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### Listen, Voters

WHATEVER else happens in Europe, a lot can and will happen here. This nation needs now—and will need in the days to come—all the internal defenses it can build. Whatever defenses we have will be either weakened or strengthened by the results of next Saturday's balloting.

In ordinary times many of us vote for personal or even complimentary reasons. The candidate may be related to one's mother-in-law or may be the son-in-law's boss.

But these are no ordinary times. The worst is happening to Britain and France—source of our ideals of government and our culture.

Serious days are ahead for the United States, for North Carolina and for Macon county. To meet these days wise, experienced, unselfish leadership is needed.

Voters, think before you vote, more seriously than you ever thought before. We need all the character we can muster—in both voters and nominees. Dark days are ahead.

The stock market slump is a remote disaster to most of us.

But the men whom we nominate Saturday and who will be elected in November had better be men of vision, experience, judgment—whose record is untarnished and whose strength is proven.

We need the best to hold the defense line from within.

### The Red Cross War Relief Fund

FROM Europe every hour come new and agonizing details of destruction and human misery. War in all its horror and brutality is being waged on old men, women, and children as well as on the uniformed forces of peace-loving nations.

To their aid the American Red Cross is rushing medical and hospital supplies, surgical dressings, ambulances and warm clothing. It has called upon the people of America to express their sympathy for these innocent victims by the raising of at least ten millions of dollars for their relief.

Macon County Chapter's share of this relief fund is \$300. There can be no doubt that our people will gladly over-subscribe this amount. They have full confidence that their Red Cross will administer these funds in a manner in keeping with its finest traditions of 60 years of service to humanity.

### Poppy Day

POPPY DAY comes to us with increased poignancy this year as Flanders fields are again red with the blood of innocent victims of war.

Today a new generation—many the sons of men who gave their lives twenty-two years ago—are dying and suffering.

Many thousands in America will wear a little red poppy next Saturday as a tribute of the World War dead and disabled—a symbol of patriotic sacrifice.

It is of interest to know that the poppies distributed here were made by disabled veterans at Oteen. The making of the flowers has given employment through long hours to many unable to do other work. The poppies are crepe paper replicas of the wild poppies of France that grew in such profusion on the World War battle front.

The funds raised above the actual cost of the poppies will go to local relief work of the Legion Auxiliary for ex-service men and their families. This work belongs to all of us.

### Diamond Jubilee

THE Raleigh News and Observer celebrated its Diamond Jubilee last Saturday by publishing the largest newspaper ever printed in North Carolina. The 75th anniversary of the paper was likewise the 78th birthday of its owner and long-time editor—Josephus Daniels. Both owner and paper are still "going strong".

Through the 46 years of Daniels ownership this has been no ordinary newspaper. Guided in its policies by a fearless, crusading editor, The News and Observer has served the state as its editor has served his country. Two sons have ably carried on in their father's absence.

Josephus Daniels was Secretary of the Navy under Woodrow Wilson during the World War. He is now Ambassador to Mexico under his erstwhile young assistant in the navy. Roosevelt addresses him as "Dear Chief" in a letter of congratulation. Hosts of friends and admirers unite with President and Mrs. Roosevelt in their "heartfelt wish that you may be spared for long years to come to continue your labors in behalf of peace and good will among men and nations."

## Press Comment

### Party of Responsibility

(Raleigh News and Observer)  
North Carolina Democrats in State Convention on Friday comported themselves in a manner becoming representatives of a party responsible for government in the State and Nation and worthy of a continuation of that responsibility. Adherence to principle should be demanded of every party both by its own members and independent voters who, on occasion, support it. Differences within the ranks of any party are to be expected. Such differences are naturally a matter of concern to those in control of a party organization. There was everywhere in evidence on Friday a desire to achieve unity and avoid dissension. Efforts in that direction were highly successful. And complete harmony was obtained without sacrifice of principle, a price always too great to pay even for harmony. The convention unequivocally endorsed the national administration and sent a delegation to the national convention pledged to support a continuation of the policies of this administration.

The convention also displayed a sense of responsibility in regard to State matters. An unequivocal pledge was made that the 1941 General Assembly will follow the plain mandate of the Constitution and re-apportion the membership of both branches of the General Assembly in accordance with the plain mandate of the Constitution. Another failure of the past was recognized and remedied in an endorsement of the principle of collective bargaining.

Friday's convention should have left a good taste in every mouth. It was notably lacking in any spirit of vindictiveness on the part of or against any individual or group of individuals. At the same time, the party demonstrated that it may be expected to continue to advocate a progressive program of the kind that has come to be known as the New Deal.

## Communications

(The following letter to Mrs. Leona P. Duncan, supervisor of WPA Adult Education project in Macon county tells eloquently of the work.—Editor.)

Dear Mrs. Duncan, I will write you a few words to let you know how well I like this school. The reason I like this school it has done me so much good and family. My son-in-law couldn't write his name and now he can write his name and also more. I sure do think it is a good thing.

I didn't get to go to school in my young days and glad to go in my old days. I am 62 yrs. old and I enjoy my school and teacher. he is a good teacher and tries to learn us all. His name is Mr. Gaston Deen.

From Maggie Stiwinter.

Franklin, N. C.  
May 19, 1940.

Editor of The Press,  
Franklin, N. C.  
I hope the inclosed letter to the farm women of the county does not violate any of your rules. I shall appreciate it very much if you can put it in your paper.

Yours sincerely,  
Coretta Talley

Dear Farm Women of Macon County:

One day last week a group of men from the prison camp—21 in number—who were working on the road, stopped before our house to eat their dinner. One of them—just a boy—came to the house and wanted to sell us a ring for a half-pound of butter. We bought a ring at his price. He carried the butter back to the others and very carefully, as though it were something precious and highly important that no one be left out, divided it among all those 21 men!

It was beautiful to see, but so very pathetic it hurt. Do you suppose they have all the butter they actually need out there?

I talked some with one of the men. He did not say a word in complaint about the food or anything else, but spoke most appreciatively of the kindness shown them in regard to the donations of reading material and things of that nature. However, I believe that they would appreciate some butter, even a little, very much too.

We farm women know quite well that butter is very necessary to men and boys who use shovels and things of that sort. We also know that fat in the form of "fat-back" is not very appetizing in the summer. If those men and boys out at the prison camp do need more butter, I'm sure there are many of us who would gladly help as much as we can to make it possible for them to have it.

Most of us, I imagine, will have fresh cows this summer. Also we won't have to buy so much cow-feed. I believe that we could give as much as a half-pound of butter to the prison camp each week and never miss it from our tables or cream checks. Of course that wouldn't be much, but if enough of us were interested, it might mean that the prisoners would

have plenty of fresh butter for one meal a week (Sunday dinner perhaps) that otherwise they wouldn't have. A half-pound of butter goes rather far with them it seems.

If some of the various church organizations—Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., Epworth League or the Ladies Missionary Society would take the initiative, sponsor a butter project for the prisoners in the different communities during the summer, I believe it would work and be worth while.

What do you think?

Coretta Talley.

(The Press thinks well of this suggestion, and hopes Miss Talley will receive generous response.—The Editor.)

To the Editor of The Franklin Press:

As a life-long citizen of this county and with a deep and abiding interest in all that pertains to the welfare of her people, I am sending this letter.

All of us who experienced the last war are deeply concerned for every act of our own and others that in any way affects our country.

I believe that every citizen should take a stand for whatever he or she thinks is for the best interests of the county, state and nation.

Therefore I am stating why I shall vote for Dr. Wiley A. Rogers on Saturday. He has served us not only as physician and friend but as representative of our public welfare. He has lent his wise counsel and leadership to the affairs of his county, in good times and bad, always with unflinching integrity, never to seek his own advantage. His experience and active participation in county and state politics gives him training and fitness to serve us in the state legislature at this critical time as is possessed by no other citizen.

We have a number of good doctors to care for the sick but only one Dr. Rogers that we can give to the service of his state and county. His high character as well as ripe experience will carry weight in Raleigh and lend influence that is needed. Let us send Dr. Rogers with the vote of confidence that he merits.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. J. L. Slagle

### Visitors Catch Quota Of Macon Fish

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Staples, who have been spending a month at Trimont Inn, left Tuesday for Thomaston, Ga. During their stay here Mr. and Mrs. Staples spent much of their time fishing in the various streams in the county, in-

## VOTE FOR W. Erskine Smith

— for —  
Lieutenant Governor  
State Senator Four Terms  
President Pro Tem of 1939 Senate  
A World War Veteran  
"Ask Those Who Know Him"

cluding the Wayah reserve, Co-weeta creek, Nantahala river, the Cullasaja river in Macon and Fires creek and Buck creek in Clay county. The limit was caught by both Mr. and Mrs. Staples almost every day.

They also spent sometime on the Franklin golf course and Monday

Mrs. Staples shot 44.  
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## STOP AND THINK

With the bloodiest battle of history raging; with the fate of nations, AND OUR NATION, hanging in the balance; when America is sitting on a powder keg with the fuse lighted in Europe and our leaders in Washington are called upon to exert all their energy and knowledge of national and international affairs, which can only be gained by long years of careful study and experience, in the effort to steer us wisely and safely through the world crisis,

### Is This the Time to Break in New Congressmen?

Our leaders in Washington have a harder job to do, and a greater responsibility rests upon their shoulders, than at any time since the days of Lincoln. We hope they guide us safely through, but are we not foolish if we do not take advantage of the skill they have acquired through years of experience?

There is too much involved to consider carefully and seriously the consequences that a change at this time might bring about.

The presence of Mr. Weaver in his district would doubtless gain him many votes in the primary Saturday. But he has stayed at his post in Washington during this crisis, and will stay there so long as he is needed. He would do so if he knew it meant his defeat, but can we afford to allow this to happen? Again we say,

## STOP AND THINK

(Adv.)