

The Coming School Tax Election

BRINGING a political miracle, the battle waged on the state level for higher teachers pay is over. The settlement, a compromise between the teachers and the Administration and the much higher South Piedmont graduated schedule, will afford an increase of about 30 per cent in base pay for all North Carolina teachers.

Whether the election falls or carries there will be some increase in pay for Charlotte teachers. But it will not be 30 per cent of the present salary. The State base pay will be increased. The City will be hard pressed to maintain the present supplement. When they go to the polls on April 15 the voters will be making a choice between the 30 per cent State increase plus the present City supplement, and a higher scale based on the 30 per cent State increase plus an increased City supplement.

Table with 2 columns: Rate, Increase. Rows include 0-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34, 35-36, 37-38, 39-40, 41-42, 43-44, 45-46, 47-48, 49-50, 51-52, 53-54, 55-56, 57-58, 59-60.

is much greater here: In effect the Charlotte schools have to bid for teachers against private employment. The market does not keep pace. The result is that the State will pay an experienced English teacher...

THE sober and conservative gentlemen of the City School Board are asking for an increase in the tax levy with extreme reluctance. They have literally been driven to it by the hard facts of their 1947-48 budget. Ten years ago the \$1,500,000 budget had a surplus of \$100,000.

THE additional taxes proposed in the coming election will add only a few dollars a year to the average citizen's total tax burden. We recognize, however, that even a few dollars looms large in this time of punishing taxation.

THE schedule proposed by the School Board falls far short of the South Piedmont plan, which some educators have argued is essential to the preservation of our current educational level.

There are those who argue (as witness the letter in today's People's Platform) that State salaries are far higher than that of the State should pay the entire freight. There is some merit in this, for in theory North Carolina has assumed responsibility for the education of all her young.

Could We Guarantee Inland Satisfaction?

WHILE drinking coffee at the Coast Guard air base near Elizabeth City, that city's Daily Advance reporter, Representative Herbert Bonner delivered himself of a few timely reflections on propaganda.

We are not sure, however, that the Sears catalogue is a propaganda instrument with which to propagandize the Russians. The bright pictures and the limp descriptions of goods shown therein are supposed to—and in fact do—arouse within the reader's mind an uncontrollable urge to rush down to the post office for a money order.

Another Voice

The Language Of Love

WE have an idea that Miss Joan Natalie of Philadelphia, nursing her bruises and full of wonder at the strange language of love, has her doubts about Southern chivalry.

The ironic touch to Miss Natalie's disillusionment, however, was supplied by the "love" letter she successfully pleaded for to her fiancé. It was on that day before her term expired. So, she related to police, she was beaten up for her efforts. Strange indeed is the language of love.

'I Do Believe,' Said Alice At Last. 'That They Live In The Same House!'



Medical Care

THEY seem to be quite a common thought by passing the United Nations Organization in aid to Greece and Turkey. I see little reason for playing around with the UN, while Russia is gaining world power and control. Russia has blocked for another year atomic energy control when all other nations had agreed upon a definite plan of control.

School Levy

EDUCATION. The News. I AM heartily in favor of our teachers securing a real living wage and all that is coming to them, but I bitterly oppose to the plan, as we should have little trouble in getting 10,000 members of our party to assemble at some central point to do honor to the memory of the best friend our race ever had.

GOP Campaign

EDUCATION. The News. I HAVE been disappointed as North Carolina Director of Finance, Colored Division, for the Republican National Committee, to help raise funds for our race for Congress and United States Senate, that is, government for, by and of the people—and to assure complete and sweeping victory in 1948.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round: Real Estate Lobbyists Score Over Wets

THE real estate lobby is flying backstage over another of its big real estate lobbyist has put over in Congress—and on the veterans. The deal involves a resolution, adopted behind closed doors by the House Banking and Currency Committee and by an appropriations subcommittee, whereby surplus war housing can be held only for veterans.

Marquis Childs Pillory For Patriots

ANY GOVERNMENT servant who goes near Congress these days does so at the risk of his life. The private citizen who speaks up for the nearest committee table and bears the odium of a hearing with it, on the other hand, apparently that all government is an iniquitous and unchristian thing.

It is small wonder that able men want to get out. One of the ablest is Captain George B. Conroy, leaving in a few days to go back to his job in private business.

THE War Shipping Administration first fired its director of the Atlantic Coast District, and then a deputy administrator. After the war shipping act was passed, the War Shipping Administration, and the responsibility for his fate, almost as big as the operational job of the war shipping act.

Conroy knew it was important to act fast. He felt that unless the Government could not operate a fleet successfully in peacetime, it would be a disaster to the Government \$1,000,000 a day.

Samuel Grafton Choosing Catastrophe

TO ANYONE who has been in foreign government, and has seen bitterly opposed to the plan, as we should have little trouble in getting 10,000 members of our party to assemble at some central point to do honor to the memory of the best friend our race ever had.

Obstacles Overcome

IN Europe, one talks to people, and they are very much interested in the empty shops, and works up a time, warm feeling about our way of life. We are men who come back and nose, with a kind of dimness, and a feeling of loss.

Senior Soaper Says

REGARDING the fix in sport, some district attorney might subpoena the coiner of the proverb. "The race is not to the swift, but to the enduring." It is a truism, along with any evidence he has to back this up.

Under The Dome

SENATOR George W. Donnell, meticulous Missouri Republican, spent three days speaking on the portal-to-portal bill. Suggested, bored Senator George of Georgia in his Democratic speech, "I don't know what you mean, but we haven't got Bibbo around to filibuster. I think we ought to draft that man Donnell. We can use a man staying in the Senate for the purpose of making a nuisance of himself."