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## But, General ...

In Wisconsin last week, General Eisenhower publicly indorsed Senator McCarthy.

Explaining his action, the Republican Presidential nominee said that he differs with Senator McCarthy on some things, but pointed out that their differences are only as to method.

But, General, that is the only difference between a trial by jury and a lynching.

## A Fair For Macon

Year in and year out, this newspaper has advocated a fair for Macon County.

And nothing happened? you say.

Wrong!

Perhaps without intending to, the organized farm women and farm boys and girls have gone a long way toward the creation of a Macon County fair. The annual Achievement Days program here is a big start.

All the movement needs now is a little push, and presto! we'll have a fair.

## Are You Sure?

In the past, Macon County has shown up well, usually bettering both the state and national averages, in the proportion of its citizens who meet their responsibility to vote.

But this year, if we in Macon County want to show up well, we'll have to get a hustle on. The reason is that the rest of the country is getting a hustle on.

All over the United States civic and other organizations this election year are trying to get all eligible voters registered, and then to get those registered to the polls to vote. They're going to advertise it, and write letters and use the telephone and ring doorbells. They're going to get a lot of people to register and vote who never have before.

What will we in Macon County do?

The answer depends on YOU. Because while people can remind you, nobody can register for you, and nobody can vote for you. You have to do it for yourself.

The first thing to do is to register.

Are you registered for this election? Are you sure? Are you absolutely certain?

You should be, because . . .

REMEMBER—your vote won't register if you don't.

## Facts About 'Funds'

Those are good questions raised by Mr. W. T. Henry, in his letter on this page, about the Nixon and Stevenson "funds". Simply stated, however, without any explanation, they could be misleading.

This newspaper does not like either the Nixon OR the Stevenson fund. But any accurate appraisal of the situation demands that the differences in the two funds be kept in mind.

In the first place, the Nixon fund was all contributed after he became a public official, not before. Except for \$2,900, the Stevenson fund was all contributed before he became a public official, not

after; except for the \$2,900, the Stevenson fund was money left over from contributions to his election campaign fund.

When Correspondent Henry refers to Stevenson's fund as "over six times as large" as Nixon's he is confusing funds. The Stevenson fund in question totaled \$18,784, almost exactly the amount of the Nixon fund. What was "over six times as large" as Nixon's fund was the Stevenson election campaign fund, not the one Stevenson had to use as governor; Senator Nixon no doubt also had a big election campaign fund, but that hasn't been brought into the discussion.

The second major difference is that the Nixon fund was contributed for his personal use in his political activities as senator. Presumably he knew who donated to the fund, and therefore could have been subject to pressure from the donors for political favors. The Stevenson fund, on the other hand, was used in an entirely different way; the governor drew on it to supplement the salaries of appointed state officials. And since the identity of the donors was not made public, presumably those who benefitted from the fund did not know who contributed to it and, therefore, would not have been subject to pressure from the donors for political favors.

The Press' comment that Stevenson's attitude toward Nixon's fund was "fair" was written before Stevenson's fund came into the limelight. We still think, however, that the Stevenson's "let's-get-all-the-facts-before-we-convict" attitude was just what we termed it, that of "a man who is fair".

## Old? - Certainly Not!

A bit of homey wit long familiar here is the remark often made by an elderly person to the effect that "I am not old—I've just been here a long time".

Actually there is a great difference. And Macon County has a host of elderly to whom the witicism can be applied with literal truth; in few places, perhaps, are there so many who have "been here a long time", but who are youthful in outlook, and often in body.

Nonetheless, age is a time of loneliness—a kind of homesickness. There is the longing for companionship with those of their generation, so comparatively few of whom are left. Added to that is the nostalgia for the "dear dead days that are gone", a nostalgia accentuated for this generation of elderly by the vast changes of the past half-century; because so many of the landmarks—physical, mental, and spiritual—of their youth are missing that today's elderly must feel they live in an alien world.

Nobody can turn the clock back. But something can be done about giving these elderly a few hours' companionship with those of their own generation—and a Macon County group is doing something about it! Macon persons 65 or older will be honored at a gathering at the Franklin Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

To say that this little attention, this opportunity to renew old acquaintanceship, to talk of old times, to laugh and to sing, will be appreciated is to indulge in understatement. It is our guess that there'll be a lot of elderly folks there.

It is our guess, too, that the end of the day will find them feeling, as well as saying, that "I am not old—I've just been here a long time".

## Bouquet

This newspaper long has championed the cause of the Nantahala section of Macon County; its right to a fairer share of today's opportunities. And we have noted with interest that the Nantahala community never fails to grasp and to make the most of every opportunity that comes along—in fact, making opportunities when none come along.

The Press was particularly proud, therefore, to announce last week that the Nantahala club's exhibit was first place winner among 4-H clubs at the annual agricultural Achievement Days.

To plan and prepare and transport an exhibit to a point 30 or 40 miles away is no small chore. Thus the sturdy youngsters at Nantahala started with a handicap—and won!

They deserve the congratulations of everybody.

## Our American Civilization

BOLTING THE PARTY. Stupid and traitorous—in others; intellectually honest and morally courageous—when we do it.

Complaining about the high cost of living; wasting enough to bring the cost of living down to a reasonable level.

## Others' Opinions

### QUESTIONS ABOUT 'FUNDS'

Editor, The Press:

I read with interest your two editorials ("Revealing" in issue of September 25 and "The Nixon Affair", issue of October 2) re Senator Nixon. They bring to my mind a few interesting questions:

1. Was Governor Stevenson's "fair" attitude toward Nixon motivated by the fact that he, Governor Stevenson, had accepted donations over six times as large as Senator Nixon's?

2. If Governor Stevenson was positive that there would be no request for favors from the donors to his fund, why was he sworn to secrecy?

3. If Governor Stevenson is of the material that Presidents should be (but seldom are), why did he violate the pledge of secrecy?

Yours truly,

Highlands, N. C.

W. T. HENRY

### AGRICULTURE FOR NEGROES

Editor, The Press:

In his speech to the Rotary club, you quoted Mr. Hines as saying that the organization of a 4-H club for Negro boys and girls was a step toward making Macon more attractive to younger Negroes. Does this mean that these young people might be really interested in rural work? If they could be encouraged to take up agriculture—dairying, crop raising or poultry raising in a way that would ensure them a decent living, wouldn't this help to build up the very desirable Negro population of Macon County?

Do you know whether or not the Negro high school at Sylva offers courses in home economics and vocational agriculture?

Please toss a big bunch of chrysanthemums to the person who organized the 4-H club for the Negro children. It's a great club; we are now beginning to realize its importance.

MISS CORA TALLEY

Franklin,  
Route 2.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Negro High school at Sylva offers no course in vocational agriculture, home economics, or any other manual skills, and has virtually no laboratory equipment for the academic sciences.)

(Miss Talley's "big bunch of chrysanthemums" for organizing the Negro 4-H club goes to T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent, and Mrs. Barbara Hunnicutt, assistant home agent.)

### SERMONS IN COMICS

Editor, The Press:

I saw an article in The Press a few weeks ago (Strictly Personal column, issue of September 4), in which you said something to Mr. Harold Gray, the cartoonist who draws "Little Orphan Annie", about his so-called "sermons" at the beginning of his Sunday comic strip. I don't recall the exact words used, but something was said about a person not wanting to read sermons when he turned to the comic section.

I would like to remind the editor that some people read nothing but the comics—and maybe they read these sermons, which they wouldn't bother to glance at anywhere else. In other words, Mr. Editor, maybe somebody reads those few lines and stops to think about them. Maybe they pertain to a problem of his own. Maybe they give him an answer to something that has been puzzling him. Maybe they throw a little sunshine into a life that comics could never help to brighten.

I agree with you, Mr. Editor, when you say that sermons are all right in their place. But I'll go just a little farther than that. Is there anywhere that sermons are out of place? I say no—definitely not. A sermon is never out of place—in a bar, a poolroom—any place that you can name. A sermon is always in its place.

Come to think of it, a bar isn't the worst place in the world for a sermon. It's places like that where you find the people who need them most.

CARL PHILLIPS

In service at  
Pensacola, Fla.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The article in question had no reference to religious sermons, but to "sermons" on the virtues of the private enterprise system.)

### STRICTLY

### PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

Scattered over the United States are hundreds of young people who were born and reared in Macon County, who have gone elsewhere to make their homes, and who, most of them, know in their hearts that they probably never will come back here to live.

But so strong is the pull of this community that, to most of these young people, Macon County remains "home". They cherish happy memories of the place, and they are deeply interested in its future—some of them, perhaps, even more interested than some of us who live here.

One such young person recently wrote a long, personal letter to the editor of The Press, a letter that showed evidence of deep and earnest thinking. The writer insists on

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## News Making As It Looks To A Maconite

By BOB SLOAN

What with the World Series going full blast, the football season running in full swing and election predictions being made on every street corner we wonder how much attention the people are paying to economic straws in the winds.

There are two things which we have noticed lately which indicate that they aren't looking very hard and that we are about to allow ourselves to drift into another depression.

Prior to the recession in the early twenties and the depression in the early thirties, agriculture prices dropped and prices for industrial products reached a new high. As most of you remember this caused the farmer to have to pay more for the things he bought while receiving less for those items he sold. It gradually drained him. And when this large portion of our population lost their buying power the demand for goods produced by our factories became less and so the mills shut down and people were out of work.

Farmers, today, especially in the last several months, have not received a price increase in proportion to those charged on the items they have to buy. I know food prices are high. But take milk, for example, it has not increased in proportion to the price of a new car.

Another dangerous sign is that although it has been proven over and over again, industrial leaders do not seem to realize that their prosperity is dependent on the little man down at the bottom having sufficient buying power to purchase their goods.

You hear and read an increasing number of speeches each day by industrial leaders which indicate that they are returning to the idea that if you help "Big Business" it will help the little man. Actually it has been proven over and over again that in our economy it

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## Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through  
the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Governor Aycock will be the guest of Hon. Sam S. Rogers over Sunday.

Mr. Noah Blaine arrived home Friday from Portland, Oregon, where he had been at work for several months past. He will remain here, at least, during the winter.

The irregularities in the transportation of the mails between Dillsboro and Franklin continue to annoy our people. The mail did not go out from here this morning.

### 25 YEARS AGO

J. S. Gray, from Smith's Bridge township, recently read in The Franklin Press where Mr. Enloe had touched 30 ears of corn in his field without moving from his tracks. Mr. Gray now says that he decided to try this stunt in his field and that he succeeded in touching 62 ears while standing in the same place. Mr. Gray also had some corn that grew so high he had to walk on the ears in order to top his corn. Old Baron Funchausen is becoming restless in his grave.

Miss Hortense Hill, who is teaching with Miss Katherine Hunnicutt at Sealy, entertained Misses Blanche Cole, Carrie and Grace Moore and Katherine Hunnicutt with a hiking party last Saturday.

Mr. T. S. Kanaday and family have moved back to Franklin from Hayesville and have taken apartments at the Junaluska inn.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Miss Pauline Wild, who is working for the Bell Telephone company in Charlotte, recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wild, of Franklin, Route 3.

Harry West, formerly of Franklin, who has been living in Asheville for the past 10 years, is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. L. West.

Lawrence Holt, of Lansing, Mich., has been spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holt. This is his first visit home in six years. For the past few months he has been engaged in defense work, and enters Camp Custer at Ann Arbor, Mich., at the close of his visit here. (Highlands).