deputies were on guard in Mansfield, Tex., and Clinton, Tenn., today to prevent racial tension, caused by school integration orders, from erupting into violence.

At Mansfield, near Fort Worth in north Texas, 50 men guarded the streets leading to the Mansfield school and one of them said: "We don't want any trouble; we just don't want any Negroes entering the school."

A Negro effigy, second in successive days, was hung from the school flagpole, warning Negroes against trying to go to the school.

Four cars of deputies were dispatched to the scene.

POLICE AT DOORS

At Clinton, police and deputies were stationed at all entrances of the high school as a precaution against any effort to prevent entry of 12 Negro pupils. The pupils entered by a side entrance while a crowd of 200 stood by without incident.

John Kasper, of Washington, D. C., who has been blamed for stirring up the tense racial situation at Clinton, was not in the crowd at the school. He stayed down the street "because of this injunction they have against me." He also announced plans to form a White Citizens Council at Clinton as a move against integration.

Last night Clinton school officials asked a federal judge in nearby Knoxville for a contempt citation against Kasper for his activities. A hearing was planned today by U.S. Dist. Judge Robert L. Taylor who earlier ordered Kasper and five Clinton residents to refrain from efforts to interfere with integration of the school.

In Bryson City, N. C., five Negro children applied for and were refused admission to Swain County High School this morning.

The three girls and two boys appeared with their parents and were advised by Principal Lacy Ballard and County Supt. Woodard that they had been assigned to the Negro high school in adjoining Jackson County.

The whole procedure took only a few minutes and the Negroes

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Virginia Aims Laws At NAACP

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Legislation aimed at the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was being readied today for introduction, apparently with Gov. Thomas B. Stanley backing, when the Virginia General Assembly reconvenes Tuesday.

While the NAACP is not mentioned by name, the bills in their original form were designed to require that organization to file detailed records on its officers, agents and activities.

Del. C. Harrison Mann of Arlington County, one of the sponsors, said the legislation also would be applicable to the defenders of state sovereignty and individual liberties and other organizations attempting to influence legislation.

Sponsoring the legislation with Mann is Sen. Charles R. Fenwick, also of Arlington.

As the Assembly recessed yesterday for the holiday weekend, 71 separate bills dealing with school segregation had been introduced. In most instances identical measures had been offered in both the Senate and the House of Delegates.

This was true in the case of the governor's own program—keyed to withholding state funds from integrated schools — and the Gray Education Commission's original recommendations. These two packages accounted for 27 bills in each house.

Fenwick, Mann and Sen. Garland Gray, chairman of the Gray Commission, conferred with the governor prior to the recess on the so-called NAACP bills. Del. John B. Boatwright of Buckingham County, who sat in on the conference, told a reporter the governor had agreed to request introduction of the measures.

COURT ACTION IN ESCAPEE CASE STUDIED

Officials May File Manslaughter Count

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Kilby Prison officials today considered filing manslaughter charges against two convicts who escaped yesterday in a dump truck carrying 28 other prisoners.

After a wild chase with a guard shooting at the tires from a pursuing truck, the truck load of "maximum security" convicts overturned. Two of the passengers were killed and 13 injured, one seriously.

Guards rounded up the men without trouble and returned them to the state prison just outside Montgomery.

Deputy prison director Frank Lee said questioning of the 30 would continue but officials believed only two convicts were responsible for the bold bid for freedom. They held the trusty truck driver at knife point in the brief dash.

"We don't feel like this was a concentrated move to make a break," Lee said. "The rest of the men on the truck were sort of victims of circumstances."

"We intend to prosecute whoever's guilty of killing" the two who died in the wreck, Lee said. The dead were Noah O. Hasty Jr., 28, and James Williams, 22.

Lee identified the two who commandeered the truck as Roy Eugene Pruitt, 24, serving five years for burglary in Franklin County and Elbert H. Rice, 32, in for 20 years for robbery in Jefferson County (Birmingham).

Lee gave this account of what happened:

The 30 prisoners were on a dump truck being returned to a gravel pit outside the prison after lunch. Trusty Alvin Bradley was driving the "maximum security" prisoners—those considered poor risks and kept under heavy guard when working outside the prison.

Guards W. G. Smith and G. E. Moore followed close behind in another truck.

When the truck load of prisoners stopped a short distance from the work site to let off a water boy, Pruitt and Rice jumped from the bed and ran to the truck cab. Pruitt got in the right side of the cab and pulled a four-inch knife on Bradley. Rice slipped into the driver's seat.

The convicts' truck took off, the guards right behind with Moore shooting for the tires.

After about three miles the prisoners' truck overturned as Rice tried to turn from a paved road into a gravel road. "They didn't come out with their hands up but they were all ready to give up and we knew it," Smith said.

The guards called Kilby to pick up the prisoners.

Bradley was not hurt.

Prison Director J. H. McCullough "highly commended" the two guards for their "alertness" and their "handling of the whole matter." He said they prevented what would have been the largest mass prison break in Alabama in recent years.

Fontana Not Dead Town By Dam Site

THE LIVELIEST ghost town anywhere is Fontana Village, once a collection of buildings deserted by construction workers on a dam project, now one of the leading resorts in North Carolina. Camera and word pictures are on Page 12-C.

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Our Weather

Fair to partly cloudy with little change in temperature today, tonight and Friday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

Low this morning—70.
Low tomorrow morning—70.
High today—93.
High yesterday—93.
High tomorrow—94.
Sunrise today 5:54 a.m.; sunset today 6:53 p.m.

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Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

Ditched Baby's Ma Faces Mental Test

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunter)
Rescued Raymond Poole at Memorial Hospital

Abandonment Charge Hearing Is Postponed

By JIM SCOTTON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A Belmont mother of three children who confessed to police that she abandoned her five-month-old baby in a ditch in Mecklenburg County yesterday will get a psychiatric examination.

The trial of Mrs. Ivey Poole Jr., 24, 318 North St., Belmont, set for Mecklenburg County Juvenile Court today, was postponed until Sept. 6.

County Police requested the postponement so they could continue the hunt for a Ruth Snyder, who Mrs. Poole said forced her to abandon the child.

Judge Willard I. Gatling, who postponed the case, also said arrangements would be made for a psychiatric examination of Mrs. Poole.

Mrs. Poole remains in Mecklenburg County Jail under $4,000 bond on charges of abandonment and assault on her baby.

The case was touched off by an alleged kidnaping reported to the Gaston County police at 3:15 p.m. yesterday. Mrs. Poole told a tale of the kidnaping of her baby, Raymond Edward Poole, by a Ruth Snyder. She said the Snyder woman took her baby because it interfered with a planned narcotics peddling trip to Charleston, S. C.

A five-state alarm was sent out for the Snyder woman and a blonde girl and blond boy, who allegedly were with the kidnaper.

FOUND BY GIRL

The baby, however, was found by a 12-year-old Mecklenburg girl, Diane Ross, abandoned in a patch of woods off Moore's Chapel Rd. The baby was taken to Memorial Hospital and found to be in good condition. Mrs. Poole identified the baby as her missing son and then accompanied officers to Mecklenburg County police headquarters.

Mecklenburg Police Lt. Lawrence A. Kelly, who suspected a hoax, asked Mrs. Poole, "Why did you abandon your little baby?"

Then Mrs. Poole admitted the baby had not been kidnaped.

SIGNS STATEMENT

Mrs. Poole then signed a statement claiming she and the Snyder woman had abandoned the baby.

According to Mrs. Poole the Snyder woman did not want the baby to interfere in a plan to sell narcotics at the Charleston Mineraft Base.

Mrs. Poole said the Snyder woman told her if she didn't get rid of the baby, the Snyder woman would.

Mrs. Poole said she planned to pick up the baby later. In case she could not, she told po-

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Police Hold Woman As Riesel Witness

NEW YORK (AP)—The wife of an alleged coconspirator in the acid attack which blinded labor columnist Victor Riesel has been held in $100,000 bail as a material witness in the case.

Mrs. Leni Miranti was arraigned yesterday before U.S. Commissioner Earle N. Bishopp. The high bail was set assertedly for her own protection and because she heard conversations pertaining to the acid throwing.

Thomas B. Gilchrist Jr., chief assistant U.S. attorney, told the court: "We want to protect her from bodily harm. She's a witness . . ."

DON'T KNOW

Mrs. Miranti interrupted the attorney's remarks, saying, "I don't know what I'm a witness to."

The woman's husband, Gondolfo Miranti, 37, was arrested Aug. 7 with Joseph P. Carlino, 43, each held in $100,000 bail and charged with conspiracy in the assault last April 5 on Riesel as he emerged from a Broadway restaurant.

Abraham Telvi, described as the acid thrower, was found slain July 28 on a lower East Side Street.

The government charges that the 41-year-old Riesel was attacked to prevent him from testifying before a federal grand jury probing labor racketeering.

Telvi assertedly was given $500 and promised $500 more, to do the acid throwing. When he learned the identity of his victim, the prosecution contends, he upped his fee to $50,000 and signed his own death warrant.

ARRESTS MADE

Arrested Tuesday and arraigned yesterday in the case were Johnny Dio, 42, labor racketeer and accused mastermind in the plot against Riesel; Charles Tuso, 44; Domenic Bando, 47; Charles Carlin, 43—no relation to Joseph Carlino—and Dio's brother Thomas, 40.

Thomas Dio was held in $75,000 bail, Johnny Dio and the three others in $100,000 bail. All are scheduled for a hearing next Wednesday.

Johnny Dio was taken to City Prison; his brother to the Federal House of Detention; Carlino to the Bronx County Jail; and Bando and Tuso to the suburban Westchester County Jail.

Authorities refused to say why

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Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, may we put away childish things and discipline our lives in order to serve Thee and to save mankind. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nine Killed In Alaska Air Crash

KODIAK, Alaska (AP)—A flaming Canadian Pacific Airlines DC6B crashed on bleak, desolate Unimak Island at the tip of the Alaska Peninsula last night, killing at least nine of the 22 persons aboard.

The search and rescue unit at Kodiak Naval Station said there were seven known survivors. Six persons were unaccounted for. Several of the survivors were reported to have suffered serious injuries.

The names of those aboard the craft, bound for Tokyo from Vancouver, B.C., were not available.

Cmdr. W. W. Clark, executive officer at the naval station, said the plane seven hours out of Vancouver, went down at 9:58 p.m.

The pilot of the craft, Clark said, radioed Cold Bay, Alaska, just before the crash that his ship was on fire. He did not give the cause.

Clark said the airliner crashed near the shore of Unimak Island.

Two amphibian planes, one from here and one from Adak, and two ships were searching for the persons still missing. The hunt was being hampered by extremely bad weather common to this area.

Each of the search planes carried a doctor and medical supplies.

Hintz Sentenced

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Banker Edward A. Hintz, a principal in the Orville E. Hodge scandal, today was sentenced in Sangamon County Circuit Court to one to three years in prison for conspiracy.

Hintz changd his plea from innocent to guilty and received the prison sentence and a total fine of $3,000 on the two indictments from circuit judge custody of the sheriff who was ordered to produce him in Federal District Court in Chicago Friday morning.

'Canine Shield' To Provide Medical Insurance For Dogs

By RENE J. CAPPON

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Dog owners by the hundreds are enrolling their pooches in "Canine Shield," a hot new item in the insurance business and the first medical care plan on a national scope devoted exclusively to nonhumans.

The project was launched only five months ago by two veteran Kansas City insurance men, Richard R. Nelson and Gordon R. Reabe.

3,000 AGENTS

Today, the founding fathers reported, "Canine Shield" boasts some 3,000 agents and "several hundred active policies." In Reabe's words, "the influx is just beginning. The response has been fantastic, and not only in this country. We've had inquiries from as far away as New Zealand."

There being no actuarial tables on hounds, Reabe and Nelson—who owns a boxer and a poodle—had to start somewhat in the dark. But the policies as originally formulated are working well, they said.

These provide medical care and hospital insurance for dogs between six months and 10 years of age, providing payments of up to $75 per hospitalization for an annual premium of about $15.

ANSWER IS NO

The interest churned up by their unique venture keeps Nelson and Reabe hopping. Mail pours in. An Ohio landscaping company wondered if Canine Shield would insure them against marauding dogs. Answer—no. Among applications for agencies came the 10-page letter of a Wilmington, Del., man who thought that, as a veterinarian, he would be peculiarly qualified to deal with pet lovers.

Naturally enough, Messrs. Reabe and Nelson are learning much about the maladies of dogdom. "They seem to be susceptible to much of the same disorders as their bosses," Reabe said. "We've paid off on canine strep throats and tonsilitis and, recently, leukemia.

CONTACT LENSES

"We've had one dog recently with eye cataracts, and the vets are working on contact lenses for him to remove a vision impairment."

Smaller breeds pose tougher health problems and accidents, covered in the policies, are a large factor.

Canine Sheild's first case involved a supposedly sheltered hound kept in a fenced-in yard. The pooch was attacked by a swarm of bees, and the treatment cost $55.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunter)
Detective Grove (left) and Lt. Kelly question Mrs. Poole.