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Study Of The University Trustees

As one who has a great deal of admiration for the Universities of North Carolina and all its branches. some knowledge of its standing among the better universities of the nation, a great pride in its past and an even greater faith in its future; as one who has long felt the impropriety of the Legislature appointing its own members to the board of trustees, and who has believed and believes that there is a better method of selecting those charged with the guidance of the University, we read with interest the comments upon this matter by the

Can The People Manage Colleges?

In the aftermath of legislative settlement of the Speaker Ban issue, there has been public criticism of the Legislature because it refused to submit the issue to a vote of the people. We live in a democracy, the critics say. In a democracy the people rule, What possibly could be wrong with letting the people decide at the polls whether to retain or remove the ban on specified campus speak-

Critics who raise this question seem to be ignoring some basic realities. The American democracy has never been an absolute democracy in which every public question is decided by popular vote. The people hold ultimate authority, but the people elect representatives to make decisions. The representatives in turn delegate responsibility to trustees and administrators. In a complex society, democratic government could not function without trusteeship.

Education is a specialized field. The people own the public schools and colleges. God forbid that the people manage these institutions by popular vote. The people, directly or through their elected representatives, select trustees to govern schools and colleges. The people should hold the trustees accountable for the management of educational institutions. Flagrant mismanagement calls for changes in trusteeship, not administration by popular vote.

The people are not qualified to manage educational institutions. This is an old concept, but it is a concept still valid in our times. It does not run contrary to democratic tradition in the United States.

The late Dr. William Preston Few, first president of Duke University, discussed this concept when he became president of old Trinity College in 1910. In his inaugural address, he acknowledged that "to contemplate human life with any degree of patience, one must believe that the people wish to do right and in the long run and in the main will do right," but Dr. Few drove home the point that the people cannot manage a college, that in a democracy they are susceptible to waves of hysteria and to alarmist leaders. He insisted that the colleges must serve as bulwarks against which passions "beat in vain." (See Dr. Earl W. Porter's book "Trinity and Duke, 1892-1924: Foundations of Duke University," published by Duke University Press, 1964, page 176).

Dr. Few was aware of difficulties which the Trinity College administration had experienced in its relations with both Methodist laymen and citizens of North Carolina in general who misunderstood academic freedom and some of the educational decisions made by college administrators. What he said in his inaugural address applies with equal validity to all institutions of higher education, public and private. Dr. Few's view does not reflect haughtiness; rather it reflects mature understanding of the workings of democratic society. We may be sure that he understood how important it is for a college to retain the sympathy of the people even as it boldly exercises leadership, refusing to be molded by popular prejudices and notions.

The Speaker Ban controversy has been a test of North Carolina's maturity. We passed, but we still could improve our grade.

Quotes

It is only an auctioneer who can equally and impartially admire all schools of art. - Oscar Wilde.

Courage consists not in hazarding without fear, but being resolutely minded in a just cause, -Plutarch.

Work is an old-fashioned method of getting a living. It is high time we were shown a better way. - B. Thompson.

To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society. -T. Roosevelt.

Chapel Hill Weekly in its issue of Sunday, Dec. 5.

The appointment of the Hodges Commission, the task confronting it, the need for a change in the manner of selecting the trustees and reasons for a change are presented by The Weekly as follows:

The Hodges Commission has begun its study of the composition and selection of the Consolidated University Board of Trustees. In various ways, this commission has both a ridiculously easy job and an unreasonably hard one - easy in that almost any method of selection recommended will be better than the one we have now, and hard in that it will be virtually impossible to please everybody directly concerned.

The present selection of trustees-by the Legislature-amounts to nothing more than political back-scratching. The Legislators, naturally, will resist any new method which puts this plum all the way out of reach.

Perhaps an even more difficult job for the Commission will be to give somewhat more equal representation to all of the University branches on the Board of Trustees. Through the years, the University at Chapel Hill has had the biggest voice on the Board, much to the chagrin of the Raleigh branch. Finding a solution satisfactory to both Chapel Hill and Raleigh would test a Solomon.

Apart from the compelling questions of selection and equal representation, we suggest that as a first step toward improving and streamlining the trustees, the Commission recommend kicking all the Legislator members off the Board.

For one thing, this would do away with a good deal of the back-scratching. There would be no more open horse trading in the House and Senate and selection of trustees would be lifted considerably above its present level of political payoff.

For another and perhaps more important thing, it would relieve some of the Legislators from wearing two or three hats at

Senator Tom White of Lenoir is a case in point. He sits as a University trustee when policy is made and development plans laid. When the University administration goes before the Advisory Budget Commission to seek for implementing that policy and development plans, there is Tom White, sitting as chairman of the Budget Commission. Then, when the University goes before the Legislature's Joint Appropriatons Committee to ask for funds, there is Tom White, sitting as chairman of the Appropriations Committee. And, finally, when the recommended budget for the University goes to the Senate, there is Tom White, sitting as a Senator. Not only does this place the University in quadruple jeopardy, but it gives Senator White more shots than anyone could reasonably ask, including one from the inside.

time after time. members of the Legislature can influence the University and exercise control without riding herd as trustees.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

The Census report shows that Warrenton has lost population for the first time in

A crowd estimated at more than 5,000 witnessed the annual Christmas parade here on Tuesday afternoon.

Amos L. Capps was re-elected chairman of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners at an organizational meeting here

Governor Terry Sanford announced this week that he has chosen Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton as Adjutant-General of the North Carolina National Guard.

December 9, 1955

Negotiations are underway seeking to bring a well-known sportswear plant to Warrenton. Governor Luther Hodges is expected to announce his decision today on awarding funds for a bridge across the Roanoke in Warren

The annual Santa Claus parade is expected to be held here on Monday night.

The John Graham High School Band will present its annual Christmas concert on next Friday night.

December 6, 1940

W. H. Burroughs was re-elected chairman of the board of county commissioners at a reorganizational meeting Monday after-

More than \$165 has been contributed to aid the Greeks in their fight against the Romans. Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Allison on December 8 a son-John Craig Allison, Jr. Mrs. F. M. Drake, Jr., was a visitor in



strawberry ice cream.

Observes Birthday

on Thursday night in honor of

Fresh cocoanut cake, ice

Attends Workshop

Attending the woman's

Auxiliary Workshop at the Vet-

Wednesday were Mesdames M.

Scott Gardner and D. F. Blay-

Sensible query: ''If you are

so smart, why aren't you rich?"

One of the floats in the Christmas parade here last Friday evening was that of Miller's Shindig Club which is working to support the Warren General Hospital and the Warrenton Fire Department by selling candy and holding socials at Miller's Club near Warrenton. The members range in age from 13 to 18 and candy may be obtained from any

of this group at \$1.00 a box or at the club Mrs. Candis Miller is in charge of the club. The float, shown above, on which several members of the club are riding, was arranged with assistance of Mrs. Mary Jefferson. The truck which drew the float was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. John Turner. (Photo by Bill Jones)

shape of wedding bells and

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Seaman ters, Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers nd son, Marshall, Mrs. L. M. Holtzman and family, Mr. and Paschall, Sr., and Mrs. F. T. Mrs. A. P. Holtzman, Jr., Mr. Wrenn and Mrs. L. M. Pas- and Mrs. H. B. Bender, Mr. chall, Jr., and children, Mrs. and Mrs. H. R. Holtzman, Mr. C. F. Holtzman, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Holtzman, Sr., and Mrs. J. B. Holtzman visited Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Holtz- Mrs. Holtzman's birthday. man on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Holtz- cream, potato chips and drinks nan, Sr., Mrs. Walter Brauer was served. and Mrs. P. C. Watts visited Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Holtzman in Henderson on Sunday night.

Miss Diane Green, Miss Pa-Franke of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson spent the C. Bullock, W. L. Fuller, Leoweekend with the Rev. and Mrs. nard Daniel, William S. Bugg, M. E. Franke.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Seanan and children, Raymond, Charles and Ruby, were dinner guests of Mrs. Annie Kilian and Mr. L. J. Kilian and John on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seaman. Sr., of Raleigh visited Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Holtzman, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Paschall, Sr., and Mrs. A. G. Bender on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Holtzman and son, Glenn, of Smithfield, Mr. George Holtzman of N. C. State College and Miss Barbara Troutman of Raleigh were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Holtzman, Sr.

YPS MEETS

The Young peonles Society of Saint Paul Lutheran Church met Friday night at the Parish Hall with Mrs. Albert Bender as hostess. Mr. Albert Seaman president presided over the ousiness session.

New officers for the coming year was elected as follows: Leonard G. Bender, president, Mrs. Chris F. Holtzman, Sr. vice-president, Mrs. Richard Mathews, sectreary and Carl Lorenz, treasurer.

The Rev. M. E. Franke opened the meeting and led in topic discussion. Mrs. Chris F. Holtzman, Sr., was on the entertainment committee and she showed a film entitled "Wild Rivers". The hall was tastefully decorated in yule spirit. Mrs. Bender served delicious rereshments.

Christmas Party

The Ridgeway Home Demonstration Club held it's annual Christmas party Tuesday night, Dec. 7, with a supper for the families of the members. The hall was decorated with a Christmas tree and all of the trimmings. Presents were exchanged among the older members and also for the children. Christmas songs were song and games were enjoyed by all.

Honored Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Kilian

and Mrs. Cheryl Kilian honored Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Daeke, recent bride and groom, at their home on Sunday night with a dinner. The table bore white linen cloth with bridal flowers flanked on both sides with white lighted tapers. Place cards for the other guest which were as follows were made in the shape of rolling pins: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Daeke Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John K Kilian, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer King and son Woody and Mr. Leonard J. Kilian.

The bride was presented a corsage of pink carnations and the groom a pink boutennaire The bridal color of pink and white was carried out through out the home. The bride and groom were honored with special dessert of cake in the

Letters To Santa

Mr. and Mrs. Hal White, Jr., I am a little boy four years and family of Wise, Mr. and old. I try to be good. Sometimes Mrs. W. P. Holtzman and daughit is hard to do.

Will you please bring me a holster, a tool chest and tools and a big truck

Thank you for being so kind. Please remember Peter, Junior and Michael.

AL HIGHT

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I would like bike, skipper doll and all her clothes and also her case. also want a super ball, Easy tricia Franke and Mr. Kenneth eran's Hospital in Durham on Bake over and cake mixes, and some clothes for me. I have been a good girl.

Please be good to all the children and I will leave you

CATHY JO AYSCUE.



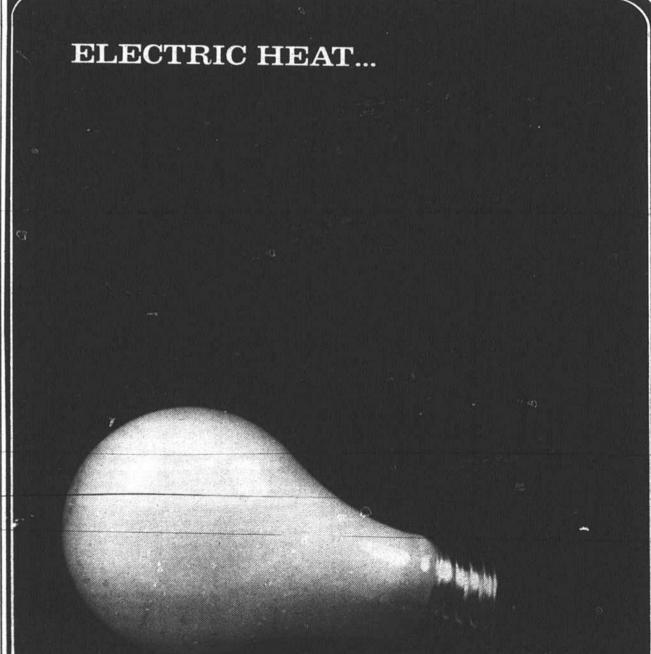
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