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## It's Trite But Still True, Everybody Ought To Vote

One of the more tired remonstrances that newspapers and other segments of the communications media are called upon to try to breathe a little life into is that one that goes "Vote the way you please—but vote."

The words get dustier every year and the effort more tiring. But it is an effort that still must be made.

And so, it is that time of year again. This coming Saturday, registration books will be opened for the May Democratic primary. They will remain open on succeeding Saturdays through May 14 at the regular polling places. It will be possible to register during that period on days other than Saturdays by contacting the registrars at their homes.

It is important to remember that you must be registered to vote.

Anyone who understands the democratic principle is aware of the importance of the vote. And since our audience is both understanding and aware, it will not be necessary to dust off any

high-flying phrases.

Your vote on May 28 will help decide who two of our county commissioners will be. It will be a factor in the choice of the next U. S. Representative from the Sixth Congressional District. It will help to name a U. S. Senator. Most important of all, we think, your vote will help to choose the next Governor of North Carolina.

You might bear in mind next May 28 that your vote, when cast, counts just as much as Luther Hodges' or Everett Jordan's or John Umstead's or anybody else's. If it isn't cast, it counts for nothing.

No one is more aware than the candidates themselves that what you do next May 28 is more important than all of the handshaking, the oratory, the beer parlor debates, and the bush-beating currently taking place. What is going on now is nothing more than a political pep rally. The real action comes on election day.

Of course you'll vote. We know that. Just be sure you're registered first.

## A Prediction Come True

(The New York Times)

It was midway of the Nineteen Thirties that Dr. Howard W. Odum of the University of North Carolina published his "Southern Regions of the United States," a documentation of research in the social sciences that did as much as any work of its time to point the way to the future of a region. If there is a South of returning racial tension today there is also a South of prodigious industrial stride and research, and the social forces of progress will help the reconciliation of the two.

Significantly, research and industrial development have been closely allied in North Carolina. There, in what is known as the Research Triangle, Governor Luther H. Hodges has in practical terms made a transition of scholarly research into industrial development. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University at Durham, and North Carolina State College at Raleigh form the three vertices of the triangle. Within this tri-

angle research, in which the groves of academe have formed a partnership with industry, is itself a major industry.

Many hands helped to trace the lines of North Carolina's Research Triangle, but the Governor's leadership lighted the way. So did the leadership in his time of that other Southerner, Howard Washington Odum, whose reverence for facts led him to build a monument of them.

Dr. Odum found that the Southern industry of his time failed to make proper use of the resources at hand. Today King Cotton has abdicated, as Dr. Odum said he would. Through the South's ports diversified products of the region's industry go to world markets. Urbanization and industrialization march along together. In the changing South the Negro must be what Dr. Odum said he is—"an integral, normal and continuing factor in the culture of the Southeast." Potentially, industrialization enlightened by humanistic research may be a strong solvent of Southern racial tensions.

## From 'Caesar And Christ'

(The following passage is from Will Durant's "Caesar and Christ," the third part of his "History of Civilization." Mr. Durant came to Chapel Hill and gave a lecture in Memorial Hall in the 1920's soon after he was made famous by his "Story of History.")

To pay their troops, replenish their coffers, and revenge Caesar, the second Triumvirate (Octavian, Antony, Lepidus) now let loose the bloodiest reign of terror in European history . . .

Antony placed Cicero high on the list of those who should be killed. Octavian protested, but not too long; he could not forget Cicero's glorification of Caesar's assassination. Cicero tried to escape, but being buffeted and sickened by the sea, he disembarked and spent the night in his villa in Formiae. He wished to stay there and await his executioners, but his slaves forced him into a litter and were carrying him toward the ship when Antony's soldiers arrived.

The servants wished to resist, but Cicero bade them set the litter down

and yield.

Early in 42 B.C. the Triumvirs led their forces across the Adriatic and marched through Macedonia into Thrace. There Brutus and Cassius had massed the last Republican army, financed by exactions beyond even Roman precedent: From the eastern cities of the Empire they demanded and received ten years' taxes in advance.

When the Rhodians proved reluctant, Cassius stormed the great port, ordered all citizens to surrender their wealth, killed those who hesitated, and carried away \$10,000,000.

In Cilicia he quartered his soldiers in the homes of Tarsus till it paid him \$9,000,000 to leave; to raise this sum the citizens auctioned off all municipal lands, melted down all temple vessels and ornaments, and sold free persons into slavery—first boys and girls, then women and old men, finally youths. Many, on learning that they had been sold, killed themselves.

In Judea, Cassius levied \$4,200,000 and sold the inhabitants of four towns (Continued on page 7-B)

## The Location Hunters



## Letters To The Editor

Dr. J. Kempton Jones, Chairman Chapel Hill School Board

Dear Dr. Jones:

We would like to express our appreciation to you and the other members of the Chapel Hill School Board for your cooperation in extending the opportunity for the White Cross School community to become a part of the Chapel Hill administrative unit.

We are not fully aware of the requirements on your part necessary for such an election, but we do know that it represents considerable cost and time. You have our gratitude for this.

Realizing that the majority of the people of the White Cross community depend on Chapel Hill directly or indirectly for their principal source of income, we felt that it would be proper that this area should be included in your school district. The relations between the communities, the quality of your high school, and the distance involved were other motivating factors that influenced our feelings in this matter.

We would similarly express our appreciation for the extra educational benefits that have been made available to us at your expense since approximately 1933—a period of 27 years. We hope that the vote in the recent election did not represent the heartfelt feelings of the people of this community for the 27 year gift.

Thanking you again we are,

Sincerely yours,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lloyd Alton Riley

Dear Sir:

Two suggestions that would benefit the people of North Carolina are being sent to you and to other candidates for Governor of North Carolina. There are not "hot issues" in the accepted political sense, but each can add much to the well-being and safety of all North Carolinians. The suggestions are offered for your consideration and possible discussion when you speak in various parts of the state.

Two suggestions are:

One—That some \$1,000,000 be saved the state of North Carolina by the simple expedient of ruling that doctors write their prescriptions by chemical name, rather than by brand name, when prescribing for welfare patients. (Extra millions could be saved by private patients if the same policy were to be observed.)

Two—That a "point system" for violators of traffic accidents be invoked in North Carolina, with mandatory revocation of drivers' licenses for those found guilty, and that chemical tests for intoxication for drivers suspected under the influence of liquor be made compulsory.

I am enclosing herewith copy of an article in Time Magazine which shows the results of a ruling in the state of Connecticut

relating to the writing of prescriptions, and how much money can be saved by prescribing, not by brand name, but by chemical name. It is also important that all Government standards be adhered to no matter what procedure is used. You will note that savings in Connecticut amounted to as much as \$500,000 a year. Since North Carolina has twice the population as Connecticut, perhaps our savings would amount to \$1,000,000.

With further reference to traffic laws and accident rates, the state of New York already has a law requiring chemical tests known as "implied consent" of drivers involved in accidents. The state of Connecticut has experienced a drastic reduction in highway accident fatalities after a point system was established. The system has teeth in it. Instead of a provision saying "drivers' licenses may be" revoked, as we have it at present in North Carolina, the Connecticut law says drivers' licenses "will be" revoked. It is mandatory, and lives have been saved in Connecticut because of it.

To identify myself, I am a native New Yorker, retired. A veteran of World War I, I again volunteered for service in World War II. I was fortunate in receiving an assignment as commandant of the Army Units at the University of North Carolina and Duke. As both my wife and myself fell in love with Chapel Hill, the people, climate and general environment, we decided to make our home here when I retired. I have an interest as I am sure you do, in financial savings to the taxpayers, protection of the public's health and welfare and the safety of our lives. If you feel so inclined, I would appreciate knowing your views on these two matters.

George Matthews

Sourwood Drive

Chancellor William B. Aycock University of North Carolina

Dear Chancellor Aycock:

It was good to know that you have decided that the community of Chapel Hill should vote on the fluoridation question. There are many who are very grateful for this generous move.

While the Town Board undoubtedly acted from the highest motives on this question, it is a questionable boon to any community, and the statistics show that when put to a popular vote, the case for fluoridation is soundly defeated. It is reported that out of 56 elections in 1959, fluoridation was defeated 53 times. As far back as 1956, an estimated 33 million people had rejected it. At the same date, some 30 million people were drinking fluoridated water, but the U. S. Public Health Service report for October 1956 stated that only 6 per cent of the fluoridated communities had the question submitted to them for vote. Several states require a vote of affected communities.

The freedom of choice, thus, seems especially good here. There are many, including myself, who feel that the chemical additive is involuntary medication, and while we would not deny to others the freedom to use any one of the several effective ways of combating non-communicable dental caries, we would like to have a true freedom of choice in what we use in this matter.

Thanks again for your decision.

Very sincerely,  
 Floyd Hunter

onica tried to bloom several times but were frozen. However, after Easter, undaunted, they burst forth in a blaze of glory.

Last week the cherry trees lining the quadrangle were in bloom. This week the dogwood, the pink bud, the flowering peach, the tulips, the azaleas are in full bloom. In North Carolina April, not June, is the month that the "green door opens and loveliness comes through."

Let me beg you, as you walk through the campus, particularly behind New East and the Alumni building, and in front of Old West, to take your eyes off of the sidewalks for a few minutes and feast on this miracle of spring. It is indeed a charmed draught, a cup of blessing. I didn't know there was anything in this section of the country as beautiful as Mrs. J. A. Warren's azalea garden on the hillside back of her home. It looks more like Charleston than anything I have ever seen. The azaleas and many other flowers are in full bloom this week. Mrs. Warren is glad to have you visit her garden. Take it from me, it is a great treat.

Otelia Connor  
 Chapel Hill

25 YEARS AGO IN 1935

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(These items are from the files of the Weekly.)

35 YEARS AGO IN 1925

Our Hillsboro correspondent reports that in the view of experts, the whiskey manufactured around Hillsboro is of a grade far superior to that produced in this end of Orange County. Hillsboro has always been regarded as a stronghold of the old aristocracy. Blood will tell.

The Gingham's are tearing down their lodge which has stood at the corner of Rosemary and Boundary Streets for 27 years. Many of the excellent timbers in it are being taken out to Piney Prospect to be used in the construction of the order's castle there. John W. Lasley has bought part of the land where the old house stood. The new home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wagstaff, which Brodie Thompson is building for them on Boundary Street, is rising rapidly, and they hope to be in it by the middle of August.

A note from D. D. Carroll, written in Vienna, Austria, said he would gladly give 50,000 crowns for a copy of the Chapel Hill Weekly. Referring to the financial page of a New York newspaper, we learn that this is the equivalent of about ten cents in American money. But, considering that Mr. Carroll recently lost his purse to a pickpocket, this was not such a weak compliment after all.

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rounds of golf on 1,317 courses, dropped by here this week to see the home course of the new women's national amateur champion, Miss Estelle Lawson. This would be the Chapel Hill Country Club course, which he had been mistakenly given to understand was level. He and Miss Lawson played a round on the hilly nine-hole course, and Miss Lawson flattened him by shooting a 33 to his 39.

15 YEARS AGO IN 1945

Miss Virginia Randolph Pell will be married to Ashley Mangum Pickett at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Chapel Hill Methodist Church.

William S. Jenkins, who left his post in the UNC faculty here to enter the Navy and is now a lieutenant stationed in the Marshall Islands, has sent about forty photographs to the University Library, where they may be put on exhibit soon. They show island scenes and the people and their way of living.

The quail and the dove proclaimed their presence in the village yesterday. The quail whistled "Bob White," and the dove cooed. The cheerfulness of one sound and the mournfulness of the other had a neutralizing effect, leaving the listener neither happier nor more miserable than he was before.

5 YEARS AGO IN 1955

An important name in the history of Chapel Hill merchandising will make its debut today with the opening of the new Belk Leggett-Horton Department Store on West Franklin Street.

Candidates for seats on the Carrboro Board of Commissioners are Roy Riggsbee, John McLaughlin, and W. M. Lackey, incumbents, and Offie Durham, Troy Hackney, Wallace Womble, Sidney Barker, and Robert Oakes.

## I. Beverly Lake And Disorder

(The Smithfield Herald)

Campaigning in Wilmington, gubernatorial candidate Beverly Lake says: "Integration of the schools would be a tragic development for both whites and Negroes. If elected I will do all I can to avoid that situation."

But what can he do? He can make speeches against the Supreme Court's anti-segregation decision.

But the decision will still stand. He can declare the Court's decision unconstitutional and assert that it is not the "law of the land." But his declaration won't make the decision unconstitutional, and it will still be the law of the land.

He can urge North Carolinians to invoke Pearsall provisions to close schools where integration is ordered. And if his advice is followed, he only will have succeeded in disrupting the education of children until the Supreme Court declares the Pearsall Plan invalid, as most good lawyers expect it to do when the plan is given the acid test.

He can seek a change in the "North Carolina approach" to integration, leading us down the road of "massive resistance" which leads to disrupted education, speedy desegregation, and turmoil, as Virginia and Arkansas can testify. But by this kind of leadership, he only can make solution of the racial crisis more difficult than it is now.

There simply is no way to halt the spread of public school integration without closing public schools entirely and forever and surrendering to ignorance.

Thirty-four Negro pupils now attend school with whites in seven North Carolina communities. In the years ahead, that number will increase. Beverly Lake is right when he says, "The Pupil Assignment Act is not a Gibraltar behind which we can hide indefinitely."

But the Pupil Assignment Act does offer hope of keeping the transition from segregation to integration orderly and within sane limits. Court decisions have indicated that the act will stand as long as it is not used to bar a pupil from a particular school on account of race or color.

If North Carolina could choose between segregation and desegregation, our people would vote overwhelmingly for segregation. But there is no such choice. The only choice is between open schools with orderly desegregation and disorder in the form of closed schools or court-ordered mass integration or both.

What Beverly Lake offers the people of North Carolina is disorder.

## Guide For Candidates & Voters

(The Raleigh News & Observer)

Malcolm Seawell is a candidate for Governor of North Carolina, and what he said Wednesday in an address to students at Guilford College should not only be a guide for other candidates but for all voters as well.

Seawell said: "There can be no understanding and no real peace unless man's actions and words are controlled by his brain and his heart rather than by his prejudices and his hatreds."

Our human laws are but the copies, more or less imperfect, of the eternal laws, as far as we can read them. —James A. Froude