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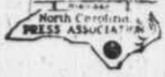
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A Remarkable Meeting

LAST Saturday's coming together of a few citizens from over the county to discuss school problems with their school officials was a remarkable demonstration of democracy in action.

It was noteworthy in many ways. First of all, perhaps, it was a healthy sign of general public interest in a fundamental function of government—public education; with public interest, progress in any phase of government is forecast, but without it, progress is almost impossible.

It was remarkable for the plane on which the discussion was kept—personalities and emotion were notably absent.

And yet it was the most frank discussion many of those present have ever attended.

It was the kind of meeting that could well be held in every section of Macon County, whether the topic to be discussed were schools or some other problem of common interest.

Sales Tax and School Expenditures

Two sets of figures, each throwing light on the important matters of schools and taxes, recently have been made public.

One set presents a picture for the state as a whole, while the other has local application to Macon and other Western North Carolina counties with regard to school expenditures.

The first, presented editorially in The Chapel Hill Weekly, deals with the sales tax and its relation to the state's services, including education.

Says The Chapel Hill Weekly:

Of the state's total general fund revenue for next year (1947-48), estimated by the Budget commission at 92 millions, the sales tax is credited with 30 millions, or 32½ per cent.

The state's expenditures for all purposes except highways amounted to 20 million dollars in 1933-34. For this next year (1947-48) they are estimated at 91½ millions. That is, they are 4½ times as large as they were 14 years ago.

The largest item in the budget is for the public schools. In 1933-34 it was 16 million dollars; in the present year (1946-47) it will be about 49 millions; and the budget report estimates it at 60½ millions for next year (1947-48).

The other set of figures, made public in Raleigh, shows the amounts (for the year 1945-46) spent by the state and individual counties for school operating costs in each of the counties.

In Macon County, the total spent was \$197,240.82. Of this amount, the state furnished \$184,655.97, or 93.62 per cent, while the county furnished \$12,584.85, or 6.38 per cent.

Examination of the figures for the other counties in this immediate area shows that Macon spent least for its schools.

The figures for the other counties follow:

Cherokee: Total, \$104,843.71; state, \$94,275.32, or 89.92 per cent; county, \$10,568.39, or 10.08 per cent. Murphy schools: Total, \$66,372.31; state, \$57,282.94, or 86.31 per cent; local, \$9,089.37. Andrews schools: Total, \$67,562.26; state, \$59,004.56, or 87.33 per cent; local, \$8,557.70. (The figures for the county and the two towns make up the total for Cherokee.)

Clay: Total, \$81,352.48; state, \$67,864.28, or 78.27 per cent; county, \$13,488.20.

Graham: Total, \$121,493.56; state, \$96,334.52, or 79.29 per cent; county, \$25,159.04.

Jackson: Total, \$266,074.35; state \$234,422.03, or 88.10 per cent; county, \$31,652.32.

Swain: Total, \$167,604.19; state, \$122,956.62, or 73.36 per cent; county, \$44,647.57.

Taxes and Honesty

Much has been said, and continues to be said, on the subject of taxes. The best minds in Washington and Raleigh long have studied the problems of taxation and offered sensible comment thereon.

But no one—be he president, governor, legislator, or expert—has made a wiser observation on the question of taxes than a citizen of Macon County, who recently remarked:

"Any really honest man will bend over backward to pay every penny of taxes he owes. And any good citizen, having paid his fair share of the

taxes, will raise the roof when he sees tax money being wasted".

Application of that simple remedy would go farther in solving our tax problems than all the complicated schemes of the greatest tax experts.

LETTERS

ENJOYS HOME COUNTY NEWS

Dear Editor:

I just want to write and tell you how much I enjoy your paper.

I was born and raised in Macon County and although I have been away for 18 years, I am very much interested in what goes on in and around the county.

It is quite a thrill to see old acquaintances and friends mentioned in The Press, as in the case of Mr. Claude Patterson being elected head of the farm bureau. I have known Mr. Patterson all my life, and it gave me great pleasure to read of his success, along with many others I read about in The Press.

Yes! I get more enjoyment from the two dollars I pay for a year's subscription to your paper than many times that much spent other ways. I have only one complaint, and that is that it is a weekly paper instead of a daily.

Sincerely,
MRS. CHARLOTTE M'CALL DILL.

Albertson, L. I., N. Y.
February 27, 1947.

Others' Opinions

PAST, FUTURE, PRESENT

To be blind to the past is the part of a fool, for our roots stem from the past. To be blind to the future is sheer madness, for development in the future is our only hope. At present (fleeting as it is) we stand arm in arm with the past and the future. We are inseparably linked with both. Nor can we escape either one. What matters most is not what they do to us, but what we do with them.—The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, writing in the Franklin Rotary Club's "Flywheel".

MORE AND BETTER BABIES

The State Board of Health reports more than 100,000 babies born in 1946, an all-time high and an increase of more than 12,000 over the previous year. But, that is only part of the story. Despite the larger number of births, more than three times the number of deaths for the year, there were fewer deaths of infants and fewer deaths of mothers in connection with childbirth.

The United States government, which saw to it that wives of soldiers received proper care, is to a large extent responsible for the splendid record. What North Carolina needs is the same sort of care for all of the population. That can be secured only by passing the Medical Care bill in its entirety so as to assure the necessary hospitals and clinics and personnel to man these facilities.—News and Observer.

LEE HAD THE RIGHT IDEA

The President is making so many appointments nowadays that possibly he needs some pointers about them.

Gen. Robert E. Lee had the gift of impartiality. General Lee once announced his intention of recommending a certain officer for promotion.

It is said that a certain subordinate who was present protested, declaring: "That man has spoken disparagingly of you, sir. I have heard him."

The general nodded.

"Yes, I know," he replied. "Yet the question is not what he thinks of me, but what I think of him."—Chattanooga Times.

NOT SO EASY

With the alarming increase of divorces granted in North Carolina, it is not surprising that some legislation would take place on this problem in the current session of the General Assembly.

With the number of broken homes steadily on the increase it is time to make it harder to obtain a divorce, which is another way of trying to make people think more seriously before they marry.

The bill which was introduced by Senator Lee B. Weathers of Shelby, would abolish separation as a cause for divorce. It is said that court records show that 90 per cent of the divorces brought into our courts in North Carolina are cited on the grounds of separation.

The trend toward allowing easier divorce rules in the state started back in 1907 when a bill was passed that a divorce could be granted on ten years' separation, then later it was cut to five years and still later to two.

Now it would seem after trying out the more lenient condition, the trend has started back the other way.

The record in recent years has been as follows: For 1941—4,062; 1942—4,429; 1943—5,178; 1944—5,570; and 1945—6,421.

—Waynesville Mountaineer.

PROVES SOME WERE WRONG

Between 1937 and 1939 there were many men, prominent in the political and economic life of the United States, who maintained that there was no danger whatever of a war in Europe. Some of these brethren maintained their position until the guns began barking in Poland. How far they were from being right is revealed in the six volumes of the evidence collected by the American and British prosecuting staff at Nuremberg.

According to these documents, Adolf Hitler plotted wars of aggression at least as early as November, 1937. The Nazi leader, in conference with top generals and politicians, made clear his intention to attack Poland at the first opportunity, declaring that in war right is not what matters, but victory.

The series of books, released by the war department, present, in the words of Justice Robert H. Jackson, "unanswerable proof" of "the true and criminal nature" of the Hitler regime. The facts that have come to light, says the war department, "leave no grounds for skepticism of 'atrocity propaganda' such as developed after the first war."

The treachery and barbarism of national socialism is revealed in the records which the Nazis kept for themselves.

—Marion Progress.

HOW DO YOU RATE AS A PARENT?

Parents have report cards too! The Piedmont, Calif., High School Dads Club issued a report card which parents graded themselves, according to the Bulletin of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals. For each of the following questions to which they could answer an unequivocal "Yes", they received 10 points:

1. Do you provide a quiet study room for your child away from family, telephone, and radio?
2. Do you schedule a regular study time, and insist on its being kept?
3. Do you make unsatisfactory report card (grades 3 or below) or a delinquency slip an occasion for a parent-faculty conference, at once?
4. Do you require your child to stay at home and study evenings before a school day?
5. Do you see that your child gets adequate sleep? (9 hours Jr. High) (8 hours H. S.)?
6. Do you contribute to your child's school morale by avoiding criticisms of teachers and school before your child?
7. Is the home work help you give your child such that he does not become dependent upon you?
8. Do you insist that your child refrain from cigarettes and cocktails?
9. Do you refuse to permit your child to do things you do not approve, even when he tells you "everybody else does"?
10. Do you refuse to permit unchaperoned parties or "dark dances" in your home?

—The Uplift.



It's not so important that the "i" should be dotted — but it is important that any kind of fire-house or woods fire, can be prevented before it becomes destructive.

Angel Gets Order From Germany For Fishing Equipment

Once a trout fisherman, always a trout fisherman—especially if you've fished in Macon County streams.

That seems to be true, at least, in the case of Judge Don Phillips, of Rockingham. Judge Phillips, who often has presided over superior court here and has caught his share of Macon County trout, is now in Germany, trying Nazi war crime cases.

For relaxation, he'd like to fish. And it seems there are trout in German streams. But fishing equipment isn't to be had.

Faced with that situation, the judge must have thought of Macon County fishing, for recently T. W. Angel, Jr., who often has fished with Judge Phillips, received an order from the latter for trout files and spinners.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of W. A. Shields, 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 31st 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 31st day of January, 1947.
MRS. W. A. SHIELDS,
Administratrix.

F6-6tp-M13

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK NORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY NANTAHALA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY - vs - JOSEPH FARISH, TRUSTEE UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ARTHUR K. WOODMAN, ALBERT CLARK AND RUTH CLARK ROWE

The respondents, Joseph Farish, Trustee, Albert Clark and Ruth Clark Rowe, will take notice that a special proceeding, entitled as above, has been instituted in the Superior Court for Macon County, North Carolina, before the Clerk of the Superior Court, for the condemnation by the petitioner, under the power of Eminent Domain, of a right-of-way for an electric distribution line over and across lands owned or claimed by the respondents, which said lands are situated in Macon County, North Carolina and are fully described in the petition filed in this proceeding in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Macon County, North Carolina; and the said respondents will take notice that they are required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, within ten (10) days after the 17th day of March, 1947 and answer or demur to the petition filed in said proceeding, or the petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This 17th day of February, 1947.
J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina

F20-4tc-M13

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of J. D. Cabe, 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 17th day of February, 1948 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 15th day of February, 1947.
JOHN CABE,
Administrator

M6-6tp-A10

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.—Iotia church.

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

Fourth Sunday:
11 a. m.—Iotia.
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.

CHURCH OF GOD

Prentiss
The Rev. H. L. Helms, pastor

Sunday:
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7 p. m.—Young People's Endeavor.
7:30 p. m.—Evangelistic service.

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. Oyprian'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:
3 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.—Covee church.
8 p. m.—Green Street church.