

From Dash to Duz -- Political Washes

An opportunity to witness or participate in the practical area of a democracy will soon be the privilege of everyone in the Mars Hill area. The reality of politics on any level (precinct, county, state, or national) differs from the theory of the classroom and, thus, should give added significance to the coming elections for all of us. Certainly, those who are seriously considering politics as a career will want to take notes, not only on the processes of the election, but on human nature in action. Others should observe the coming events to make a better informed judgment of democracy at the grass roots level in hopes of gaining encouragement to become active citizens in their hometowns.

Regardless of the why's and wherefore's, a case in practical politics is on the wash line in our back yard—let's examine the articles and determine if we should change our detergents from "Dash" to "Duz" or possibly "Cheer" for future use in our own community washes.

—Richard Hoffman

May 26 is primary election day in North Carolina. At that time both the Republicans and the Democrats will select candidates who will compete for the various offices in the general election in November.

In Madison County the Republicans will go to the polls on May 26 to select a candidate for the newly created 11th Congressional District. The two candidates are Dan Judd and Robert Brown, both of Asheville. Otherwise the Republicans are presenting a united front in this county with no Republican candidate filing for county office facing opposition.

Such is not the case with the Democrats in Madison County. The Democratic primary promises to be a hard fought battle between two factions — the incumbent organization and a group which seeks to bring about certain reforms. The only county officers not contested in the primary are the offices of coroner and surveyor. Perhaps the most interest centers around the offices of solicitor, representative and sheriff. Robert Swain, the incumbent solicitor, is opposed by Landon Roberts. Both of these men are Asheville attorneys, and both Madison and Buncombe County Democrats will be voting for this office. Madison County's present representative, Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall, is opposed by P. R. Elam of Mars Hill. Leon Garrison, owner of the Cub Restaurant in Mars Hill, is opposing Sheriff E. Y. Ponder of Marshall.

The presence of two distinct factions within the Democratic Party of this county is causing more than usual interest in the approaching primary. It is most important that each citizen over 21 who has been a resident of North Carolina for a year and a resident of this precinct for 30 days register to vote in the primary of his choice. The registration books will be open each Saturday between now and the primary.

The place for registration in Township 15 is the Mars Hill School, which will also be the polling place.

Voting is an opportunity for participation in government and is the obligation of all citizens over 21. A vote in primary and general elections is a stake in the future of democracy.

—Mrs. Betty Jean Davis
President, Madison County
Women's Good Government League

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"HERE IT IS ALMOST THE END OF THE TERM AND YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TARDY OR ABSENT— YOU HAVE DONE THE ASSIGNED HOMEWORK AND YOUR PAPERS HAVE BEEN HANDED IN ON TIME! — TELL ME, HAS THE DRAFT BOARD BEEN BUGGIN' YOU ABOUT GRADES AGAIN?"

From Stardust to Reality

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Dear Latimer:

I read a story about an immoral girl. I know I shouldn't have — I mean, being a Christian and all. We aren't supposed to read things that are bad for us. But I couldn't help feeling sorry for the girl. She lived in a town called Anywhere, and was the daughter of a minister. Her father, he really preached hard at her because he knew she was going the wrong way, but it didn't seem to help. He even read her the places in the Bible where it talks against that sort of thing, but even that just had an adverse effect. She got in with the wrong kind of people and went from bad to worse. There were some embarrassing parts—about her relations with boys. I know it sounds terrible, but I had to feel sorry for her. She was a victim of her environment. I don't quite understand how it could happen with her good church background, but somehow that even seemed to help cause her downfall. The whole situation was really a problem.

And I couldn't help thinking (I know how bad this sounds) that maybe it wasn't wrong for me to read the book. I mean, here was a problem — I'm sure things like this happen in real life — and I feel like my reading the story showed me some new things about how to deal with the problem. I hope I'm not rationalizing. What I mean is, the story was about an immoral girl, but somehow the story didn't seem immoral. The more I thought about it, the more I felt that we Christians actually need to read good stories like that, just for the insight into the real problem. Maybe our scruples are standing in the way of our being truly useful in the middle of a very lost world. I know we don't want to get our own hands dirty, but what are we really

scared of? Are we to be ruled by fear, qualms, and squeamishes, or by deep concern, love that redeems, and commitment? Doesn't Christianity mean entering instead of withdrawing? I don't think there can be virtue in a vacuum.

Thoughtfully yours,
Ridley

PHOTOGRAPHER

Miss Juanita Shope, Laurel photographer, will be on campus this afternoon. Anyone having picture orders or wishing to see her about photos may contact her at the May Day program.

Bishop Speaks Sunday

The Right Rev. M. George Henry, Episcopal Bishop of Western North Carolina, will be at the Mars Hill Canterbury Club at the 6:45 service on Sunday evening, May 6.

The service will be held in the Fireside Room of the local Baptist church. A reception, to which the public is invited, will follow.

Poor Poetry

There was a poor dog from the sea
Who liked a particular flea;
"I love you" he said
"But you're scratching me dead"
So the poor dog laid down and died.

There was a young girl named Priscilla
Who attended a college: Mars Hilla
She found her beau
It didn't work though
There was no place to hold hands in the villa.

From Cuts to Apes We Miss the Point

The norm for an editorial is to stick as close as possible to one particular subject. However, with only one issue remaining after this one might be more practical to deviate from this norm and criticize as many things as possible. So goes.

Why should a striving student be failed an average over 75? If this student can and do the work, passes the tests with good grades goes to church on Sunday, why should he be failed because he sleeps through a class, having studied for 12 hours the preceding night. It is silly. One might well wonder whether education is made by learning or attending class.

At Meredith College this question is answered by the SG which is in the process of reducing the double cuts on vacations to single cuts. This is a good step, but it is not the answer. Why not, instead of failing an individual subtract a point or two from the final grade. This would be a much wiser incentive to the student to attend classes than having the sword of Damocles hanging over him all semester. It is not breaking down a tradition; rather, an attempt to make sense out of something which is entirely ridiculous.

Another thing which comes to mind is happened to the benches? Parents and friends visiting the campus have remarked on this more than once. Some of us remember that in the tember there were benches spread over the campus. Now they seem to have disintegrated. Professors, and students, would much rather sit on benches than recline on grass.

Then there is this question of evolution. We like to examine specimens under the microscope, but put those same persons under a microscope and they do not like it one bit. Particularly when the microscope tends to make more out of them. Now the more informed individuals know that evolution is not a question of To Be a Monkey or Not To Be a Monkey. To the contrary, evolution is the development from a simple form to a more complex form. See Webster's New World Dictionary, 1951, p. 504, note 5. Darwin himself said, "This question of creation is much too complex for the mind to comprehend. Dogs might as well dwell on Plato." So go for an "atheist's" point of view.

Time To Congratulate

Perhaps this is an appropriate time to mention a real human drama that has been unfolding on our campus this year. We refer to the presence of Oralene Graves. She has set a fine example for herself and her race by her actions of courtesy in a situation which could have proved uncomfortable.

Perhaps this is an appropriate time, too, to congratulate Dr. Blackwell and the board of trustees for letting Miss Graves become the first Negro student at Mars Hill. It is nice to know that there are Christian people who practice what they preach about brotherly love.

Young Men Beware Butterflies Emerge

The coming of warm weather has brought forward sun dresses and bright colors. Nature has anxiously for the young lassies to emerge from their woolen cocoons. Most of us were prepared for new and unusual styles, but who could have expected or have been prepared for the "ternity blouses." These blouses are attractive but on the other hand, they certainly are unusual.

A few days ago a young lady on campus wearing such an "outfit." Needless to say, an unusual attire caught my eye immediately, and I approached her I observed a small note attached to her collar which read, "No, I'm not a butterfly."

Most of us, particularly the male population, realize that a woman and an angel have much in common. She is always harping on something she is always up in the air, and she never wears an earthly thing to wear.

—Richard Ergenbright