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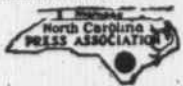
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The People Have Spoken

MOST fair-minded people will concede that the issue of legal sale of alcoholic beverages is a two-sided question. Why, then, was the result of Saturday's beer-wine election in Macon County so one-sided?

Hypocrisy, some wets will explain. And no doubt some persons who drink wet voted dry.

Fanaticism, others will suggest. And everybody knows there are fanatical dries (and wets).

Resentment, still others will argue. And there is no question but that there was widespread resentment at the tactics of the beer interests, in first preventing an election, and then in trying to prevent the will of the people, as expressed at the polls, from taking effect; that resentment swayed many previously undecided voters.

But none of these incidental motives—nor all of them together—can account for the approximately ten-to-one dry victory. Such an overwhelmingly one-sided vote can be explained only as growing out of a deep-seated conviction on the part of the great majority of the voters—in this case, a moral conviction.

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Now that the election is over, the question of whether Saturday's ballot box decision was right or wrong, wise or unwise, is beside the point.

And that would have been equally true had the wets won. For this is a democracy we believe in rule by majority; and the will of the majority is clear.

The court hearing at Robbinsville Friday of next week, therefore, becomes a matter of merely academic interest. It should be that, at least; for what does it matter, now, whether every detail of the law was complied with in calling the election, if a fair election was held, and since the result was decisive? Surely no court would veto a ten-to-one decision of the people on a purely technical point of law.

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The people have spoken. There is no mistaking their meaning.

And they are entitled to have their will translated into law—and into action.

The election result is a challenge to us all.

It is a challenge to Macon County's law enforcement officers. If they fail to enforce the prohibition laws, now—vigorously, and without fear or favor—they will show contempt for the popular will.

It is a challenge to the leaders of the dry movement, to carry on from here. If they mean what their votes said they mean, they will work for a dry county seven days in the week, 52 weeks in the year.

And it is a challenge to every man and woman who voted dry—and to all others who believe in rule by majority—to observe the law themselves, to use their influence to create a respect for and general observance of the law, and to give wholehearted support to officers of the law in punishing those who refuse to abide by the law's provisions.

We've voted the county dry. Let's make it dry!

The Draft—1940 and 1948

In the summer of 1940 young Americans registered for the first peacetime draft in this nation's history. In November of that year the first selectees went to camp. In December, 1941, America was at war.

In the summer of 1948 young Americans again are registering for a peacetime draft. In November of this year the first selectees will go to camp. In December, 1949 . . . ?

The parallel, even to date, is not complete, of course. In 1940 a world war was under way. In 1948 the actual firing has not begun.

But we were told in 1940, as we are told in 1948, that preparation for war is the best way to insure peace.

It did not prove so in 1940. It did not prove so, among other nations, many times previous to 1940.

Preparation for war may be a way to security. And with a bully at large in the world, it may be one way to insure a purely temporary peace—to postpone the end of an armed truce.

But if history has proved anything at all, it has

proved that armed might is not the tool with which to fashion peace.

Highlands' Theatre Group

Once again Highlands home folk and visitors are indebted to the Highlands Community Theatre—to its director, the players, the technical staff, and all who have contributed to a successful season.

The theatre group, laboring year in and year out without personal profit of any kind, enriches the Highlands community, culturally; offers an outlet, and training, to young Highlands persons with dramatic talent; and does much to draw the variegated summer population of Highlands together.

POETRY CORNER

Conducted by

EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE

Weaverville, N. C.

Sponsored by Asheville Branch, National League of American Pen Women

PETUNIAS

Not all the spices of bright Araby
Nor costly perfume from old France or Spain
Can give a fragrance half so sweet to me
As wet Petunias crushed by falling rain.

MARIE SMITH INZER.

WHEN LIFE IS DAWN

She shares in time's unending flow
When life is dawn, her love the light
Revealing clearly through its glow
Her cloud borne future's winging flight.

EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE.

Weaverville, N. C.

Others' Opinions

LEAVES WITH REGRET

The Scout takes note this week that at the end of the month the Army will transfer Ken R. Coon, master sergeant in charge of local recruiting, to the Franklin station. What many of the friends of Coon do not know is that when the commanding officer ordered the transfer, on the basis of his seniority, to be in charge of the Franklin station, he liked living in this county so much he was unselfish enough to request to be kept here rather than to take the higher position.

Because he has proven himself a friend to the men he has enlisted, a valuable citizen in many respects such as having charge of military rites at funerals of service men, working in the veterans organizations, and as a public relations man for the army in his contacts with local people, we regret that the army sees fit to remove him from his post of duty. He has made many friends here, and through that friendship has enlisted more men than any other recruiter that has worked in our midst.—Cherokee Scout.

GRAVEL ROADS IN THE MOUNTAINS

In the opinion of this newspaper—an entirely non-expert opinion—Superior Court Judge J. H. Clement properly refused to enjoin the State Highway Commission from using a certain gravel mixture, alleged to be "unsuitable," on the secondary highways of the Leicester section. Judge Clement held that, according to the evidence, the gravel mixture under dispute has met the prescribed tests as to its quality.

But there is another issue growing out of this case, one lying outside Judge Clement's jurisdiction, that the State Highway Commission has not met. This paper holds the opinion that any gravel mixture, even granite gravel mixture, will fail to be adequate when laid upon the clay soil of the mountain counties.

This is particularly true when the occasional hard winters—and they are not so occasional—freeze the soil which, later thawing, thrusts itself upward through the gravel top surface. It is road surface of that kind that sometimes causes schools to be closed, and Rural Free Delivery carriers to detour. The answer to that problem is a hard-surface road, and the people of rural mountain territory should demand and receive such all-weather surfacing of their highways.—Asheville Citizen.

LET'S FIGHT FOR HEALTH

Parents throughout the state can take heart from the news that all the resources of modern medicine are being marshalled against infantile paralysis. Trained nurses, responding to the American Red Cross emergency call, have been volunteering for service in the hospitals at Durham, Greensboro and Gastonia. Over-worked though our doctors, nurses and hospital staffs are, we know that with the help of the entire community they will conquer this dread scourge.

But it should not take an epidemic to bring united community action to fight disease. Parents who have been forced to stand by helplessly while their children have been stricken by polio can demand: "Why weren't we prepared for this? Why don't we have enough doctors, nurses and medical facilities to meet any emergency?"

We cannot brush the questions of these sorrowing parents aside. They must be answered. We must face the issue squarely:—what are we going to do to insure adequate medical care for all, both in normal times and in emergencies?

We have no glib solution to offer. It is apparent to all that the present system of medical care cannot cope with the demand. And it is equally obvious that no real solution will be reached except through the combined efforts of doctors and laymen, of state and local government. That is the only way to avoid the dangers of federal interference or socialized medicine.

An excellent start has been made toward a workable pay-as-you-go medical care program which would be run by the doctors and laymen in each locality. We refer to the National Health Insurance bill, S. 1320, sponsored by six Democratic Senators. This measure would enable the people of our state to secure complete medical care from the doctor and hospital of their choice. It would also enable North Carolina to compete on an equal basis for its fair share of doctors, nurses and hospitals. No longer would our state rank 42nd on the national list in hospital facilities, and 45th in the ratio of doctors to patients.

What commends the National Health Insurance bill particularly is its sensible approach to the problems of state and federal cooperation. Unlike the rash of bills calling for federal interference with state matters, this measure leaves full control with the states.

Our doctors and scientists are doing everything they can to end epidemics like infantile paralysis. Now it is up to us to find the way to bring the miracles of their research within the reach of all. Only when we have some form of health insurance will we really be conquering epidemics and disease.

—Roanoke Rapid Herald.

The borrower is a servant to the lender.—Proverbs.

He who would gather roses must not fear thorns.

—Dutch Proverb.

Smokey Says:



WILDFIRE HAS NO PLACE HERE!

LEGAL ADVERTISING

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY
GILMER A. JONES, Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT SCRUGGS, deceased

vs.
ADDIE SCRUGGS, et al.

The defendants, Harley Scruggs, Claudia Scruggs, Charles B. Scruggs, Alice Scruggs, Dora Woodward, Richard Woodward, Sally Keith, Laura Jean Jackson, Thelma Jackson and Robert Scruggs will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina to sell lands of the deceased to make assets to pay debts and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in the courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina on the sixth day of September, 1948 to 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 5th day of August, 1948.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk of the Superior Court
A12-4tc-JJ-82

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
OF SUMMONS**

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY
FLORA ELLIS

vs.
JOHN ELLIS

The defendant, John Ellis, 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, Flora Ellis.

Said defendant will further take notice that he 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 15th day of September, 1948, and to 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 13th day of August, 1948.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk Superior Court.
A19-4tcJJ-S9

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator C. T. A. of T. B. Crunkleton, 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 13th day of August, 1949 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 13th day of August, 1948.

EARL CRUNKLETON,
Administrator, C. T. A.
A19-6tp-S23

Sale of Real Estate for Taxes

Pursuant to an order of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Franklin in regular session on August 2, 1948, I will on Monday, September 13, 1948 at 12:00 o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Franklin, and thereafter until said sale is completed, sell at public auction in the manner provided by law the property hereinafter described, belonging to or listed in the names of the persons designated for the town taxes due for the year 1947, in the amounts set forth with cost of this advertisement and sale to be added; to-wit: This August the 14th, 1948.

E. W. LONG,
Town Tax Collector.

Name	Property	Amount			
Alexander, F. B.	1 lot	\$10.00	Reece, Charles, Est.	1 lot	3.13
Angel, E. N.	2 lots	3.75	Reece, Davis	1 lot	1.25
Angel, Zeb	1 lot	23.75	Rogers, Albert	6 lots	5.00
Arrendale, John	1 lot	1.25	Rogers, Jesse	5 lots	1.88
Ashe, Derald	1 lot	11.25	Rogers, Tommie Lee	1 lot	1.25
Bishop, Edgar	1 lot	.94	Seay, Paul	1 lot	9.00
Burrell, C. B.	2 lots	18.00	Shook, Sam L.	1 lot	9.50
Calloway, L. T.	1 1/2 lots	24.38	Tallulah Falls Railway Co.	1 lot	26.12
Carmack, J. F., Est.	5 acres	17.40	Tippet, Fred L.	6 lots	10.25
Collins, John	1 lot	.94	Tysinger, A. Carl	1 lot	43.12
Crisp, J. E.	7 lots	4.50	Vinson, J. B.	6 lots, 9 acres	16.25
Derrick, Mrs. Webster	1 lot	1.00	Waldroop, Charlie	1 lot	1.25
Enloe, S. W. & Son	1 lot	50.00	Wilkes, W. C.	1 lot	11.25
Farmer, Carl	1 lot	6.31	Colored:		
Jones, Joe	1 lot	3.13	Johnson, Albert	1 lot	\$2.88
Leach, Miss Laura and Mrs. Pearl Wright	14 1/2 acres	13.75	Ledford, John	2 lots	5.00
Ledford, Tom	8 lots	3.12	Ledford, Tom	3 lots	5.00
Marshall, G. D.	1 lot	11.19	Moore, Alvin	1 lot	4.06
Mirabelli, Francesco P.	5 lots	3.75	Moore, Mabel & Nobla	1 lot	2.50
Munday, Mrs. T. S.	1 lot	.83	Porter, Mattie	1 lot	3.44
Bal		.83	Smith, Rudolph	1 lot	4.38
Raborn, Thos. L.	19 acres	10.00	Wiley, E. S.	3 lots	2.50

To the People of Macon County:

I have purchased the Franklin Service
Station from Erwin Patton.

I will strive to give the same courteous service and quality workmanship and will appreciate the continued patronage of his customers.

Come by and see us whether for just a visit or business.

Rafe Teague