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Reactionary Leadership?

WHILE it seems certain that statewide opposition will defeat in committee a \$50 tuition increase in the three units of the University to cover a proposed decrease in maintenance appropriation recommended by the legislature's appropriation committee, the mere proposal carries grave significance.

To quote President Graham, speaking before the committee last Tuesday: "We would violate not only the spirit of the state Constitution, but we would violate the spirit of the people if we began to make wealth more of a test of admission than character, ability, and merit."

The university president said that 24 states in the Union grant free tuition to in-state students and that the Constitution of North Carolina laid down a policy of free tuition.

"Other institutions that do not rank with our institution are spending more money than we are," Graham said. He warned the committee that undue economy in appropriating funds for the greater university might result in "social, intellectual and economic waste."

Money spent in research at the branches of the university, Graham predicted, will teach the state how to make "farms produce more for the men who work in the soil" and provide eventually a "higher standard of living" for the factory worker.

He described his request as the "minimum" for which he could ask and "do the job we have to do." "Let's save what we have worked for for 145 years," is the terse summing-up of Student Rankin, who is lobbyist for the student body of Chapel Hill.

That the administration should propose this reactionary method of taxation, depriving many of the state's most valuable youth of the university's advantages, is not only unstatesmanlike but dangerously false economy, as President Graham points out.

We hope the legislature will be wise enough to draw the necessary revenue for the decent support of education from sources that profit from the very assets that the university creates.

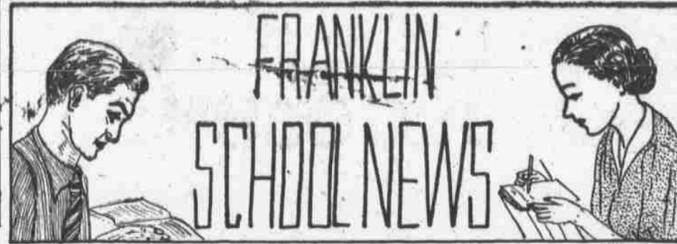
Representative Patton's Local Bills

GEORGE B. PATTON, representative from Macon county, has offered in the General Assembly three local measures which are of prime importance to Macon county.

The first is a bill to repeal the act establishing a jury commission for Macon county. The law now in force is declared by many able lawyers to be unconstitutional in that it sets a maximum and a minimum upon the number of names required to be in the jury box. The general law of the state requires that the names of all freeholders over 21 years of age, who are not exempt by reason of occupation or other valid cause, shall be in the jury box, and the present local law is therefore in conflict because limits are prescribed.

The second measure provides for the repeal of the act authorizing the appointment of a delinquent tax officer for the county and discontinuing the discount to early taxpayers. The first part of this act was declared invalid, but other sections have been in force, and the effect of repeal will be to put the collection of taxes back under the former law and resume the practice of allowing a discount to those who settle their taxes early in the fall.

The third act introduced by Representative Patton would prohibit the use of absentee ballots in either primary or general elections in Macon county. There is no doubt that the absentee voting privilege has been abused in Macon, as it has in all other counties. There are charges of fraud after every election, and whether or not these charges are true, it would seem that to dispense with the absentee ballot altogether would do away with much of the after election hard feeling and dissatisfaction.



Franklin High will oppose Bryson High in a double-header basketball game at Bryson City, Friday night. The Franklin team will have a hard fight to win both games. The girls' team is still inexperienced, but it is gradually becoming more active. The probable line-ups are:

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| BOYS | | GIRLS | |
| Leatherman | C | Penland | C |
| Culver | F | Moore | F |
| Fouts | F | Teems | F |
| Talley | G | Barnard | G |
| Penland | G | Justice | G |
| | | Fouts | G |

CCC BOYS TO MEET FRANKLIN BASKETEERS

Franklin will meet a very strong Aquone CCC quintet Thursday night. This has an outlook of a very close game. Coach Shuford has made an excellent team out of what little material he had available. The probable line-up for Franklin High will be:

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| Leatherman—C |
| Fouts—F |
| Culver—F |
| Talley—G |
| Penland—G |

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS MADE IN SCIENCE CLUB

At the regular meeting of the science club, some interesting experiments were made. The members dissolved white phosphorous in carbon disulphide and then poured it on paper, causing spontaneous combustion. The paper burst into flames after a few moments.

They also put white phosphorous, potassium, chlorate, and sulphuric acid under water. The result was that the phosphorous burned.

Several interesting reports on various phases of science were also given.

They are as follows:

James Norris, Galileo; Pauline Wild, The Sea Horse; Isabelle Roper, the Duckbill Mammal; Lynette Martin, the Moon.

The club also reported an increase of eight new members.

CAST NAMED FOR PLAY BY DRAMA CLUB

The entire cast has been named for the play, "Mr. Hippo," on which the drama club is now working. Since the play is being coached as a class experiment, the preparation for presenting it is not being rushed.

The players are as follows:

Gains Mayfield.....Eugene Furr
Mrs. Mayfield (his wife)

Dorothy Lee Morrison
Gains Mayfield, Jr.....Harold Roper
Dr. Foster.....Herschel Henson
Ben, a young slave..Jack Tessier
Tom, an old slave..Fred Dowdle
Liz, a negro maid

Trixie Lee Rowland
Master of ceremonies

Kenneth Young
Mrs. Stewart and the class are working together in directing and criticizing the play. In doing this, the entire class is learning the fundamentals of play directing as well as those of acting.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

For the past two weeks we have had many interesting lessons about stars. We have learned to find the Big Dipper, Little Dipper, North Star, the Pointers and the Milky Way. We have also learned much about the sun and moon. The class has enjoyed these lessons very much.

Barbara Conley
(Miss Slagle's Room)

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS MAKE FINE RECORD

In the second grade five boys and two girls have a perfect attendance record for this year. They are Billy Williams, Aline Ray, Rufus Setser, James Saunders, Joe Moore, J. D. Russell, and Elwood Roberts.

Joe Moore and J. D. Russell have not missed a day in the two years they have been coming to school.

SIXTH GRADE IS FEEDING THE BIRDS

All fall the sixth grade, in the elementary building, has enjoyed

the singing of many beautiful birds. The children enjoyed and appreciated them so much that no bird on "this side of the hill" has been allowed to go hungry this winter. Wheat, rice, grits, oatmeal, and many other foods stand waiting, in abundance to be placed on the ledge of the window for the birds. Every child is given a chance to help in this project.
D. C. Rogers

MRS. HUNTER'S PUPILS STUDY TRANSPORTATION

The third grade boys and girls in Mrs. Hunter's room are studying transportation this month. We are drawing boats now. We started with the floating log. Then came the dugout, then the flat bottomed boat. Next came the canoe used so much by the American Indians. The Eskimos use the kayak. The next to come in order is the sailboat. Then there are the steamships of today. We are going to study trains and airplanes too. We are making a booklet on transportation. Andrew Carpenter is the best artist in our room. There are six girls and two boys on the honor roll this month.
Ann S. Lyle

Muse's Corner

HIGHLANDS

A straggling village—mostly inns—Upon a high plateau.

The post—some shops—and tourist cars—

All in a shining row.
Filling stations everywhere,
With gas and anti-freeze—
Four churches, raising beckoning spires,
To bring us to our knees!

Two drug stores on two corners stand,
And curio shops galore,
Summer shrines, where summer guests

Recklessly explore.
A beauty shop—a cinema—
Library—a dance hall gay,
Where guests and hosts commingle
In just the jolliest way.

And just the friendliest people!
Of suspicion there's a lack.
Apparently, they've never heard
That sometimes checks come back!

The mountains?—yes, of course,
they're there,
In stately ranks surrounding;
Whitesides, Satulah, Shortoff, too,
A friendly pact compounding.

Upon their wooded, foliaged flanks
Are countless rhododendrons,
Where summer homes withdraw
from view,
Where vines entwine their tendrons.
Where irises and dahlias grow
In rife and bold profusion;
Azaleas crowd and dog-wood, too,
In fragrant, sweet collusion.

Oh land, so high above the vales,
Whence come these questing peoples,
You give them life to carry back,
To teeming marts and steeples!
You lift their thoughts above the plane
Of dull resentful living—
You plant instead within their souls
A love and a forgiving.

Remote and yet accessible,
This mountain village stands
With ribbons broad of concrete roads,
Flung out to lower lands,
On smooth and shining highways
The winding ways we dare,
Triumphs of engineering skill—
To Franklin—and elsewhere!

But—when the season ends—and
summer folk,
Have returned to the land that's
"hinter"—
Just tell me pray—our kindly
hosts—
What do they do in winter?
Minerva Phelps Jennings
A Summer Resident.

Domestic prices of grains, potatoes, and meat animals have risen a little during the past month, but prices of dairy and poultry products, and tobacco have declined.

Three New Strawberry Varieties Certified

Three new strawberry varieties, announced last week by E. B. Morrow, horticulturist of the North Carolina agricultural experiment station at State college, as ready for commercial use in North Carolina, have been certified by the N. C. Crop Improvement association. These are the first strawberry plants to be certified in North Carolina, and this state is believed to be the third in the nation to take this progressive step.

A. D. Stuart, State college seed specialist and secretary of the Crop Improvement association, says the certified plants are now available from J. L. Brann of Whiteville, Route 4; Charles Dearing, of the Coastal Plain Test Farm at Willard; W. C. Fussell of Teachey; and W. H. Robbins of Burgaw.

Of the three new varieties, the Eleanor Roosevelt is recommended for commercial use throughout the state. The Fairmore and Daybreak are adapted especially to Eastern North Carolina, the former being a commercial variety and the Daybreak a home garden and local market berry.

Stuart said the fields of the four growers who have cooperated in testing the new varieties have been inspected at three intervals by a representative of the Crop Improvement association, accompanied by a representative of the State college experiment station. They have been found to be outstanding in yield and quality.

Other growers may produce certified strawberry plants by complying with regulations of the Crop Improvement association, which include the use of foundation stocks or of stocks approved for certification by the North Carolina experiment station.

Church Services

Baptist Church

Rev. C. F. Rogers, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Preaching service.
7 p. m.—B. T. U.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching service.
Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Prayer service

St. Agnes Episcopal Church

The Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
No service Sunday.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor
Franklin—(Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship services.
Morrison—(Each Sunday)
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
(Each 2nd and 4th Sunday)
3:30 p. m.—Worship services.

Franklin Methodist Church

The Rev. Ivon L. Roberts, Pastor
(Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship services.
6 p. m.—Vesper service.

Catholic Church

Rev. A. R. Rohrbacher, Pastor
Services in American Legion hall
second and fourth Sundays at 8 a. m.

Macon Circuit

Rev. J. C. Swain, Pastor
1st Sunday—Union 11 o'clock a. m.;
a. m.; Mulberry, 2 o'clock p. m.;
Hickory Knoll, 2 o'clock p. m.;
Asbury, 3 o'clock p. m.
2nd Sunday—Mt. Zion, 11 o'clock;
Maiden's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.
3rd Sunday—Asbury, 11 o'clock
Dryman's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.;
Union, 7:30 o'clock p. m.
4th Sunday—Patton's 11 o'clock
a. m.; Maiden's Chapel, 2 o'clock
p. m.; Mt. Zion, 7:30 o'clock p. m.

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