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A Moral Obligation

One of the biggest obligations placed upon the citizens of this state is the nomination of competent men for office on Saturday. The Democratic nomination in this state, by all normal trends, means election in November.

With every phase of our government, from the local level right on through to the federal agencies getting more and more complicated and expensive, it is all the more reason that men of ability; men competent to handle the jobs are named to office.

The action of the citizens on Saturday will determine to a large degree just the type government that is wanted for the next four years here in Haywood, and similar action will place in Washington men who will be in a responsible position to help mold legislation that will have world-wide effect.

The registration books of Haywood county show that some 19,000 qualified voters are eligible to cast a ballot on Saturday. From past experiences, and indications, there is reason to believe that about fifty per cent of those qualified to vote will exercise that right.

This Democratic primary is a matter that will touch the lives of every citizen of the county and state. The men elected will be the ones to say the amount of taxes you will pay, and what kind of government you will get in return.

This is a serious matter. It is a matter that should cause every citizen to determine now to vote—to exercise the right to cast in secret a ballot for the men whom you honestly feel will best serve their county, state and nation.

Gay Mad Vienna
A man stole a kiss of a girl in Vienna, The girl's mother charged that the girl's personal liberty had been infringed because the man pinioned her arms while kissing.

During the trial it developed that the kiss had rendered the girl unconscious and left teeth marks on the cheek.

The Austrian Supreme Court ruled that a six-week suspended sentence was sufficient punishment of the man, because, as his attorney said, "We were all young once ourselves."

True. But how many of us were that vigorous?—St. Louis Star-Times.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND.



Are children "natural-born liars"?
Answer: Certainly not. A child tends to indulge in "fantasies" partly to make up for the fact that he feels helpless to get what he wants in real life, and partly to fill in the gaps of his understanding of a world that is still strange and mysterious to him.

Honesty and Fairness Is Battle Cry

Following a practice and policy of many years, this newspaper has not endorsed, nor taken part in the current political campaign. As candidates announced we tried as best we could to give each a fair impartial news article, and when available a picture of them.

So impartial have we been, that not even members of the staff have been able to detect the personal feelings of the publishers. In fact, we do not want to influence anyone in this campaign, as we feel all the candidates are well known, and there has been plenty of time elapsed since April 17, which was the last date for filing, that any interested person could get all the facts necessary to make up their minds as to how to vote on May 27th.

This newspaper is happy to see that the Haywood Board of Elections is taking every precaution, and every measure to assure a fair and honest election.

It is a matter of record that Haywood has been openly accused as not always having followed the "straight and narrow" in the past when it came to elections.

We feel that public sentiment favors, and is demanding a honest and fair election. With that being the case, we feel that even the losers will not have anything to say when the last ballot is counted.

Haywood has a lot at stake in this election—a reputation—and we trust that any person, or persons willfully violating the election laws will be promptly and severely punished.

High Type Campaigning

Saturday will climax one of the most unusual, and perhaps as hard a fought Democratic primary as has ever taken place in this state.

The campaigning here in Haywood has been hard. The candidates have staged a hard and consistent campaign, steadily working for every available vote.

As this is written, the local campaign has been kept free of the usual mud slinging type political battle. The candidates and their friends have sought every means of getting their names and the names of their candidates before the people. But in so doing, they have kept it on a high level.

Of course, we know there have been occasions when there have been some "catty" remarks, but even those are not unusual even in a Sunday School social.

Most of the candidates have conducted their campaigns along the lines of "why you should vote for me" rather than tear into their opponents.

We feel this speaks well for the local candidates, and has and will mean more people taking part in determining the candidates they want for office.

We are happy that the campaign, from the local standpoint, has stayed out of the mire.

How To Sleep Nights

A New Jersey doctor has come forth with 10 commandments for getting a good night's sleep, but we believe he's facing disobedience because he recommends not doing almost everything most citizens like to do before dozing off to sleep.

His sixth commandment says Never read in bed, a habit millions of Americans find is one of the fastest and easiest methods of getting sleepy, especially if you are reading something that's not exciting.

You should try his eighth commandment first, however, because it recommends that when you go to bed, "close your eyes and go to sleep." If this rule works the doctor is going to be out of a job. We won't need all the other commandments.—Sanford Herald.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist.

to their heels when they discover that it involves really facing themselves, and why even at a social gathering a psychologist cannot help realizing that some people are uneasy in his presence. Yet the "guilt" that makes you fear to face yourself is childish, and real understanding will dissolve it.

Is neurosis a relative matter?
Answer: Yes. There is no absolute dividing line between the neurotic and the so-called "normal" person—who exists only in theory, anyhow. One characteristic of neurosis, for example, is that it involves attaching more importance—good or bad—to things or people than they "deserve." But who can decide just how much, say, a student should "care" if he fails in an examination? It's like the fact that a man of average height is obviously overweight at 200 pounds and underweight at 100. But just what he "should weigh" no one can say positively.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
M. H. Bowles leaves to attend Duke University summer school where he expects to complete work for his Master's Degree.
Little Miss Nancy Jones entertains a group of small friends at birthday party.
Miss Josephine Cabe returns from Tampa, Florida and will be with the Ladye Fayre Beauty Shop.
Miss Margaret Burgin receives B.S. degree at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Capital Letters

By EULA NIXON GREENWOOD
Editor's note — the views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer, and not necessarily those of this newspaper. In fact, many times, this column and the editorial policies of this newspaper are not in agreement.

MACHINE POLITICS—It seems hard to believe that two short years ago right along our gubernatorial Candidate Kerr Scott was leveling an index finger at Charles M. Johnson, Tom Pearsall of Rocky Mount, Oscar Richardson of Monroe, Hathaway Cross, and some others, and speaking blatantly of machine politics and a hand-picked candidate.

Many of those who were leaders in his camp declared themselves as bitterly opposed to any kind of political machine in North Carolina. Now if he and Jonathan do not have a political machine, there has never been one in this State.

Those who two years ago were fighting political machines are now important cogs in one. It is interesting how events change attitudes. We are all against political machinery if we are on the outside—and very much for them if we are a party to making them tick. But machines can be beaten, Scott proved that.

THE JOKE — Anybody looking for a laughing place had only to glance at the headlines last week when the three leading candidates for the U. S. Senate reported on their expenditures. Dr. Frank Graham (an old colored lady in Elizabeth City said last week she would vote for him if she could as she had "always liked doctors") reported to the Secretary of State that he had spent \$7,140.04. Willis Smith came along then and reported expenditures at \$8,942.32. Bob Reynolds said he had spent \$4,921.

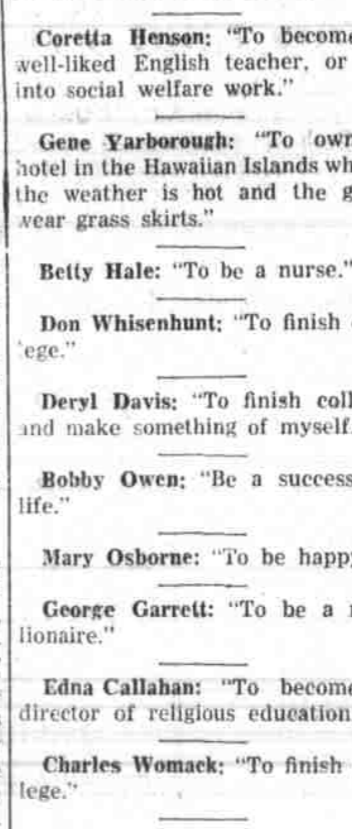
They all listed contributors, etc., with the usual bull . . . and stayed within the law, which ought to be taken from the books as it is not worth one Unker's hoot. It would be safe to say that money spent for Graham by the CIO, AFL, and several other groups . . . and quite a few individuals . . . would run approximately \$100,000. The amount dished out for Smith by small businessmen, middle-of-the-road individuals, and some businessmen not so small, would probably total around \$100,000. Bob Reynolds was likely nearest to the amount spent in his behalf. All told, his expenses should not run over \$25,000.

FALSE—Of all the tales that that have been making the rounds in this Senatorial campaign, one of the worst is that Dr. Graham was playing sick in order to avoid having a part in the FEPC vote of last Friday. He has been sick, is still ailing—physically and mentally. The mental suffering is derived from the slam-bang type of campaign which is in progress. Those folks who persuaded him to move from the sheltered, quiet, and academic atmosphere of Chapel Hill into the very real, hard-bitten, and hard facts field of practical politics did him a great injustice and should be ashamed of themselves. They probably shortened his life

Voice of the People

What is your greatest ambition? This question was answered by a group of high school seniors.
Coretta Henson: "To become a well-liked English teacher, or go into social welfare work."
Gene Yarborough: "To own a hotel in the Hawaiian Islands where the weather is hot and the girls wear grass skirts."
Betty Hale: "To be a nurse."
Don Whisenhunt: "To finish college."
Deryl Davis: "To finish college and make something of myself."
Bobby Owen: "Be a success in life."
Mary Osborne: "To be happy."
George Garrett: "To be a millionaire."
Edna Callahan: "To become a director of religious education."
Charles Womack: "To finish college."
Jimmy Whitman: "To be a success in life."
Bette Hannah: "To do something worthwhile with my music."
Dolf Kienast: "To go to college and study to be a laboratory technician."
secretary used poor judgment, let alone poor honesty, in denying the reporter's charge. Nisbet is one of the oldest reporters in the State in (Continued on Page 5)

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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19. Disparage
22. Any powerful deity
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26. Tempestuous
28. Retired
30. Shield
31. Captured, as game
34. Military cap
37. Farm animal
38. Fresh-water tortoise
40. Hypothetical force
41. A slight drink
43. Eribium (sym.)
44. Defile
45. Per. to the sun
48. Etude
50. Sheer
51. Half a pint

Rambling 'Round

—Bits Of Human Interest News—
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

By the time our next issue comes out, there will be many a headache lessened, many a furrowed brow restored to placidness and many a jubilant pulsation of the winning heart. In other words, the election will have passed its first hurdle and the future lies in the "laps of the gods". Those who have fought gamely and well, yet on a losing side, will shake hands with the winner and promise to stand by for the good of the city, county, state and the nation.

Opportunity sometimes knocks so softly that only the alert ear hears the summons.
There's many a slip 'n' the saying goes . . . and we're today, a lot of them short.

May, 1950, should be a perfect month for weddings and honeymoons. It has two full-moons in it which only happens "once in a blue moon". And with these full, sun-drenched days what more could mortal ask?

This you want to see: A man seated on one of the green benches, playing a banjo and singing lustily . . . while heartily smoking a pipe.

We have just made a discovery, or found a perfect prescription . . . or something. If you feel the least bit discouraged with the world or

YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer
THE WESTERN Hemisphere, say some scientists, is expanding. Sounds natural, now that aviation has certainly shrunk the oceans.
You may not be able to beat the other fellow's time but, points out Zadok Dumkopf, daylight saving enables you to beat your own.
A smart celebrity is one who stays in the public eye without getting into his hair.
A cat and three kittens were discovered in a Canadian religious edifice. Times seem to be getting tougher and tougher for that proverbial poor mouse.
In England, women defend men in a rifle shoot. The that rocks the cradle can mighty steady on the trigger.
The sun shines with us here, say astronomers. To right, it's always hotter on the way to the office than on the course.
Coldest town on earth is to be Verkeyansk in Siberia. In view of that, how come the Russians had claimed invention of the zard?

VOICES OF AMERICA



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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