

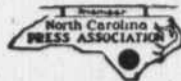
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Our "Horseback Doctors"

THIS suggestion comes from a reader of The Press:

Four young men, natives of Macon County, left home many years ago, in the days when dollars were few and far between here. They went out to get professional educations.

Then they came back to spend their lives serving the people among whom they grew up. They were the four "horseback doctors" who have died in recent years—Dr. F. L. Siler, Dr. S. H. Lyle, Dr. W. A. Rogers, and Dr. J. H. Fouts.

Each was remarkable in his own way. And they all had at least one thing in common: They came back home to practice, when they might so easily have gone where the hardships were far fewer and the remuneration far greater.

Why not, asks The Press reader, a memorial to Macon's four "horseback doctors"?

To which this newspaper adds:

Who has a suggestion as to the form such a memorial should take?

Are You Registered?

Voters in Franklin and Highlands, if they are to participate in the May 6 town elections, must be registered. And Saturday of this week is the last day to register.

This is not a new registration, but, if these elections are like most that have been held in the past, a lot of people will not be permitted to vote because they took it for granted their names were on the registration books, instead of making sure.

Men who voted absentee while in the service and who have come back home need to register, if they are to vote. Newcomers to the two communities are not registered. And many persons will find, if they check, that they may have registered for a bond or other election, but that didn't put their names on the town registration list.

Better check with the registrar—this week.

A Tough Problem

Like Macon, Transylvania county has voted bonds for construction of new school buildings. Like Macon, it had hoped for some state aid on its building program. And, like Macon, it now faces the problem presented by the tremendous increase in building costs.

So similar are the situations that The Transylvania Times might well have been writing about Macon County when it said editorially:

The new board of education at its initial meeting last week decided to defer a decision on the date for beginning the extensive school improvement program until after the matter can be fully explored with the advisory committee.

School officials here hoped that the recent legislature would approve a school building program under which the county would have received \$125,000 to help provide new buildings and repair others. The assembly, however, failed to appropriate the \$10,000,000 sought, which means that our problem is essentially what it was when the session began. With this additional money, officials felt that they could execute the program as originally planned, despite greatly increased building costs in recent months.

While fully conscious of the critical need for improved school housing, The Times has cautioned a policy of delay. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say a policy of caution dependent on the time needed to assess all factors involved and to calculate the results both on the immediate problem and the citizenship generally. We have been rather disposed to endure for a while longer the admitted deficiencies of the system than to proceed in the certain knowledge that the improvements promised the people cannot be provided with the money available. For reasons which it should not be necessary to enumerate here, curtailing the program would surely cause deep dissatisfaction.

The blunt truth of the matter is that economic forces generated by the post-war building revival have intervened to become our major school problem. It should be considered in this light, for it has a very definite bearing on the future of the whole school system—not only its physical plant, but its morale and efficiency as well.

While the major building program has been postponed temporarily here, it is encouraging to note that needed repairs are being made in practically every school in the county.

There is one important factor in the situation that the Brevard newspaper fails to mention—a factor that is important in the consideration of any school

problem:

A child's time in school is short, at best; all too soon he must meet life as an adult, and how well he is equipped to meet it will depend largely upon the school he attended. Every day he spends in a poor or a mediocre school is a day virtually lost—time he can never recover.

Good schools 10 years from now won't educate the children who are in school today.

Others' Opinions

TURN ON THE LIGHT

We are still hoping that Representative Rex Gass of Forsyth County carries out his threat to let the people of the state know something about the manipulations which brought about the "gag" rule in the legislature in 1941. This rule has been very successfully utilized to block every attempt of the people of the state, who believe in true democracy and the right of the people to have an election and express themselves on the liquor question or any other which concerns them.

—Kinston Free Press.

A MAN

- One who has self-confidence but does not show it.
- One who can be courteous in the face of discourtesy.
- One who keeps his word, his temper, and his friends.
- One who wins respect by being respectable and respectful.
- One who understands people, and can make himself understood by people.
- One who has a steady eye, a steady nerve, a steady tongue and steady habits.
- One who is silent when he has nothing to say.—Exchange.

PART NAMES IN MIDDLE?

"What does ye think will be the fashion as to how candidates fer Governor part their names in 1946?" was the Old Codger's question this morning. He was asked what prompted such a foolish question, seeing that Shakespeare had asked: "What's in a name?"

The Old Codger replied: "Ye shows ye ain't familiar with history. Don't ye know that the last two Governors parted their name in the middle—J. Melville Broughton an' R. Gregg Cherry. Jest now Mayne Albright, W. P. Horton, Charlie Johnson, Libby Ward, Lt. Gov. 'Stag' Ballentine, John Kerr, Tom Pearsall, Thad Eure, Barker of Durham, an' the 37 other varieties air a-wonderin' how they'll write their first names out like Charlie Aycock an' Bill Kitchin or adopt the J. Melville an' R. Gregg method or signin' their middle name."—The Rhamkatt Roaster in The News and Observer.

SAVING THE SOIL

A recent announcement from the soil conservation service of the Department of Agriculture, emphasizes two important points. First, the efforts to save the topsoil of this country and second, the fact that we still have considerable distance to go.

The statistics of the past are not encouraging, as the service estimates that between 1895 and 1930 a full million acres of top soil were lost each year, and that more than 50 per cent of the country's farmlands have been damaged to some degree by wind or water erosion; and that this cost annually amounts to about four billion dollars.

It is reported that since 1930 the damage has been slowed to approximately half a million acres per year. A great victory came to those who have worked for conservation in 1935 when congress passed the soil conservation act and the Soil Conservation service was made a permanent part of the department of agriculture.

It is with gratification that we can point with pride to the fine work that has been done here in Haywood county along this line under the supervised direction of our county farm agents, who have given expert advice to our farmers.

—Waynesville Mountaineer.

TAXING OUR ECONOMY

Because of a reduced peanut production last fall money has not circulated quite so freely in this section during recent months, farmers and business operators declare.

To aggravate the adverse economic situation we went ahead and spent or otherwise threw away an estimated half million dollars in the last quarter of 1946 for alcoholic beverages. There were some profits, to be sure, but when we collected one dollar in profits three others were sent away. And the transactions were of questionable value to begin with.

One doesn't have to be for or against prohibition to realize that an economy can't stand up under such a burden. If we had a normal or even a bumper peanut crop last fall we would have been little better off because a large part of the income was taken out of legitimate business channels. There is little difference in the net result when hundreds of thousands of dollars are taken out of circulation by a near crop failure and when hundreds of thousands of dollars are diverted from legitimate business channels.

The money spent for beverages in this county last year was in sufficient amount to head off a depression for at least a year. If we had saved that amount not even a complete crop failure could have thrown us off our economic balance.

It is too late to do anything about that which is already gone under the bridge, but it will be well even at this late date to save back some of our liquor dollars for the proverbial rainy day.—Williamston Enterprise.

SKIRTS

Skirts are what women wear where men wear pants, the biggest difference being that skirts come singly and not in pairs.

Of course that doesn't mean that women do not in many instances wear pants too, figuratively anyway, although, still figuratively speaking, they don't look so good. Either there's not enough slack to take up or there's too much taking up what slack there is.

Skirts may be approached from either end, put on over the head or stepped into, but once they're in they generally adhere to a middle course.

Skirts follow a waistline which varies according to the design of the upper garments which they have to meet, vertically, at least. If they don't meet horizontally, that's a matter of girth control.

When skirts get out of shape, it's frequently because they have become hipped on their subjects. But one really shouldn't blame skirts for their lack of foundation.

There used to be such things as underskirts but they've long since been given the slip.

Skirts leave uncovered a multitude of shins. But at that they're very deceptive; the shorter skirts are the longer they make people look. When skirts are long enough to have trains, they almost invariably have sidetracked material that should have gone into the top parts of the dresses of which they are a part. So crowded out are they in fact that the best their shoulders can do is become a strap-hanger.

Skirts in some countries are made out of grass, but even then they call for mower.

You never know what the styles will be in skirts from one season to another but when they pop at the seams, fall to meet in the back or offer increasing zipper resistance on the side, you may reasonably conclude that they're getting fuller.

To be sure there's a great deal that we've left unsaid about skirts, but it's still the season of the year when breezes may catch up the subject at any moment and carry it on to new heights.—Greensboro Daily News.

Smokey Says:



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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.

M27-6tp—May 1

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership of Henson and McGlamery Cash Store, operating a produce and feed business in the Town of Franklin, has been dissolved on the 11th day of April, 1947, and T. A. Henson is now the sole owner of said business.

Notice is given that H. A. McGlamery will not be liable for any debts of the said business created after this date.

This 11th day of April, 1947.
H. A. MCGLAMERY
T. A. HENSON.

A17-1tp

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Wm. G. Culbertson, 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 at Highlands, N. C., on or before the 16th day of April, 1948 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 16th day of April, 1947.
MARIAN A. NORTON,
Administratrix.

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EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of Annie Slagle, 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 at 200 Grandin Road, Charlotte, N. C., on or before the 16th day of April, 1948 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 16th day of April, 1947.
KATHERINE SILER ZACHARY
Executrix.

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