

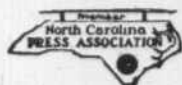
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Pure Propaganda

A so-called "fact finding committee of North Carolina physicians" has just made public the results of a "poll" it took among North Carolina doctors, which shows, the committee said, that two out of every three doctors to whom questionnaires were sent oppose the establishment of a four-year medical school at Chapel Hill.

The committee, it seems, asked a number of questions, but it chiefly had in mind to ascertain "public sentiment" among North Carolina doctors on the subject of the medical school. And, just to make sure the answers on this question were right, the committee sent a letter along with the questionnaire. In the letter, the committee said:

"This group sees no need at this time for another four year school for white, and it is definitely opposed to locating one in Chapel Hill, if one is to be established."

The committee, in other words, first prejudiced the doctors it polled with the letter, then asked the question, and then solemnly announced the results of its search for an "unbiased" expression of opinion.

As propagandists, the committee probably has done an effective, though hardly subtle, job. But it is respectfully suggested that its efforts as poll-takers are worth somewhat less than nothing.

What We Spend For Schools

Care should be used in any effort to measure education in terms of money. For, fundamentally, education is not a fiscal matter, but a thing of the mind and the spirit.

Furthermore, the money invested in education may be spent wisely or unwisely; nor does the quality of the education provided necessarily improve in proportion to the amount of money spent on schools. As an illustration, the State of New York spends nearly ten times as much on the education of a child as does Mississippi, but it is highly improbable that New York children are ten times as well educated as those in Mississippi.

But while they by no means present the whole picture, dollars-and-cents figures on public education are a part of the whole, and as such are worth study.

Figures on this subject, recently compiled and published in the North Carolina Public School Bulletin, publication of the state department of public instruction, are interesting.

The Bulletin undertakes to tell two things about public schools in the United States: How much each state spends on the average classroom; and how hard each state tries—that is, the proportion of its income it spends on education.

North Carolinians who are inclined to take pride in this state's school system and in the sacrifices we make in behalf of education will find the figures somewhat deflating.

The total spent per classroom ranges from Mississippi's \$48 to New York's \$4,150. North Carolina spends \$922. Only eight other states spend less, North Dakota, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

The proportion of their income that the people of the various states spend for education varies from Maryland's 1.78 per cent to New Mexico's 4.27. North Carolinians spend on their public schools an average of \$2.84 of each \$100 income. The people of 18 other states invest a larger proportion of their income in education. Those states, in the order of the proportion spent, are New Mexico, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah, Kansas, Arizona, West Virginia, North Dakota, Mississippi, Idaho, Montana, Iowa, Wyoming, Minnesota, Nebraska, Colorado, New Jersey, and South Carolina.

I'd rather take the advice of a child than that of ninetenths of the grownups in the world.—Henry Ford.

Your friends will tell you that they are sincere; your enemies are really so. Let your enemies' censure be like a bitter medicine, to be used as a means of self-knowledge.

—Schopenhauer.

LETTERS

CLUB APPRECIATES ENCOURAGEMENT

Editor, The Franklin Press,
Dear Sir:

We have been very much pleased with the interest the people of Franklin have shown in our proposed trip to Mexico this summer.

The gift of the book "Old Mexico", and the accompanying card saying how worth while they thought the trip would be from former Franklin residents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kingsberry, was most encouraging.

We are very grateful to Mr. Roy Cunningham, Dr. Furman Angel, Mrs. H. C. Erickson and Mr. W. C. Zickgraf for their contributions for our rummage sale to be held next Saturday, February 8, in the Agricultural building. Among those I might mention an overstuffed chair, a violin, dishes and comic books.

We appreciated the invitations for students to explain our plans to the Lions club, the Rotary club and the American Legion.

Members of the club wish to earn money for their project, and would be glad to work for business firms in town, on a commission basis or otherwise.

Sincerely,
OLIVIA C. JOHNSON,
Mexico Club Sponsor.

Franklin, N. C.,
February 3, 1947.

MORE ABOUT THE SCHOOLS

Dear Editor:

I'd resolved to keep quiet, but when I read Mr. J. C. Sorrells' letter in January 30th Press, right then and there I broke my resolution!

For about 20 years children from Walnut Creek have been endeavoring to get an education at Franklin High school, with very unsatisfactory results, although no doubt it is an excellent school.

Please pardon my referring to my own, but they are an example of what other children have also attempted.

Through all kinds of weather for the past 12 years they have had to start at 6 a. m. to walk the four miles from home to Gneiss, to catch the bus by just after 7 a. m. When the bus reaches Wiley Clark's filling station, they get off there and wait until bus goes up Ellijay about eight miles after other students. (The Ellijay road is very dangerous, as it is narrow and winding.) After the bus has made a round trip of about 16 miles, the children again clamber aboard to reach the Fount of Knowledge.

Following six hours in school with teachers who are far overtaxed by the great number of pupils to be supervised and instructed each day, the children's return home is similar to the morning, except the direction is reversed—their stomachs empty; body and mind exhausted—with lesson assignments awaiting their evening hours—they reach home—about 12 hours later than they started. So ends a perfect day!

Who is to blame?
For years we needed a gravel road. Now we have one into the heart of this community. The lower grades are transported in a bus to Pine Grove school. (The building is not nearly so good as the Walnut Creek school building, which is much older.)

But high school pupils are left to their own fate to get to and from the bus at Gneiss, in all kinds of weather for nine months out of the year. Who is to blame if pupils fail to finish high school?

For years and years we have plead with the superintendent of public instruction for some means of transportation. Until the last issue of The Press came, we didn't know we should have gone with "our troubles" to the principal of the school!

During World War II, we had young men and women in defense plants and in the service who could have done better then—and could now—if they had not had an educational handicap.

Why ask our young men and women to return to Macon County and help her grow—when Macon County has so neglected her children?

Respectfully yours,
MRS. F. E. MASHBURN.

Gneiss, N. C.,
January 31, 1947.

MR. HILL EXPLAINS

Dear Editor:

There is a rumor going through the school community to the effect that the Franklin High school has "another way of raising money. . . . Any boy or girl of high school age can buy their liberty over town one day for 15c. This money is collected by someone at the school for some purpose." This rumor is founded on misinformation, of which a writer in your "Letters" Column of last week was a victim. Will you kindly give your principal an opportunity to explain the facts from which this rumor originated?

Motivated by the philosophy that your high school should be of as much service to the community as possible, your principal has tried to extend the school's services beyond the mere teaching of school subjects. One instance of this extension is manifested in the fact that patrons are still given the privilege of sending their children to town on errands for the home, despite the fact that it has been quite a task to perfect a plan, which would protect this privilege from a world of abuse.

A number of plans have been tried from time to time. All of them have failed. Among these plans are the following:

1. Requisition of an excuse to go to town written by parents. This plan failed because of students' forgetfulness.
2. Interviewing students who wished to go to town. This plan failed because of its time-consuming nature. Vital school matters had to be neglected by the principal in order to cross-examine from seventy-five to one hundred students a day.
3. Writing a card to parents informing them of their children's trips to town. This plan failed because so many children brought home the mail after school.

Finally it seemed that the errand privilege would have to be abandoned altogether. Teachers were complaining and patrons were asking the principal why he did not have school down town. But since this errand privilege was of so much importance to many parents, who did not have cars or who lived at a great distance from Franklin, one more plan was tried. This plan was as follows:

- Any student may go to town, provided he buy a penny postal card, write his request on it, address it to his parents, place a special delivery stamp on it, and permit the principal to mail it home.

This plan has reduced trips from an average of about seventy-five a day to about seven. It was this plan that begat the rumor mentioned above. It takes all the 14c—not 15c—collected by this plan to mail notices home. It is, therefore, not a money making plan. It is the only plan that the principal can think of that will keep children off the streets, out of beer joints, and away from poolrooms.

Now with reference to another part of the letter, which was concerned with a certain light bill, your principal wishes to explain that this bill was for extra lights provided for only a few grades of the Franklin Elementary school. It was rather a private affair. The appeal for funds was made to parents whose children are profiting by these extra lights.

The principal wishes to thank all patrons who contributed to this fund. The total amount of contributions was \$83.16.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE H. HILL,
Principal, Franklin High School

Franklin, N. C.,
February 3, 1947.

Smokey Says:

"I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY TO DEFEND FROM WASTE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY—ITS SOIL AND MINERALS, ITS FORESTS, WATERS AND WILDLIFE."



LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of J. W. Blaine, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of January, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 10th day of January, 1947.

Arlen Williamson,
Administrator.

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EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of Chester C. Harris, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of December, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 30th day of December, 1946.

ALTA RAMSEY HARRIS,
Executrix.

J2-6tp-F6

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK ORDER OF PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

NANTAHALA POWER AND
LIGHT COMPANY

VS

JOSEPH FARISH, ALBERT
CLARK and RUTH CLARK
ROWE

It appearing from the affidavit of W. C. Penn, Secretary of the NANTAHALA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, petitioner in the above entitled action that Joseph Farish, Albert Clark and Ruth Clark Rowe are not to be found in Macon County, and cannot, after due diligence, be found in the State of North Carolina; and it further appearing that a cause of action in favor of the petitioner, and against the respondents, the same being a proceeding under the power of Eminent Domain for the condemnation of a right-of-way for an electric distribution line over and across lands of the respondents, situated in Macon County, North Carolina, and fully described in the petition of the petitioner on file in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina; and it further appearing that this is one of the cases in which service may be made by publication, for that the respondents are non-residents of the State of North Carolina and own or claim the lands located in Macon County, North Carolina, which the petitioner is seeking to condemn; and it further appearing that the Court has jurisdiction of said cause.

It is, therefore, ordered that service of summons be made upon the said Joseph Farish, Albert Clark and Ruth Clark Rowe, and to that end it is ordered that notice of this special proceeding be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Franklin Press, a weekly newspaper published in Macon County, North Carolina, which said newspaper is the one most likely to give notice of said proceeding to the respondents, setting forth the title of said proceeding, the purpose of same, and requiring the respondents to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, in the Court-house at Franklin, North Carolina, within ten (10) days after the 17th day of February, 1947, and answer or demur to the petition of the petitioner; and notify them that if they fail so to do the petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This 17th day of January, 1947.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk of Superior Court for
Macon County, North
Carolina.

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With the Churches

BAPTIST

First Church, Franklin
The Rev. Charles E. Parker,
Pastor

Sunday:
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
6:30 p. m.—Training union.
7:30 p. m.—Worship.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

EPISCOPAL

St. Agnes Church, Franklin
The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan,
Pastor

Sunday:
10 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—First Sunday, Holy communion,
Third Sunday,
Morning prayer,
8 p. m.—Second and fourth
Sundays, evening
prayer.

METHODIST

Franklin Church
The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt,
Pastor

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
6:30 p. m.—Senior Youth fellowship.
7 p. m.—Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

FRANKLIN CIRCUIT

The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor
Preaching services as follows:
First Sunday:

11 a. m.—Bethel church.
3 p. m.—Salem church.
7:30 p. m.—Clark's chapel.
Second Sunday:

11 a. m.—Snow Hill church.
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.
7:30 p. m.—Iotla church.
Third Sunday:

11 a. m.—Clark's chapel.
3 p. m.—Salem.
7:30 p. m.—Bethel.

Fourth Sunday:

11 a. m.—Iotla.
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.
7:30 p. m.—Snow Hill.

WEST MACON CIRCUIT

The Rev. P. E. Bingham, Pastor
Preaching services as follows:
First Sunday:

2 p. m.—Maiden's Chapel.
11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.

Second Sunday:

11 a. m.—Mount Zion.
Third Sunday:

11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.
2 p. m.—Maiden's Chapel.

Fourth Sunday:

11 a. m.—Mount Zion.

PRESBYTERIAN

Franklin Church
The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, pastor.
Sunday:

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.

CATHOLIC

Franklin
(At John Wasilik's Residence—
Rogers Hill)
The Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher,
Pastor

Second Sunday:
8:00 a. m.—Mass.

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL

Sloan's Chapel
Sunday:

2 p. m.—Sunday school on the first, second, third, and fifth Sundays.
2 p. m.—Preaching on the fourth Sunday.
3 p. m.—Preaching on the first, second, and third Sundays.

Tuesday:
7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

Friendship (Angel) Tabernacle

Sunday:
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
Second Sunday:

3:30 p. m.—Preaching service, conducted by the Rev. V. C. Ramey.

Olive Hill

Sunday:
2 p. m. Sunday school, E. A. Roper, superintendent.

NEGRO

St. Cyprian's Episcopal
The Rev. James T. Kennedy,
Pastor
Sunday:

11 a. m.—Third Sunday,
Holy communion.
2 p. m.—First and second
Sundays, evening
prayer.
3 p. m.—Church school.

Friday:
5 p. m.—Litany.

Franklin Methodist Circuit

(A. M. E. Zion)
The Rev. John G. Williams
Pastor
Preaching services as follows:
First and third Sundays:

11 a. m.—Green Street church.
2:30 p. m.—Cowee church.
8 p. m.—Green Street church.

ATTENTION!

LOYAL ORDER

OF MOOSE

WILL MEET EACH

THURSDAY NIGHT

At 7:30

Lake V. Shope, Sec.