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HANCOCK'S BIG SPEECH

• • Several have asked us to comment on the speech made over WPTF on April 12 by Congressman Frank Hancock, candidate for Senator Reynolds' seat in the Senate.

Mr. Hancock started his speech with the following admonition to his listeners in regard to personal references (naturally necessary on the part of any candidate) . . . "I, therefore, trust that in their frequency you will appreciate my constant feeling of a deep sense of Modesty."

Now modesty is one of the few real virtues of mankind . . . were we asked to name the two we would possess . . . we would choose unselfishness and modesty . . . real men, big men, noble men were those who possessed both.

Mr. Hancock then told of his successful political races and of his record in Congress . . . up to this point it was a fine, modest speech and one befitting a man seeking higher honors at the hands of the people . . . But then, there came a sudden, abrupt and unpleasant change of tenor . . . From a modest declaration of record and policies, the speech changed to one of boasting, personal vituperations against his opponent and a list of petty promises, which while perhaps intended to be funny, lost any sense of humor because of the innuendoes, the littleness and meanness of their character.

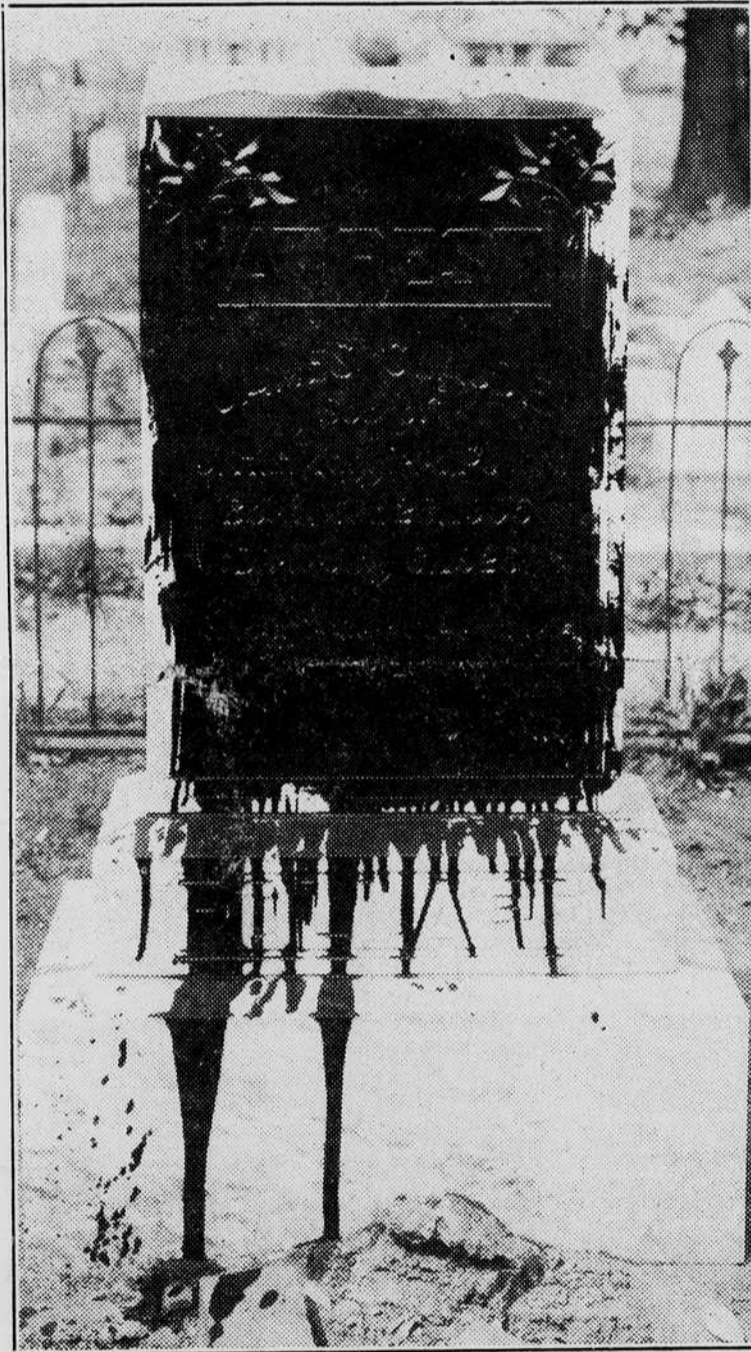
We like a good joke as well as anybody . . . even on ourselves or on our friends . . . but there is a limit to the propriety of such things and those who pass the line of demarcation only prove to others their littleness, lack of a proper sense of proportion and the stability necessary in all men in big places.

We just believe Frank went too far . . . or perhaps his advisors were not the proper kind . . . in his ten . . . count 'em . . . ten promises to the voters in closing his speech . . . To our mind, the Ten Promises do not hold water, neither are they of the calibre of promises that a U. S. Senator should make as the fundamental foundation of his platform . . . if we wanted to be funny and coin a new name for Friendly Frank . . . we would, from the closing parts of his speech re-name him "Promising Frank" . . . a perfectly proper procedure at which even Frank could take no offense.

However, the point of his speech which impressed us most was that opening declaration of his constant feeling of a deep sense of modesty . . . and then to follow thru and watch the change from what was a real modest declaration of record to a point which came close to being a lot of boyish boasting . . . not on what he had done . . . but about what he could do. A man has a right to boast a little about the things he has done . . . but to boast about what he is going to do is taking fate or some-

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"AT REST"



—Photo by Brasington

Roanoke Rapids' latest candidate for the title of the "meanest man" may well be described in the fiend that committed the heinous crime of smearing a tombstone in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery with paint, evidently sometime during the "wee-small" hours last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pollard arrived here from Rocky Mount, where they now live (they are former residents of the city) to place flowers on the grave of their beloved son, only to find the tombstone in the condition shown above last Easter Sunday morning.

Rumors are to the effect that someone having a "grudge" against the family of the dead man defaced the tombstone. Roanoke Rapids police have traced down several clues in connection with the crime, and it is understood they have placed this evidence in the hands of the family. No arrests have been made to date.

HOLD NEGRO FOR CUTTING SCRAPE

Wilbur Martin, Roanoke Rapids colored man, is being held in the Halifax County jail on a charge of assault with dangerous weapon with intent to kill, as a result of his stabbing Elmer Arrington, colored, after an alleged fight over their sweetheart near Roanoke Junction last Saturday night between 11 and 12 o'clock.

Martin was apprehended Tuesday by city officers, who had traced

his steps to Henderson. It was learned that he fled to that city Saturday night soon after the cutting scrape. Officers followed him there, but found he had left Henderson. Turning back, they found him "hitch-hiking" on the road between Norlina and Warrenton, obviously headed back for Roanoke Rapids. He was accompanied here by the police where he was lodged

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THIRD IS INJURED BY BOLT

Robert Mills, 24-year-old son of Robert H. Mills, and L. L. Bryant, 63-year-old farmer, were instantly killed by lightning on the Tom Hale farm some two-miles west of the city about 5 o'clock this afternoon.

George Hale, 16-year-old boy who was standing beside the two men suffered severe shock from the lightning, and is being treated tonight at Roanoke Rapids Hospital, tho his injuries are not considered serious.

The three men were repairing a
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SATURDAY LAST DAY REGISTER

City Registration books will be open all day Saturday, April 23rd, at the regular polling places, affording voters their last opportunity to register for voting in the forthcoming City Election to be held Tuesday, May 3rd, at which time two city councilmen come up for re-election, and Roanoke Rapids will cast their vote on the all-important street-paving project.

Registrar A. E. Akers will have the books at the North Ward polling place, in the warehouse at the rear of the B. Marks building, while Clayton Gurley, Registrar for the South Ward, will be present at the Rosemary Graded School building. Saturday hours will be from 9 a.m. until sunset.

Those interested in the passage of the street-improvement bonds urge all residents to see to it that their names are properly entered on the registration books.

If you are not positive you are registered in the city books, or if you have changed your place of residence (from one ward to another) since the last election, it is necessary that you register to be able to vote in the election on May 3rd.

RESULTS

Reports coming from Greensboro this afternoon, where various musical organizations from Roanoke Rapids High School are competing for honors in a state-wide contest, are to the effect that the following groups have completed and made these grades: Girls' Glee Club—1; Boys Glee Club—1; Mixed Chorus—1; Band—3; Orchestra—4.

It is conceded that the band made a very good showing in their grade of 3, in consideration of the fact that the organization is less than one-year old, and this is the first time the Roanoke Rapids High School has entered a band in the contest.