

—MAN IN THE FIELD—

Farm Areas Solidly For School Plan

What Voters Think: No. 2

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ROCKINGHAM—In the vast rural areas of the Piedmont, the voters will go to the polls on Sept. 8 to vote "for white schools or colored schools."

That is what the Pearsall Plan means to most of the farmers in this section.

A swing through the rolling, green counties of Union, Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Robeson, Moore, Hoke, Stanly and Montgomery indicated only a fair turnout in the special election on the vital school issue.

But the journey also pointed up some other significant facts.

1. The farmers are overwhelmingly in favor of the Pearsall Plan.

2. There are two extremes—they are either well informed or not informed at all.

3. They are more aware of the plan than are industrial workers in the Piedmont.

4. The Negro vote will hardly be worth counting.

5. The counties of Union, Anson and Richmond contain a highly informed citizenry.

6. At least one county, Richmond, should see a fairly sizable vote—perhaps as high as 6,000 says one veteran observer—and it will be one-sided in favor of the plan.

7. Interest is higher, naturally, in the areas most likely to be affected in the long run by an integrated school system—those areas with large Negro populations.

The News survey covered 300 miles of back roads, cross-roads and wide spurs in the roads, dipping into small isolated farming communities to talk with people there.

But not all of the survey questioned citizens found in the fields beside tobacco barns, riding tractors and working with livestock are often well-informed and old, well-to-do and poor, white and Negro.

To get a more accurate picture, this part of the survey casts out the school teachers, preachers and Negroes whose opinions are often well known.

A poultry farmer in Union County told The News, "There hasn't been much talk about the Pearsall Plan."

An Anson County storekeeper, who serves the rural folk, said, "I've never heard of the plan—or have been anything but talk of it."

A Richmond County farmer said, "We know where our vote lies, we'll vote for B."

A Montgomery County merchant said, "I'd like to see a stronger issue, something like Virginia's."

A Robeson County farmer said, "I never heard of the plan—or whatever you call it."

CHEROKEE COUNTY Sheriff Julian B. Wright said the Negro, 32-year-old Lemuel Lockhart, was held without charge in an undisclosed jail. Orderly crowds milled about the streets of Blacksburg, after word of the shooting spread.

The victim was Johnny H. Wright, 34, employed by the Burlington Corp. plant. He leaves a widow and three children.

BEEN MEAN
Officers said Lockhart admitted the shooting, and said Wright had been mean to him and mistreated him for several years.

A night watchman at the plant told officers that Lockhart arrived about 1:30 a. m., carrying a single-barreled 12 gauge shotgun. Lockhart brushed past him and ran to where Wright was working.

Wright was shot once in the arm and chest, and collapsed on the floor. The sheriff said Lockhart apparently reloaded his shotgun and fired another shell into Wright's face. He died about three hours later at a Gaffney hospital.

Deputy Sheriff F. M. Ted Hoke said Lockhart surrendered quietly. He said Lockhart called out, "Here I am, Mr. Ted," and added that he meant to shoot Wright and was not hurt by his own shot.

Censor Jack E. Millwood called an inquest for 10 a. m. Monday at the Blacksburg city hall.



EFFIGY IN MANFIELD
Fighting School Integration

Adlai Aims At 'Honorable' Government

CHICAGO (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson today said he aims to make the government "more honorable and effective than it ever has been in our history."

The Democratic nominee for President, looking tanned after a four-day swing around the country, spoke to the convention of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

Stevenson was greeted with cheers and a shower of confetti when he entered the meeting in the grand ballroom of the Palmer House. And one of the union delegates sang out: "Sweet Ade-El-Eye."

"I believe that an American citizen aspires to no nobler occupation than working for our government," Stevenson told the union members.

He said government must be the servant of a free people, and added that his purpose is to "make it more honorable and effective than it ever has been in our history."

MEETS JOHNSTON
Stevenson said that yesterday during a stop in Tennessee he had met Sen. Olin Johnston (D-SC) who endorsed the post office clerk convention earlier in the week. Stevenson added that Johnston had told him he thought the union members were 70 per cent for Stevenson. Some delegates in the audience cried: "One hundred per cent."

Stevenson told the union members he is proud of his endorsement by the AFL-CIO executive committee. He said the Democratic Party represents the interests of the working people.

He declared the party had taken a stand for a unions' right to recognition by the Federal government and the "right to express your views without fear of reprisal or intimidation."

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Texas D. A. Mobbed At Integrated School



Five Negro Students Leave Bryson City High School After Being Turned Away By School Officials (AP)

Stranger In Tennessee Town Turned Peace Into Turmoil

CLINTON, Tenn. (AP)—In less than a week, court-ordered integration of the local high school has changed this peaceful town into a place of racial tenesness and hatred.

Last Monday, Clinton High became the first state-supported high school in Tennessee to mix the races when it admitted 12 Negro students along with about 700 whites.

The town's leaders agreed that most of the trouble was stirred up by a fiery segregationist from Washington, D.C., who never saw this town of 4,000 persons until last Sunday.

"Everything had been quiet until he arrived," said Sheriff Joe Owen, "now we've got a pretty ugly situation on our hands."

Then last Sunday Kasper arrived. Early in the week he landed in jail, charged with trying to incite a riot and vagrancy. Police accused him of distributing inflammatory literature and trying to induce Clinton parents to picket the school. The charges were dismissed for lack of evidence.

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Men Vow No Negro To Enter

By IRWIN FRANK

MANFIELD, Tex. (AP)—An assistant district attorney was mobbed, shoved and cursed today when he appeared in the middle of the angry crowd of white men who for two days have dared Negroes to enter Mansfield High School.

Grady Haight, the attorney, was white and shaven when he finally was released.

One unidentified person in the mob claimed Haight was "looking around so he would know who to prosecute."

At least 150 men raved around Haight, and those centered around Haight shoved and pushed him.

CROWD'S VOW
The crowd had vowed no Negroes would be allowed to register at the school. No Negroes had appeared at midmorning.

Several white students walked through the mob into the school about 2:30 a. m., but they did not speak to any in the crowd.

Dangling over the entrance to the school was a new effigy of a Negro. An effigy hung from the school flagpole yesterday was there today. A similar figure in downtown Mansfield was cut down Wednesday.

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Huffman said, "Now you guys know I'm with you, but I've got this mandate hanging over my head." As he said that, he ran his finger across his throat.

Some of the men told Huffman that they had checked all entrances where Negroes possibly could slip into the school.

TWO DOORS
"Now remember," Huffman said, "there's two doors in back. Now I'm not telling you what to do, but I'm just telling you about those doors."

A laborer, Owen Metcalf, appeared to be the recognized leader of the mob.

Asked if he was the leader, Metcalf said, "Lord, no. There ain't nobody leading this. This is just a damn mob."

Huffman was asked if he planned to remove the two effigies from the school property.

"I didn't put them up and I'm not taking them down," he told this reporter. "Let the guy who put them up take them down. Why don't you go up and take them down?"

Shortly before 7 a. m., cars started arriving at a point on a road about 100 yards from the school. About 30 men and boys had congregated there. No women were in the group.

MRS. DEAR'S LITTLE DEARS NOT SO LITTLE
HALIFAX, England (AP)—Three boys weighing a total of 20 pounds, 8 ounces were born to Mrs. Elaine Dear, 24.

A short list of Halifax General Hospital said he had never heard of heavier triplet boys. The boys weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces; and Stewart, 6 pounds. All are doing well.

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Presidential Tip Russians Set Off Million-Ton Blast

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He said this one was more powerful than the test a week ago which had the force of almost one million tons of TNT.

Eisenhower made the announcement after recalling that last Sunday he disclosed that the Soviet Union had resumed tests of nuclear weapons.

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Reds Call Off Track Meet With British 'Blackmailers'

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON (AP)—Russia called black mail today in the shuffling charges against the Soviet woman tennis champion, Nina Ponomareva, and canceled a track meet with Britain.

The star-studded Soviet track and field team withdrew from a two-day meet against British stars due to open tonight "in protest against this dirty provocation against Nina."

The red-haired Soviet champion, 27, was still missing while the former reached top diplomatic level.

REGARDED AS FUGITIVE
She is regarded as a fugitive in Britain for failing to appear in court yesterday to answer charges she stole five hats valued at a total of \$4,800 during a shopping tour in a western store Wednesday.

After being looked, Nina was released under \$14 bail in the care of a Soviet embassy official. Then she disappeared.

There was a strong suspicion she has flown the coop aboard a Russian freighter.

Konstantin Krupin, leader of the Soviet team, issued this statement.

"As is well known, a dirty provocation has taken place recently in London against one of the members of the Soviet athletic team, Nina, champion of the Olympic games and Europe and a merited master of sport of the U.S.S.R."

VERY UNFRIENDLY ACT
A Soviet embassy spokesman described Nina's arrest as "a very unfriendly act."

He said she did not believe she stole the hats and considered it would indicate guilt if she appeared in court.

"Under Russian law a person does not appear in court unless he or she intends to plead guilty," the spokesman said. "A person comes to court solely to receive the judges' decision. In Russia it is up to the police to prove that the person is guilty before going to court."

The official Soviet news agency Tass declared Nina's trouble stemmed from the fact she had not asked for a receipt.

SAYS BLACKMAIL AIM
"This provocation was aimed at blackmailing this world famous sportswoman. As a result of this provocation, Nina is deprived of the possibility to take part in the forthcoming friendly athletics match between the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain."

"For a feeling of solidarity and a sign of protest against this dirty provocation framed against

In Panic He Armed Himself With Only A Lemon Squeezer

NEW YORK (AP)—Life kept closing in on him—tighter and tighter, like a steel trap. That's how things were for frail, little Ed had been going on a long time.

Edward J. Monkenmeyer, 63, it. He and his wife, Mildred, separated 20 years ago. He hadn't seen any of his five children for 10 years. He couldn't seem to make a go of anything, even though he had a degree from New York Law School.

He lived all alone in a small Queens apartment.

Two weeks ago, he lost his job as an elevator operator, mainly because he was too weak to work. Illness had wasted his body, and he had no more money to buy more medicine.

LAST 42 CENTS
Last Tuesday, he went to the Manufacturers Trust Co. branch at 16-22 Queens Blvd. and drew out his last 42 cents to get something to eat.

For 10 days, he had eaten nothing but baloney sandwiches and tea.

Then a city marshal came to his apartment yesterday morning. The marshal had an eviction order. Monkenmeyer hadn't paid his \$78.88 rent for two months.

Meekly, he turned the keys over to the marshal. He put on a great show of bravado, but his small, sickly frame. He sat down, and wrote a little note.

LEMON SQUEEZER
Then he looked around the place, dismally. He sighed, and left, taking with him only one thing—a lemon squeezer in a paper bag.

He walked four blocks, through the neighborhood where he had lived for 13 years, to the Manufacturers Trust Co. branch where he had always kept his slim checking account.

Several tellers were in their cages. No customers were about. He walked up to the window of Caroline Swartz, 45, and with trembling hands, handed her a note to read.

"Give me \$1,000 and keep quiet."

PAPER BAG
She stared at him, wide-eyed. His lips quivered, and he pointed to the paper bag as if it held the note to her. It read: "Express money, but be assembling the money, but also signaled for help."

Not bank guard Harold Flinn, 60, locked the front door and then went up behind Monkenmeyer and pressed his revolver in the little man's back. "Stay put," the guard said.

Monkenmeyer mumbled, "I'll not make any trouble," and fainted. The police took him to jail. He said he was glad to go.

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Our Weather

Partly cloudy with little change in temperature today, tonight and Saturday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening showers today. Scattered thundershowers Saturday.

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