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U. N. C. Seeks A President

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Because the University of North Carolina not only belongs to all the people of the state, but also affects the thinking and the very character of the state, every North Carolinian has a stake in the selection of a new president of that institution.

What kind of man should be chosen? What criteria should the trustees set up as they start their search?

We suggest four.

First of all, the new president should be an edu-

The practice, of a few years ago, of choosing men who had made reputations in other fields to head universities did not work very well. And no wonder! it would have made quite as good sense to pick a college professor to command an army as to pick a general or a politician to lead a college.

There is no great mystery about the purpose of a university; its function is to educate. And the man who heads it should be an educator - one who, himself, is educated, in the best sense of that word; and one who has an understanding of the processes of education.

Second, the trustees should select a man because of his breadth.

There was, and is, considerable evidence that a major reason for the choice of Gordon Gray, retiring U. N. C. president, was the fact he represented the viewpoint of North Carolina business. No disrespect is meant to Mr. Gray; he did a conscientious job. Nor should the viewpoint of business - or of any other group - be ignored. But to select a man, for an educational job, because he represents any one viewpoint is a contradiction in

The president of the University of North Carolina must be a man tolerant enough to comprehend and appreciate every viewpoint-but broad enough to be bound by none.

Third, the man chosen, it seems to us, should have a deep-seated understanding of North Carolina, with all its virtues and its faults. Surely actual birth in this state should not be a requirement; on the other hand, being a native Tar Heel should not, as some persons seem to feel, be a liability.

North Carolina has its own traditions, character, and personality. Its university inevitably has grown out of those things; and to be a great university, it must continue to be distinctively North Carolina. To do that, it need not be provincial; every great individual remains true to the best in his background, remains himself, and the same is true of institutions. And unless our university remains true to itself, it is in danger of becoming one of those characterless, colorless aggregations of buildings, professors, and students chiefly remarkable for bigness - and a winning football team.

If the University is to build honestly and well, it must build on its own past, and on its state; and to do that, it must be headed by a man who understands and loves North Carolina; who knows where the University's roots lie, and has learned the feel of the soil in which they grow.

Finally, and of course most important of all, the new president must be a great person in his own right - an educator who translates learning into human values, a man of tolerance and broad human sympathy, a leader possessed of vision and faith and courage.

The worst thing about this matter of secondclass citizens is that most of them are self-made.

The man who feels it his duty to help me overcome my "prejudice" admits to a sense of superiority that often is prejudice at its worst.

Letters

The Highlands Election

Editor, The Press:

I have been requested by a number of citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Highlands to write you as to their feelings in regard to the proposed 33% increase in the tax rate of Highlands Township for the support of The Highlands Community Hospital on which tax they are asked to express their approval or disapproval on the ballot on Tuesday, November 8th.

The Highlands Community Hospital is owned by a private corporation which is represented by a self-perpetuating board of trustees who in turn appoint the board of directors who operate the hospital. Your governing body has no control over the spending of the money that will be raised if this tax is approved. Could it be that this would be "taxation without representation" over which condition a war was fought in this country along about 1776?

Another thing you have probably been told is that this tax is for a "non-profit" organization. How about our various churches, the library, the boy and girl scouts and the school band? They might welcome some tax support also.

It has been said that there are a number of summer visitors that would not come to Highlands if there was no hospital. It occurs to us that a good water supply and an adequate sewer system would attract more people and also be of much benefit to our year round population. Our governing body is giving a great deal of thought to the water question but have found no means of financing the project. How about a tax for this most important improvement?

In closing it is well to remember that a tax once on the books is much more liable to be increased from year to year than it is to be reduced or eliminated

Whether in favor of or opposed to this increase in your taxes be sure to get to the polls and cast your ballot. This is your duty as a citizen.

THOMAS H. TYSON.

After reading the epitaphs in a cemetery, you wonder where they bury the sinners.

Others' Opinions

Deny The Allegation

(Engelwood, Calif., Press)

"The man who makes it a habit of his life to go to bed at nine o'clock, usually gets rich and is always reliable . Rogues do their work at night. Honest men work by day."

When John Jacob Aster penned the above words of wisdom

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Highlands, N. C.

PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

"We must do all we can to make certain that our young people get the finest training possible", remarks The Ashe- low is an English composition ville Citizen. "We must be pre- theme said to have been turnpared to compete (with the ed in by a freshman at N. C. basis of quality alone. Are we graduate, mind you: prepared for this? Not in "HOW TO MELK science and mathematics."

Well, what about in the field of self-expression?

STOP IT!

Can we compete, that is, in

Well, here's one answer: below is an English composition Communist countries) on the State College — a high school

"HOW TO MELK A COW

"You need several thing to to wipe her urter off with. A That's important, too; for bucket to put the melk in. After after all, how far can we get wipping her urter off you can with people who may know start to melk. Catch a hold of their mathematics and science, one of her melk outlets an but are helpless when they want squeeze prety hard. Don't pench to convey even the simplest the outlets! Melk each one dry idea, either orally or in writ- before you quite. Then put the melk in a cooler."

he did a distinct disservice to newspapermen. Although he was right in respect to wealth, that label of rogue is undair and

Gentlemen, But Not Nature

(Windsor, Colo., Beacon)

Gentlemen may prefer blonds, but nature doesn't. Science, in fact, classifies blondness as a "mutation", or genetic disease, like hairlessness, albinism, and so on.

Ancient history tells of invasion after invasion of Africa by white-skinned Europeans, but they all disappeared in the course of time because blondes cannot survive for many generations in the tropics

Joe DiMaggio and the rest of us ordinary guys may think Marilyn Monroe is pretty, and all that, but to the geneticist she's just another freak.

Who's Head Man?

(Iowa Falls, Iowa, Citizen)

People always want to know who the head man is in any organization or institution. And in most cases it is pretty simple to determine.

Who's the head man in the United States? Why, the President of course.

Who's the head man in this or any other state? Why, the governor of course.

Who's the head man of your city? The mayor.

Who's the head man of the school system? The superinten-

Who's the head man at your church? The preacher.

But pray tell, who's the head man at the county courthouse?

You might say that it is the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Possibly, But actually the chairman of the Board of Supervisors has little if any control over the other elected officials in the courthouse. They all received their mandate and orders directly from the people-just the same as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors did.

Actually there is no head man in county government-and that is one of its weaknesses.

Better Schools

(A. C. L. News)

There is currently a campaign on throughout the nation for better schools. Certainly that is a worthy aim. But we should ask, "Better schools for what?" and "What makes a better school?

We are reminded of the man who said he wanted work. When it was pointed out that he could push a big rock up and down a hill, he said it wasn't the work he wanted but the money. Then it developed that it wasn't really the money but the food and clothing and shelter that money would buy.

In the long run, what the man really wanted was the peace of his own conscience and the feeling of personal security accomplished by seeing the needs of his family and himself fulfilled according to his own standards of what was right and

In the long run what we want when we say we want better schools is the kind of guidance for our children that will help them to distinguish truth from falsehood, good from bad, and the courage to find pleasure in striving toward the right. with the hope of a better world for themselves and for all men.

Our children must be given the toughness to meet the world they live in and be a part of it. They must be taught that there are many values and many standards and that they must establish their own. They must learn to do their own thinking. They must be given a vision of a worthwhile goal which they can press toward in the effort to make a better

And they must be helped in finding the wisdom to accept disappointment and apparent failure or to meet triumph and success without letting either make its impression beyond its

In reality a school is not in its buildings nor in its texts: it is in the people who teach.

Talk Of Abolishing Public Schools Is 'Stupid, Crazy, Mad'

Roy Parker, Jr., in Northampton County News

better.

ly to mention it in the stilted how Murphey, Caldwell, a Hare is going on in the inner circles prose and unctious phraseology of "official comment"-is com-

Carolina is one of the few things material at which we can "point with pride." Read the lists—North Carolina is forty-third in this, fortyfifth in that, fortieth in another. But our public school sysneeds, is a wealth—in plant and personnel and service — for which no Tar Heel need apolo-

bers of the Advisory Committee, public schools, when half the day without having to be trick-or anyone else who talks, even population could not even spell ed into it, then we are all livor anyone else who talks, even in "possibilities," of doing away with public schools, would read again the story of public educa-

Even Luther Hodges, Governor 50 years a small group of men people have suffered and work- and Mississippi have suggested, of the state, has joined in such patiently battled, talked, wrote ed and striven to give us the then they are talking the talk stupid, crazy, mad talk. Even to and strove to get even a mod- chances we have now mention such a thing—especial- icum of public education . . . I of course, don't k

parable to talking about cuted on their fellow citizens to and the Advisory Commuted ting one's throat, leaping off a lift themselves from the utter think that by even suggesting bridge, hanging oneself from poverty of ignorance . . . how a abolishment of the school system of the s The public school system of under after the strife of civil those who oppose such a move. war, and came back, slowly, Well, Brother Hodges and genpainfully, and with great sacri-

What else does this state is something too vital—it is the have but its people . . . no only thing vital besides our wealth, no natural advantages churches — to even use in such (except for the recreationally- a slick opinion-molding operatem, despite its ever present minded), no hope. Except for its tion. To do so is treading on needs, is a wealth—in plant and people, North Carolina would be the edge of a pit. If the people personnel and service — for a backwater of the nation. For of this state have not gotten fifty years, we were the "Rip out of their school system the Van Winkle State." That was education and insight to can-If Luther Hodges, or mem- the time when there were no didly meet the problems of the its name.

No man, or group of men, If the gentlemen are honest-has the right in 1955, because ly even suggesting the "possi-

Stop it. Stop it. Stop it. All tion in North Carolina, they of a problem purely transitory, bility" of abolishing the North this completely idiotic talk would pray God for forgiveness to even suggest that North Carolina public school system— even by slick methods which such states as South Carolina." If they would review how for tion of its people. Too many such states as South Carolina Womack, in Asheville, this past

I, of course, don't know what from Hertford, a Cherry from of state policy-making in Raltlemen, you have certainly done it. But the public school system

ing in a fool's paradise.

of madmen and fools, and the

The things those charged with running this state should talking about, worrying about, moving to meet, those things reported by a spe-cial survey prepared last week. Said the survey: "By 1960. North Carolina's public school system will need 10,930 new classrooms, 359 more auditoriums, 807 more lunchrooms, 1,-004 new libraries, 578 new science rooms, 512 new home economics rooms. This is just in plant. New methods must be devised to better equip our people for living in an Atomic Age. New looks must be taken at

our public school education.
Get to these things. And stop, stop, stop even the parlor-room talk about "abolishing the public school system."

News Making As It Looks To A Maconite

"Princess Margaret, torn be-tween the dictate of her heart and a tenet of her church. talked alone today with the Archbishop of Canterbury."
"Margaret Smiles Despite Warn-"Princess Margaret and Peter Townsend met again at tea time and went partying again tonight." "The romance has enthralled the romantic, annoyed the traditionals, and diverted the curious."

By BOB SLOAN

As all readers will realize, the above are above are quotes from stories by na-tional news agencies pub-lished on the front page of the chief daily newspaper that area. In the past four is-



50 inches of front page space have been filled with this type of material.

Inside pages have carried much more of the same type of drivel. Because I think that newspapers have an obligation to separate the wheat from the trash in publishing news, I feel that people who are interested in journalism as a true profession should wince with pain at the travesty that is being carried on in the name of their chosen profession. Most of them

do, I feel sure. If and when Princess Margaret should marry, Peter Townsend or some one else, it is news, but for the life of me I can't see how the details of her social life up until that time warrant front page play in American news organs.

I do not know if the funds are available but there is one project I wish the town board would carry out as soon as is possible — if not sooner! That is the construction of a sidewalk, gravel if they can't afford cement, from a point about George Reece's or Lee Barnard's store on U. S. 64 to the inter-section of U. S. 64 and U. S. 441 at Phillips Service Station. A large number of school children and other pedestrians have to walk this route and there is no place for them to walk except in the highway which is heavily traveled. A great dan-ger exists here for both the motorist and the person on

Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The attention of The Press was called a few days ago to the condition of the jury room in the Court house opposite Major Rankin's office. It is a disgrace to the county. The county commissioners should take a peek into the room and proceed to have it put in decent shape

Next Saturday is the day set for the Confederate Veterans picnic here in town. To make the occasion interesting, let all bring a good sized basket filled with rations and have a good time, particularly at dinner

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bulgin and daughter. Bessie, left Mon-day for Los Angeles. Calif., to spend the winter with Mr. Bulgin's son, the Rev. E. J. Bulgin. They expect to return by next

week-end

Mr. C. W. Teague's two sons, quicker someone of more men- of Prentiss, have been spend-tal brawn takes over the stew- ing several days with their ardship of North Carolina, the brother in Pittsburgh, Pa.

> Mrs. Maxine Sprinkle returned home from La Grange, Ga., where she attended the Georgia and Alabama annual conference of the Pentecostal A. B. Holiness Church. She also visited friends in Toccoa, Ga., while away.

10 YEARS AGO
A meeting of the Highlands
United War Relief Fund workers has been called for Thursday night by the chairman, S. C. Russell, when plans will be made for a final thorough canvass of the town Friday.—Highlands item.

the quality and effectiveness of At the Western Carolina baby beef show and sale at Asheville 129 4-H and F.F.A. members exhibited and sold 154 fat steers. The grand champion brought 521/2c a pound.