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An Important Election

It appears to date that both candidates for the second primary will be restrained in pressing their causes.

This is not surprising. It will make little change for Senator Graham who has, from the start, been content to let his record speak for itself. Restraint will, however, be a direct shift in tactics in the campaign of his opponent, but it was also to be expected. Clearly, in the first test of strength, the Smith campaign of attack by smear and innuendo boomeranged against the attackers. Even North Carolinians who opposed Graham began to resent the slurs against their university president and junior senator. It was a complete underestimation of the political intelligence and sense of fair play of the voters and was resented as such.

It is interesting to look back over the campaigns of the past and to note how, almost invariably, that sort of attack falls flat and reacts against those making it. It is one of the most encouraging qualities of Americans, their innate skepticism and stubbornness to such propaganda.

It is a relief to find that this second test will be conducted on a more honorable plane and with a minimum of noise. However, there is one danger that we must watch out for. The fact that Reynolds has announced that he will try to throw his supporters to Smith, which was to be expected, makes it certain that there will be the utmost endeavor to capture these votes. That means quiet pressure, if not open campaigning.

It is just as important as it was before for all voters to study the issues carefully, to study the men behind them and to take this election with the utmost seriousness. It is an important one, deeply important for North Carolina and for the nation. As our nation leads the free world today, the outcome of this election of a senator of the state that leads the South may have the farthest-reaching consequences.

The Long Pull

To listen to the president's speech last Saturday was to be conscious in a special sense of the difficulty which the international situation imposes on this country.

President Truman recounted all the details of our foreign policy in their complications and their dangers but, while these themselves are in all conscience difficult enough, it is what lay behind the speech that poses the greatest difficulty. Or what did not lie behind it. Those who listened sought in vain for something to take hold of. There was nothing: the speech was as dead as last week's headlines.

The reason was, of course, because it was last week's headlines, and the week before and the week before that. It was as deathly familiar as was Senator McMahon's speech before the UN Association in Philadelphia last week. Both he and the president said the same things over and over that have been said over and over for the past year.

The truth is that there is little else to say and will be little else and therein lies the difficulty, perhaps the greatest difficulty that faces us and those on this side of the iron curtain. How are we going to keep on our toes? How are we going to keep up the terrific efforts demanded of us through the long pull that lies ahead?

This problem is especially critical because we are new at this sort of thing and we are faced by a team of experts. It is not necessary to recall the Russian defense of the siege of Stalingrad, when this great people held out for months under the most gruelling conditions, to realize what we are up against. We need only remember accounts of committee meetings with Soviet delegates, or even of Russian entertainments, to realize that holding out and wearing down are routine Soviet tactics. They are past masters of the long pull.

How shall we stack up against them? History gives little indication, for though we have always responded superbly to the stimulus of danger or a mighty cause, we have had little experience with the long pull. To judge by the president's speech, and those of other administration leaders, we are still fumbling the ball. Thus far, the leadership has been inept and confusing, veering from good news one moment to hectic needling of Congress with strident messages of woe the next. This is a poor start for the long pull.

It is high time that our leaders got together and took the people into their confidence with some straight and sane talk. We do not believe that the American people will become complacent and over-confident, as the president warned, but there is grave danger that they may become both confused and disgusted, if they continue to be fed the same old tale.

Above all things they need to hear that the phrase "cold war" has been stricken from our vocabulary. We are working for peace, not for war of any sort. We believe that peace can be attained through strengthening the forces of democracy everywhere, both spiritually, materially, and militarily. That and the upbuilding and atupholding of international law and cooperation for the good of all through the UN is the aim of our foreign policy. It will require much sacrifice, courage and patience, but it is already working and, if we stick to it, there is every reason to believe we can save the peace.

Less needling, less hokum; more frankness and straight-from-the-shoulder talk: that is what the American people need and, we submit, that is what they want.

Crackdown On Speeding

Fifteen speeders pleading guilty before J. Vance Rowe Monday, plus one who offered a tacit plea by failing to appear—thus forfeiting a cash bond—indicate that the crackdown on speeding in Moore is being taken seriously by our law enforcement officers.

Several cases of drunken driving and other safety law violations brought the number up still higher.

We do not know how many of the arrests took place on US Highway 1 or its feeders, but undoubtedly a goodly percentage of them did, and well they might.

A young man arrested on US 1 for driving 70 miles an hour, and compelled to put up a cash bond which he intended to forfeit, complained in fury to a Pilot reporter that "this kind of thing will kill your tourist business."

"I know I'll never come on this highway again," he declared in wrath, "and I'll tell all my friends, too." To a suggestion that he might have driven a little slower, he admitted, "Maybe that was a little fast but I can drive perfectly well at 70. Everything's under control!"

That is exactly the attitude which has for years caused wrecks up and down US 1, many of them fatal, and for our part, we'd just as soon lose that kind of tourist business. In fact, we believe it hurts the real tourist business for a highway to get a reputation of being a killer.

US 301 and other north-south routes are, as far as we are concerned, welcome to the young man who, at 70 mph, thinks he has "everything under control," and to his friends too. We'll bank on the kind of people who prefer to drive where they are not.

And we'll continue to count on our vigilant patrolmen and policemen, and our county court, not only to protect us from such death-dealing speed demons, but also to teach the facts of life to those members of our own citizenry who persist in speeding, drunken driving and the ignoring of simple safety laws.

Dat Ole Racial Issue

(Tom Bost in Greensboro News)

All over the United States there is interest in the North Carolina senatorial contest and almost universally this faraway public looks upon the race as a competition between a conservative lawyer and a liberal university president.

Which means that Attorney Willis Smith in the United States Senate would be governed greatly by the precedents of that body, and that Senator Graham would go along more enthusiastically with the modern trends in politics and business. Apparently very few, if any, of the observers living at a distance have expected the contest to boil down to a new effort to revive the Negro question in North Carolina, but the first primary proved it and nothing so far has happened to indicate a new strategy on the part of anybody who participated in the first campaign.

Deep regret has been expressed that any responsible citizen in North Carolina would countenance a campaign which was outmoded in North Carolina 30 years ago. There is just one thing to do wherever this ignoble issue is raised: Tell the raiser to look at the record.

It is heard that throughout rural North Carolina there are campaign canards that Senator Frank Graham favors the abolition of bi-racial schools, the intermixing of the races on all levels, the teaching of white schools by Negro instructors, and the unsegregated assembling of all our children, white and black, in the same schools. One would list that sort of base fiction as too stupid for even a lowgrade moron, but unfortunately, it is believed by people who aren't stupid.

But let us look at the record, as Al Smith would say. For 19 years Senator Frank Graham was president of the University of North Carolina. In all that time no Negro ever registered there. Is it possible that in that long era he could not have done something against segregation? Is it not strange that no suit so far has been brought to litigation in our courts? North Carolina has been regarded the haven of liberals in the South. Yet Negro postulants have gone to the courts and gained entrance into the graduate courses of other white universities. They have not been admitted to Dr. Graham's university. We think we know why. They have found a friendly North Carolina gradually abolishing discriminations and they think North Carolina will meet constitutional requirements whatever the cost.

This has happened under the presidency of Dr. Graham, the man stigmatized as "our great liberal." Let's look at the record of other fine North Carolinians. We have in Washington Senator Clyde Hoey, Representatives Barden, Bonner, Bulwinkle, Carlyle, Chatham, Cooley, Deane, Doughton, Durham, Jones, Kerr and Redden. If there is a North Carolina member who popularly is credited with extreme liberalism, no such charge has been made.

The point is that the conservatives in Washington have not been able to slow down the "liberalism" of the Congress, the Truman administration, or the U. S. Supreme Court, but Senator Graham has fared well in his own state which so far has not had imposed upon it by new court decisions or by re-affirmations of old, any of the odious civic rights demands made by President Truman and the Northern leaders of the Democratic party. Senator Graham as the University leader merits better treatment on his record than his calumniators have given him.

Newspapers Are Milestones In Southern Pines' Early History

(The third of a series of articles which will appear weekly in The Pilot.)

By Charles Macauley
THE FREE PRESS
1898-1907

THE FREE PRESS, the sixth newspaper of Southern Pines, was established by Emmett D. Oslin, a native of Virginia, on November 18, 1898, and continued through 1907. The first seven issues in this collection were printed elsewhere and were blanket sheets of four pages, size 19 1/2 by 25 inches, eight columns to the page with the motto "The Old North State Forever" on the banner head. Mr. Oslin in his first issue states that illness has prevented his arrival in Southern Pines and that delay in the arrival of machinery has been embarrassing. This box on the banner head explained the policy of the new paper.

THE FREE PRESS WILL TAKE ITS PLACE at the head of the list of newspapers in North Carolina. It will be live, progressive, and asks for support purely upon its merit. This section is the centre of the famous NORTH CAROLINA FRUIT INTERESTS, famed alike for its genial climate, pure atmosphere and the healing, health-giving ozone of the "piney woods" region, and we wish to "ADVERTISE IT TO THE WORLD."

Numbers 8 and 9 are missing, but Number 10 is in the new format 15 by 10 inches, the banner head and box being dropped. The paper was printed in the Oslin home and office building on South Bennett street. Here for the season of 1900-1 the PRESS issued an attractive "Town Booklet" featuring the homes, stores and hotels and the advantages of Southern Pines. No. 19 of Vol. 2 was a special "Chautauqua Edition" with many illustrations.

In this form the FREE PRESS continued until 1907, the various issues running from four to eight

pages, subscription price \$1.00 per year. Considering the size of the town and its sparse population during the off season the paper was a newsy one and carried most of the merchants as regular advertisers. Competition, beginning with the BULLETIN in 1901, and the TOURIST in 1903, was a losing battle for Mr. Oslin, who changed the form of his paper to the old blanket sheet in 1907, and some time that year removed to Cocoa, Fla., where he purchased the Rockledge News. He died in Melbourne, Fla., November 6, 1913.

This file contains 21 issues of Vol. 1 1898-1899. Of Vol. 2 1899-1900, 39 issues. Vol. 3, 1900-1901, 49 issues. Vol. 4, 1901-1902, 44 issues. Vol. 5 1902-1903, 35 issues. Vol. 6 1903-4, 17 issues. Vol. 7, 1904-1905, 2 issues, in all 207 numbers.

THE SOUTHERN PINES BULLETIN 1901

An item in the Free Press of July 5, 1901, states that the Bulletin is a new paper in Southern Pines, the Moore County Tribune at Carthage having sold its outfit to A. M. Clark. M. B. Clark is editor. A subsequent item in the issue of October 10, 1902, notes the discontinuance of the Bulletin.

The first issue we have of Southern Pines' 7th paper is dated October 4, 1901, and is numbered 13 of Volume 5. Clark must have taken his numbering from the Carthage paper as his first issue, that of July 1901, would have been No. 1 of Volume 1. The paper was a large sheet of four pages, 32 by 18 inches, seven columns with the label, "There's a chiel amang ye takin' notes; and faith, he'll prent 'em." M. B. Clark, Editor and Proprietor. Clark's name was Milton but he was never known as anything else but "Mitt." He was the son of A. M. Clark, one of our earliest settlers.

The BULLETIN was printed on a Washington hand press set up in O. P. Johnson's feed store, then located in a building in the alley in the rear of the Jefferson Inn.

Grains of Sand

With three graduations in the family within a week, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Spring solved the problem by dividing forces . . . Mrs. Spring went north to Mary Ruth's graduation Monday at the College of Our Lady of the Elms, Chicopee, Mass., and Bobby's Friday at St. Anselm's, Manchester, N. H. . . . While Dr. Spring stayed home to do the honors for son John, graduating from the Southern Pines High school Tuesday night.

Mrs. P. P. McCain also had two graduations, as Jane received her diploma at Agnes Scott in Georgia, and John his certificate in medicine at UNC . . . However, even John didn't attend his commencement . . . All the certificates were awarded "in absentia" . . . They mark a sort of halfway stage for the medical student, with two years yet to go.

In Southern Pines, three families had the proud privilege of watching two of their members receive their high school diplomas . . . Graduating with the class of 1950 were brothers Daniel Wade Assad and James Assad, Jr. . . . Richard and Milton Kaylor . . . and brother and sister Edward and Winifred Nicholson.

Ed Nicholson almost didn't make it . . . He was attending the Boy Scout aquatic school in South Carolina, hoping he could get off for Tuesday night but hardly expecting it . . . Needless to say, his folks hoped so too and were thrilled when he phoned Tuesday afternoon, "I can come!" He added, "Please wire money . . . A train leaves in an hour and I haven't quite enough." . . . That was one time they were happy to oblige, and sent off the wire promptly . . . Their hearts were high when they went to meet the 6:50 p.m. train, and sank when it brought no Ed . . . They went to the school supper, and then to the auditorium, but even with one child graduating they felt a sad lack . . . The seniors came in, the commencement address began.

All at once they saw a scrambling going on at the side door . . . Amos Dawson was helping someone struggle into a cap and gown . . . And into the auditorium and straight to his seat (empty and waiting for him) ducked Ed.

Big grins spread over three faces—his father's, his mother's and his grandmother's and from then on it was a perfect commencement.

All the better because, a year ago, he was halfway around the world, a U.S. Marine on Guam, and now he was back, and getting that diploma as had long been planned.

The money had taken two hours to reach Columbia . . . The train left, he tried in vain to thumb and

finally took a taxi home! Okay, okay, folks . . . It was worth it.

Almost every year there is an outcropping of one or two marriages among the high school graduates . . . In both 1948 and 1949 diplomas went to "Mrs" somebody or other . . . Not this year, though . . . Or is anyone holding out on us?

In the Mailbag: Nice to have a postcard from Lieut. Warren Morgan, who was here with the publicity set-up for Exercise Swarm-er in April and May . . . He's crossed the continent since leaving here, and will cross it again. . . . He writes from Long Beach, Cal., "Staying three blocks from the beach! Flew to San Antonio, then drove to Long Beach to pick up folks to return to Erie, Pa. Then I go back to San Antonio. Miss the Southern Pines gang! Say 'Hello' to them all."

Sure will, Warren . . . Maybe you'll be back, come another maneuver.

Fine - tooth - combing again through the two pages of agate type which was the list of the UNC graduates of June 5, we came up with some names we missed last week . . . And there may be more!

These were H. Lee Thomas, Jr., bachelor of commerce, and Charles Roberts Bailey, bachelor of arts, of Carthage; Jack Brevard Horner, bachelor of arts, Pinehurst; Frank Alexander McNeill, bachelor of science in science teaching, and Hugh Edgar Bowman, 2nd, bachelor of arts in education, both of Aberdeen.

Also Henry Stuart Kendall Willis, McCain, son of the N. C. Sanatorium medical superintendent, who won a certificate in medicine, along with John Lewis McCain, son of Dr. Willis' predecessor at the Sanatorium.

Hugh Bowman, we learn, son of the late beloved Dr. Bowman, has been employed as athletic director at the Aberdeen High school, succeeding Robert E. Lee, who will be the new principal. We suggest to Mr. Bowman that he pick up pointers from his principal on the coaching of girls' basketball—as no doubt he will.

And H. Lee Thomas, Jr., son of the county superintendent of schools (and we find that H stands for Henderson) has a position with the sales division of General Electric, with headquarters at Raleigh. He is married to the former Martha Dell Lambert of Carthage.

Aromatic or Turkish tobacco is being grown this year in 34 counties of the Piedmont and mountain sections of North Carolina.

Within a short space of time A. M. Clark erected a new building near the feed store on "Hogan's Alley" later known as Paradise Alley, and still later as Jefferson Place, to house the Bulletin. The issues we have are numbers 15 and 47 of Vol. 5, and numbers 8-10 and 12 of Vol. 6. These carry the paper to September 19, 1902. There is much confusion in the numbering and in changes in the make up. The edition of May 23, 1902, is 17 by 13 inches 8 pages 5 columns and the issue of August 22nd is back to 4 pages, but 6 columns. The late C. C. Kitchell had about ten copies of the Bulletin, and the Ayer Agency lists the paper as in existence 1901-1905, but there is nothing to show that Mr. Clark resumed publication after his sale to the new TOURIST in November 1903.

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