

Can't Keep Good People Down

AS deep as the sympathy we all felt last week for the people in our neighboring communities who were victims of the devastating tornadoes is the pride we take now in their courageous reaction to their misfortunes. The strength of character so widely displayed by people laid low by a sudden reminder of the overwhelming destructiveness of natural forces gives heartening reassurance that moral fiber has not degenerated to the extent that we sometimes think, and that there is hope for dealing successfully with the many chronic problems which currently seem to have us buffeted.

What inspires admiration is the matter-of-fact way in which they have taken their blows and are buckling down to the staggering task of rebuilding. In the immediate aftermath of such a tragedy friendly neighbors can give some emergency help, and many have been generous in doing so. But the main task of rebuilding large sections of a hard-hit community is a long and arduous one. It must be done largely by the community itself, with its own determination, resourcefulness, faith and will to work.

Retiring Old Schools

AS an offshoot of the planning for a school construction bond issue probably to go before the voters later this year, Cedar Rapids' school board has been aiming a critical eye at half a dozen of the city's oldest elementary buildings. So far, whether to get rid of some or keep on using them remains unsettled.

enrollment would deeply strain the district's financial resources at a time when growth-construction also once again imposes heavy new demands.

How to judge when a building has outlived its usefulness is difficult, because from one year to the next no sudden, striking changes ordinarily appear. The problem is particularly rugged here for two reasons:

The ultimate question, this time or some other, thus becomes: Which has greater urgency — an updating of school facilities for children in the older areas where various deficiencies give them an educational exposure not up to par with others, or an expansion of space into newer areas where overcrowding in even some of the newest schools will put children there at a disadvantage if nothing is done to ease the pressure?

1. Exceptionally strong maintenance efforts and remodeling have kept schools built during the 1800s in relatively good physical condition and fundamentally functional even for modern-day needs.

Again, there are no pat answers, no clear ways to tell when this building or that is over the hill and due for abandonment. But the school board's concern about this element of schoolhouse adequacy is timelier now than ever, and the matter needs a good hard look.

2. Physical plant expansion for sheer population growth has taxed the district's bonding capacity to almost its limits, leaving hardly any room to back-track and replace outdated facilities.

Some voices on the board suggest that not much has been done before because previous boards "never had the guts." What the problem needs, we think, is less an infusion of guts than a thorough assembly of facts: How certain older-school areas might be combined or realigned with others; what the space needs under a replacement program really are; where these might be built; how much of the cost might be offset by a sale of older properties for something else; how all this could mesh with the rest of a new construction program.

But incontestably, too, to replace all of them with modern buildings for the same

When the public can look at the facts and appraise them in light of an overall picture, a fair, intelligent course of action usually follows. It can again concern worn-out public schools that ought to be retired.

The People's Forum

Maynard Rebuilding

To the Editor:
Upon reading Governor Hughes' comments after surveying the tornado damage, I was disappointed that he would express concern over Maynard's ability to recover from the storm. I was in Maynard Wednesday night and Thursday, as it was my father's new church that was destroyed and my parents' parsonage home, trailer, and car that were irreparably damaged. But during that time I never heard one person say that they couldn't recover. The comments were very positive — "We'll just build again."

for undetected dead and injured. A few had a less adventurous job of comforting the bereaved and homeless. All, however, rolled up their sleeves and were full of cooperation.

Governor Hughes forgets that the small town and the farmer are the backbone of the state of Iowa. He forgets that in many years farmers face crop, livestock and building loss. However, these same people have courage, they work hard, and they keep faith that God will see them through difficult times.

If stagnation of the race disturbs most people as it does me—why can't we hear of the other side of our juveniles? Most of us are a little frightened when we associate words like "pot," "LSD," "speed," "the Pill," etc. with our future leaders. Is it conceivable that a few news stories about the good instead of the bad and ugly might lift old and young out of the lethargy our nation is now wallowing in?

Maynard's problems may be great but they will recover. Governor Hughes should have expressed a positive recovery spirit for this small town rather than discouragement.

Anything is worth a try. My favorite saying is: "Hope springs eternal in the human breast", or something like that.

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Applauded

To the Editor:
Congratulations to the many very talented people involved in the production of "Camelot" given recently by Washington senior high school. It was a tremendous display of excellent showmanship throughout.

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Collegians Helpful

To the Editor:
If indeed there is any good that could possibly come out of the Charles City disaster it is the kindness that is daily being shown by the many participating disaster workers. Little has been seen of any empathy toward fellow man in the papers these days. Killings, riots, turmoil and a general laxity in the morals of our society today have almost convinced us that we live in an unholy jungle; even apes live more peaceably.

Survey Indicates Support from Unexpected Sources

Voters' Mood Looks Good for Kennedy in California

By Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

LOS ANGELES — Despite deeply-held antagonism against him by a substantial body of rank-and-file California Democrats, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is in an excellent position for a big victory in the critical presidential primary here June 4.

When carloads of surrounding college youths heeded the call of help for Charles City it was never played up by the press. How refreshing and inspiring it would have been to have read of a few of the good deeds of so many of these young people.

That is the conclusion that we drew after a full day recently in the Los Angeles area interviewing with Mrs. Beryl Winn, southern California supervisor for pollster Oliver Quayle.

The collegians who responded to the emergency call for help volunteered. No special recognition was promised or expected by these willing students. The majority of them worked throughout the night of great catastrophe unloading trucks of clothing and food.

Using a questionnaire prepared by Quayle, we found impressive Kennedy strength — alongside bitter anti-Kennedy antagonism — in areas where he is not at his strongest.

Many workers relentlessly searched, attempting to locate missing persons. Some even rummaged among the debris

Purposely, we interviewed no Negro or Mexican-American voters, who give



Campaign Fund Source Probed

Wallace Set for June Pounce

By Marquis Childs

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Early in June the third man will stride onto the national stage, and his theme will be the deep discontents stirred by crime, violence, protest marches, student take-overs.

His campaign manager, Bill Jones, says Wallace's name is already on the ballot in 22 or 23 states and he confidently predicts it will be on all 50 with the possible exception of one or two states, such as Ohio, where the law makes it extremely difficult for a third party candidate to qualify.

George C. Wallace is convinced of a wave of reaction throughout America and he believes he will be on the crest of that wave in a position of power no matter what the outcome of the November election.

So far, according to Jones, the Wallace campaign has cost \$35 million. It will take up to another \$20 million before November. Where is the money coming from? A team of Wall Street Journal reporters is here trying thus far with little success to run down rumors of big money from the very rich.

He has just come through the kind of happening that could only happen in America, perhaps only in the South. Denied a second term as governor when the legislature refused to vote a change in the state constitution, Wallace had his wife, Lurleen, elected governor by the largest majority in Alabama history.

Jones insists that most of the money comes in small amounts, averaging \$6,000 a day, plus the returns from taped television appeals run around the country that at least pay their own way.

Up from Poverty
Mrs. Wallace, who won wide respect for her quiet humanity, developed cancer and during much of the nearly 18 months she served as governor endured the ordeal of repeated hospitalization for X-ray and cobalt treatment. She died on May 7 and was given a state funeral with more flowers, so the official record is, than for any state funeral in this century.

Wallace is confident he will get a sizable vote in northern states and most of this will come from the Democratic side. He believes, for example, that he will carry Indiana's northern industrial counties which Sen. Robert Kennedy swept in the Indiana primary.

He is also convinced that the candidates of the old-line parties cannot pre-

empt his position which he sees as champion of the great middle mass in reaction against violence and upheaval.

Richard Nixon's recent speech, blaming the Johnson administration for the great increase in crime and joining in the demand for restrictions of the power of the supreme court, came close to the Wallace stand.

A teasing editorial in the Montgomery Advertiser, long a Wallace critic, quoted this paragraph from a campaign speech and asked who it sounded like:

Local Rights
"We can't have the federal government in here telling people what's good for them. I want to bring that control back to the localities so that people can decide for themselves what they think is best for themselves."

Wallace, the editorial noted, has said almost those exact words. But the speaker was Bobby Kennedy in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The track on the right is getting crowded. Wallace is sure he can out-denounce and outclaim anyone on that side, and his critics agree with that judgment.

This Day 10-20-30 Years Ago

1958 A runaway station wagon — its driver unconscious — careened wildly down Third avenue SE then jumped the curb and slammed into a store front in the Higley building. The sidewalk was empty. The station wagon had collided with a city bus. The bus plowed into the side of the car. The impact threw the car driver to the floor under the dashboard, weighting down the accelerator.

Lehman and Helen Navratil.
A gift of \$10,000 was received by the May Music Festival Endowment fund from an anonymous donor.

1938 Gov. N. G. Kreschel sought through messages to Sens. Gillette and Herring to put Iowa in line for PWA grants to finance a comprehensive state building program — if the 1938 state legislature would decide it wanted such a program. Specific building needs listed were those of board of control institutions and the proposed state office building.

Miss Verna Hanold of Preston, member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, was named president of the Coe college Women's Athletic Assn.



GEORGE WALLACE
Middle mass targeted

Toward the end of her life Wallace suggested to her that he give up the struggle for the presidency. She replied, and this is certain in the weeks ahead to be an important part of the Wallace mystique, the Wallace legend, that he must go right ahead. Nothing must stop him because the people must have a choice and the two old parties would not give them a choice.

Scharm Scheuerman, one of the coolest men in the clutch the late Bucky O'Connor ever coached, was named to succeed Bucky following approval of the University of Iowa athletic board, President Virgil Hancher and the board of trustees.

Judy Barkley, daughter of the O. K. Barkleys, and a Marion high school senior, was installed as worthy adviser of the Marlon Rainbow Girls in the Masonic temple.

1948 Two thousand people watched as Miss Kathleen Robison of Cedar Rapids was crowned Queen of Coe at the annual campus May fete. Attending her were other candidates for the honor, Vivian Busby, Mardella Herman, Janet

The Neighbors

By George Clark



Poor Campers 'Pitiable'

By William S. White

WASHINGTON — Sad and slick are the words of plain truth for the Poor People's march on Washington — sad because the poor devils who put their trust in it are being shamefully exploited and slick because this is an exercise of brazen hucksterism from top to bottom.

The very terms used by the Negro leadership of this affair are as sentimentally and bombastically fraudulent as the advertising slogans of the worst forms of television commercials.

Simple men and women and children whose poverty is real and grinding are being encouraged to suppose that somehow this melodramatic demonstration, with its "Resurrection City" and all that, can offer cures for all life's ills.

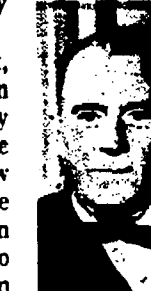
Oversimplified

Rarely have so many been promised so much that is so totally unattainable. For the declared and slickly grandiose aims of the leaders — a flat "end" to want, guaranteed incomes for everybody, and so on — are simply not to be had this side of some Utopia that can exist only in dreams.

This, in short, is the clearest illustration to date of a simplistic, evangelical approach to human deprivation, the approach alike of vote-catching white politicians and of a Negro leadership concerned most of all with its own status, that has so long cursed the civil-rights movement in this country.

The real needs of the Negro race are not for some segregated pie in the sky, some kind of all-Negro rock candy mountain.

They are instead an unqualified and unattained right to the ballot, which has in fact now largely been attained, and the reality of decent jobs which can only come generally when Negroes are better trained — and when the labor unions finally and truly cease the employment discriminations still so widely practiced more by them than by employers.



WHITE

Nobody, white, black, brown, yellow or in between, can honestly be promised what the pathetic pilgrims now encamped along the Potomac have been promised by those who have brought them here.

Nor can or will any congress publicly bow to the kind of pressure that is being put upon the present congress by the "Resurrection City."

The net of it all will be that this congress will simply not legislate in this atmosphere, and would not even if the Negro demands were attainable in the first place. At length congress will pack up and go home and that will be that.

So it is that the Poor People's march must itself end at last in disillusionment and perhaps in a destructive and mindless anger whose real, ultimate victims will, of course, be, as always, the black poor themselves.

White politicians who so tirelessly proclaim their own unique "compassion" for the black race are egging on this thing; and no matter what they may say, and no matter whether some or all of them are in fact "sincere" in their lights, the truth of it is this: The very last quality they are showing is that of honest and fruitful compassion.

Undeliverable

It is anything but compassionate to lead these enormously pitiable squatters in "Resurrection City" — and pitiable most of them surely are — to believe that somehow a life of total security without trial or struggle can be guaranteed to an undeniably ill-used people by the high, demagogic rhetoric which is about all that really rises from that city that never was.

Some who walk along the encampment return only with fears that violence along the Potomac will be its result. This columnist, for one, returns not in fear but in pity, and, yes, in anger, that sophisticated men, white and black, are willing to do what they are doing to the truly poor devils of the Poor People's march.

For it is not so much black power that is on exhibition here. It is more a case of black pathos; and of wretchedness of body that must at last end in a wretchedness of spirit as well.