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We Are Honored

The announcement last week of William B. Umstead, who had been expected to oppose Senator Frank P. Graham in this spring's primary election, that he will not be a candidate removed all foreseeable opposition to Senator Graham's renomination and reelection.

In doing so, it also removed any possible political significance from Senator Graham's visit to Macon County next week to address the annual dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening. Before the Umstead announcement, some persons might have seen Senator Graham as here in the role of a candidate seeking votes; now there can be no such thought in anyone's mind. Instead, he will be here as the junior representative of the people of North Carolina in the United States Senate.

In having him as our guest, we in Macon County will be honored. We will be playing host not only to a man who holds high public office, but to a person who is a great human being; for Dr. Graham, had he never held office, would stand out among his fellows. His mind, his personality, his courage, his honesty, and his humility make him a great American, quite aside from position.

And like all great men, he remains simple and unassuming. To thousands of average citizens who knew him a quarter of a century ago, he still is just plain "Frank Graham", and to tens of thousands of former students at the University he remains simply "Dr. Frank".

Bouquet

It is always easy, after a thing is done, to point out how it could have been done better. And nobody would have difficulty in pointing out mistakes that have been made in connection with Macon County's school building program.

It is obvious, now, for example, that the original building program, as it was outlined by school authorities in 1945, was unbalanced. It is even more obvious that the \$400,000 with which it was proposed to complete the program was far from enough, even for what it was proposed to build in 1945.

But the point is not that mistakes have been made. The point is that school authorities have recognized them, and have taken steps to correct them. Instead of \$400,000, it is now proposed to spend \$875,000—\$361,000 to come from the state, and \$514,000 from a county bond issue.

There have been occasions when this newspaper was critical of local school authorities; it may be critical again. But now it wishes to be the first to congratulate the county superintendent, the board of education, and the board of county commissioners for facing the facts as they are, and trying to do something about them.

And because it takes courage to admit mistakes, it suggests that bouquets are especially due the county superintendent and those members of the board of education who were on the board four years ago.

Once Again

Once again the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, with its annual March of Dimes, appeals to the American people for money to carry on the fight against polio—money to seek the causes of this dread disease, money to find, and apply, better methods of treatment, and money to help ameliorate polio's crippling effects.

And once again the people of Macon County will respond. For nothing so touches us all as tragedy in the life of a child; and nowhere, perhaps, are the hearts of men and women softer, when it comes to children, than here in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

The March of Dimes, as always here, will swiftly become a March of Dollars.

Tempus fugit and fame is fleeting: Chances are there are thousands of young Americans who had never heard of Herbert Hoover until he came forward with his government reorganization plans.

Mr. Whitmire Resigns

The transformation in Macon County farming in the past decade has been nothing short of revolutionary. And nobody, with the possible exception of County Agent S. W. Mendenhall and his able associates in the Extension Service here, has done more to change the face of rural Macon than E. J. Whitmire, Jr.

As a teacher of vocational agriculture in the consolidated school at Franklin, and later both as a teacher and as director of the veterans' farm training program, Mr. Whitmire has helped to bring about a radical change, first of all, in the attitude of farm folk. For he has shown these young people how to bring scientific management into their farming operations, and in so doing he has given them new hope.

The time was when a man farmed only if he couldn't do anything else. That time has passed. And the old attitude which counted on failure, or, at best, moderate success, is gone. In its place has come a "success complex". These young men expect to be successful—and they are.

His friends will wish Mr. Whitmire success in his new field, but that wish will be tinged with sadness, for he will be sorely missed in Macon County education and Macon County agriculture.

Formosa: An Election Issue?

A hundred miles off the east coast of China lies the island of Formosa. Studded by peaks that tower up to 13,000 feet, cut by deep, heavily forested gorges, down which swift-rushing streams hurry to the sea, and on its eastern side dropping precipitately 6,000 feet to the Pacific, Formosa to the Chinese is Taiwan ("the beautiful").

One-fourth the size of North Carolina, with a population double that of this state, Formosa has been a battleground since prehistoric times. The Chinese finally conquered it in 1683, but in 1895, at the end of the Chinese-Japanese war, they were forced to cede it to the Japanese. Fifty years later, at the end of World War 2, it was returned to China. Now indications are it will pass to the control of Soviet Russia, via the Chinese Communists.

It is on Formosa that the Chinese Nationalist government of Chiang Kai-shek proposes to make its last desperate stand. And it was about this island that President Truman last week made his blunt statement: "The U. S. government will not provide aid or advice to Chinese forces on Formosa".

Whether this government is right in writing off China, turning it over to the Communists without further effort, is a question that only history can settle. Dorothy Thompson, one of the best informed persons in America on the situation, says our policy toward China has been hopeless ever since the Yalta conference; that our final abandonment of China is in keeping with the decisions at Yalta.

And whether we can afford, for our own safety, to permit Formosa, on the road from the Philippines to Japan, and a bare 200 miles north of the Philippine Island of Luzon, to fall into Communist hands is a strategic question for the generals and the admirals.

There are two other disturbing questions, however, that lie nearer home, and that are not so technical.

The first involves the bi-partisan handling of foreign policy. This abrupt decision of the President on a major foreign policy was announced with little or no consultation with senate leaders of either party. The President gave as his reason lack of time; but that explanation is a little lame—any newspaper reader has known for weeks that the decision had to be made.

The other question has to do with motive. "The United States", Mr. Truman said, "will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in civil conflict in China". That is to say, we are going to stay out of war in the East; the implication is that we are going to stay out of war, at all costs.

Nobody, of course, wants war. But coming in an election year, and coming at a time when leading Republicans have been clamoring for action to protect Formosa, the President's statement sounds suspiciously like an effort to put the Republicans in the wrong.

Maybe the President's decision on Formosa is right; we do not pretend to know. But we do know it would be tragic for him to scuttle the laboriously developed bi-partisan foreign policy, and to himself fix a foreign policy, on a basis of vote-getting in next fall's election.

Letters

ADDRESSES HOMEMAKERS

Dear Homemakers of Macon County:  
What have we achieved as homemakers? This year of 1949 has ended, and we should evaluate our accomplishments as homemakers.

- 1—Is our home a better home spiritually? Have we put first things first, so that those around us may know we are living a more Christ-like life?
- 2—What kind of a home demonstration club members have we been? Have we attended the meetings regularly and cooperated with the program for the county?
- 3—Are we interested in our church, school, and community?
- 4—Are we interested in better health for our county and state?

I hope you attended the club meetings during November, for it was a very interesting discussion on improving the health of our people. Much time was given by our home agent, Mrs.

**Pic-Tour**  
Ireland, often called "The Island of Saints and Scholars," is also noted for its sports. Visitors may hire thoroughbred Irish horses for the hunting season, which lasts until early May.

One man recently toured Europe comfortably on \$300, plus his trans-Atlantic fare—and prices when he did it were higher than they are now.

In Italy, Holy Year Celebrations will begin on Dec. 24 with the opening of the Holy Doors of the four great basilicas in Rome.

Florence Sherrill; our public nurse, Mrs. Gladys Mae Shope; and our county sanitarian, Mr. H. T. Collins. Films were shown discussing the prevention of different diseases that are taking the lives of our people each year.

May I ask that you take advantage of the good books that are being delivered to the communities by the bookmobile. When we read good literature, we are filling our minds with something wholesome to be passed on to neighbors and friends.

Let us all do our share, and maybe more, in all activities that make our homes, our communities, our state, and our world a better place for our families to live.

Let me wish you happiness in the New Year.  
MRS. J. S. GRAY.  
Franklin, Route 2.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Gray is president of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. She recently attended a Family Life Conference in Raleigh, and in the above letter passes along to readers of The Press, and especially home makers, some of the ideas brought out at that conference.)

TITHING AGAIN

Editor, Franklin Press:  
Perhaps I should apologize for causing you so much trouble. A few weeks ago I asked a question concerning tithing and the New Testament church for which I have never received an answer, although I have received a couple of lectures on tithing, one from Hoyt Evans and the other one from Paul Nix.

Paul Nix states that I have raised the question of whether tithing was taught by Jesus and his disciples. I have never asked that question because there is only one reasonable answer to that and all well informed and honest Bible readers know what that is.

I have my question before me in print and here it is: If the Old Testament plan of tithing was to be continued in the New Testament church, how are we to account for the fact that they never preached it? and there is no record of where any of the New Testament churches ever practiced tithing?

I wish to commend Brother Evans for honesty. He was honest enough to concede that the New Testament does not explicitly teach that men ought to tithe and that he finds no record to indicate that those early churches continued in the practice. However, he does go on to state his position, which he has a perfect right to do.

But I consider Brother Nix a little unfair. He seems to take the position that the New Testament does teach tithing, and refers to some New Testament Scripture in support of his theory that has no reference to tithing and, as for myself, I don't believe that is right. It has always been my conviction that a preacher ought to use Scripture as proof texts that apply to his subject.

Highlands, N. C.  
REV. T. C. McCALL.

Others' Opinions

MACON SETS A GOOD PACE

Macon County, which had a school bond election bounce back on it, will try again. The county commissioners have approved a new election, this time for \$514,000 in bonds, to confirm a decision made earlier but invalidated by bond attorneys.

In voting a second time, Macon will raise its sights to provide an additional \$114,000 in local funds for a new high school building at Franklin. Another \$360,000 will come to the county from State building funds. Thus in all Macon will have some \$875,000 for new school plants. This is on the assumption, of course, that the bond issue will be approved.

Macon's situation, which is a good example for the rest of the mountain region, points up the importance of local participation in the school building program. The State of North Carolina is providing \$50 million to the 100 counties for their school plants. However, as the State Education Commission pointed out last year, North Carolina must spend three times that much to realize a "minimum" standard of school buildings.

The rest of the money will have to come out of local communities. Macon is willing to do its share. Other mountain counties could do no better than to follow its progressive lead.—Asheville Citizen.

MOUNTAIN SPEECH ON WAY OUT?

Burke Davis tells in The Baltimore Evening Sun of the gradual extinction of the colorful speech of the Tar Heel mountaineers, caused by visitors to the Blue Ridge, roads opening to the innermost recesses and radios in the homes which causes some of the "yung-uns" to imitate the mellow rounded speech of the announcers.

Though the speech may change, the love of the mountain man for the hills remains strong, says Burke Davis, formerly of Charlotte. A mountaineer went to Piedmont North Carolina during the war and when he returned from the flatlands he told a friend:

"Hit's a downright fright. Why, a body has to throw back his head to see the sky."

Maybe now is the time for the ballad singers, the speech preservers and the anthology gatherers to inscribe the mountain speech in history before the radio announcers and the tourists play hob with the hill country dialects.—Twin-City Sentinel.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MACON COUNTY  
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by George Houston and wife, Iva Mae L. Houston, dated the 12th day of July, 1947, and recorded in Book No. 40, page 207, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having requested foreclosure thereof, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court-house door in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, at 12:00 noon, on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1950, the property conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in Highlands Township, Macon County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on the East bank of a creek and in the West boundary line of a tract of land deeded to C. L. Wood and wife, by A. R. McGuire, by deed dated June 8, 1938, recorded in Deed Book B-5, page 355; Records of Macon County, North Carolina, said stake being situated South 72 deg. West 200 feet from a stake, the Northeast corner of the above-mentioned tract; runs South 41 deg. East 116 feet to a stake in the center of the road; thence, with the center of the road, South 40 deg. 45 min. West 160 feet to a stake; thence North 55 deg. 05 min. West 79 feet to a stake in the creek; thence with said creek as follows: North 3 deg. 05 min. East 68 feet; North 55 deg. 50 min. East 90 feet; and North 16 deg. 22 min. East 48 feet to the BEGINNING. Being the same land described in the deed from C. L. Wood and wife to George Houston and wife dated 3 July, 1947. ALSO the road right described in said deed from C. L. Wood and wife to George Houston and wife, dated 3 July, 1947. This the 13th day of December, 1949.

J. H. STOCKTON,  
Trustee.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of W. A. Huggins, 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 17 day of December, 1950, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 17th day of December, 1949.  
MRS. ETHEL HUGGINS,  
Administratrix.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Margaret Lorene Dil's Menrich, 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 20 day of December, 1950, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 20 day of December, 1949.  
EXIE DILLS,  
Administratrix.

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