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People's Platform 1957 Quake Was A 'Shimmy Dancer's Wiggle'

Editors: The next Charlotte Observer that you published an account of that disturbance in Price. You state that the current shakeup had a seismograph intensity of 2.25 for the 1906 quake.

men do not make any kick on giving their time. But to ask a man to shell out his own money to look after your interest and mine do you think that is fair? No, I don't think so either.

and the County Board. So, friends, we will be looking for a move up on this for the good of all. S. C. VAUGHN

think the place for it is Independence and Hawthorne Park for that would be breaking a promise given to a man who is dead and gone. He wanted it for a park for his beauty and the pleasure it could give others.

I think that out near Memorial Hospital is the place for it. It has all of the good bus service and is near the hospital. I am sure that those who are considering where to put the Health Center will think twice before they destroy a beautiful park and break a promise to a dead man who gave the land for the good of the public. MRS. MAYME BARGER

State's Cushion Against Racial Shocks Passes One Test, Heads For Another

THE U. S. Supreme Court has quietly dumped cold water on the South's most inflammatory fears and given the region new reason to believe that its racial burden will not be made intolerable. Other than refusing to consider appeals of lower court decisions in Virginia and North Carolina cases, the high court said nothing. But in its silence was affirmation of some cool wisdom — as sharply penetrating as it has been generally unheeded — delivered in the district and circuit courts. The high court posted no new directions out of a social dilemma; it simply let stand the meaningful landmarks already established by Judge John J. Parker and others.

his race or color, the school heads may allow the pupil, whether white or Negro, to go to the same school as he would have attended in the absence of the ruling of the Supreme Court. Consequently, compliance with that ruling may not necessitate such extensive changes in the school system as some anticipate.

Thus it becomes even more clear that extremists on both sides of the issue have been agreed all along on a misinterpretation of the Supreme Court's 1954 decision. They have insisted, contrary to lower court interpretations, that the Supreme Court purposely and primarily intended to mix the races in the schools.

AND in the McDowell County, North Carolina, case the Circuit Court had held "There is no question as to the right of these school children to be admitted to the schools of North Carolina without discrimination on the grounds of race. They are admitted, however, as individuals, not as a class or group; and it is as individuals that their rights under the Constitution are asserted."

"It is important," the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals said in July 1955, "that we point out exactly what the Supreme Court has decided. It has not decided that the federal courts are to take over and regulate the public schools of the states. It has not decided that the states must mix persons of different races in the schools or must require them to attend schools or must deprive them of the right of choosing the schools they attend. What it has decided and all that it has decided is that a state may not deny any person on account of race the right to attend any school that it maintains."

The rush of enthusiasm in Raleigh following the Supreme Court's refusal to tamper with these decisions was justified. From all appearances, North Carolina's cushion against the shock of desegregation — the pupil assignment law — is not unconstitutionally sound.

Give A Cheer For The Mighty Mite

REAPPORTIONMENT, the strapping Little David of Tar Heel politics, won its first bout with Goliath yesterday but all of the money matches are ahead. Favorable reports a Senate judiciary committee gave bills designed to restore representative government in North Carolina merely set in motion a crusade which must endure every imaginable rigor of pride and prejudice.

But the enthusiasm must not be misleading. The court did not endorse the status quo. If the courts have held the assignment law not unconstitutional, they have not held that it is constitutional.

TOYS FOR THE TIMES

FROM England comes news, via the Times of London, of an English toy fair which opened at Brighton recently with a small jet-propelled V-X rocket as a feature attraction. The rocket, a small affair, nevertheless rises to a height of 100 feet, which is high enough to produce sufficient momentum for a sizable hole in the next door neighbor's roof if the parachute device fails to open. That is, we assume the rocket has a parachute. The object of some sort. Perhaps it doesn't; perhaps it is indestructible and simply comes falling back down on the heads of hapless pedestrians after its soaring flight.

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Don't Spoil Park With Health Center

Editors: The News: I am again about where to put the Health Center. I certainly do not

Methodists Don't Work Like This!

Editors: The News: I can't read my paper without seeing where somebody's screaming that teachers are overpaid. I would like to say I think most of them are overpaid. If they would devote half the time teaching and the other half to their salaries every other concerned would be better off.

Pay Commissioners & Councilmen More

Editors: The News: I wish to bring to the attention of all members of the legislature from Mecklenburg County the question of pay that the men of the Charlotte City Council and the County Board of Commissioners get.

Most School Teachers Are Really Overpaid

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This Relic Of '06 Quake Was Damaged By Last Week's Tremor

Humphrey Will Derail Eisenhower's Budget Express

By STEWART ALSOP WASHINGTON SECRETARY of the House, George M. Humphrey seems likely to have his way in the end, as is his custom. In other words, the national program to emerge from the current session of Congress will probably be much more a Humphrey program than an Eisenhower program.

A few weeks ago, it looked as though the school bill would pass rather easily, if the civil rights bundle could be overcome. Now, there is an increasing tendency in both parties to shy away from

the bill. The present prospect is that it will pass only if the President himself is prepared to make a real fight for it. If the bill does not pass it is exceedingly unlikely that George

Humphrey, who is hardly an evangelical "modern Republican," will shed tears for it. Nor will he wince very bitterly if the costly farm program, another "modern Republican" item, is cut back sharply, as also seems possible.

'We Want To Send A Big Man There. Let's See—'

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Again, it is no secret that Humphrey is less than an enthusiast for foreign aid. He was no doubt disappointed when the Foreign Committee, which was largely his creation, failed to propose cutting the lights out of the program. But again, Humphrey seems likely to have his way in the end.

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Bankers Want To Cash Russian Bonds

THEY want to keep out of the papers, but certain New York bankers are trying to cash in some "worthless" Russian bonds that they bought for pennies from small investors.

Biggest holders of these bonds are the City Bank-Farmers Trust, Guaranty Trust of New York, and the New York Life Insurance Company. The president of Guaranty Trust, William L. Kleitz, was a guest at the exclusive White House dinner Eisenhower gave for King Saud.

As a result, the big bankers had no trouble buying them at a price well above nothing. Now they are claiming a share of the \$9,100,000. At least half, they hope, will be used to pay off the "Russian Ruble" bonds.

will decide finally whether the bankers can convert their few cents investment in "worthless" bonds into a multimillion-dollar windfall.

Slice Of Cash

Campaign Gift

Payoff

Crusading Lady

Ulah and Eider Hestand of California, Republicans, plus Martha Griffiths of Michigan and George Miller of California, Democrats.

