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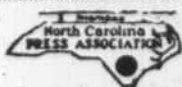
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Kerr Scott's Opportunity

KERR SCOTT has an opportunity such as has come to few North Carolina governors.

For decades every North Carolina chief executive has gone into office with the backing, and therefore in the debt, of the state Democratic organization. But Mr. Scott was nominated over the bitter opposition of virtually the entire so-called machine. To whom, therefore, does Kerr Scott owe a political debt? So far as is known, that debt is chiefly to the rank and file voters who put him in office.

And what do those voters want? Fortunately for Mr. Scott, and for the state, most of them are not interested in political pie, whether that pie be appointment to office or special favors for their sections or counties. What most North Carolina citizens want is a state government that is free, honest, intelligent, forward-looking, and aggressive.

As has been true of no governor in years, Mr. Scott is in position to give them just that. Whether he proposes to do so, or whether he will use his high office merely to build a political machine of his own, will be apparent when he makes his appointments.

It long has been taken for granted in North Carolina that our judiciary should be chosen, whether by election or appointment, solely upon the basis of character and ability. But why should this test apply only to our judges? Why not, for example, to the State Highway and Public Works Commission?

The highway commission, an agency charged with the duty of keeping the people out of the mud, itself long has been mired down in politics. There is a widespread feeling that political considerations dictate the commission's policies, and even its choice of projects. And it is general knowledge that highway employes receive, and are expected to take, political orders from Raleigh.

That does not have to be true. A quarter of a century ago Frank Page took office as North Carolina's first highway commission head, and he, more than any other one man, is responsible for the foundation of North Carolina's present highway system. Frank Page envisioned a state-wide highway system, to serve all the people, and he built without fear or favor. He built good roads in Republican counties as well as Democratic, in poor counties as well as rich. And never was there an intimation either that political considerations influenced his decisions, or that he sought to influence the political actions of highway employes.

North Carolina still produces big men; men of character and vision and ability, and devoid of the pettiness that puts purely political considerations first. Many of them may not be known in public life. But they are here. And Mr. Scott can find them if he looks. If he wishes to be a great governor, a good first step would be the appointment of such a man as highway commission chairman—and then to tell him that his job is to build roads only, not roads and political fences.

In a sense true of no governor in years, Kerr Scott will take office as a people's choice. He has the opportunity to become a people's governor.

A Fine Record

In 1946 automobiles killed six persons on Macon County highways. In 1947 we cut the toll to two. And, as this is written, a zero still appears opposite the word "killed" in the 1948 highway safety record that appears each week in the upper left hand corner of the front page of The Press.

None killed so far in 1948, and the year is more than half gone! That is a fine record. Furthermore, it is a record that didn't just happen. It could have just happened that we got through one month, or two, or even three, without a fatal highway accident, but when we go half the year without one, it evidently is due, in part at least, to general observance of the rules of highway safety.

If everybody will continue to be careful, we can end the year without a single highway death in this county. For, as this newspaper pointed out last February, "there is no such thing as an 'unavoidable' accident; whether there is an accident, someone, some time, somewhere, some how, has been careless".

As we enter the second half of the year, here again are a few suggestions on how we can keep

that zero opposite the word "deaths":

Is your automobile safe?—you are endangering your life, and the lives of others, if it isn't?

Do you drive at a reasonable speed?—remember that the legal speed limit is the maximum speed that is considered safe. It's safer to drive below that maximum.

Do you keep in mind always that a fool or a drunk may be coming around that next turn?—you'd better!

Do you watch carefully—and slow down—for children and elderly people?—60 per cent of the pedestrians killed in the United States last year were under 15 and over 65.

Do you get under the wheel only when your mind is perfectly clear?—the man who tries to mix gasoline and alcohol is both a fool and an enemy of society.

Do you remember, every instant you are driving, that just a little more care may mean the difference, for you and others, between life and death?

Mrs. Luce Outshone

Among commentators on the contemporary American scene Clare Booth Luce has won the reputation of being perhaps the outstanding maker of clever phrases. But Mrs. Luce now must yield first place to another, a little known Englishman named Alistair Cooke.

Describing Republican Nominee Dewey for his British readers, Mr. Cooke, writing in the weekly Manchester (England) Guardian, tells of the New Yorker's rise to fame as a gang buster—and of the resulting birth in Dewey's breast of the ambition to become President.

"Since then he has gone after the presidency with the humorless calculation of a certified public accountant in pursuit of the Holy Grail".

That, we submit, leaves Mrs. Luce a poor second. For all too often Mrs. Luce's comments are mere clever arrangements of words. She told the Republican national convention, for example, that Henry Wallace is "Stalin's Mortimer Snerd". That was funny—and cutting; but it gave no insight into Wallace's character. Mr. Cooke, on the other hand, is at once amusing and revealing. In the sentence above he has given his readers both a smile and a clear cut picture, of a situation, and of a personality.

Someone should place his remark in nomination of the honor of being the wittiest of 1948.

POETRY CORNER

Conducted by

EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE
Weaverville, N. C.

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MOUNTAIN LAUREL

(The Bells Of Beauty)

Be it calico-bush or spoonwood tree
In charming vesture of pink delight,
Could the flower of Paradise prove to be
Only the laurel beyond the night?
With spooned-up wonder the soul is led
To mountain trails where we learn to climb;
On manna the spirit is truly fed
When the bells of beauty begin to chime.
We live on loveliness, bloom and thrive
On the thrill of dawn in snow and rose;
The soul awakes and comes alive,
For we find our God where the laurel grows.

LENA MEARLE SHULL.

Asheville, North Carolina

(From West Asheville News)

LIFT UP THE FLAG

It was born from the blood and sinew of men
And nurtured through toil and sorrow's toll.
Defended by valor of sword and pen
It has grown in wisdom as decades roll.

The nations, plowed beneath their wars
Could faintly discern it over the fields.
Ideals that were lit in a group of stars
Were the power of radium that never yields.

The courage of millions dyeing it red
Must rise to the needs of the suffering lands.
The flag must be faithful to those who are dead,
Leading to freedom where God commands.

EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE.

Weaverville, N. C.

Others' Opinions

SMALL THINGS COUNT

It is amazing to us to see (hotel, tourist court, etc.) operators spend money for promotion and have it nullified by sending out of their places grumblers who kill for them thousands of dollars in business every year.

Recently, we had a talk with the operators of a nicely located and nicely built inn. "Our problem," they said, "is to build soem steady early and late business. This 30-day idea is driving us crazy." It's a \$7.50 a day (A) place.

So what? So we had a room in which there were two naked lights hanging from the ceiling, one of which wouldn't work. By chance we found the floor's public bath. The bowl and tub both were coated with dust. A forlorn piece of soap curled fantastically in the basin. There were no towels here for emergency use.

At breakfast, it took 30 minutes to get an order and the bacon was burned to a crisp. The waiter served everyone and forgot to bring the toast—we got up and brought it—dead cold now, from his tray sitting nearby. There were no suggestions for entertainment and no schedule of things to do. There were no ash trays in the two connecting rooms we occupied.

Thirty-five people were there. They all went out grumbling and complaining. None will come back. None will recommend the place to their friends, and so another N. C. operator will wonder what in the world happened to the tourist business.

Show me a place in N. C. which for five years has operated an attractive place, with clean rooms, courteous service and good food, and I'll show you a thriving and profitable enterprise. And vice versa, brother, with a double versa.

—N. C. State News Bureau.

The answer to error is not terror, but the cleansing power of light and liberty under the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States.—Frank P. Graham.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY
JOSEPH W. KAHN

vs

INEZ MEASE KAHN

The defendant, Inez Mease Kahn, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce for the plaintiff, Joseph W. Kahn.

Said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, at the Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, on the 16th day of July, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 15 day of June, 1948.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk Superior Court
J17-4tc-JJ-Jly8

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

JOHN H. C. PERRY, Plaintiff

vs.

WILLIAM R. DEAR and wife,
GRETA T. DEAR, Defendants

William R. Dear, one of the defendants above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County in which the plaintiff claims the sum of \$2,300.00 based on contract, which contract has been breached by the defendants;

Said defendant, William R. Dear, will also take notice that he is required to appear in the office of the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County on or before the 4th day of August, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief there-in demanded.

Said defendant will further take notice that in said action a warrant of attachment against the property of said defendants has been issued and the following property attached:

All the land described in the deed from George W. Marett and wife, Jessie G. Marett, to William R. Dear and wife, Greta T. Dear, dated 24 October, 1938, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, in Deed Book B-5, page 475. Reference is hereby made to said deed and record for a more certain description.

And that said warrant of attachment is returnable before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court at his office in said County.

This the 14th day of June, 1948.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk Superior Court,
Macon County,
North Carolina.
J17J-4tc-JHS-Jly8

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of OLLIE JACOBS BENNETT, 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 27 day of May, 1949, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said

estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 27 day of May, 1948.

D. M. BENNETT,
Executor

J3-6tp-Jly16

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Allie Garland, 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 26 day of June, 1949 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 26 day of June, 1948.

JOHN BROWN,
Administrator

Jly1-6tp-A5

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

EDDIS CRAWFORD

vs.

GRADY CRAWFORD

The defendant, Grady Crawford will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce from the defendant on the grounds of two years separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the courthouse in Franklin, N. C., on the 30th day of July, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 23 day of June, 1948.
J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk of the Superior Court,
Macon County, North Carolina
Jly1-4tcB-Jly23

NOTICE OF ELECTION CALLED TO VOTE ON QUESTION OF SALE OF BEER AND WINE IN MACON COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to petition filed with the Macon County Board of Elections on June 23, 1948, which petition was signed by 15% of the registered voters of Macon County that voted for Governor in the last election (1944), requesting that an election be held for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Macon County the question of whether or not Wine and Beer shall be legally sold, there shall be a Special Election to vote upon said question held in Macon County on August 28, 1948.

The registration books shall be opened on July 31 and remain open for three successive Saturdays. August 21, 1948 shall be Challenge Day.

J. J. MANN, Chairman,
Macon County Board of Elections,
TED BLAINE,
EVERETT R. WHITE.

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