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LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Fortas Matter

It is time for the American people to be let in on what the United States Justice Department knows about the matter of Justice Abe Fortas and the Wolfson Foundation and any other unpublicized deals that might reflect on his qualifications to serve on the nation's highest court.

With all the controversy over Justice Fortas' nomination to be Chief Justice last year by President Johnson, it is surprising that Life Magazine had to be the one to tell it to the people. Justice Fortas accepted a \$20,000 fee from the Wolfson Foundation--to advise the organization on how to spend it's money on civil rights projects--and eleven months later the money was returned. To say the least, Mr. Fortas received the use of the money for this period of time and figuring interest on that amount, his profit is still considerable.

Now it comes to light that Attorney General John Mitchell has handed "additional information" to Chief Justice Earl Warren. News reports clearly indicate that this "additional information" could contain more damaging data on the Justice.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark says he knew about this last November. This was after Mr. Johnson had withdrawn the Fortas nomination. Just why the chief law officer of the nation failed to make public this information is one of many deep dark secrets of the Johnson Administration. It should make the public extremely thankful for that Life reporter. Maybe he should be Attorney General.

If the Supreme Court of the United States ruled solely on matters of law and reasonableness reigned in the halls of justice as once it did, the errors of one Justice might not be so monumental. However, with this Court active in every phase of life of every American from the cradle to the grave, the least one can expect should be honesty--without question.

With ever-growing concern over most of the Court's rulings, the people are understandably shaken by this disclosure that one of the high judges has been dealing in what appears to be some hanky-panky. To this point, Mr. Fortas has not even seen fit to attempt an explanation. Surely the American people are due no less than this.

Senator Sam Ervin, a constitutional champion from way back, has warned

against impeachment proceedings for Justice Fortas. The Senator is understandably worried that such would do irreparable damage to the country's judicial system. It may, but no more than has been done already by the Fortas matter.

Many people are already suspect of government officials in general and the Supreme Court in particular. The Fortas case isn't helping in either of these things. It is time for the people's Attorney General under the people's President to disclose all about Lyndon Johnson's Associate Justice. Hang out the dirty linen. Maybe the air will do it some good.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Future Editors

Mount Olive Tribune

In our business we have occasion to see several college newspapers from schools in the eastern half of the state, some predominantly white and some predominantly black. And what we see we generally don't like.

In those whose editors comment on today's scene, support is almost invariably given to the militant, the dissenter, the sit-inner, and every other element making up the disruptive and destructive non-producers creating havoc on college campuses and elsewhere today.

Like their pets, they pretend to fight intolerance with new heights of intolerance, injustices with flagrant injustice, and attempt to assert what they call "rights" and "freedom" by calling for mass desecration of rights and freedom of others. The minority of dirty, long-haired whites and criminally militant blacks are placed on pedestals, if not urged to grind the constructive majority into the dust. They foster the tragic theory that teenagers attending college to learn, know more than those who are supposed to teach. If this editorial situation can exist in colleges in staid Eastern North Carolina, it must be rampant all over the nation.

We have wondered why some of these editors are allowed to remain in their non-essential posts, and can only conclude that it's due to the permissive attitude of college administrators at the very least, or from fear or full support of the young radicals at the worst.

We wonder, also, what journalism will offer for the good of the nation in years to come if future editors of our most influential news media must come from this crop.

Come to think of it, though, the evidence is amply available today in he so-called liberal press. --EB.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently, a friend of mine made a trip into North Carolina. Knowing that my family originally came from there he was kind enough to bring back a copy of your newspaper to me.

Over the years, I have accumulated some information about my forefathers from North Carolina (the Mangum family) and the Parham family and would be most happy to share it with anyone interested. My family left North Carolina and moved to Arkansas around the middle of the 1800's.

Sincerely,
James L. Parham
Rt. 4, Box 176
Athens, Ala. 35611

Youngsville Lions Hear District Head

Youngsville -- Rev. Ivy Wall, Pastor of the Youngsville and Wake Forest Baptist Churches, was guest speaker at the Youngsville Lions Club meeting held Monday night of this week at the Community House. Introduced by Lion J. W. Weathers, Jr., Mr. Wall spoke about "Family Trees", explaining ways of tracing ancestry. This is a hobby with him.

Deputy District Governor of 31-G F. P. Whitley of Warrenton was in attendance for an official visit and spoke to the Lions.

Lion President Claude Edwards recognized two guests from the Durham Lions Club, Lions Bob Ward and Buddy Edwards, who spoke to the local group on behalf of Herbert C. Bradshaw as a candidate for the office of District Governor of 31-G.

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best News Reporter there is. (Me, a news reporter?) He is much better'n Huntley and Brinkley (Ain't everybody?) or any of the others--Eric (Who's he?) or Jesse (he's my boy) or anybody you could mention. (You mean there's more?)

I heard recently that there was a class in the dictionary taught recently (you used it twice in the same sentence, shame, shame) by a good looking lady from out of town. (Most of them are) Frank wouldn't or couldn't go--guess he didn't hear about the good looking woman. (Them college people don't ever tell me nothing).

We just had a voting for Town Council. (Was that what it was?) Frank shore is proud that we got some women on the council. (I am) He might not admit to voting for them but my bet is that he did. (I did not, I ain't old enough, woman). He'd have been down helping move that furniture if he'd been asked. (I told you my little woman didn't write this letter).

I been doing some thinking in Frank's been out of the house. (If you done any it's been when I was gone alright). Can't think much when he is here. What this town needs is fewer of Frank's relatives and friends and a change in town government. (I'll buy fewer relatives but I ain't giving up no friends).

We've taken a step forward already. (Yeah, and you went too far). Frank really gave me this idea in one of his articles. (They all got ideas if you look for 'em). What we need is a whole bunch of women on the Town Council and a Woman Mayor too. (If you think I'm gonna make any comment on this little jewel, you ain't been keeping up).

I just want to drop this idea (That's surely the thing to do with it) as food for thought for all you ladies out there. Now if you will go to work (That's the best idea you've had, woman) for the next voting; work on all your friends and relatives (now I know where mine went) and your husbands (I suspect this had been done already) and boy friends (They got both?) and I'll get Frank convinced. (Oh, yes, you will).

Now you know this is a good idea for this town--the men really don't have much time for things like this. (You women see to that, alright). We got to show 'em. (That's what I been saying all along. If you got 'em, show 'em).

I hear Frank shufflin in. (Shufflin?) See ya.
The Little Ole Woman

All I got to add is this. The things us columnists have to put up with. Schush!



Well, like I said some time ago, everybody wants in on a good thing. Folks keep right on trying to capitalize (how you like that one) on old Frank's notoriety (there I did it agin).

We got another of them letters from somebody calling herself the little ole woman. I got my doubts that this or the other one is from my little woman. She wouldn't never use such a word as Ole. Whoever she is, I sure am glad she learned to spell.

And since I ain't got nothing else to tell you about today, I will herewith print her letter just like I got it. My own intelligent comments are in them () things.

"Dear Readers (She loves you):

This is the 'Little Ole Woman' again. Frank's been expecting me to write again. (Dang if that's so). Also, he mentioned "snoring" in one article (I shore did). That is enough said about those two subjects.

I am so proud of Frank. (Ain't everybody?) He is just the

FRANKLIN COUNTY CITIZENS -- HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR COUNTY BUSINESS?

Here Is A True Copy Of The Minutes Of Tuesday, May 13 Meeting Of Your County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina met in a special called meeting May 13th, 1969, at 2:00 O'Clock P.M. Place of meeting in Commission-Room, located in the Franklin County Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Young with the following Commissioners present: Comm. House, Comm. Faulkner, Comm. Sykes, Chairman Young & Comm. Burnette.

Absent: None

Chairman Young announced the purpose of the special called meeting was outlined in a special Notice dated May 9th, 1969 and mailed to each member of the Board of County Commissioners and is hereby incorporated and made a part of the minutes.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, N. C.

Notice is hereby given in writing pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 153-8 of the General Statutes of North Carolina that a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina is called and will be held in the County Commissioners Room, located in the Franklin County Courthouse, Lenoir, N. C., at 2:00 O'Clock P.M., Tuesday, the 13th day of May, 1969.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Welfare Budget. The Board will transact any other business that may properly come before them.

This the 9th day of May, 1969.

Attest:

Kenneth A. Braswell, County Accountant & Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, N. C.

~~XXXX~~ Brooks W. Young, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina.

This is to certify that a written copy of the Notice of Special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, has been received by each of the undersigned members of the said Board on this the 12th day of May, 1969.

Brooks W. Young, Norwood E. Faulkner, E. M. Sykes, J. W. House, R. L. Burnette.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Young.

The first business in order was studying the Welfare Budget (Public Assistance Budget). After a lengthy and thorough discussion, the Board did not take any action on the Budget Request at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Sykes that the Road Fund money be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund. All debts have been paid and the balance is \$1,889.10. The townships over paid are as follows:

Gold Mine Township	\$927.14
Sandy Creek Township	431.71
Harris Township	758.83
	\$2,117.68
Cypress Creek Township (underpaid)	228.58
Balance on Hand	\$1,889.10

As pursuant to local Law Ratified May 12, 1959. Second by Commissioner Faulkner. All present voting "Aye", Duly Carried.

MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET FOR 1969-1970

I Personnel		
Salaries and Consultation Fees,		
Social Security and Retirement		\$30,622.43
II Equipment		750.00
III Supplies:		
Office, Professional, Educational, Etc.		1,300.00
IV Travel		2,270.00
V Center Operation Expenses		3,220.00
VI Emergency Medical Care		1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$39,662.43

REVENUE		
University of North Carolina		\$25,862.43
Local: County	\$4,000.00	
Drug Fees	300.00	
Consult. Fees	300.00	
	\$4,600.00	
State Matching:		4,600.00
		9,200.00
		\$39,662.43

Motion the above Budget request be approved by Comm. Sykes, second by Comm. Burnette. All present voting "Aye", Duly Carried.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Brooks W. Young, Chairman

K. A. Braswell, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

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