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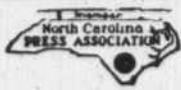
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Deserves Attention

THE repeated discussion, in letters to The Press, of the little white crosses on Rankin Square is abundant proof of the widespread conviction that the Macon County youths who gave their all in World Wars 1 and 2 deserve a memorial that is at once appropriate, dignified, and beautiful.

The only difference of opinion is as to the form the memorial should take.

One interesting suggestion, made in a private conversation the other day, is that a plot of boxwood (the boxwood is noted for its long life) be planted on Slagle Memorial hill, each tree to be a memorial to a member of Macon County's company of war dead; perhaps with a cross, bearing the name and dates, in front of each plant.

But whatever is done about a memorial, a point is made in a letter that appears on this page that is not subject to argument, and that deserves thought, and action.

In substance, the writer of that letter says:

We have a beautiful setting here; we could have a beautiful town; but we are not making the most of what the good Lord gave us.

Change

The fundamentals of religion are unchanging. And many of us, with this in mind, are inclined to forget that the application of those principles can and must change, to meet changing conditions.

This is particularly true of the church, of course, since it is the outstanding institution that seeks to raise men's religious conceptions and practices. Generally speaking, the church is effective as it adapts its methods of bringing to men the teachings of religion to current conditions.

A case in point is the Tellico Baptist church. Within less than a month after buying a bus in which to haul people from nearby communities to the church, it trebled its Sunday school attendance. (The First Baptist church in Franklin is said to have had a similar encouraging experience with a church bus.)

The churches, in Macon County and America, will grow and increase in influence in direct proportion as they serve the needs of men and women.

Tar Heels In Washington

Kenneth Claiborne Royall, of Goldsboro, confirmed by the senate last week as secretary of war, is the first North Carolinian ever to hold any U. S. cabinet post, other than that of secretary of the navy.

But, by a strange coincidence, there have been five North Carolina secretaries of the navy! Only two states, in fact—Massachusetts, with eight, and New York, with six—have furnished more navy secretaries than North Carolina.

The Heels who served as secretary of the navy were:

John Branch, under President Jackson, from 1829 to 1831; George E. Badger, under Presidents William Henry Harrison and Tyler, for less than a year in 1841; William A. Graham, under Fillmore, from 1850 to 1852; James C. Dobbin, under Pierce, from 1853 to 1857; and Josephus Daniels, under Wilson, from 1913 to 1921.

Mr. Daniels, incidentally, is said to have the distinction of being the only man in American history to serve a full eight years as secretary of the navy.

Just why North Carolina politicians have gravitated to the navy department is not clear, but, with a single exception, that seems to have been the only outstanding post in the federal government a Tar Heel ever had filled until Mr. Royall's appointment.

The exception was Nathaniel Macon, for whom this county is named. Mr. Macon (who, by the way, never saw his namesake) was speaker of the house from 1801 to 1807.

Plenty of natives of North Carolina, of course, have filled important posts; this state, for example, claims to have been the birth-place of three presidents—Jackson, Polk, and Johnson—but they migrated to other states to win national recognition.

... LETTERS ...

KEEP FRANK GRAHAM!

Dear Mr. Jones:

As a native North Carolinian (my people have lived in your county for generations though I was born at Hayesville) my heart thrilled when I read your very fine editorial "Should Frank Graham Resign". The spirit that inspired that editorial, the work of Frank Graham, the great University that ranks first among the Nation's state universities have placed North Carolina in the front rank of progressive states.

As to the ordinary citizen of whom Mr. Severance speaks so assertively—his prayer is that all state universities by the grace of God get a president like Frank P. Graham.

Let your tallest trees be felled, let your most beautiful waterfalls dry up, let your highest mountains be mined away, but keep the great president of your University and you will still have a state.

Sincerely yours,
EDNA GILLESPIE.

Blackfoot, Idaho,
July 16, 1947.

LET'S CLEAN UP!

Dear Mr. Jones:

For sometime I have had in mind a letter to The Press concerning our town. I often wonder if we who live here could picture what is in the mind of a stranger who sees the conditions on Main street. I'm afraid it would not be very flattering to us or the town, for we of the town are responsible for conditions. We have a beautiful setting here and could have a beautiful town.

The street and lot next to the curb market are a disgrace. The lot could be cleaned off and made into a small park where people could find a place to rest.

The big trucks should have a parking lot off Main street. I am glad to know of the proposed parking regulation, if it is carried out. The garbage cans are an asset to the town and I hope they will be used.

I would like to see Rankin Square put in good condition and kept so. It would be well to have the Honor Roll put in the hall of the courthouse to preserve it. A granite marker which would stand for all time, with a bronze plate with the names of our boys who gave their lives in World Wars 1 and 2, should be placed in the enclosure near enough to the street so the names can be read, and remove the crosses which are weather worn and will have to be replaced from time to time if kept. If the crosses are to be retained, I suggest the cemetery association donate a lot on the hillside and put the crosses there. If I had a cross to my son, I would prefer placing it in the peaceful quiet of the cemetery. I believe the American Legion would be interested in attending to this.

As to the courthouse, if a new one is to be erected, I hope the old one will be kept and restored and made into a place for our public library, a museum, and club rooms, with the upstairs as an auditorium. It is too bad to destroy the atmosphere of a town by destroying the old and beautiful things.

I believe in progress, and progress brings changes, but let's not destroy everything that is distinctive, but clean up and beautify what we have.

I have always lived in Franklin, except for a short time, and no matter where I go, my heart always turns to Franklin, of all places, the one I love the best.

Sincerely,
—A READER.

Others' Opinions

READ WITH DISCRIMINATION

An editorial in The State, weekly paper published in Raleigh, on the subject, "Newspaper Exaggerations," should cause sober thought on the part of both writers and the reading public. It is unfortunate and very harmful to the public that so much material in the papers gives an exaggerated or distorted picture of conditions. A good illustration of this point is seen in the way in which Time magazine reported the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis. The article in the magazine paid practically no attention at all to the important matters discussed at the convention, but played up one or two sensational incidents which occurred not in the convention itself but on the sidelines. The average non-Baptist reader of such a report would get a very inadequate and false conception of the Southern Baptist Convention. Readers of newspapers must read with discrimination and confine their reading as largely as possible to the more sober and reliable publishers.—Biblical Recorder.

"A GREAT COMMUNITY"

All of us want the towns and cities in which we live to expand and prosper. It is a laudable ambition. At the same time we should crave more than mere physical growth and business prosperity. There is food for thought in Arthur E. Morgan's word picture of a "great community". "A great community," he wrote, "is one that seeks excellence rather than size. It aims at full, well proportioned life for its members, and vital relations with the wide world. . . Its citizens can be recognized by democratic simplicity, neighborliness, sincerity, and self-discipline. They travel widely and their doors and hearts are open to visitors. While concerned with world affairs, strong ties to neighbors and friends lead them to prefer fulfillment of their lives at home. . ."

"No one kind of excellence makes a great community. A town may be financially prosperous, yet dead. Neither is cultural interest alone enough. Design should cover every important phase of life. Local government requires planning. Economic life should make places for varied interests and abilities of young people. Planning is necessary for health, education, cultural growth, recreation, and ethical development. A community council may help unify the whole. Planning for a fine community, and working out those plans, can be a great community adventure."—Morganton News Herald.

THE AHOSKIE INCIDENT

It was a small error of judgment in public relations that caused the whole furore.

There was no intention on the part of the Ahoskie Kiwanis Club to discriminate in any way against their Negro friends and neighbors when they planned to give away a Cadillac automobile to the holder of the lucky ticket to their annual Festival, which they staged—at considerable personal sacrifice of time and effort on the part of individual members—to raise funds for their charity work among the under-privileged children of the community, both white and Negro.

The Festival was staged by the white people of the community for the white people and it was not intended that tickets should be sold to Negroes, because there were no accommodations provided for their entertainment, and all tickets giving a chance to win the Cadillac carried the privilege of admission.

Kiwanians knew all of the above without even thinking about it, and they sold no tickets to Negroes. But a volunteer ticket salesman—there were many such volunteers—did not realize these facts and through him a few tickets giving admission to the Festival and allowing a chance on the Cadillac were sold to Negroes. But so well established was the fact that the Festival was an exclusively white affair that no Negro holders of tickets made use of them to attend. Likewise, so well established was the fact of its exclusiveness to whites that, according to statements of the Kiwanis committee who visited the Negro whose name was drawn as the lucky winner of the Cadillac, the ticket was readily and willingly released by him without any sign of resentment—or disappointment.

The above, we believe, is a fair statement of facts as they exist and as they transpired with respect to the Ahoskie incident that has kicked up a lot of adverse national publicity. —Hertford County (Ahoskie) Herald.

With the Churches

BAPTIST

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

Sunday:

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7:00 p. m.—Training union.
8:00 p. m.—Worship.

Wednesday:

8:00 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.
7 p. m.—Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p. m.—Senior Youth fellowship.

Franklin Circuit
The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor
Preaching services as follows:

First Sunday:
11 a. m.—Bethel.
3 p. m.—Salem church.
8:00 p. m.—Clark's chapel.
Second Sunday:
11 a. m.—Snow Hill church.
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.
8:00 p. m.—Iotla church.
Third Sunday:
11 a. m.—Clark's chapel.
3 p. m.—Salem.
8:00 p. m.—Bethel.
Fourth Sunday:
11 a. m.—Iotla.
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.
8:00 p. m.—Snow Hill.

West Macon Circuit
The Rev. P. E. Bingham, Pastor
Preaching services as follows:

First Sunday:
11 a. m.—Maiden's Chapel.
3 p. m.—Gillespie Chapel.
Second Sunday:
11 a. m.—Mount Zion.
Third Sunday:
11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.
2:30 p. m.—Maiden's Chapel.
Fourth Sunday:
11 a. m.—Mount Zion.

PRESBYTERIAN
Franklin Church
The Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor

Sunday:
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
Wednesday:
8 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

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

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.

River Bend

Sunday:
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
3:30 p. m.—Preaching Fourth Sunday, conducted by the Rev. V. C. Ramey.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

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.—Covee church.
8 p. m.—Green Street church.

Smokey Says:



Forest cover keeps the streams clear—less washing away of soil.

ATHLETES FOOT ITCH HOW TO STOP IT MAKE 5 MINUTE TEST

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National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina up to and not later than 2:00 p. m. August 11, 1947 and opened immediately thereafter for all live timber marked or designated for cutting located on an area embracing about 200 acres within Wildcat Creek Unit, Cullasaja River watershed, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 105,000 feet B. M. more or less of hardwoods. In addition, there is upon the advertised area an unestimated amount of chestnut oak tanbark which will be optional with the purchaser at \$1.50 per ton (2,000 lbs.) No bid of less than \$20.00 per M for yellow poplar; \$10.00 per M for northern red oak and white oak; \$4.00 per M for black oak and chestnut oak and \$2.00 per M for scarlet oak will be considered. \$300.00 must be deposited with each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina. J10 and J24—2tc

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Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina up to and not later than 2:00 p. m. August 11, 1947 and opened, immediately thereafter for all live timber marked or designated for cutting and all merchantable dead timber located on an area embracing about 175 acres within the Arrowhead Creek Unit, Nantahala River watershed, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 250,000 feet B. M. more or less of hardwoods and softwoods. No bid of less than \$22.00 per M for yellow poplar; \$14.00 per M for white oak; \$12.00 per M for northern red oak; \$11.00 per M for ash, cucumber and basswood; \$5.00 per M for chestnut oak, maple and birch; \$3.00 per M for black oak, scarlet oak and chestnut and \$2.00 per M for silverbell and black gum will be considered. In addition to prices bid for stumpage, a deposit of \$1.00 per M feet for all timber cut will be required for sale area betterment. \$200.00 must be deposited with each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina. J10 and J24—2tc

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Arry Pressley West, 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 7th day of July, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 7th day of July, 1947.
W. R. PRESSLEY,
Administrator
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