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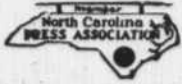
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## A Big Job Finished

TO Chairman E. W. Long, the only man who served as a member of the Macon County Draft Board the entire six and a half years of its existence, and to the other board members who so freely gave of their time, their effort, and their thought, this county owes a debt of gratitude.

For theirs was one of the most trying tasks of the war; it was a job without glamour and without pay, yet it was one carrying responsibility that at times must have seemed to the board members almost too heavy to bear.

That they did a good job is attested by the almost complete absence of public criticism; and as they are released from the burden imposed by a sense of patriotism, they can well look back upon their work with a sense of satisfaction.

But the record of the smooth functioning of the Draft Board is more than a tribute to the work of members of the board. It is a striking instance of the effectiveness of democracy in action; for alone, the board members would have been helpless. The board was enabled to do its work so well only because it received the whole-hearted and never-failing assistance and cooperation of scores of agencies, organizations, and individuals, in a wide variety of capacities, and of the general public. It was a community effort, intertwined about the labors of the draft board.

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It is a far cry from October, 1940, when the first draft registration was held, to March 31, 1947, when Macon County Draft Board No. 1 — along with local boards everywhere — ceased to exist.

History was written during those fateful years — what history!

Macon County's share in the record is proportionately small, of course, but nowhere in the nation was a finer page penned than that written in folk — all working together, toward a common the toil and tears and blood of Macon County end.

## England's Race Problem

MOST thoughtful persons wish to speed the day when full justice is done the Negro in America—justice in educational opportunity, in the courts, and in other fields.

But every sensible person who is familiar with the situation must deplore the campaign to break down the social barrier between the races. That such a campaign is under way, and that it has been deliberately planned with a view to breaking down the social barrier that separates white and black, is obvious from even casual reading of any one of a number of periodicals. And among the worst offenders are the editors of some church publications.

If the campaign should be successful, it will prove unfortunate for all concerned, and most of all for the Negro.

How unfortunate it would be is indicated by a news story from London. A United Press dispatch reports:

Five thousand babies fathered by Negro American troops stationed in England during the war will be shipped to the United States on a chartered liner, the newspaper Daily Mail reported today.

The babies will be transported to America "to save them from growing up as social misfits and from possible stigma," the newspaper said.

"The Negro Welfare Society of London and Liverpool are finding homes for them in colored communities of the United States," it added. "The children, from one to five years old, were left behind by colored U. S. troops stationed in Britain during the war. Their mothers are British."

England has had no social color line, and these thousands of illegitimate children of Negro fathers and white mothers are the result.

Yet in England, where there has been no social barrier between the races, it is recognized—and recognized by a Negro organization!—that these half-breeds would grow up in that country as "social misfits"; in other words, that their presence would create a color line.

It is too bad that some of our would-be friends of the Negro were not equally realistic. In this country, all too often, well-meaning persons exhibit more sentimentality than sense; they fail to see facts as they are, rather than as they think they should be.

They fail to recognize, for one thing, that discrimination and segregation are not necessarily one and the same thing. Almost nobody defends discrimination, but segregation is desirable for both races. And the surest way to make progress is to devote our energies, not to the breaking down of the social color line, but to making segregation fair, a segregation that applies equally to both races.

## LETTERS

### REPLY TO MR. SORRELLS

Dear Editor:

Mr. Sorrells' letter of many questions, published in March 27th issue of The Press, is somewhat interesting to me. Its interest springs mainly from the fact that his expressed view is typical of that held by a very large number of people in this country. This view might be summed up in the phrase, "If you have an enemy, keep him". I should like to point out, however, that such is not the spirit of Christ, who died on the Cross almost two thousand years ago. He died not for His friends, but for his enemies. He prayed for them. He expects Christian people everywhere to do likewise.

The one and only thing that will stop wars is the spirit of the Man of Galilee instilled in the hearts of men and women everywhere. Beat a nation to its knees by the use of powerful implements of war, and it will rise up on the ashes of defeat to fight again. But win that nation through love, manifested in a spirit of tolerance and helpfulness, and it will rise up to call us blessed.

America does not fight because she wants to, but because she has to; and conversely, she does not forgive primarily because she has to, but because she wants to. Would that that spirit prevailed in every country of the world today.

Sincerely,

R. M. PEEK.

Charlotte, N. C.,  
April 1, 1947.

### ANOTHER REPLY

Dear Editor and Fellow Readers:

I wish to express my thoughts in regard to Mr. J. C. Sorrells' questions in March 27th edition of The Franklin Press. To avoid juggling and confusion, I will answer them as he asked them, Nos. 1 through 5.

No. 1. This question was mostly answered by the editor, but I have a few words to add. We are not indebted either to the Axis or our ally nations, but we, as a Christian nation, are indebted to all suffering humanity. Mr. Sorrells seems to have forgotten Italy was allied with us in the latter part of the war. Approximately 14 millions of Americans gave more than anyone, regardless of how many bonds he bought, and we had no love for our enemies; but it was useless to win the war if we sit back with full stomachs and see the peace go because of a few million dollars.

No. 2. Every American who spent one dollar or a million for bonds did it because he was assured by the greatest nation in the world that he would not only get his dollar back, but a nice margin of interest.

Nos. 3 and 4. These questions can't be answered. They might be surmised. Germany and Japan didn't win, and no man has mental ability to fudy prophesy what they would have done, had they won the war.

No. 5. Mr. Sorrells seems to have forgotten lots of history regarding Mr. Hoover's career. President Truman selected Mr. Hoover for his ability and experience. Mr. Hoover was sent to Europe by President Wilson after World War 1. Again he was sent a year and a half or two years ago. And as for Mr. Hoover's doing anything for us poor starving Americans while he was President, he did. Mr. Sorrells should read a bit. He (Mr. Hoover) set up relief.

It was suggested by Mr. Hoover that both Britain and America each contribute \$475,500,000 through June, 1948, not as gift, but as a loan to be repaid in the form of exports, before any reparations were paid.

The soldiers on occupation duty all over the world want to come home. It wasn't, and isn't, pleasant over there, and regardless of how hard a man is, it is touching to see old people and children naked and eating out of garbage cans. Lasting peace can never come to a starving people. Hunger will force people to do anything.

If President Truman's heart bled any over Mr. Hoover's report on the German question, he hasn't held a press conference over it yet.

—CARLOS A. ROGERS.

Franklin, Route 3,  
March 31, 1947.

## Others' Opinions

### LET'S GO FISHING!

To hear most folks talk these days no one has time to do anything. Still there's a lot being done; but folks rush here and rush there with their tongues hanging out, panting for breath, and their mentality in a terrible whirl. The answer? Go fishing and laze beside calm and peaceful woods and water. Us? Well, we'd like to join you but we ain't got time right now!!! Give us a rain check, will you?—The Proof Sheet, house organ of Caske Paper Company.

### CANDIDATE TOMPKINS

Dan Tompkins, Jackson county's little, loud legislator, told the house during its closing hours yesterday that he'll be a candidate for lieutenant-governor next year.

Tompkins, an ardent dry and an even-more ardent foe of the "gag rule", has been in the legislature for five terms. He sought the lieutenant-governor's job in 1940, but was defeated.

In making his announcement, Tompkins said: "So far as influencing legislation is concerned, I think the office of lieutenant-governor is the most important office in the state. By reason of the authority the lieutenant-governor has to appoint committees in the senate, he can wield greater influence in shaping legislative policy than the governor can. I believe the committees in both houses of the legislature should be so appointed as not to prejudice any legislation before its introduction and consideration."

Tompkins is a veteran of the first World War, in which he served overseas as an enlisted man.

### DURHAM POINTS THE WAY

By way of an editorial in The Charlotte Observer we learn of a plan recently inaugurated in Durham which to our way of thinking should go a long way toward improving the schools. It is recognized by educators themselves that they alone cannot build a good school system. The professional people must have the aid and support of the lay citizenship of the community.

In Durham, according to The Observer, the citizens have "organized their own educational planning board to visit the schools and find out what is going on." This organization "appointed 10 separate committees that made thorough investigations of all aspects of the city school system, including physical needs, financing, professional relationships, the quality of teaching and many others."

"After this investigation they drew up a comprehensive report and presented their findings to the city school board, which met in special session to consider it."

That, according to The Observer, is an excellent plan that should be followed in Charlotte. We believe it might be followed in other communities. It should be made state-wide in its scope. Truly, as The Observer points out, "the parents who send their children to school and who pay the bill should certainly feel a personal concern in how their children are being taught and how their money is being spent."

—N. C. Public School Bulletin.

It is good to rub and polish our brain against that of others.—Montaigne.

## Clinics Planned Next Week At 2 Schools In Macon

Mrs. Josephine D. Gaines, public health nurse here, has announced two clinics for next week.

A pre-school, typhoid, and other immunization clinic will be held at the Cowee school at 9:30 Wednesday morning.

At the Goldmine school a clinic for typhoid and other immunizations will be held Tuesday morning at 9:30.

### LUNCH BOX TREAT

For the hearty sandwich in the box lunch, split and butter a generous square of corn bread. Tuck well-cooked bacon slices in the middle. Wrap carefully in wax paper.

### LEGAL ADVERTISING

#### 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

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#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Dr. John H. Fouts, 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 11th day of March, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 11th day of March, 1947.

DOVER R. FOUTS,  
Executor.

Burnsville, N. C.  
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