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Most Voters Lukewarm, Uninformed

Concluding: What Voters Think

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A week from today Tar Heels from Conkies in Carrville to Yellow Creek in Graham go to the polls to vote on the Pearsall Plan.

On ballots to be marked "for" or "against" will be riding the possibilities of vast changes in our present public school system.

Approval of the constitutional amendment could mean a closing of schools by a majority vote in areas where Negroes seek admission to new white public schools. And, if and when the schools are closed, tuition grants may be offered by the state to students who would rather go to private schools.

The News has conducted an extensive survey in the rich and heavily-voting Piedmont section of the state to find out what the average voter knows of the Pearsall Plan, how he feels about it, how he will vote on

the constitutional amendment, and why.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

The survey, which covered 800 miles and questioned hundreds of industrial and rural residents, has answered many pressing questions concerning prominent interest in the school problem.

For instance, North Carolinians in this area generally are still most citizens believe attempts to integrate will not be a threat in the immediate future.

However, the people are willing to take the steps suggested by proponents of the Pearsall Plan under the leadership of Gov. Hodges.

LIGHT VOTE

They reveal no great enthusiasm, however, and the vote in the Piedmont is expected to be light. An estimate would put the vote at about 30 per cent of the large May Democratic primary vote.

The vote, percentage wise, will be higher in the east. Most of the opposition will come from the west, but it is unorganized and scattered and should not be effective.

There is no question that the rest of the state will vote as the Piedmont—overwhelmingly in favor of the Pearsall Plan.

Voters give several reasons: (1) Lack of a better plan, (2) confidence in their local legislators who back the plan, (3) recommendations of their school officials, (4) the feeling that at least a stop gap measure is necessary, (5) deep emotions about mixed schools.

It is also significant that, in their apathy, voters have not taken advantage of three weeks of special registration.

They have not sought out meetings where the plan has been explained, although it might be noted many of these meetings would be held until next week.

Farmers in the rural areas—because they live in heavily industrialized Negro sections—are more strongly in favor of the plan than industrial workers.

White collar workers are mixed in their expressions.

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NINA PONOMAREVA

Nina Still In London, Reds Say

LONDON — A diplomatic storm over a Soviet disclosure that Nina Ponomareva, 168-pound winner of an Olympic gold medal in 1952, is still in London, the Reds say.

The story, which the press has dubbed the "Case of the Slipped Discs," began Wednesday with the arrest on a shopping charge of Russia's red-haired Nina Ponomareva, 168-pound winner of an Olympic gold medal in 1952.

Five feathery little hats in salmon, emerald, royal blue, lilac and rose pink—worth \$400—were involved.

It resulted in the Russians yelling "blackmail" and "dirty provocation" and pulling their entire team of 60 from a Soviet-British good will meet at White City Stadium last night.

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LOTS OF MONEY

"She has lots of money," he added. "She could buy 100 hats."

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Our Weather

Partly cloudy and hot today with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Sunday partly cloudy and not so hot with scattered thundershowers.

Low this morning—70.
Low tomorrow morning—70.
High today—95.
High yesterday—93.
High tomorrow—90.

Sunrise today 5:55 a.m.; sunset today 6:51 p.m.

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READY FOR TALKS

MAJOR PHILIPPS — Delegations from New Zealand, Thailand, United States, Pakistan and France arrived yesterday for the Southeast Asia Treaty organization military advisers conference opening Monday in Baguio.

TRAGEDY REMINDER

TOKYO — Japan today marked the 33rd anniversary of the great earthquake and fire that claimed 90,000 lives in Tokyo and Yokohama.

Sirens were sounded throughout Tokyo at 11:38 a.m. Memorial services were conducted for victims.

THE FINDINGS

Among the findings, which are still considered "tentative," is: "On the question 'What does death mean to you?' The primary

Board Seeks Methods For Delay

MANSFIELD, Tex. — The Mansfield School Board voted to exhaust every legal method to postpone integration for one year after an angry mob yesterday barred Negroes from enrolling in its high school.

The mob of more than 300, which broke out of control and roughed up photographers and threatened an assistant district attorney, dispersed after the school was closed at noon until Tuesday, when registration will be resumed and classes started.

Two Texas Rangers were sent to Mansfield by Gov. Allan Shivers to aid other law enforcement officers in maintaining order. At the same time Shivers requested that the school board officials transfer out of the district "any scholastics, white or colored, whose attendance or attempts to attend Mansfield High School would reasonably be calculated to incite violence."

Earlier the full membership of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals at Houston denied an application from the Mansfield School Board for a stay of the integration order. Federal Dist. Judge Joe E. Estes of Dallas issued the original integration order. He did so after the circuit court overturned his earlier adverse decision in the suit brought by three Negro youths seeking admission to the Mansfield school.

TWO POSSIBILITIES

After the school board meeting, its attorney, J. A. Gooch said that two possibilities remain.

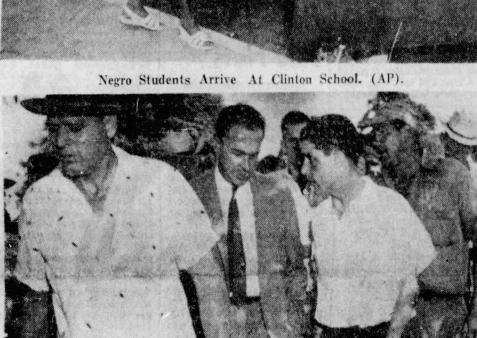
1. To petition any member of the U.S. Supreme Court for postponement of the integration order.

2. To file a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari or review of the rulings handed down in the case by the district and courts.

Meanwhile, L. Clifford Davis, Negro attorney who represented the three negro youths sent a telegram to U.S. Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell asking his help. In Washington today, Davis' department declined to comment on his telegram.



Negro Students Arrive At Clinton School. (AP)



D. A. Grady Hight (wearing suit) Leaves Mansfield School Grounds. (AP)

Segregation Unit Plans Big Rally

CLINTON, Tenn. — Clinton officials today planned organization of a "home guard" unit after an unruly mob, fired up by an outside segregationist, held the town in a reign of terror for several hours last night.

Attorney Buford Leavelle, son of Mayor W. E. Lowallen, said the home guard would be organized this afternoon and would be on hand at a scheduled segregation rally at the Anderson County Courthouse tonight.

Tennessee's five pro-segregation organizations have announced they will jointly sponsor a courthouse rally here tonight.

PINCH HITTING

Arthur A. Canada, president of the Tennessee Society to Maintain Segregation, said in Chattanooga that tonight's meeting will be the first combined effort by the groups against integration. He added:

"We're pinch hitting for Kasper tonight."

Kasper, an officer and organizer of the Seaboard White Citizens Council, was sentenced to one year in prison yesterday at Knoxville, Tenn., after U.S. District Judge Robert Taylor found him guilty of violating a restraining order which the court issued Wednesday. Kasper, 36, of Washington, D.C., began a speaking campaign against integration in the school when he arrived in Clinton last weekend.

Meanwhile, this east Tennessee town where violence has flared since integration of the high school last Monday, was tense but quiet.

Mayor Leavelle had asked assistance of the state highway patrol or the National Guard.

NOTHING HEARD

His son said "nothing has been heard from the state." He added "It's a hot potato and they don't want to touch it."

Speaker at the segregation rally tonight is to be Raulston Schoolfield, Chattanooga attorney who was an unsuccessful candidate for governor on a segregation platform.

Last night's outbreak was the worst since the town's high school was ordered integrated by the courts.

The frenzied crowd ripped ornaments and accessories of cars indiscriminately, and the city's new law enforcement officers were powerless to stop them. Clinton has a population of 4,000 with no arrests of Negroes. No arrests were made.

"We need either the state highway patrol or the National Guard and we need them badly," said Atty. Buford Leavelle, son of the Mayor.

At one time, about 200 of them started up to my dad's house," he continued. "Police in cars blocked the street and they turned back. They even have threatened

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Eisenhower Sends Message Of Welcome To Methodists

LAKE JUNALUSKA — A message of welcome from President Eisenhower was read here today as the World Methodist Conference opened its 12-day quadrennial meeting here today.

"We in America feel that our way of life must be based upon Christian homes," he explained. "Actually we believe that the successful maintenance of a family is one of the greatest acts of good citizenship in itself."

Hodges addressed the conference that "great things can and will result from great religious conferences such as this." The common meeting ground of church gatherings, he said, can lead to a better understanding of our responsibility.

Marines To Help School Traffic

By JIM SCOTTON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Marines will help to get a dangerous local traffic situation under control, it was announced today by Major Melton.

Beginning on the opening day of school, Leathernecks will stand guard at several school crossings in Mecklenburg County and see to it that children get to school safely.

The Marine assistance was offered to County Police by Major M. J. Melton, inspector-in-charge of Charlotte Marine Reserves.

Mecklenburg County Police has more than 12 men available to guard crossings at 37 schools, gladly accepting the offer.

"REAL HELP"

"The Marines should be a real help with this tough problem," says Chief Whitley. Major Melton said the Marines on duty at crossings will be regulars assigned to training reserves in Charlotte. To start with the 1st and 2nd Marines will be assigned to guard school crossings.

Later a plan may be worked out where 67 reservists who have some free time during the hours children are going to and coming from schools may be used, Major Melton said.

TO LEAVE FOR U.S.

NEW DELHI, India — U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren and Mrs. Warren flew to Agra today to see the Taj Mahal and other famed tourist attractions.

The Warrens, who have been touring India, leave for the United States tomorrow.

Farming Price Drop Biggest In Two Years

WASHINGTON — Farm prices today showed a lively political issue in a residential election year, have taken their sharpest dip since June 1954.

A 3 per cent decline between mid-July and mid-August was reported by the Agriculture Department.

Farm prices, much to the satisfaction of Republican politicians, began a steady climb in mid-July from the 14-year low reached in mid-December. This boosted average prices received by farmers by 11 per cent, but more than one-third of the gain has been whittled away in the past two months.

Secretary of Agriculture Bennett promptly got out a statement saying that despite the 3 per cent decline between mid-July and mid-August, the average level of prices received by farmers still was 2 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Select FOREMOST Milk Products

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NO LEGAL POWERS

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Road Death Figure Has Steady Rise

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The count of deaths in Labor Day weekend traffic accidents rose steadily today.

By 11 a. m. (EST) 46 motor vehicle fatalities had been reported. There were 3 deaths by drowning and 5 from other causes to raise the over-all accident toll to 54.

The National Safety Council has estimated that 480 Americans will be killed in traffic during the long holiday period that began at 6 p. m. (local time) Friday and will end at midnight Monday.

Millions were on the streets and roads on the first full day of the last holiday of the summer season.

The weather map showed a half dozen or more rain areas in the eastern half of the nation.

Rain usually raises a go-slow warning to motorists, but it also adds to the hazards of travel.

If the National Safety Council's estimate of 480 traffic deaths is reached, it would be 14 more than was counted by the Associated Press in a survey two weeks ago to establish a basis for comparison with holiday traffic fatalities.

The nonholiday survey totaled 266 and covered a 24-hour period comparable to the Labor Day holiday—Monday from 6 p. m. Friday to midnight Monday.

The worst Labor Day holiday death toll from highway crashes was in 1951 when 481 died.

The record traffic toll for any three-day holiday was set at Christmas 1955, when 609 deaths were counted.

Plane Dispute Language Mild

WASHINGTON — Both the United States and Red China appeared today to be avoiding harsh language in a dispute over the shooting down of an American patrol plane off the China coast.

A joint State and Defense Department announcement yesterday blamed Red China for the surprise air attack, terming it "unjustified."

Sixteen American crewmen are believed to have perished when the plane, a Navy P4M Mercator, apparently was blasted out of the sky by Red fighters Aug. 22. Only two bodies have been recovered.

The announcement said a formal bill for damages will be presented to the Red Chinese regime "through appropriate diplomatic channels" since the United States does not recognize the Red Chinese government.

—AGE GROUP IMPORTANCE NOTED—

Psychologists Start Study On Attitudes Toward Death

CHICAGO — Man's attitudes towards death offer a virtually uncharted but potentially rich source of information on human behavior, a California psychologist says.

Calling upon his colleagues to do more research in the study of such attitudes, Dr. Herman Feifel of the Veterans Administration's mental hygiene clinic at Los Angeles called the annual convention of the American Psychological Assn.

"A person's ideas and his behavior may be influenced more than we recognize by his view, hopes and fears concerning the nature and meaning of death," Feifel said in a talk prepared for the meeting.

"We should indeed ere gravely to consider death as a purely biological event, its meaning for the individual can serve as an important, organizing principle in

determining how he conducts himself in life."

Yet up to now, he said, psychologists have done very little investigating in this field on a controlled, experimental basis. In contrast, the majority of the Korean veterans took a "religious" view "perceiving death as the dissolution of bodily life only and, in reality, the beginning of a new life."

The mental patients and the older men among the domiciliary veterans selected the age period of the 70s and over "as the time of life when people are most afraid of death." Among reasons: "You are at the end of the line."

The age periods of the 40s and 50s, however, were the ones chosen by the young Korean veterans and the professional people whose average age is 29. Among their reasons: "Death now is a definite possibility and you can't brush it away."

WELCOME BY HODGES

North Carolina's Gov. Luther Hodges, himself a Methodist, welcomed the delegates from close relationship with God "is one of the greatest needs of the present world."

"Apparently we have conquered in large measure the material universe for the purpose of serving our material comfort, yet we have failed to conquer ourselves," the governor declared.

The Tar Heel chief executive said his membership and activities in the Methodist church "have been the anchor in my busy life."

He reminded the conference delegates of "the important relationship between Christianity, citizenship and service to others."

Hodges flew from Raleigh to Waynesville and motored here to deliver his welcoming talk. Later he drove to Asheville to appear on a television program in support of the Pearsall school plan. Also due to appear on this program was Holt McPherson, chairman of the governors committee for the school plan.

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